

Record of Decision

Proposed Council Tax Support Scheme 2020/2021

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 06 August 2019

Decision

That a formal 6 week public consultation involving residents, representative groups and other stakeholders be commenced from mid-August, for the proposed introduction of a revised Council Tax Support scheme for working age residents which incorporates a household income banded system to commence from April 2020.

Reason for the Decision

To meet the requirements for a six week consultation with residents, representative groups and other stakeholders prior to any revisions to the scheme being approved by the Council in December.

Implementation

This decision will come into force immediately so as to commence the formal consultation.

Information

The submitted report provided details in respect of proposed consultation on revisions to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/2021, which would align with the approach being taken by all other local authorities throughout Devon from 1 April 2020. This would introduce a four band system which will help families to plan their Council Tax payments and reduce the need to reissue bills to them on a regular basis. It was noted that the Council would work closely with all families affected by the changes and sign post them to other support available for example the Council Tax Hardship Fund.

The Council was required to review their local scheme for Council Tax Support (for working age customers) annually and must undertake a formal six week public consultation on the proposals.

Councillor Cowell proposed and Councillor Steve Darling seconded a motion which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report but not discussed at the meeting.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

Date: 8 August 2019