

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

PORTFOLIO: FINANCIAL SERVICES

PUBS RATE RELIEF SCHEME

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 At the 2017 spring budget the government announced a rate relief scheme to support pubs following the 2017 Business Rates revaluation.
- 1.2 The Support for Pubs is a relief providing £1,000 business rates discount for occupied public houses with a rateable value of less than £100,000 and who meet the qualifying criteria as set out by DCLG. The Government expects all billing authorities to grant the relief to all qualifying ratepayers.
- 1.3 Any Pub Rate Relief granted is fully funded by the government.
- 1.4 Cabinet approved the policy on 4 October 2017 and members were supportive in assisting local businesses. To date 77 Pubs have received the relief.

2. EXTENSION OF THE RELIEF

- 2.1 The government has announced that they are extending the Pub Rate Relief for a further year from 1 April 2018. It is therefore proposed to extend the Pubs Rate Relief Policy for 2018/19 to continue to support those entitled to the relief.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to the council as any relief granted is fully funded by central government.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no environmental, crime or disorder implications.

5. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality and diversity implications.

6. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED: None

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the Pub Rate Relief policy is extended to 2018/19.

8. PORTFOLIO HOLDER ENDORSEMENT

- 8.1 I agree with this decision and agree the recommendation contained in section 7.

SIGNED:

CLLR J D HERON

Date:

14th February 2018.

Date Notice of Decision given:

15 February 2018

Last Day for call-in:

22 February 2018

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Background Papers

Cabinet reports of 4 October 2017