

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

This scheme is to support small businesses facing large increases as a result of the loss of or reductions in small business rate relief.

The transitional relief scheme only provides relief in respect of large changes to rateable values, it does not provide support in respect of changes in relief. This can result in ratepayers facing large increases in the amount they will have to pay.

For example:

One premises in Cotswold had a 2010 rateable value of £5,400 and after small business rate relief was paying £0.00 in 2016/17. The new rateable value is £15,750 resulting in a charge for 2017/18 of £2,799.17 after transitional relief.

This scheme will ensure that the increase in amount payable is limited to the greater of:

- a) A cash value of £600 per year (£50.00 per month). This cash minimum increase ensures that those ratepayers currently paying nothing or very small amounts are brought into paying something; or
- b) The matching cap on increases for small properties in the transitional relief scheme

In the first 2 years of the scheme, increases will be capped to £600.00 per year. Ratepayers remain in the scheme for either 5 years or until they reach the bill they would have paid without the scheme.

A change in ratepayer will not affect the eligibility for the supporting small businesses relief but eligibility will be lost if the property falls vacant or becomes occupied by a charity or Community Amateur Sports Club.

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