

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Amendments to Items 126 and 128

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LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

Covid-19 Staff Recognition

To amend the motion with the insertion changes of an additional point of 2.4 as shown below in ***bold italics***.

2.1. That the Policy & Resources Committee (P&R) agree to an additional day's leave being awarded to all directly employed staff, as set out in paragraphs 3.10 – 3.13, during the 21/22 annual leave year.

2.2. To note that the council will introduce a new scheme to recognise those individuals and teams who have made a significant contribution to our Covid-19 response.

2.3. To note that further work will be done to promote the benefits to wellbeing of taking time off.

2.4 That the Chief Executive writes to the Chancellor highlighting the significant contributions of Council staff in responding to the pandemic, and urging the public sector pay freeze be lifted, in favour of an improved pay award for Local Government staff.

Proposed by: Cllr Allcock

Seconded by: Cllr Platts

Motion if carried to read:

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Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22

To amend the motion with the deletions in point 2.2 as struck through below.

That the Policy & Resources Committee recommends to Council that:

2.1 The maximum rate of Council Tax Reduction discount be increased from 80% of Band D to 82% of Band D.

2.2 The minimum award of Council Tax Reduction be reset to ~~one of three options to be recommended by the Policy & Resources Committee:~~

- ~~1) Option 1: reset the minimum award to 50p per week;~~
- ~~2) Option 2: reset the minimum award to 20p per week;~~
- ~~3) Option 3: reset the minimum award to 1p per week.~~

2.3 Funding of £0.200m be allocated for the Discretionary Council Tax Reduction fund.

2.4 The requirement for completing a Council Tax Reduction claim form be removed for Universal Credit recipients, in the circumstances described in paragraph 4.9 of the report.

2.5 It is noted that the council's appointed S151 Chief Financial Officer will, prior to 1 April 2021, exercise delegated powers to increase the appropriate calculative elements of the scheme to give effect to national changes.

2.6 It is noted that a more fundamental review of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme will be undertaken and consulted on for 2022/23, including the alignment of the scheme with a wider review of the council's Welfare Support Framework.

Proposed by: Cllr Yates

Seconded by: Cllr Appich

Motion if carried to read:

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