



Subject:	Consultation on Domestic rating measures
Date:	18 th April 2025
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Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to ask the Committee to approve the draft response to the Department of Finance Consultation on Domestic rating
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to:

	<p>(i) consider the draft consultation response which has been submitted as a draft response in-line with the closing date for consultation; and</p> <p>(ii) approve its formal submission, subject to any comments or amendments provided at Committee.</p>
3.0	Main report
3.1	On 7 th November 2023 on seven proposals on the revenue raising potential associated with the removal of rating measures. The Council responded to this consultation in January 2024.
3.2	In January 2025 the Finance Minister issued supplementary consultation on two domestic rating measures.
3.3	This consultation paper puts forward two preferred proposals for change. An elevation of the current maximum capital value of £400,000 to £485,000, and the reduction of the current level of Early Payment Discount from 4% to 2%.
3.4	Having reviewed the consultation document, it allows the council to provide a written response instead of completing the online questionnaire. On that basis a draft response has been included at Appendix 1 based on the Councils response to the Consultation on Non-domestic and Domestic rating measures to support budget sustainability by raising additional revenue.
3.5	Appendix 2 is the consultation document produced by the Department of Finance.
3.6	The closing date for this consultation is the 25 th of April 2025.
	Financial & Resource Implications
3.7	None
	Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment
3.8	To be determined by the Department of Finance.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Draft Consultation Response
	Appendix 2 – Supplementary Consultation on Domestic Rating Measures