

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: NKD26/06E

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

Date of Decision

14th May 2026

Reason(s) for decision

Not all the information required to assess whether the company is experiencing genuine financial hardship has been provided, however, while the business is the only pie and mash café in the area, there are other cafés and takeaway establishments available locally. The business does not therefore provide an essential service.

The approval of hardship relief in this instance may establish a precedent that could encourage similar applications from other cafés and takeaway businesses facing financial difficulty, thereby impacting the consistent and equitable application of relief.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

None

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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