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**Chief Finance Officers of English Billing Authorities**

**FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE BUSINESS RATES SECTION**

Dear Chief Finance Officer

**Business Rates Information Letter (2/2020): Confirmation of the 2020-21  
Business Rates Multipliers**

This is the second business rates information letter to be issued by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government this year. Previous letters are available on the internet at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/business-rates-information-letters>

or for archived letters:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120919132719/http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localgovernmentfinance/businessrates/busratesinformationletters/>.

**This letter covers:**

- **Confirmation of the 2020-21 Business Rates Multipliers**
- **The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

## **Confirmation of the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers for 2020/2021**

The Government has laid the necessary legislation (the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2019/1520 to implement the switch to CPI for 2020/2021.

Following the approval by the House of Commons on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 of the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2020/2021, the Secretary of State has calculated the non-domestic rating multipliers for England for 2020/2021.

In accordance with the requirements of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (inserted by paragraph 62 of the Local Government Act 2003), this Business Rates Information Letter provides details on the non-domestic rating multiplier and the small business non-domestic rating multiplier for England for 2020/2021:

- **non-domestic rating multiplier 51.2p** (0.512)
- **small business non-domestic rating multiplier 49.9p** (0.499)

The value of Q should be calculated by local billing authorities using the rules contained in the transitional relief regulations. It is based on the change in the small business multiplier – reg 10(12) of the Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 2016. In line with the regulations the value of Q has been calculated to **1.016**.

## **The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 133**

These Regulations amend the Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2003 in relation to non-domestic rating demand notices only.

They set out the matters that must be included in a demand notice for non-domestic rates, including the explanatory notes that must be provided in either the terms prescribed by that Schedule or substantially similar terms.

The Regulations, which make the changes, were laid in Parliament on 14 February and will come into force on 12 March 2020. The statutory instrument can be found at the following link: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/133/contents/made>.