

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: JANETTE WILLIAMSON

KEY DECISION NO

PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE & INCOME GENERATION

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: FINANCE

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES DISCRETIONARY RELIEF
2017/18 – SUPPORTING BUSINESS IN WIRRAL**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The discount currently received by 400 ratepayers, the qualifying criteria being their current Rateable Value is under £200,000 and their increase in rates payable from 2016/17 is in excess of 5%, receive a discount of 100% on the increase payable thus leaving their 2017/18 bill at the 2016/17 level.
- 1.2 The discount scheme for all other intents and purposes remains unchanged.
- 1.3 Any further amendments to the scheme for 2017/2018 be approved by the Section 151 Officer in conjunction with the Executive Member (Finance and Income Generation) to ensure maximum spend of the Government Grant.

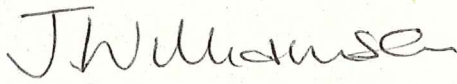

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 The Government has provided funding to support businesses affected by the 2017 Revaluation. It is for authorities to determine the allocation of this funding through the NNDR Relief Policy. The award for 2017/18 is £532,000 and reduces in 2018/19 to £259,000.
- 2.2 The Policy agreed at Cabinet on 4 September 2017 retained an element of funding for potential use in 2017/18 or in the following year. The Government have indicated that there could be no carry forward and there was no change proposed in the 22 November 2017 Autumn Budget. Based upon the presently eligible business rate-payers the spend in 2017/18 will be around 90% of the allocation with Officers keeping this under review to ensure spend is maximised in 2017/18.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Section 151 Officer who has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. The expenditure incurred by the Council in this award is fully repaid by the government under the Local Government Act 2003, Section 31 grants.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

<p>Signed: </p> <p>Executive Member: Janette Williamson (Finance and Income Generation)</p> <p>Date: 29 November 2017</p>	<p>Signed: </p> <p>Chief Officer: Tom Sault (Assistant Director : Finance / S151 Officer)</p> <p>Date: 29 November 2017</p>
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A list of background papers on this issue is held with:

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