

## **East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record**

**Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012**

**Reference Number: NKD24/05E**

**Taken by: Councillor Carl Brittain – Executive Member for Financial Sustainability**

### **Decision**

That hardship relief be refused under Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 but the option to increase the number of instalments be given to the ratepayer to pay the rates due 2024/25 to enable payment to be made by the end of 2026/27.

### **Date of Decision**

6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

### **Reason(s) for decision**

The company is a new start up which is establishing itself within the high street. The reduction in percentage of the retail, hospitality and leisure relief from 75% to 40% has affected their costings in line with all businesses in receipt of this relief. The Council has to take into account the interests of Council Tax payers when awarding hardship. Although it is good to have an independent business trading in the town, there are other businesses located nearby that carry out the same services.

### **Details of alternative options considered and rejected**

It is felt that it would be more appropriate to offer to spread the instalments over a longer period.

### **Does the decision or report contain exempt information?**

Yes. Applications for Hardship Relief are treated as containing exempt information.

### **State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision**

None

**State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted**

None

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