

75. CABINET MEMBERS' ITEMS – REPORT OF THE HOUSING PORTFOLIO HOLDER - A.7 – THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME, DISCRETIONARY COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTIONS/DISCOUNTS FOR 2019/2020 AND ANNUAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2019/2020

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Housing (Report A.7), which sought Cabinet's agreement to recommend to full Council the following:

- Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2019/20 (including associated exceptional hardship policy);
- Discretionary Council Tax Exemptions and Discounts 201/20; and
- Annual Minimum Revenue Policy Statement for 2019/20.

Accordingly and in order to allow these matters to progress to Council it was moved by Councillor P B Honeywood, seconded by Councillor McWilliams and:

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that

- (a) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTS) remains the same as the current year, as set out as Appendix A to item A.7 of the Report of the Housing Portfolio Holder and that therefore:**
 - i) the LCTS be approved with the maximum LCTS award being 80% for working age claimants; and**
 - ii) the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the LCTS scheme from 1 April 2019.**
- (b) the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy, as set out in Appendix B to the aforesaid report, be approved.**
- (c) the proposed discretionary Council Tax exemptions and discounts remain unchanged, as set out in Appendix C to the aforementioned report, and that the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, be authorised to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the Council Tax exemptions and discounts from 1 April 2019.**
- (d) the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix D to the above report, be approved.**