

Item 10 - Discretionary Rate Relief

The attached report was considered by the Finance & Investment Advisory Committee on 11 January 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Finance & Investment Advisory Committee (11 January 2022, Minute 38)

The Business Rates Manager presented the report which sets out the proposals for awarding discretionary rate relief for 2022/2023. Discretionary rate relief could be awarded in isolation or given to 'top up' a mandatory award.

Members were informed of a change of address for the Citizens Advice in North and West Kent in Appendix B, page 21, to First Floor, 5 Bligh's Walk Sevenoaks, TN13 1DB. This would require a slight alteration to rate relief from £911.36 to £1921.15. This would mean that total gross relief would be altered from £194,625 as laid out in paragraph 19 of this report to £195,635.

The estimated level of relief was based upon the multipliers set out in paragraph 17 of the report. Ultimately, should the multipliers change a further report setting out the revised relief awards would be submitted. In response to questions Councillors were informed that these properties would not benefit from other grants and that any changes will be updated throughout the year.

Resolved: that it be recommended that Cabinet approve the proposals for granting relief from business rates for 2022/2023 set out in Appendix B subject to the alteration to the address of Citizens Advice and the corresponding alteration to 2022/2023 gross relief to £195,635.