

<h1>Officer Decision Notice</h1>	<p><b>Classification:</b> Unrestricted</p>	 <p><b>STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p>
<p><b>Report of:</b> Strategic Director of Resources</p>		
<p><b>Subject / Title:</b> 2022/23 - Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief</p>		
<p><b>Date of Decision:</b> 08 March 2022</p>		

1. **SUMMARY**

- At the Budget on 27 October 2021, the Chancellor announced that eligible ratepayers will receive 50% relief on their business rates bills for the year 2022/23 up to a maximum cash cap of £110,000.
- Relief will be provided to eligible occupied retail, hospitality and leisure properties in 2022/23.
- As this is a temporary measure, the government is not changing the legislation. Billing authorities are expected to adopt and administer a local scheme and will use their discretionary powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (as amended) to grant relief.
- The government will fully reimburse billing authorities and major precepting authorities for their loss of income under the rates retention scheme as a result of awarding the relief that falls within the definitions in this guidance, using a grant under section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

- 2.1 For Stroud District Council to adopt the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief Scheme for 2022/23.

3. **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 3.1 A report has been prepared in accordance with government advice and guidance.

4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1 None

5. **CONSULTATION**

5.1 In reaching this decision, the decision maker has consulted with and has the agreement of the following:

- Chief Executive
- Section 151 officer
- Leaders of all political groups
- Other 5 local authorities in Gloucestershire

**6. Conflicts of Interest Declaration**

6.1 None

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Signed.....  
(Designation of Officer)

