

East Lindsey District Council

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Decision Notice From: **Leader of the Council**

Date:

Title: Approval to implement the Council Tax discount and Business Rate relief schemes activated through the Flood Recovery Framework as a result of the effects of Storm Babet, using the council's discretionary provisions in LGFA 1992 S13A (1) (c) and LGFA 1988 Section 47, and for the update of the councils associated discretionary policies

Wards Affected: All Wards

Key Decision: **No** Implementation Date: 14 November 2023

Urgent Decision: **Yes**

The decision is urgent as any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or public's interests. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman of the Council has agreed that the decision proposed is reasonable in the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

DECISION:

1. That the Council Tax discount and Business Rates relief Flood Recovery schemes activated through the Flood Recovery Framework as a result of Storm Babet are approved, and are implemented in line with government guidance, to be delivered using this councils discretionary powers: -
 - Council Tax discount – LGFA 1992 Section 13A (1) (c)
 - Business Rates relief – LGFA 1988 Section 47
2. That the Council Tax Discretionary Reduction and the Business Rates Discretionary Relief policies are approved to be updated to include these schemes.

Reason for the Decision:

Approval will ensure prompt implementation of the Council Tax and Business rates schemes so that those households and businesses impacted by Storm Babet can receive some financial support.

Alternative options considered:

Do nothing – however this would be contrary to the government’s expectation and recommendation and would not provide financial support to affected households and businesses.

Conflict of interest declared:

None

Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:

N/A