

Officer decision made by the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Executive Member on 14th February 2023:

Decision details

Retail, Hospitality & Leisure business rate relief and Council Tax Support hardship schemes 2023/24

Decision Maker: Chief Finance Officer

Decision status: **Decision Made**

Is Key decision?: No

Is subject to call in?: No

Decision:

This decision is to allow the retail, hospitality and leisure business rate relief to be applied to the 2023/24 business rate bills issued in February 2023 and the £25 council tax relief for Council Tax Support (CTS) customers to be applied to the annual council tax bills issued at the end of February and early March 2023. The schemes are due for approval at the Executive Member Decision Session for Finance and major projects on the 13th March 2023 but this will delay implementation and risk rebilling as per the attached draft reports.

Options Considered:

To wait until after the decision is made at the Executive Member Decision session on 13th March.

Options Rejected:

To wait until after the decision is made at the Executive Member Decision session on 13th March 2023. This would have meant having to rebill thousands of businesses and council tax support customers after the 1st April 2023. This would be inefficient and cause potential confusion for residents and businesses alike.

Publication date: 15/02/2023

Date of decision: 06/02/2023

Accompanying Documents:

- [Retail, Hospitality & Leisure business rate relief](#)  PDF 516 KB
[View as HTML \(1\)](#) 56 KB
- [RHL Government Guidance](#)  PDF 338 KB [View as HTML \(2\)](#) 102 KB
- [Council Tax Hardship Guidance](#)  PDF 256 KB [View as HTML \(3\)](#) 17 KB
- [Equalities Impact Assessment](#)  PDF 634 KB [View as HTML \(4\)](#) 91 KB