



# Rutland County Council

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## RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS

**TITLE:** Discretionary Retail Discount Policy

**AUTHORITY FROM:** Cabinet

**DECISION TAKER:** Strategic Director for Resources and Portfolio Holder for Regulatory Services, Waste Management, Planning Policy & operations, Property Services, Finance including Revenues & Benefits and Internal Audit.

<b>PURPOSE OF THE DECISION</b>
<b>TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL HAS A POLICY IN PLACE TO ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATION AND AWARD OF RETAIL DISCOUNTS FOR 2019/20 AND 2020/21 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE.</b>
<b>DECISION DETAIL</b>
The Government recognises the challenges retailers face and is taking action to help the high street evolve. It will therefore provide a retail discount scheme for occupied retail properties with a rateable value of less than 51,000 for each of the years 2019/20 and 2020/21. This discount will be administered by the Council and funding by a Section 31 grant. Retail discount guidance has been published by the Government here <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-rates-retail-discount-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/business-rates-retail-discount-guidance</a> The Council must have a robust policy in place in order to administer and award retail discounts.
<b>REASON FOR THE DECISION</b>
Cabinet authorised (report number 97/2017) that the Assistant Director (Finance), in consultation with the Cabinet member with portfolio for Growth, Trading Services and Resources (except Finance) to determine, finalise and review the Discretionary Revaluation Rate Relief Policy and other rate relief schemes in line with guidance issued by the Government and further local schemes relating to Non-Domestic Rate Relief as advised.
<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
None.
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>
NONE
<b>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED</b>
NONE

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Date...2.1.2019.....