

<b>Key Decision Required</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>In the Forward Plan</b>	<b>YES</b>
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## CABINET

7 NOVEMBER 2014

### REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF 4 NOVEMBER 2014

**A.5 THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2015/2016; COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTIONS AND DISCOUNTS FOR 2015/2016 AND ANNUAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2015/2016**

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#### **BACKGROUND**

At its special meeting held on 4 November 2014, the Committee considered a report of the Housing, Benefits and Revenues Portfolio Holder, due to be considered at this meeting under Agenda Item 9 (A.5), which provided that Committee with details of the proposed revisions to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) for Tendring, for implementation for the year 2015/2016, together with the proposed Council Tax Exemptions and Discounts for 2015/2016 and the proposed Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (MRP) for 2015/2016.

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET**

Cabinet is now asked to consider the recommendation of the Corporate Management Committee; determine its response (if any) and take that recommendation into account in making its decision in respect of the proposed revisions to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS) for Tendring, for implementation for the year 2015/2016, together with the proposed Council Tax Exemptions and Discounts for 2015/2016 and the proposed Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement (MRP) for 2015/2016.

The Corporate Management Committee **RECOMMENDED** to **CABINET** that:

“Cabinet looks at the cost and feasibility of enabling Housing Enterprise Trusts, that are working in co-operation with the Council’s housing department, to be able to claim Council Tax exemption Class B for up to six months when their properties have become empty, as is currently enjoyed by Housing Associations that are registered as a charity.”

#### **PORTFOLIO HOLDER’S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET**

Comments/recommendations will be provided directly at the meeting.