

# LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

### **BENEFITS SERVICE MONITORING REPORT\COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT\REDUCTION 2022/23**

#### **Reference Report:**

*Benefits Service Monitoring report Council Tax Support Reduction 2022/23*

#### **Decision:**

That the scheme to be recommended in the consultation exercise for the Authority's 2022/23 Council Tax Support\Reduction scheme be approved.

#### **Reasons:**

Section 33(1) (e) of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 abolished the National Council Tax benefit. Section 10 (1) of that Act introduced a new Section 13A (2) into the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which obliged each local authority to make its own scheme for those it considered to be in financial need. Schedule 1A of the 1992 Act sets out the procedural steps required to make a revised scheme. These include the obligation to consider whether or not to change a scheme for any financial year. Where changes are made there is a statutory obligation to publish a draft scheme and to consult with such persons as we deem to have an interest. This will include both individuals who receive benefit and those who don't. Any new scheme must be adopted by 31<sup>st</sup> January in the financial year preceding that in which it is to apply.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee on 23 June 2021 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Councillor Graham Arthur  
Portfolio Holder for Resources, Commissioning and Contracts Management

**Mark Bowen**  
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**Date of Decision:** 24 June 2021  
**Implementation Date (subject to call-in):** 1 July 2021  
**Decision Reference:** RCCM21007