

## Agenda Item 16, Council Tax Base 2018/2019

### Officer Revised Recommendation

#### Council Meeting

7 December 2017

(Revisions shown in bold text)

Revised Recommendation:

#### Council Tax Base:

- 2.1 That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for the year 2018/19 be approved as shown in Appendix 1 to the submitted report.
- 2.2 That the calculation of the Brixham Town Council Tax Base for the year 2018/19 be approved as shown in Appendix 2 to the submitted report.
- 2.2 That the creation of an additional class of local discretionary council tax discount of up to 100% for care leavers, (that were in **the care of** ~~in the~~ Torbay **Council**~~area~~), up to 25 years of age with effect from 1 April 2018 be approved; and that the policy for the eligibility criteria for the scheme is delegated to Head of Finance, in consultation with the Elected Mayor.
- 2.3 That the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, be given delegated authority to approve an increase in empty homes premium from 50% to 100% (subject to legislation being passed) with effect from 1 April 2018.
- 2.4 That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Torbay Council as its Council Tax base for the year 2018/19 should be 44,865.89. (Dependant on approval of 2.1).
- 2.5 That, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by Torbay Council as the Council Tax base for Brixham Town Council for the year 2018/19 should be 6,004.42. (Dependant on approval of 2.2).

#### Care Leavers:

- 2.6 **That the Head of Finance and Director of Children's Services be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Elected Mayor and Executive Lead for Children's Services to create a Policy (with associated eligibility criteria), whereby Torbay Council care leavers up to 25 years of age, who live outside of the area, can apply for grants to assist them with their Council Tax. The cost implications of this Policy to be included within the budget setting process.**