

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 9TH DECEMBER, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 2ND DECEMBER, 2019

“C161 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (L) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –

The Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Performance and Resources presented the report to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2020/2021 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council's discretions.

The report set out the limited discretions available to the Council for consideration when re-adopting the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2020/2021.

The report proposed that Cabinet recommends to Full Council the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2020/2021 together with the limited discretions available to the Council.

This was a matter for Executive decision by Council.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein,

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government be reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme be adopted with the following discretions:

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks;
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction;
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

Reason for decisions

(1-3) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31st January, 2020 and be in place for implementation from 1st April, 2020.”