



# Rutland County Council

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## RECORD OF OFFICER DECISIONS

**TITLE: Discretionary Expanded Retail Discount Policy**

**updated for 2021/22**

**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 UPDATE THE DISCRETIONARY EXPANDED RETAIL DISCOUNT POLICY FROM 2021/22 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE.</b>
<b>DECISION DETAIL</b>
<p>The Government provided 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. The Government have announced their intention to increase the discount for 2021/22 to 100% for the first 3 months followed by 66% for the remainder of the year and requested all local authorities to apply the discount in time for annual billing.</p> <p>A policy has been approved under delegation and has been updated to reflect the change.</p>
<b>REASON FOR THE DECISION</b>
<p>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.</p> <p>** The Assistant Director (Finance), Section 151 Officer is now the Director for Resources</p>
<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
None.
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODY DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST</b>
<b>NONE</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION NOT DISCLOSED</b>
<b>NONE</b>

Signed....

Date...23.3.2021.....