**Attachment 9**

Local Government Finance Bill 2017 and the Transitional Relief Regulations

Currently the Local Government Finance Bill 2017 has been laid in Parliament. These procedures provide for a change in the inflationary amount applied to business rates bills and for business rates retention arrangements. There will remain a pool mechanism to ensure those Councils that benefit from growth of Rateable Value (and thus additional revenue) help support those that do not. Regulations affecting the Transitional Relief arrangements from 1 April 2017 have been laid and this will result in adjustments to rates bills. The scheme benefits smaller businesses.

AR willcontinue to monitor these issues..