

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E2945****Amendment to National Non Domestic Rate Relief Policy**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Charles Gerrish
The Issue	<p>The updated Bath and North East Somerset Council Non Domestic Rate Relief Policy gives guidance to officers administering claims for discretionary relief under discretionary powers provided by the Local Government Finance Act 1988</p> <p>New reliefs that will be administered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reoccupation ReliefNewspaper reliefEnterprise Zone Relief. <p>The update to the Policy is required in order for the council to be able to determine applications in respect of the above reliefs which are new from April 2017</p>
Decision Date	On or after 08.07.2017
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees that the Council's Policy is amended in line with the recommendations set out in Appendix C in the report.
Rationale for decision	<p>The Government has amended the maps referred to in the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) Regulations 1992 to include the new Enterprise Zone areas and so The Bath and North East Somerset Council Non Domestic Rate Relief Policy requires amendment in order that Enterprise Zone relief may be awarded. In order to give effect to those amendments Appendix C has been amended to reflect the legislative changes, comply with DCLG Guidance and accord with that used by Bristol City Council approved by the LEP. The Government has also introduced a relief to help Local Newspapers. References to reliefs which are now obsolete, such as Retail Relief must also be removed from the Council's Policy.</p>
Financial and budget implications	There is no financial cost to the Council other than the administration of the schemes which will be carried out within existing resources.
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer; West of England LEP, DCLG.
How consultation was carried out	Through meetings and email correspondence.
Other options considered	Other schemes which are operated across the Country including by West of England Partners, and other Councils such as East Devon.

Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	
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Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	
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Signatures of Decision Makers	
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Date of Signature	
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Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision
