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## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2024, AT 6.00 P.M.**

**PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS 1**

- 11c **Non-Domestic Rates - Discretionary Rate Relief Policy** (Pages 3 - 4)
- 11e **Medium Term Financial Plan (including Treasury Management Strategy, Capital Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Investment Strategy) (Tranche 2)** (Pages 5 - 6)

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## **Further Context to NNDR Discretionary Relief Report – Supplemental Paper**

### **1) What is the actual definition of “Rural”**

Rural Rate Relief is available for properties which are within rural settlements as identified in the authority’s rural settlement list. A rural settlement is one wholly or partly within the authority’s area, which has a population of less than 3,000, and is within a rural area as designated by the secretary of state.

For completeness rural areas are designated in

#### **The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1997 –**

defined rural areas as those areas identified within:

The Housing (Right to Acquire or Enfranchise) (Designated Rural Areas in the West Midlands) Order 1997

Relevant areas

(Whole Parishes of)

BDC: Belbroughton, Bentley Pauncefoot, Beoley, Dodford with Grafton, Hunnington, Tutnall and Cobley.

(Specific Areas within the Parish reference by Maps)

BDC: Alvechurch, Clent, Frankley, Romsley, Stoke Prior, Wythall and the unparished area (bounded by the parishes of Cofton Hackett, Alvechurch, Tutnall Cobley, Stoke Prior, Dodford with Grafton, Belbroughton, Romsley; and by the borough constituency of Birmingham Northfield in the West Midlands

#### **The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1998**

BDC: FInstall

#### **The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) (No. 2) Order 1998**

No relevant areas for BDC

## **The Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) Order 1999**

BDC: Barnt Green, Bourneheath, Catshill and Lickey

## **The Non-Domestic Rating (Designation of Rural Areas) (England) Order 2001**

The whole of England outside of areas identified as Urban. Urban areas are named within a schedule to the order and identified in maps, but exclude any area previously designated as a rural area.

### **2) The word “Mainly” is used in the Policy – what do we mean by mainly?**

The phrase “wholly or mainly used” refers to the use of the premises.

Mainly will usually be considered to be more than half – so for example where a charity shop is required to be used wholly or mainly for the sale of goods donated to the charity the expectation would be that all of the goods are donated (wholly) or more than 50% of the goods are donated (mainly).

In some cases the “wholly or mainly” test will also consider the extent of, or actual use of a property, for example a large 4 storey building where the top 3 floors are left vacant and the bottom floor is occupied by a charity and used for charitable purposes would not be considered to be “wholly or mainly” used for charitable purposes as the property is “mainly” unoccupied and not in use.

### **3) Do Libraries get any reliefs – in General Council buildings pay NNDR**

Libraries are occupied by the county council and as such are ineligible for discretionary rate relief by virtue of section 47(8A) and (9) which exclude “excepted hereditaments” from discretionary rate relief. An excepted hereditament is one which is occupied by a billing authority or precepting authority (The District Council, County Council, Police and Fire Commissioner, Fire and Rescue Service, or the Parish Councils)

### **4) We also refer to Community Links in the criterion – what are the rules is it just Local organisation, who uses the organisation and its facilities**

The intention is to provide support to smaller local organisations who provide services to, or whose facilities and activities benefit the residents of the district; and to limit the support provided to larger national organisations who have greater ability to raise funds and meet their rates liability.

## Parking Charges 2024/5

- First 30 Minutes are free
- Parking is free after 6.00PM
- Blue Badge Parking is Free
- All day parking £6.00 (apart from Recreation Road South)
- Other Charges have increased by 25%
- No increase in season tickets

Car Park/Tariff	23/4	24/5
<b>North Bromsgrove Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
All Day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>Stourbridge Ro Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
All Day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>New Road Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
All Day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>Parkside Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
All Day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>School Drive Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
All Day	£5.00	£6.00
<b>Windsor Street Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.50	0
One Hour	£1.00	£1.30
Two Hours	£2.00	£2.50
Three Hours	£3.00	£3.80
<b>St Johns Street Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.50	0
One Hour	£1.00	£1.30
Two Hours	£2.00	£2.50
Three Hours	£3.00	£3.80
<b>Rec Road South Rates</b>		
Half Hour	£0.40	0
One Hour	£0.80	£1.00
Two Hours	£1.60	£2.00
Three Hours	£2.40	£3.00
Four Hours	£3.20	£4.00
Five Hours	£4.00	£5.00
Six Hours	£6.40	£8.00
Seven Hours	£8.80	£11.00
All Day	£11.20	£14.00

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