

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 10TH MARCH, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 7TH DECEMBER, 2020

“C412 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (L/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) -

The Leader presented the report, the purpose of which was to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2021/2022 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 2021/2022.

The report proposed that Cabinet recommend to Full Council the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2021/2022 together with the limited discretions available to the Council.

The Leader referred to the use of the urgency decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council’s Constitution be used in respect of Recommendations (1) – (3) in order that the report be considered at Full Council at its meeting later the same day on 7th December, 2020.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

- (1) T H A T it be recommended 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.

(4) T H A T the urgent decision procedure set out at Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be used in respect of Resolutions (1) – (3) above.

Reason for decisions

(1-4) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31 January 2021 and be in place for implementation from 1 April 2021.”