

## Assembly Resource

*Read through the information and quotes about the proposed scheme.*

What was the proposed voucher scheme and who would it help?

It was proposed by the Resolution Foundation, who help to advise the government that a universal 'High Street Voucher' scheme – worth £500 per adult and £250 per child – to be spent only in these sectors could kickstart demand in the right parts of our economy, boost living standards and deliver targeted support to the businesses that need help the most.

Which do you think is a better idea, the £250 and £500 voucher scheme or the 50% off restaurants?  
Why?

While every part of the economy has been affected by the current crisis, the stand out feature of this recession is that some areas are far more affected than others. Social distancing has huge implications for firms in sectors like retail, hospitality, tourism and leisure that will last into the forthcoming reopening phase. That is why the jobs of so many workers in these sectors are in the firing line.

*James Smith, Research Director at the Resolution Foundation, who are behind the proposed voucher scheme.*

What did the government decide to do instead?

The Chancellor, Rishi Sunak announced the new "Eat Out to Help Out" scheme, which will see households given vouchers to use when dining out. The vouchers will give households a 50% reduction, up to £10 per head, for meals taken on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout August.



*Restaurants and shops have had to follow guidelines to ensure they create a safe environment for everyone. This includes offering hand sanitiser and making sure people are able to social distance.*