



Winchester
City Council

DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE

TOPIC - BUSINESS RATES RETENTION REFORM

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Head of Legal Services (Interim), the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director: Resources are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Democratic Services Officer by 5.00pm on 21 FEBRUARY 2019

Contact Officers:

Case Officer: Darren Kennedy dkennedy@winchester.gov.uk 01962 848464

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SUMMARY

Government have released two consultation papers which set out the government's current options and considerations around both business rates retention reform and relative needs and resources, commencing April 2020. The deadline for responses is 21 February 2019.

The consultation papers can be found here:

Business Rates Retention Reform

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/business-rates-retention-reform>

A review of local authorities' relative needs and resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-local-authorities-relative-needs-and-resources>

PROPOSED DECISION

Draft responses to the consultation can be found in Appendix A.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

It is important for Winchester to respond to the consultation to ensure that local considerations can be taken on board before the final local government finance settlement is released.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be resource implications dependant on the final local government finance settlement and it is hoped that this consultation response will help to define the final settlement and address any current local concerns.

DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT (If none, state "None required")

Not applicable

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE PROPOSED DECISION

All members will be consulted via the Portfolio Holder decision Making Process. Senior Council Officers have been consulted regarding the draft response.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

Not applicable

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

None

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Guy Ashton – Portfolio Holder for Finance

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Consultation Response