

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision:

**BENEFITS SERVICE MONITORING REPORT**

**Reference Report (FSD16042):**

*Benefits Service Monitoring Report*

*Enc. 1 for Benefits Service Monitoring Report*

**Decision:**

**The consultation exercise for the Authority's 2017/18 Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme recommend that the scheme remain the same as currently in place.**

**Reasons:**

Report FSD16042 outlines Liberata's performance on the provision of benefit services between 1st October 2015 and 31st March 2016.

Concerning Council Tax Support/Reduction, the Authority is required to undertake an annual public consultation exercise to seek the views of residents on the Council Tax scheme to be operated in the following financial year. The 2016/17 scheme reduced the maximum level of assistance available to a claimant of working-age to 75%.

Authorisation is given by this decision for the Authority to commence its annual consultation exercise in August 2016 based upon a recommendation that the level of Council Tax support for 2017/18 remains the same as for the current year.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive and Resources PDS Committee on 7th July 2016 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Portfolio Holder for Resources

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**Date of Decision:** 25 July 2016  
**Implementation Date (subject to call-in):** 1 August 2016  
**Decision Reference:** RES16021