



Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22

16 December 2020

Report of Cabinet

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek a decision from Council on retaining the existing Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme in its present format for application in 2021/22.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF CABINET

- (1) That Option (1), the retention of the existing Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme for 2021/22, subject to minor consequential amendments to match changes in Housing Benefit rules, be approved.**
- (2) That in the event that Option 1 is approved, that the S151 Officer be authorised to finalise and publish the Council's approved Scheme for 2021/22 and make all other necessary arrangements for its implementation in the next financial year.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Cabinet considered the report of the Head of the Shared Service for Revenues and Benefits (attached) at its meeting on 24 November 2020. The report set out the background and overview to the Council's current scheme and presented and analysed the options of retaining the current scheme or making changes.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 Cabinet resolved:

That Cabinet supports Option (1), the retention of the existing Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme, subject to minor consequential amendments to match changes in Housing Benefit rules and that the associated options included at Appendix A to the report, be presented to Full Council for its deliberation and approval.

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 Council is asked to approve the retention of the existing Localised Council Tax Support (LCTS) scheme for 2021/22.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

As shown on the Cabinet report attached.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability etc)

As shown on the Cabinet report attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Since the original Cabinet Report the Government has confirmed in its 2020 Spending Review that Councils will continue to receive unringfenced grant funding to enable them to continue reducing Council Tax bills for those working age LCTS recipients least able to pay.

Other comments are as shown on the Cabinet report attached.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As shown on the Cabinet report attached.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As shown on the Cabinet report attached.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As shown on the Cabinet report attached.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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