

APPENDIX 1 – NNDR Discretionary Scheme – Covid-19 Response Scheme for 2020/21

On 20 March, the Government announced an increase in the retail discount available to eligible properties without a limit on rateable value. Additionally in the Budget, the Government announced that it would provide additional business support to some small businesses. As a temporary measure for 2020/21 the following will apply with decisions on payment method, monitoring and further adjustments to be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer, together with any further changes to the Scheme for 2020/21:

- Increase the level of the retail discount to 100 per cent for eligible retail businesses occupying a property as specified in the government guidance,
- A £25,000 grant will be provided to retail, hospitality and leisure businesses operating from smaller premises, with a rateable value between £15,000 and £51,000. This will be paid by the Council either through the Business rates system or outside of that.
- A grant will be provided for local authorities to support small businesses that already pay little or no business rates because of small business rate relief (SBRR). This will be in the form of a £10,000 grant to businesses currently eligible for SBRR or rural rate relief, to help meet their ongoing business costs. No application will be required.

The above payments are not mutually exclusive and the above reliefs are applied after all other possible reliefs are paid including existing local schemes.