
Decision Maker: COUNCIL

Date: Monday 9 December 2019

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT/REDUCTION SCHEME 2020/21

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Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 28th November 2019 the Executive considered the attached report proposing the adoption of the Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme for 2020/21. The report included an updated Impact Assessment (Appendix 1) and summaries of the consultation undertaken (Appendices 2 and 3.) The proposed scheme retains the calculation of entitlement for working-age claimants on 75% of the household's Council Tax liability. The report has also been scrutinised by the Executive, Resources and Contracts PDS Committee at its meeting on 20th November 2019.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council

(1) Considers the updated Impact Assessment and the responses to the public consultation exercise.

(2) Adopts the proposed Council Tax Support/Reduction Scheme for 2020/21 retaining the calculation of entitlement for working-age claimants on 75% of the household's Council Tax liability; thereby, the maximum assistance provided to a claimant of working age is 75% of his/her Council Tax liability.

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: 3,964 households with children and 1,428 working age disabled claimants.
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: £10m with 25% liability.
 2. Ongoing costs: Recurring Cost
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Benefits and Admin
 4. Total current budget for this head: £6,989m
 5. Source of funding: Government funding (although not separately identified in the grant notification.)
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 8 + Liberata staff
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Once the scheme is adopted the work will fall onto Liberata which has been taken into account in the costings provided.
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Full Council decisions are not subject to call-in.
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): 14,280 (the number of households currently in receipt of council Tax Support/Reduction.)
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? No
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

Non-Applicable Sections:	See attached report
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report