
Delegation of NNDR1 Calculation

Report by the Head of Customer Services

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Local Government Finance Act 2012 introduces, from 1 April 2013, a new system of local authority funding based partly on the retention of a proportion of local Business Rate income.
- 1.2 The new arrangements replace the previous Formula Grant system and incorporate some elements of funding previously distributed in the form of specific grants. Business Rates income retained locally under the scheme will be shared amongst billing and major precepting authorities and a central share will be paid over to central government.

2 FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 Draft regulations have been issued setting out how billing authorities are to calculate their liability to make payments to central government and major precepting bodies and the share that will be retained by the billing authorities themselves.
- 2.2 Each billing authority will be required to provide an estimate of its business rates income for the upcoming financial year utilising a statutory return known as NNDR1. The final version must be completed and submitted to major precepting bodies and central government by 31 January each year.
- 2.3 Although the draft regulations do not explicitly state that full Council approval of the NNDR1 is required, advice from the Department of Communities and Local Government suggests delegated authority be sought from full Council for officers to complete and certify the return in order to meet the 31 January deadline.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that -**

the Managing Director (Resources) be authorised to calculate and certify the completion of the NNDR1 form and the Council's scheme of delegation be amended accordingly.

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