

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

**“C159 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report the purpose of which was to set out the limited discretions available to the Council for consideration when re-adopting the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2023/24.

The report proposed that Cabinet recommended to Full Council the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2023/24 together with the limited discretions available to the Council.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

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

RESOLVED –

(1) That Cabinet recommend 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 were 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 use of paragraph 15.14.2(ii) of the Council’s Constitution (urgent decision procedure) be authorised to allow the report to be considered at Full Council on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.**

Reasons for decisions

(1-3) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 and be in place for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023.

**(4) To allow the consideration of the report at the next Council meeting.”**