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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE BUSINESS RATES SECTION

Dear Chief Finance Officer

Business Rates Information Letter (3/2015)

This is the third business rates information letter to be issued by the Department for 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:

- **Formal Notification of the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers for 2015/2016**
- **The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015**

Formal Notification of the Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers for 2015/2016

1. As mentioned in Business Rates Information Letter 11/2014, the Chancellor announced at the Autumn Statement that HM Treasury would cap the Retail

Price Index increase in the multiplier for the second year running. Although the level of RPI in September 2014 was 2.3%, the Government has capped the increase for 2015/2016 at 2%.

2. The relevant legislation, the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Non-Domestic Rating Multipliers) (England) Order 2015 - No.135/ 2015, can be found at the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/135/contents/made>.

3. In accordance with the requirements of paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 7 to the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (inserted by section 62 of the Local Government Act 2003), this Business Rates Information Letter serves notice on your authority that the non-domestic rating multiplier and the Small Business non-domestic rating multiplier for England for 2015/2016 are:

- **non-domestic rating multiplier 49.3p (0.493)**
- **small business non-domestic rating multiplier 48.0p (0.480)**

4. This notice confirms the provisional figure notified to you in Business Rate information Letter 11/2014 of 4 December 2014.

The Non-Domestic Rating (Small Business Rate Relief) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015 – No. 106 /2015

5. As mentioned in Business Rates Information Letter 11/2014, the Chancellor announced in his Autumn Statement a further one year extension of the temporary increase in Small Business Rate Relief (so that the increased level of relief will apply throughout the whole of the 2015-16 billing year).

6. The above Order which makes that change was laid in Parliament on 4 February and will come into force on 3 March 2015. The statutory instrument can be found at the following link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/106/made>.