

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Record of Executive Recommendation Localisation of Support for Council Tax</b></p>
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**Matter for Decision:** To consider the proposals for the localisation of support for Council Tax.

**Decision of the Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources;**

The Executive Councillor resolved to recommend to Council that

- i. The proposed localised Council Tax Support Scheme, as set out in the committee report, be approved.
- ii. The proposals to take advantage of new powers set out in the Local Government Finance Act 2012 (amending the Local Government Finance Act 1992) to vary statutory exemptions from Council Tax in respect of vacant and unoccupied dwellings, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the committee report, be approved (Annex A of the committee report provides background information).
- iii. Authority be delegated to the Director of Customer and Community Services to make minor amendments to the scheme. Major amendments or fundamental changes will be referred to Executive Councillor, Chair and Oppositions Spokes of the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- iv. Authority be delegated to the Head of Revenues and Benefits, to make the detailed arrangements required to implement the proposed localised Council Tax Support Scheme and the variations to the exemptions from Council Tax.
- v. Authority be delegated to the Director of Resources to calculate and approve the Council Tax Base for 2013/14 and to notify precepting bodies by 31 January 2013.

**Reason for the decision;**

As per the officers report.

**Any alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not applicable

**Scrutiny Considerations**

The Scrutiny Committee considered the recommendations and endorsed them by 4 votes 0.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendations.

**Conflict of interest declared by the Executive Councillor (and any dispensations granted)**

N/A