

Wyre Forest District Council

Record of a Council Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Item decided: Detailed Policy for Small Business Grant, Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy to distribute MHCLG Funding in response to COVID-19 pandemic. Discretionary Reductions to Council Tax Liability Policy under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).	
Officer who has taken the decision	Corporate Director: Resources
Date of the decision	15 th April 2020
Reason for the decision/alternatives considered	<p>The new policy for Small Business Grant, Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Policy is to set out the detail in relation to this Council's distribution of the MHCLG Funding in response to COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>This new policy is attached and is in accordance with Government Guidance.</p> <p>The revision of the Discretionary Reductions to Council Tax Liability Policy under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) is further to the Strong Leader Cabinet Decision published on the 31st March 2020 http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/com197.htm This gave approval for amendments to this policy and also provided delegated authority for further amendments.</p> <p>The revised policy is attached. What this means is that as set out in the Strong Leader report, the Council will grant relief of £150 in 2020-21 for working age households in respect of council tax reduction support in accordance with "COVID-19 hardship fund 2020-21 – Local Authority Guidance" (MHCLG, March 2020). This includes both current and new recipients of council tax reduction support. Where the council tax liability is less than £150, the amount of relief to be awarded will be the same as the council tax liability for 2020-21. Where the council tax liability exists for only part of the financial year 2020-21, the amount of relief will be pro rata to the period of liability during that year. The revised policy also allows for reasonable discretion and flexibility when the allocation of funding from MHCLG to grant these reliefs is fully utilised (see paragraph 4.6 (b))</p>

	These Officer Delegated Decisions by the Corporate Director: Resources have been taken in consultation with the Leader.
Date and source of Delegated Decision (if appropriate)	MHCLG Guidance on Small Business Grant, Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants March 2020. The Strong Leader Cabinet Decision published on the 31 st March 2020 http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/com197.htm
Council/Cabinet member consulted – if applicable	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategy and Finance
Any interest declared by the Consultee or officer	None