



NOTICE OF GENERAL EXCEPTION

Forward plan of key decisions

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The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Tony Freebody, has been notified, in accordance with paragraph 10(1)(a) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, that a report containing a key decision relating to the **2022/23 Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief scheme and the extension of Transitional Relief and Supporting Small Business relief scheme** will be considered by the **Leader of the Council, Councillor David Tutt** on **28 February 2022**.

The above matter was not included in the forward plan for consideration on that date but, in accordance with the above regulations, such consideration can now be undertaken.

The matter needs to be considered by the Leader on that date because the guidance was issued late by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities at the end of December 2021 and schemes have been prepared during January 2022.

The announcement included Business Rate Relief schemes that provide support to businesses from 01 April 2022.

It is essential that the Council develops robust policies which will adequately support businesses during the 2022/23 financial year.

These are new schemes which needs to be implemented as a matter of urgency to ensure eligible businesses receive relief in the 2022/23 Business Rates bills which will be issued in March 2022, so executive approval for the scheme is being sought from the Leader. The Leader is being asked to authorise the Director of Service Delivery to implement and administer the scheme as there is no existing officer delegation in place.

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