

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Discretionary Business Rates Revaluation Relief Policy</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	20 September 2017
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	Following the national business rates revaluation central government announced the availability of new reliefs, this report is to agree the new Discretionary Business Rates Revaluation Policy for Herefordshire to be adopted with immediate effect.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>That:</b>  <b>the Discretionary Business Rates Revaluation Relief Policy at appendix 1 be approved and implemented with immediate effect.</b>
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022954">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50022954</a>
Options considered	The council has received funding from central government to assist businesses facing sizeable increases in business rate charges due to the national revaluation process. This policy is to be applied to ensure the fair distribution of this funding to the businesses

	effected the most. To do nothing would result in funding available being returned to central government. The council could increase the relief to exceed the value of the funding available however to do so would result in unbudgeted expenditure so is therefore not recommended.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	26 September 2017

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Cabinet member corporate strategy and budget (Councillor AW Johnson)</p>	<p>Date 20 September 2017</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.