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Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Leader (inc. Finance & Performance)]
Date	11 March 2019
Present	Councillor Gillies (Executive Leader)

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#### **24. Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Leader was invited to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, which he have in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

#### **25. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Executive Leader (incorporating Finance & Performance) Decision Session held on 14 January 2019 be approved and then signed by the Executive Leader as a correct record.

#### **26. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme. Gwen Swinburn spoke on the key decision process, raised a number of concerns regarding the retail discount scheme and requested information on several items. The Executive Leader gave clarification on the key decision process.

#### **27. Retail Discount Scheme 2019/20 to 2020/21**

The Revenues Benefits and Subsidy Manager outlined the paper and in response to questions from the Executive Leader confirmed that that administration costs would be covered by a separate payment.

Resolved: That;

- a) City of York Council's scheme for applying the retail discount in line with central government guidance as set out at Annex A of the report be approved;
- b) Properties not listed in the government's guidance (and at Annex A of the report) that may meet the qualifying criteria be considered on a case by case basis and awards made if deemed to meet the qualifying criteria by the Business Rates Team (Paragraph 9 of the report);
- c) Properties not listed in the Government's guidance and at Annex A of report and are considered not to meet the Government's qualifying criteria be considered on a case by case basis and be declined by the Business Rates Team (Paragraphs 10 &11 of the report);
- d) The Council automatically awards this discount to all the businesses we identify as meeting the qualifying criteria (Paragraph 19 of the report).

Reason: To support local business in York protecting employment and growing the local economy.

Cllr I Gillies (Executive Leader)

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.10 pm].