



RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

*Tuesday, 19th September, 2017 at 7.00 pm
at the Council Offices, Farnborough*

Councillor D.E. Clifford, Leader of the Council
Councillor K.H. Muschamp, Deputy Leader and Business, Safety and Regulation
Portfolio Holder

Councillor Barbara Hurst, Health and Housing Portfolio Holder
Councillor G.B. Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder
Councillor M.L. Sheehan, Leisure and Youth Portfolio Holder
Councillor P.G. Taylor, Corporate Services Portfolio Holder
Councillor M.J. Tennant, Environment and Service Delivery Portfolio Holder

The Cabinet considered the following matters at the above-mentioned meeting. All executive decisions of the Cabinet shall become effective, subject to the call-in procedure, from **3rd October, 2017**.

33. **MINUTES –**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22nd August, 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

34. **NEW BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF (REVALUATION) POLICY –**

(Councillor Gareth Lyon, Concessions and Community Support Portfolio Holder)

The Cabinet considered Report No. FIN1728, which set out a proposed new Discretionary Rate Relief Policy, which was intended to support those Ratepayers who had been worst affected by the 2017 Business Rate revaluation exercise.

Members were informed that this new policy would complement those adopted previously and would enable the Council to use its discretionary powers, with effect from 1st April, 2017, to award relief to those small and medium sized businesses that were facing the largest increases following the national revaluation, which had come into force earlier in 2017. The draft policy was set out in Appendix 1 to the Report. In

response to a question, it was confirmed that recipients would need to reapply for the relief each year.

The Cabinet RESOLVED that

- (i) the adoption of the new policy, to be known as the Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief (Revaluation), as set out in Report No. FIN1728, be approved; and
- (ii) the Head of Financial Services be authorised to apply the reliefs.

The Meeting closed at 7.11 pm.

D.E. CLIFFORD
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
