

REPORT TO: CABINET

DATE: 8 DECEMBER 2016

TITLE: REFERRAL FROM CABINET OVERVIEW
WORKING GROUP– LOCAL COUNCIL TAX
SUPPORT SCHEME PROPOSALS 2017/18

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This is a Key Decision

It is on the Forward Plan as Decision number I006015

This decision is not subject to Call-in procedures for the following reasons:

The decision stands as a recommendation to Council

This decision will affect no ward specifically

RECOMMENDED that:

- A** Cabinet considers the report referred to it from the Cabinet Overview Working Group and recommends to Council that the amendments set out in recommendations B, C and D in respect of the 2017/18 Local Council Tax Support Scheme below are approved.
- B** The 2017/18 Local Council Tax Support Scheme is amended as follows:
- (i) Reduce the period for which a person can be absent from Great Britain and still receive Council Tax Support to 4 weeks
 - (ii) Remove the element of a Work Related Activity Component in the calculation of the current scheme for new Employment and Support Allowance applicants
 - (iii) Remove entitlement to the Severe Disability Premium where another person is paid Universal Credit (Carers Element) to look after them
- C** The proposal to remove the Family Premium in calculating an award of Local Council Tax Support is deferred for a further 12 months.

- D** The proposal to limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Support to a maximum of two is deferred for 12 months.

REASON FOR DECISION

- A** The Cabinet 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 2017/18.

BACKGROUND

1. At its meeting on 1 December 2016, the Cabinet Overview Working Group received a report on a review of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17.
2. The Cabinet Overview Working Group noted the responses received from the public consultation on the LCTSS.
3. The Cabinet Overview Working Group has made a recommendation to the Cabinet that proposes some changes to the LCTSS in 2017/18 as detailed within the report.

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 Cabinet Overview Working Group, 'Annual Review of Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS)'

BACKGROUND PAPERS

All original reports to the Cabinet Overview Working Group can be viewed from <http://moderndb/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=250&MId=817&Ver=4>