



REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL

DATE: 6 JULY 2017

SUBJECT: PART 'B' REFERRALS FROM POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE ON 15 JUNE 2017

7 Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy

Councillor Ives moved and Councillor S Arnold seconded the following amendment:

Point 7.7 of the Discretionary Non-Domestic Rate Relief Policy be reworded to make clear that stage 1 is the Senior Revenues Officer, stage 2 is the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (S 151) and it should be the gift of the person who is appealing, they should make the decision whether it goes on to the next stage - not the person who's actually deciding the appeal. So stage 3 should be the Policy and Resources Committee, which will be the final decision of this Council. It is giving the power to decide where it goes to and making really clear the procedure and eliminating that ambiguity.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was carried.

Voting record

Unanimous

Recommendation to Council

That Council be recommended to approve:

(i) the Discretionary Business Rates Policy at Appendix A subject to the following revision of the appeals provisions:

Delete existing paragraph 7.7 and replace with new paragraphs 7.7 and 7.8 as follows:

7.7 If a ratepayer wishes to appeal against a decision made by the Senior Revenues Officer under this policy, the application will be reconsidered by the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (S 151) .

7.8 If a ratepayer wishes to appeal against a decision made by the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (S 151), the application will be reconsidered by the Policy and Resources Committee whose decision will be final.

(ii) that officers be delegated to approve the new revaluation element of Discretionary Business Rates Relief in cases where the business rates rateable value is less than £20,000

Voting record

Unanimous