

CABINET

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NON-DOMESTIC RATES – RURAL SETTLEMENT LIST 2011/12

REPORT OF HEAD OF REVENUES

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RECENT REFERENCES: None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

One of the criteria for awarding non-domestic rate relief for village shops, post offices or village food stores is that the premises must be “within the boundaries of a qualifying settlement”, as outlined under Section 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

The settlement list must be compiled and approved by the Council three months prior to the commencement of the financial year for which it is effective, and during this three months it must be made available for Public Inspection. The whole of England is treated as rural, apart from urban areas that have a population of more than 10,000. Maps issued by the former Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR) designate rural areas. For Winchester City Council, the map indicates that the whole of the District is to be treated as rural, apart from the Winchester Town area. The map is the starting point for compiling the settlement list with the criteria that each settlement must:

- Be wholly or partly within the authority’s area;
- Appear to the billing authority to have had a population of 3,000 or less on the preceding 31<sup>st</sup> December; and
- Be wholly or partly within a designated rural area (as specified in a designation order).

The settlement list as outlined in Appendix A has been compiled with the assistance of the Strategic Planning Team, as in previous years.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the list of Rural Settlements shown in Appendix A be approved for the year 2011/12.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE  
BUSINESSPLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

1.1 Relevant to the strategic priority of being an efficient and effective Council.

2 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

2.1 The Mandatory element of any relief granted is funded by the National Non-Domestic Rating Pool, and the Discretionary element is funded 75% by the NNDR Pool, and 25% by the Council. During the current year approximately £12,500 will be allowed in Discretionary Rate Relief at a cost to the Council of £3,100. Budget provision is made for the Council's costs.

3 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES: None

4 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Rural Settlement List 2011/12 (Note: the relevant Local Plan Inset Maps can be viewed on the Council's web site – [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) - and at the Customer Service Centre in the City Offices)

**RURAL SETTLEMENT LIST****2011-2012**

In accordance with SECTION 42A of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 the following is the Rural Settlement List for Winchester City Council.

**The following settlements are based on parish boundaries:**

Beauworth Bighton Bishops Sutton Bishops Waltham -	with the exception of those properties within the boundary H.3 of Inset Map No 1 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Boarhunt Bramdean & Hinton Ampner Cheriton Chilcomb Colden Common -	with the exception of those properties within the boundary H.3 of Inset Map No 3 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Compton and Shawford Corhampton and Meonstoke Crawley Curdridge Denmead -	with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H.3 of Inset Map No 7 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Droxford Durley Exton Hambledon Headbourne Worthy -	with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H.3 of Inset Map No 12 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Hursley Itchen Stoke and Ovington Itchen Valley Kilmeston Kings Worthy -	with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H.3 of the Inset Map No 12 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)

Littleton and Harestock -	with the exception of those properties in the area known as Harestock shown within the Boundary H.3 of the Inset Map No 31 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Micheldever New Alresford -	with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H.3 of the Inset Map No 16 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Northington Old Alresford	
Otterbourne Owslebury Soberton South Wonston Southwick and Widley Sparsholt Tichborne Twyford Upham Warnford West Meon Whiteley -	with the exception of those properties within the Boundary H.3 of the Inset Map No 29 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Wonston	

**The following settlements are not based on parish boundaries:**

Knowle	as indicated within the boundary H.3 on Inset Map No 13 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Shedfield	as indicated within the Blue Boundary shown on the map held within the Revenues Division
Shirrell Heath	as indicated within the Red Boundary shown on the map held within the Revenues Division
Swanmore	as indicated within the Boundary H.3 on Inset Maps No 24 (Swanmore Map 1 and Swanmore Map 2) of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Waltham Chase	as indicated within the Boundary H.3 on Inset Map No 26 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
Wickham	as indicated within the Boundary H.3 on Inset Map No 30 of the Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)