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Decision Taker: Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:
Scrutiny Committee

Date decision in force:

27/Sep/2012

Date of decision:

18/Sep/2012

Full description of decision:

To:

- a) Approve the Draft Local Council Tax Support Scheme as outlined in the report for the purpose of consultation
- b) To the extent that such consultation has not been possible in advance of the date of this meeting, agree to consult the major precepting authorities (fire and police) on the Draft Local Council Tax Support Scheme as outlined in the report and authorise the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary to reflect any comments received from precepting authorities in the Draft Scheme.
- c) Authorise publication of the Draft Scheme (amended as appropriate in light of the consultation with the precepting authorities) on the Council's website and in any additional manner determined by the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary.
- d) Agree to consult other persons likely to have an interest in the operation of the Scheme, following its publication. Such persons to include representatives/representative groups of Council Tax payers and Council Tax benefit claimants, voluntary organisations and community groups, with the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services being authorised to determine the final details of the consultation process in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary.
- e) Receive a further report regarding feedback from the consultation exercise and the proposed final scheme.

Reasons for decision:

The council must have a Local Council Tax Scheme approved by 31 January 2013, otherwise, the default scheme will be imposed.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Draft Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme - Report of the Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Date decision in force:

18/Sep/2012

Date of decision:

18/Sep/2012

Full description of decision:

That it be recommended to Council that the recommendations of the Independent Panel be accepted and the amendments to the scheme, as set out in the Panel's report, be backdated to the start of the 2012/2013 Financial Year, and also that the amended scheme will apply for the financial year 2013/2014, unless it is further reviewed.

Reasons for decision:

Significant changes have taken place in the governance arrangements within the Council and it is appropriate that the Allowances Scheme is reviewed in the light of these. The Panel's recommendations are based upon consideration of evidence, statutory guidance and analysis, as referred to in its report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The recommendations have been arrived at following careful consideration by the Panel and are considered by them to represent the optimum approach. It is not therefore recommended that the Council adopt any alternative arrangements.

Title and author(s) of written report:

Review of Members' Allowances Scheme by the Independent Remuneration Panel - Report of the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Commercial and Corporate Services

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Is this a key decision: No

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None