

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E3454

RULE 3.5.16 Appendix J to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy

Decision maker/s	Cllr Richard Samuel, Cabinet Member for Resources
The Issue	<p>The updated Appendix J to the 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 (“The 88 Act”).</p> <p>Appendix J covers:</p> <p>Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief</p> <p>2023 Supporting Small Business Relief</p> <p>The update is required to allow Officers to be able to make further awards of Business Rates Relief to qualifying ratepayers in respect of the 2023/24 financial year and beyond.</p>
Decision Date	2nd March 2023
The decision	The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the proposal relating to these reliefs in the attached Appendix J.
Rationale for decision	<p>The Government has introduced several measures to provide Business Rates relief to qualifying ratepayers and guaranteed to reimburse local authorities for the local share of these discretionary reliefs using a grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.</p> <p>The reliefs relating to the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Business Rates Relief and 2023 Supporting Small Business Relief are prescriptive and, although a discretionary power, clear guidance on its administration is provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities</p>

Financial and budget implications	As these reliefs are funded by Central Government there will be no financial cost to the Council in making these changes
Issues considered	Customer Focus; Corporate; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Other Public Sector Bodies
How consultation was carried out	By email
Other options considered	N/A
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Councillor Richard Samuel Deputy Council Leader, Cabinet Member for Resources
Date of Signature	2 March 2023
NOT Subject to Call-in	