

Key Decision Details

Decision Name National non domestic rates - discretionary rate relief under the local government finance act 1988 (as amended)

Date of Decision 11 February 2010

Decision maker Cabinet

Describe the Decision taken Approved the proposed discretionary rate relief policy for applications relating to 2010/2011 onwards; agreed to review the rateable value mentioned in the policy every five years on the occasion of the new ratings lists, authorised the Head of Revenue Services and the Local Taxation Manager to grant relief under the policy, agreed to optimise "Part Occupation" relief (S44a) in appropriate cases for a maximum of twelve months, subject to prevailing legislation on unoccupied rating, agreed that "Rural Rate Relief (S47) continue to be granted in appropriate cases, subject to the Rural Settlement List with a provision of 100% relief for rural post offices; authorised the Head of Customer Services, after consultation with the Executive Member for Finance, to grant "Hardship Relief" (S49) on the merits of individual cases; and authorised the Director of Commerce and Technology to deal with appeals from applicants dissatisfied with the determination made by the Head of Revenue Services and the Local Taxation Manager.

What were the reasons for taking the Decision? To update an existing policy

What alternative options were considered and rejected? None

Conflict of interest and dispensation None

Is the decision a Key Decision? Yes

Was the decision included in the Forward Plan Yes

**Was the decision
subject to the urgency
proceedings?** No

**List the background
papers to any report
considered by the
Decision Taker** None.

**Person Making this
report** Julia Barber, Head of Customer
ServicesMrs Helen Taylor

**Date upon which the
Decision will come into
force, subject to no
call-in** 19 February 2010

**Accompanying
Documents** Disc Rate Relief Scheme2010 -
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