
Cabinet Members' Items – Reports of the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Revenues & Benefits

85. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME, COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS 2017/18, ANNUAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION AND HARDSHIP POLICY (Report A.9)

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Revenues & Benefits (Report A.9), which sought Cabinet's approval of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2017/2018 (including the associated exceptional hardship policy); the Council Tax Exemptions and Discounts for 2017/2018 and the Annual Minimum Revenue Policy Statement for 2017/2018 all for recommendation to Council.

Accordingly and in order to allow these matters to progress to Council it was moved by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor G V Guglielmi 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 and that therefore:
 - i) the LCTS be approved with the maximum LCTS award being 80% for working age claimants; and**
 - ii) delegation be given to the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Finance, Revenues & Benefits Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the LCTS scheme from 1 April 2017.****
- (b) the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy, as set out in Appendix B, be approved.**
- (c) the proposed Council Tax exemptions and discounts, as set out in Appendix C, be approved and that delegation is given to the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Finance, Revenues & Benefits Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the Council Tax exemptions and discounts from 1 April 2017..**
- (d) the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix D, be approved.**