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State the Delegated Authority that you are relying on in order to make this decision

Executive Member for Finance and Governance - decision dated 11 March 2020 – Rate Relief - Non Domestic Rates report which approved the following;-

That delegated authority to approve any future similar schemes or modifications to schemes be given to the Director of Finance, Governance and Support as section 151 Officer.



Executive Member
for Finance and Gov

Approved report attached.

Subject of decision:

Non-Domestic Rates Discretionary Reliefs funded by government

Individual local billing authorities are expected to adopt local schemes and determine in each individual case when, having regard to guidance, to grant relief under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, as amended. It will allow Middlesbrough ratepayers to benefit from the policy action taken by central government to support business, by temporarily reducing the cost of business rates.

Text of decision:

That the Council adopt locally the Nursery Discount scheme set out in central government guidance dated **March 2020** for a period of 12 month from 01 April 2020 for those properties that meet the specified criteria.

Reason for decision:

On 18 March 2020 in response to the coronavirus, the Government announced a business rates Nursery Discount.

The relief will mean that there is no business rates to pay for the year 2020/21 for properties occupied by providers on the Early Years Register and wholly or mainly used for the provision of the Early Years Foundation. There is no rateable value limit applicable.

Other options considered (if any)

No reasons have been identified to warrant restricting eligibility in the local scheme.

As these measures are for 2020-21 only, the Government is again not changing the legislation and has asked local authorities to make the necessary preparations to allow the Discounts to be included in bills as quickly as possible.

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Guidance intended to support local authorities in administering the Discount has been issued setting out the criteria which central Government requires is used for the purpose of administering relief; which will not be subject to state aid limitations.

Central government will reimburse billing authorities and major precepting authorities for the actual cost to them, under the rates retention scheme, of the relief that falls within the definitions in the guidance provided.

Has an Impact Assessment been completed Yes/No – if yes please attach to the decision.

No

Declarations of Interest by any member or relevant local government body

None

Who have you consulted as part of the decision making process e.g. Head of Service, Executive Member, Community Association, Surveyor?

Councillor Chris Hobson, Executive Member

Date of decision

20 April 2020

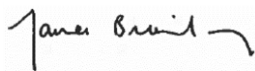
Service area

Finance, Governance and Support

Name of Delegated Officer making decision - i.e. Officer who is designated the power in the Constitution

Mr James Bromiley

Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support



Name of the Officer making the decision – if power has been sub-delegated to another Officer.

NA

List of background papers (do not list if contain exempt/confidential information)

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