



Doncaster Council

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS - DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on Wednesday, 16th January 2019 by the: -

Mayor

Date notified to all Members (date) 16th January 2019
End of the call-in period is 5.00 p.m. on (date) 25th January 2019

This decision can be implemented from (date) 28th January 2019

Present : Mayor Ros Jones, Steve Mawson and Marian Bolton

- 1. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND TITLE**
Retail Rate Relief Scheme for Business Rates for 2019/20 and 2020/21 and extension of the Business Rates discount for local newspaper office space in 2019/20
- 2. DECISION TAKEN**
To approve a scheme of relief for 2019/20 and 2020/21 for occupied retail properties with a rateable value below £51,000 that meet Government criteria, and to extend the £1,500 discount for local newspapers' office space for another year in 2019/20.
To approve the award of Retail Rate Relief up-front to the businesses meeting the general government criteria and the use of a State Aid disclaimer for businesses to return if they do not meet State Aid conditions.
- 3. REASONS FOR DECISION**
The Retail Rate Relief Scheme supports the Government's intentions to recognize the challenges faced by smaller retailers. The extension of the local newspaper offices relief scheme will also support any new local qualifying businesses that may emerge during 2019/20. The Council will be fully reimbursed by the Government for the relief awarded.
- 4. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**
 - a) Not to provide the relief schemes
 - b) Award relief under different criteria to the government guidance and eligibility criteria
- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**



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6. IF EXEMPT, REASON FOR EXEMPTION

Not exempt

7. RESPECTIVE DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Debbie Hogg – Director of Corporate Resources

Signed *R. G. Jones*

Chair/Decision Maker