

LABOUR GROUP AMENDMENT

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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