
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL,**HELD ON THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.****IN THE PRINCES THEATRE, TOWN HALL, CLACTON-ON-SEA**

Present: Councillors V E Guglielmi (Chairman), Nicholls (Vice-Chairman), Aldis, Amos, Broderick, Brown, Bucke, Caines, C Callender, R Callender, Calver, Casey, Challinor, Chapman, Colbourne, Coley, De-Vaux Balbirnie MBE, Goggin, Griffiths, G V Guglielmi, Hawkins, Heaney, I J Henderson, J Henderson, P B Honeywood, S A Honeywood, Howard, Johnson, King, D R Mayzes, S S Mayzes, McLeod, McWilliams, Mitchell, D Oxley, P J Oxley, Page, Patten, Platt, Pugh, Richardson, Sambridge, Simons, D C Skeels, M J D Skeels, Steady, Talbot, Tracey, Turner, Watling, White, Winfield and Wood

In Attendance: Chief Executive (Ian Davidson), Corporate Director (Corporate Services) (Martyn Knappett), Corporate Director (Life Opportunities) (Paul Price), Legal Services Manager and Monitoring Officer (Lisa Hastings), Finance and Procurement Manager (Richard Barrett), Revenues and Benefits Manager (Harry Bates), Communications and Public Relations Manager (Nigel Brown), Senior Democratic Services Officer (Ian Ford) and Democratic Services Officer (Janey Nice)

90. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Miles, Powell, Scott, Shearing and Stock.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none on this occasion.

92. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME (LCTS SCHEME)

With reference to Minute No. 84(2) to the meeting of the Council, held on 25 November 2014, Council considered the outcome of the consultation on the inclusion, or not, of Child Maintenance in the assessment of income under the LCTS Scheme and decided whether to approve the final Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/2016.

The results of the consultation, together with a copy of a letter of representation received from Gingerbread, a national charity working for and with single parent families, were before Members as Appendices 'A' and 'B' to the Addendum Report of the Report of Assistant Deputy Leader of the Council and Housing, Benefits and Revenues Portfolio Holder.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Page) made the following statement to Council:

"Having considered the responses to the consultation on whether the 2015/2016 Local Council Tax Support Scheme should disregard child maintenance income when making the assessment of Local Council Tax Support entitlement, I would like to propose that child maintenance is disregarded from the calculation.

I have reached this conclusion as the results from the consultation are not conclusive either way and given the relatively low impact on the Council's finances but potentially

high impact for some of the families involved, I believe that this is the right thing to do for the residents of Tendring.

I also hope that this demonstrates that the promise I made and the Conservative Group made when I took over as Leader of this Council to consider all of the arguments and to work for the best interest of all residents is being borne out through actions and not just words.”

It was moved by Councillor Page, seconded by Councillor Turner and **RESOLVED** that Council, having considered the outcome of the consultation on whether the 2015/2016 LCTS Scheme should disregard child maintenance income when making the assessment of LCTS entitlement, approves the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/2016 as agreed by Council on 25 November 2014 including provision that income from child maintenance payments should be disregarded for the purposes of income assessment.

The meeting was declared closed at 7.40 p.m.

Chairman