

CABINET**3 December 2014****Minute Extract****352. REVIEW OF LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**
(Report CAB2623 refers)

Cabinet welcomed the Report and its recommendations.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:

1. THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME PROPOSED IN THIS REPORT AS FOLLOWS:

- A) BASE THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FOR 2015/16 ON THE SCHEME ADOPTED FOR 2014/15 WITH AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT WIDER LEGISLATIVE CHANGE TO COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION AND OTHER RELATED LEGISLATION;**
- B) INCREASE COMPONENTS IN THE CTR CALCULATION IN LINE WITH THE INCREASES DWP & DCLG PROVIDE FOR IN THE HOUSING BENEFIT REGULATIONS 2006 (AS AMENDED) AND THE COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (PRESCRIBED REQUIREMENTS) REGULATIONS 2012 (AS AMENDED) FOR 2015/16;**
- C) INCREASE INCOME DISREGARDS FOR WORKING AGE CLAIMANTS FURTHER SO THAT SINGLE CLAIMANTS HAVE THE FIRST £30.00 OF EARNED INCOME DISREGARDED AND OTHERS HAVE THE FIRST £60.00 OF EARNED INCOME DISREGARDED.**

2. THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 100% COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT WHICH IS AWARDED WHEN PROPERTIES ARE UNOCCUPIED AND SUBSTANTIALLY UNFURNISHED FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE MONTH, ANY ONE PERIOD, NOT EXCEEDING SIX WEEKS, DURING WHICH IT WAS NOT VACANT SHALL BE DISREGARDED IN CONSIDERING WHETHER A DWELLING HAS BEEN VACANT FOR A PERIOD.

RESOLVED:

That a report be submitted direct to Council on 7 January 2015 containing the updated detailed local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2015/16 for approval.