

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019

**“C650 NON-DOMESTIC RATES – HIGH STREET AND RETAIL RATES RELIEF (L) (CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE) –**

The report brought to the attention of Cabinet the Council’s discretionary powers to award non domestic rates relief to businesses within the Council's area under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The report drew Cabinet's attention to the proposed funding that would be provided by Welsh Government in order to support High Street and Retail businesses throughout the Council's area.

The report proposed that Cabinet adopt the High Street and Retail Rates Relief Scheme for 2019-20 in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

This was a matter for Executive and Full Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council the following:

- That Council adopts the High Street and Retail Rates Relief Scheme for 2019-20 in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;
- That Council resolves to award relief to all qualifying businesses in accordance with the Non-domestic Rates High Street and Retail Rates Relief Guidance issued by the Welsh Government at Appendix A;
- That Council resolves to automatically award entitlement to those qualifying business that can be identified through records held by the Council;
- That Council resolves to award entitlement to the remaining businesses that may be eligible following receipt of a valid application form;
- That delegated authority is granted to the Head of Finance to implement and eligibility change issued by the Welsh Government in respect of High Street Rates Relief for 2019/2020 financial year.

**(2) T H A T the use of Article 14.14 of the Council's Constitution (Urgent Decision Procedure) be authorised in respect of 1 above.**

Reasons for decisions

(1) To enable a scheme to be adopted using discretionary relief powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 for the provision of High Street and Retail Rates Relief for qualifying business premises within the Vale of Glamorgan area.

**(2) The use of Article 14.14 will enable the issue to be reported to Council on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2019 with a view to introducing the Scheme as soon as possible.”**