



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Cabinet

Date: 12th February 2019

Subject: Consultation Responses: Business Rates Retention Reform and Review of Local Authorities' Relative Needs and Resources

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the outcome of Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board's consideration of the Consultation Responses: Business Rates Retention Reform and Review of Local Authorities' Relative Needs and Resources at their meeting on 6th February 2019.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board supported the robust wording of the consultation response and further recommend that the response be amended to ask Government to undertake suitable Equality Impact Assessments on the proposed changes.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board considered the consultation responses above.
- 3.2 The Board agreed with and were supportive of the robust wording on the response.
- 3.3 The Board were concerned that any changes to Council funding schemes which impacted negatively on the Council's budget would have a disproportionate impact on vulnerable people. The onus to ensure this would not happen sits with Government to undertake satisfactory Equality Impact Assessments as part of the process.

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