

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 8 March 2021	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	M/08.03.21/FG	Executive Member for Finance and Governance (Councillor T. Ross)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy - Extended Business Rates Relief - Temporary 2021/22 Measures

1. That approval be given to the change to the 2021/22 Business Rate Discretionary Rate Relief Policy in line with the government guidance and to apply the eligible reliefs as a temporary 2021/22 measure under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.
2. That, for the reasons set out in the report, this decision be deemed urgent and not be subject to the call in process.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To amend the Business Rate Discretionary Rate Relief Policy to incorporate the extended reliefs (announced in the national budget on 3 March 2021 to provide support to eligible retail, hospitality, leisure and nursery businesses in England occupying a qualifying property) so that business rate bills can be produced and sent to business rate payers in time to allow for first payments of business rates for 2021/22 on 1 April 2021.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

To maintain its existing policies and not make the amendments but that would mean local businesses would pay more business rates, in effect not accepting the government funding available on behalf of eligible businesses.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

CALL-IN DEADLINE DATE

Not applicable.

For the reasons set out in the report, this decision has been deemed to be urgent and not subject to call-in.

PUBLICATION DATE

Wednesday, 12 May 2021

RECORDED BY:

Corporate Director, Governance & Community
Strategy

