

107. THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME, COUNCIL TAX EXEMPTIONS / DISCOUNTS FOR 2018/19 AND ANNUAL MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19 (Report A.15)

There was submitted a report by the Portfolio Holder for Housing (Report A.15), which sought Cabinet's agreement to recommend to full Council the following:

- Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19 (including associated exceptional hardship policy);
- Council Tax Exemptions and Discounts 2018/19; and
- Annual Minimum Revenue Policy Statement for 2018/19.

Accordingly and in order to allow these matters to progress to Council it was moved by Councillor Honeywood, 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 to item A.15 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) delegation be given to the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the LCTS scheme from 1 April 2018.**

(b) the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy, as set out in Appendix B to the aforesaid report, be approved.

(c) the proposed Council Tax exemptions and discounts (which remain unchanged), as set out in Appendix C to the aforementioned report, be approved and that delegation is given to the Corporate Director (Corporate Services), in consultation with the Housing Portfolio Holder, to undertake the necessary steps and actions to implement the Council Tax exemptions and discounts from 1 April 2018.

(d) the Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix D to the above report, be approved.