

Funding of Reliefs

With the introduction of the Business Rates Retention Scheme from 1st April 2013, local authorities now share in the gains and losses associated with changes in Business Rates income. The Government hopes that localising Business Rates in this way will incentivise Local Authorities to adopt strategies to promote businesses and generate additional Business Rates income. The introduction of Business Rates Retention has a major impact on the funding arrangements for all Reliefs available which are now financed as follows: 50% by Central Government

44% by Somerset West & Taunton Council

30% by Somerset County Council

1% Devon Fire

This excludes Transitional, Local Newspapers Relief, Helping Small Businesses, Revaluation Relief, Rural Rate 50% Relief which are financed at 100% by Central Government.