

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 10 DECEMBER 2015

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM CABINET OVERVIEW
WORKING GROUP– REVIEW OF LOCAL
COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2016/17

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This is a Key Decision
It is on the Forward Plan as decision number I004234
Call-in Procedures may apply
This decision will affect no ward specifically.

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** The 2016/17 Local Council Tax Support scheme is amended as follows:
- (i) The introduction of a minimum income floor for self-employed claimants of Local Council Tax Support.
 - (ii) The award of backdated Local Council Tax Support is limited to one month.
- B** The proposal to remove the Family Premium in calculating an award of Local Council Tax Support is deferred for a further 12 months.

REASON FOR DECISION

- A** The Overview Working Group considered a report on the review of the Local Council Tax Support scheme (LCTSS) at its last meeting. The Overview Working Group has asked the Cabinet to agree several changes to the scheme for 2016/17.

BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting on 26 November 2015, the Overview Working Group received

a report on a review of the Local Council Tax Support scheme 2015/16.

2. The Overview Working Group noted the responses received from the public consultation on the LCTSS and an Equality Impact Assessment of some proposed changes to the Scheme.
3. The Overview Working Group has made a recommendation to the Cabinet that proposes some changes to the LCTSS in 2016/17.

IMPLICATIONS

Implications of the recommended decision are outlined in the 'Implications' section of the original report, which is attached as Appendix 1.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Original report to the Overview Working Group, 'Annual Review of Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS)'

BACKGROUND PAPERS

All original reports to the Overview Working Group can be viewed from <http://moderngov.harlow.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=250&MId=659&Ver=4>