

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1988  
RELIEF FROM NON-DOMESTIC RATES FOR  
GENERAL STORES ETC IN RURAL SETTLEMENTS  
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REPORT NO.	SC1/07
PRESENTED BY	COUNCILLOR R WEBBER
DATE	8 JANUARY 2007

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#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To approve a list of Rural Settlements that forms the major criteria in calculating a business's entitlement to mandatory rate relief. Council are required by legislation to compile and maintain a list for each financial year and to review the list each year to consider whether any amendments are necessary for the next financial year

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Rural Settlements List for 2007/2008, as listed in Appendix A, should remain the same as for the 2006/07 financial year.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There are a number rate relief schemes in operation under which certain types of businesses can be eligible to claim rate relief. As a prerequisite to entitlement businesses must be located within a defined rural settlement and for a number of the schemes they must also be the only business of a class within the rural settlement.

In defining a rural settlement there are two rules. Firstly the settlement must not be within the boundaries designated 'urban areas' and secondly they must have a population of less than 3,000.

There are no designated 'urban areas' within the borders of West Somerset and according to Somerset County Council's estimates of population for 2002 (Appendix B) the only parishes within West Somerset that have a population of more than 3,000 are **Minehead** and **Watchet**.

**Copies of the maps used to determine the boundaries of each settlement are available for inspection at the Council Offices, 37 Blenheim Road, Minehead.**

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None in relation to this report..

#### 5. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

#### 6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable.

#### 7. RURAL PROOFING

The recommendation if adopted will mean that existing and new rural businesses of particular types will receive mandatory rate relief and be eligible to receive discretionary rate relief. The amount of relief is determined by reference to the Council's current rate relief scheme which runs to 31 March 2010.

8. CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS  
None in relation to this report.
9. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS  
None in relation to this report.
10. DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS  
None in relation to this report..
11. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS  
None in relation to this report..
12. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS  
None in relation to this report.
13. RISK ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)  
None in relation to this report.

**CABINET TO BE HELD ON 8 JANUARY 2007**

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1988

THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (DESIGNATION OF RURAL AREAS) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2001

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL – POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR WEST SOMERSET PARISHES

**WEST SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Rural Settlements List 2007/2008**

**APPENDIX 'A'**

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>RURAL SETTLEMENT</b>
Bicknoller	Bicknoller
Brompton Ralph	Brompton Ralph
Brompton Regis	Brompton Regis
Brushford	Brushford
Carhampton	Carhampton
"	Blue Anchor
Clatworthy	Clatworthy
Crowcombe	Crowcombe
Cutcombe	Wheddon Cross
"	Cutcombe
Dulverton	Dulverton
Dunster	Dunster
"	Dunster Marsh
East Quantoxhead	East Quantoxhead
Elworthy	Elworthy
Exford	Exford
Exmoor	Simonsbath
"	Sandyway
Exton	Exton
"	Bridgetown
Holford	Holford
Huish Champflower	Huish Champflower
Kilve	Kilve
Luccombe	Luccombe
Luxborough	Luxborough
Monksilver	Monksilver
Nettlecombe	Nettlecombe
Oare	Oare
Old Cleeve	Old Cleeve
"	Bilbrook
"	Washford
"	Hungerford
"	Roadwater
Porlock	Porlock
Sampford Brett	Sampford Brett
Selworthy & Minehead	Bratton
Without	
"	Bossington
"	Allerford
"	Selworthy
"	Tivington
Skilgate	Skilgate
Stogumber	Stogumber
Stogursey	Shurton
"	Stogursey
Stringston	Stringston
Timberscombe	Timberscombe
Treborough	Treborough
Upton	Upton
West Quantoxhead	West Quantoxhead
Williton	Williton
"	Doniford
Winsford	Winsford
Withycombe	Withycombe
"	Rodhuish
Withypool	Withypool
"	Hawkridge
Wootton Courtenay	Wootton Courtenay

**Parish Population Estimates for  
2002**

	<b>Total Population</b>	<b>Rounded</b>
Bicknoller	394	390
Brompton Ralph	245	250
Brompton Regis	472	470
Brushford	565	570
Carhampton	1195	1200
Clatworthy	101	100
Crowcombe	589	590
Cutcombe	451	450
Dulverton	1632	1630
Dunster	862	860
East Quantoxhead	112	110
Elworthy	103	100
Exford	510	510
Exmoor	251	250
Exton	229	230
Holford	353	350
Huish Champflower	269	270
Kilve	397	400
Luccombe	209	210
Luxborough	215	220
Minehead	10330	10330
Minehead Without	60	60
Monksilver	107	110
Nettlecombe	240	240
Oare	68	70
Old Cleeve	1952	1950
Porlock	1377	1380
Sampford Brett	277	280
Selworthy	510	510
Skilgate	100	100
Stogumber	672	670
Stogursey	1407	1410
Stringston	116	120
Timberscombe	514	510
Treborough	51	50
Upton	165	170
Watchet	4401	4400
West Quantoxhead	506	510
Williton	2708	2710
Winsford	339	340
Withycombe	307	310
Withypool	232	230
Wootton Courtenay	305	310
<b>TOTAL WEST SOMERSET</b>	<b>35900</b>	