

CABINET

Date 18 December 2019

STATEMENT OF CABINET DECISIONS

NOTE: No action can be taken on the following items until the 7th working day after the meeting. If an item is called in, Heads of Service will be contacted by the Democratic Services Manager.

This is a Statement in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Distribution:

All Members of Council, Chief Executive, Corporate Directors, Heads of Service, File Business Support Team Leader, Communications Manager, Senior Committee Officer, Democratic Services Officer, Legal Services Manager (Corporate), Legal Services Manager (Planning), Principal Solicitor.

Agenda No.	Recommended /Resolved	Decision	Officer to take action/author
6		<u>Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 13 November 2019</u>	Head of Revenues
	Resolved	<p>That with effect from 1 April 2020 the following changes be made to the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That a fixed reduction of £4 per week should be introduced for non-dependant adults living in a property.2. That eligibility for Council Tax Scheme was restricted to applicants with less than £6,000 of eligible capital.3. That the Second Adult Rebate is removed from the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme.4. That extended payments were removed from the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	

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	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
7		<u>Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/21</u>	Head of Revenues
	Recommended	<p>That with effect from 1 April 2020 the following changes be made to the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a fixed reduction of £4 per week should be introduced for non-dependant adults living in a property. • That eligibility for Council Tax Scheme was restricted to applicants with less than £6,000 of eligible capital. • That the Second Adult Rebate is removed from the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme. • That extended payments were removed from the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme. 	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	

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8		<u>Council Tax Premiums on Long-Term Empty Properties</u>	Head of Revenues
	Recommended	That with effect from 1 April 2020, the Council increases the Council Tax premium charged on long-term empty and substantially unfurnished properties in accordance with the amounts and effective dates shown in paragraph 3.1 of the report.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
9		<u>Council Tax Discount for Care Leavers</u>	Head of Revenues
	Recommended	<p>That the Council introduces a Council Tax discount for care leavers with effect from 1 April 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That care leavers living alone be awarded 100% relief until their 25th birthday. • That care leavers living with other adults be disregarded for Council Tax purposes until their 25th birthday. 	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of	N/A	

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10		<u>Empty Homes Policy</u>	Head of Housing and Environmental Health
	Resolved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet note the contents of this report and approves the draft Empty Homes Policy attached at Annex 1 to the report. 2. That Cabinet approves delegated authority to the Head of Housing & Environmental Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing & Environmental Health, to make minor amendments to the Empty Homes Policy. 	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
11		<u>Exclusion of the Public</u>	
	Resolved	That, pursuant to Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the following report on the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, indicated below. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information	

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		<p>for the reason given below:</p> <p>Valley Housing Business Plan</p> <p>It is considered that this report contains exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended. It is further considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the information relates to the financial or business affairs of both the Council and third parties.</p>	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	
12		<u>Valley Housing Matters</u>	Head of Revenues
	Resolved	That the Valley Housing Ltd business plan, attached in the Annex to the report, be approved.	
	Reasons for decision	As detailed in the report	
	Alternative Options considered but rejected	As detailed in the report	
	Declared conflicts of interest	None	
	Notes of Dispensations Granted	N/A	

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Should any member wish to call in any of the decisions listed above please write to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by noon on the 6th working day following the day of the meeting (Monday 30th January 2019).