

## APPENDIX A

Decision	Decision maker	Date of decision	Reason for urgency
Support for businesses in response to COVID-19 for 2020/21 – To seek approval for administration of the changes to Business Rates relief and grants for 2020/21 in response to COVID-19	Portfolio Holder for Finance	24 March 2020	There is a need to enable the prompt implementation and administration of the rate reliefs and grants which the government has announced in response to COVID-19 to support businesses in 2020/21. By waiving call-in, the Council can begin to apply the various reliefs to ratepayer accounts, and rebill at the earliest opportunity. All of the reliefs and grants will be fully funded by central government. Administration will be in line with government guidance.
Council Tax – COVID-19 hardship fund 2020/21 – To seek approval for administration of the Council Tax COVID-19 hardship fund, in line with government guidance	Portfolio Holder for Finance	26 March 2020	To enable prompt implementation of the Council Tax COVID-19 hardship fund, and the re-billing of customers at the earliest opportunity. Administration will be in line with government guidance, and the support will be fully funded.
South Holland Discretionary Business Grants Scheme – To approve the Council’s approach to the delivery of the discretionary business rates scheme, to support businesses affected by Covid 19	The Deputy Leader (Portfolio Holder – Growth and Commercialisation)	3 June 2020	The economic need to mobilise the programme as soon as practicably possible, and a government expectation that local authorities will start making payments to businesses under their schemes in early June. It is therefore necessary that the authority agrees the principals under which its own scheme will operate, so as to enable mobilisation of the scheme in a timely fashion.
Discretionary Rate Relief – To review and decide expanded retail discount scheme decisions, in line with review provisions contained in the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (Live Promotions Ltd, Office and Premises: 44 Double Street, Spalding & Warehouse and Premises; Enterprise Way, Pinchbeck)	Portfolio Holder for Finance	9 June 2020	A new discretionary grant scheme became available on Monday 8 June 2020, and the Authority did not wish to limit the opportunity for the business, the subject of the report, to make an application.

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Business Rates – Discretionary Rate Relief – To review and decide expanded retail discount scheme decisions, in line with review provisions contained in the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (Hills Retail Stores Ltd – Warehouse and Premises on Tate Business Park, West Pinchbeck, Spalding)	Portfolio Holder for Finance	9 June 2020	A new discretionary grant scheme became available on Monday 8 June 2020 and the Authority did not wish to limit the opportunity for the business, the subject of the report, to make an application.
Business Rates – Discretionary Rate Relief – To review and decide expanded retail discount scheme decisions, in line with review provisions contained in the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy (W H Fowler and Sons (Coaches) Ltd – Garage & Premises, Dog Drove, Holbeach Drove, Spalding, PE12 OSD)	Portfolio Holder for Finance	9 June 2020	A new discretionary grant scheme became available on Monday 8 June 2020 and the Authority did not wish to limit the opportunity for the business, the subject of the report, to make an application.