



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet DATE DECISION MADE: 22nd June, 2017

Agenda Item : 4

**SUBJECT: NON-DOMESTIC RATES – WALES HIGH STREET RATE RELIEF
SCHEME 2017/18**

**Cabinet Members Present
County Borough Councillors:**

A.Morgan (Chairman), R.Bevan, A.Crimmings,
G.Hopkins, M.Norris, R.Lewis, C.Leyshon, J.Rosser

**Apology for Absence
County Borough Councillor:**

M.Webber

Other Councillor(s) in Attendance:-

S.Bradwick, E Webster

1. DECISION MADE:

Agreed –

1. To note the details of the “Wales High Street Rate Retail Relief Scheme “ (‘The Scheme’) set out in the report;
2. That, unless properties are excepted under (c) below, Section 47(1) (a) Local Government Finance Act 1988 (‘The Act’) (relating to discretionary relief) will apply as regards the properties described in ‘The Scheme’ in accordance with the rules described in relation to those properties;
3. That relief is not available under ‘The Scheme’ to those properties which are excepted from discretionary rate relief under Section 47 (9) of ‘The Act’ e.g. properties occupied by a local authority or a precepting authority, and
4. That for the financial year 2017/18, ‘The Scheme’ shall apply to the types of premises described in this report and that the Group Director of Corporate & Frontline Services use his delegated powers to apply the relief to qualifying ratepayers.

2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:

- The need to provide Members with information about a new scheme introduced by the Welsh Government (WG) to provide rate relief for certain types of businesses. The “Wales High Street Relief Scheme” provides £10 million funding across Wales to help reduce rates bills for high street ratepayers i.e. retailers, food and drink premises. The scheme is intended to operate for the 2017/18 financial year only.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES / FUTURE GENERATIONS – SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

- As outlined in section 12 of the report, the matters are factual and arise from internal financial records. There are no links to any of the Council’s plans or priorities.

4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:

- None

5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

None

6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:

None

7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):

N/A

8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

YES NO

Note: This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 5 clear working days after its publication i.e. **30th June, 2017** to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

8. (b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS DEEMED EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:

- I. COUNCIL FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-
Reason:.....**N/A**.....
- II. URGENT DECISION:-
Reason:.....**N/A**.....

8. (c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR DEPUTY MAYOR OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:

N/A

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(Mayor)

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(Dated)

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(Proper Officer)

22nd June, 2017
(Dated)