

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER EMERGENCY URGENCY POWERS

SUMMARY OF DECISION TO BE TAKEN

Revision to the Council Tax Hardship Policy

To temporarily revise the Council Tax Hardship Policy to reflect the additional monies allocated to the Council from the Government Hardship Fund and to allow claims to be backdated.

RELEVANT PERSONS CONSULTED:

Councillor Lamb (Leader of the Council) – *Response received confirming support for the revision to the Council Tax Hardship Policy*

Councillor Crow (Leader of the Opposition) – *Response received confirming support for the revision to the Council Tax Hardship Policy*

DECISION MADE: To approve the revised Council Tax Hardship Policy as attached.

REASONS FOR DECISION AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

To ensure the Council is providing the maximum support to its residents during this difficult, by ensuring that the additional funding the Council has received can be used to support our residents in the most appropriate way possible.

The rationale for this decision is that the Council has received a further £988k from the Government Hardship Fund for Covid-19, to help with Council tax bills up to £150 per claimant. Also, the current Policy does not allow for backdating claims, so the temporary revision to the Policy will enable the Council to backdate support (if, for example, a claimant requested support today but had been out of work for months) as appropriate.

I hereby agree that I will take the decision as set out above, for the reasons detailed, under the Council's Emergency Urgency Powers.



Chief Executive

Date: 23 June 2020