

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management, Councillor Christopher Marlow has made the following executive decision:

REVENUES SERVICE MONITORING REPORT

Reference Report:

Revenues Service Monitoring report, 16/01/2024 Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That a temporary revision to the Council Tax Arrears Incentive Scheme for years 2024/25 and 2025/26 be agreed with a review at the beginning of 2026/27. The details of the proposal are set out in the Part 2 Appendix to the report.

Reasons:

The collection and recovery of both in year and arrears are proving more challenging this year. This is mainly attributed to the economic pressures that many residents may be facing, arrears accrued during the pandemic, the change in the Council Tax Support scheme and the increase in the Empty Home Premiums from 1 April 2023. Given the exceptional circumstances arising from the pandemic, its impact on collections and the ongoing economic impacts being experienced in the UK which are also adversely affecting our ability to collect debt in year, it is proposed that there is a variation to terms of the incentive scheme for 2024/25.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive Resources and Contracts PDS Committee on 16 January 2023 and the Committee supported the proposal.

.....
Councillor Christopher Marlow
Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management

TASNIM SHAWKAT
Director of Corporate Services & Governance
Bromley Civic Centre
Stockwell Close
Bromley BR1 3UH

Date of Decision: 17 January 2024
Decision Reference: RCCM23011