

# EIA001065 Investment Zone Discretionary Rate Relief

## About your EIA

Reference Number:	EIA001065
Subject of EIA:	Investment Zone Discretionary Rate Relief
Description:	<p>Policy to award Investment Zone Relief for Business Rates. (Investment Zone Relief is a reduction, in most cases to zero in their Business Rates Bill for 5 years for businesses which move into properties the area of the zone.) Further detail below, taken from the cabinet report to explain policy: "In 2024 the Government created 8 new Investment Zone areas in England that would benefit from more generous tax reliefs including business rates relief. One area is West Midlands Combined Authority, and has three key sites, one of which is in Birmingham City Councils boundary, and known as "Birmingham Knowledge Quarter". The purpose of this report is to gain approval to adopt a local discretionary rate relief scheme to award 100% business rate relief to eligible businesses. This relief is fully funded by central government, so is no cost to The Council. The West Midlands Investment Zone has three key sites, one of which is within BCC boundary. Known as "Birmingham Knowledge Quarter" which will develop research institutes and advanced manufacturing facilities to boost innovation and economic growth. Reported to deliver nearly 700,000sqm of developed floor space for advanced manufacturing, Deep Tech and Health Tech, creating around 20,000 jobs and new research, innovation and skills opportunities. New laboratory and commercial innovation space targeted at med-/health-tech and associated clusters will be available – with planning permission already in place for many of the sites The discretionary rate relief of 100% for up to 5 years is a major incentive for businesses to move into this area. Central Government will fully re-imburse the relief awarded. The Council will award discretionary rate relief to reduce the rates bill to zero to eligible businesses in accordance with government guidance. "</p>
In support of:	["New policy"]
Reviewing Frequency:	Every two years
First review date:	01/07/2026

## Directorate, Division & Service Area

Directorates:	["City Operations"]
Division:	Finance

Service Area:	Revenues
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## Budget Savings

Related to budget savings?:	
Budget proposal reference number:	

## Officers

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## Data Sources

Data sources:	["Government guidance, business rate data base"]
Data sources Details:	Business Rate Data base

## Initial Assessment

Impact Age:	No
Impact Disability:	No
Impact Sex:	No
Impact Gender Reassignment:	No
Impact Marriage and Civil Partnerships:	No
Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	No
Impact Race:	No
Impact Religion or Beliefs:	No
Impact Sexual Orientation:	No
Impact Care Experience:	

## Initial Assessment Summary

Initial Assessment Summary:	Policy is limited to businesses who may be liable for relief. Applicants will be made by companies in the main, or in some cases by sole traders. Unlikely to be any equality implications to have to consider.
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Is a full EIA Required?:	No
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## Protected Characteristic – Age

Impact Age:	
Age Group Impacted:	
Age Impact Details:	
Age Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Disability

Impact Disability:	
Disability Impact Details:	
Disability Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Sex

Impact Sex:	
Sex Groups Impacted:	
Sex Impact Details:	
Sex Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Gender Reassignment

Impact Gender Reassignment:	
Gender Reassignment Impact Details:	
Gender Reassignment Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Marriage and Civil Partnership

Impact Marriage and Civil Partnership:	
Marriage and Civil Partnership Groups Impacted:	
Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Details:	

Marriage and Civil Partnership Impact Mitigation:	
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## Protected Characteristic – Pregnancy and Maternity

Impact Pregnancy and Maternity:	
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Details:	
Pregnancy and Maternity Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Ethnicity and Race

Impact Ethnicity and Race:	
Ethnicity and Race Groups Impacted:	
Ethnicity and Race Impact Details:	
Ethnicity and Race Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Religion

Impact Religion:	
Religion Groups Impacted:	
Religion Impact Details:	
Religion Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Sexual Orientation

Impact Sexual Orientation:	
Sexual Orientation Groups Impacted:	
Sexual Orientation Impact Details:	
Sexual Orientation Impact Mitigation:	

## Protected Characteristic – Care Experience

Impact Care Experience:	
Care Experience Impact Details:	
Care Experience Impact Mitigation:	

## Other

Any other risks or impacts:	
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## Full Assessment Summary

Full Assessment Summary:	
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## Monitoring

Monitoring Details:	feedback from any applications
Monitoring Officer Email:	jenny.lawson@birmingham.gov.uk

