

Notice relating to a forthcoming Cabinet decision

Non – Domestic Rates: Revaluation Discretionary Rate Relief

This is a key decision required to be taken shortly by the Cabinet member responsible for finance. The decision has not previously been included in the Cabinet work programme and advertised 28 clear days in advance.

The decision, if confirmed, would allow officers to make awards of revaluation discretionary rate relief (which was introduced following the Chancellor's Spring budget) to qualifying Non-Domestic (business) ratepayers in respect of the current financial year (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018).

It was not placed on the Cabinet work programme as officers were unsure as to whether further guidance was going to come from Government; when consultations were going to be concluded; but, mainly because they were unsure as to when updated software was going to be released and tested for accuracy (which would determine qualifying ratepayers and award levels).

The council is required to notify its Scrutiny Committee chairman of the intention to make this decision.

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