

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:

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT\REDUCTION SCHEME 2023/24

Reference Report:

Council Tax Support Reduction Scheme 2023/24, 28/07/2022 Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

The Portfolio Holder for Executive, Resources and Contracts Management made the following decision:

That option 6 on page 4 of the report be recommended in the Council's public consultation exercise for the London Borough of Bromley's Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme to come into effect from the year 2023/24.

That there will be no further automatic annual consultations undertaken in future years regarding the Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme unless a proposal is put forward to revise or replace the scheme to be adopted by the Council subsequent to this year's consultation to come into effect from the year 2023/24.

That £25,000 be set aside in the contingency budget for each year of the scheme's operation to be drawn down by the hardship fund if required.

Reasons:

The reason that the decision was required is that the national scheme for providing assistance with Council Tax ceased to exist in 2013 and was replaced by a locally designed scheme for those claimants of working age. Assistance for those of pension age is still based on national rules and regulations.

Since the introduction of the Council Tax Support/Reduction (CTS/R) in 2013, Bromley has undertaken an annual consultation exercise in which it has sought residents' views as to the scheme to be operated in the following financial year. Prior to the consultation exercise, a decision is required as to the scheme that the authority is recommended for the coming year.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 28th July 2022 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 1 August 2022
Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 8 August 2022
Decision Reference: RCCM22006

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