



18 February 2022

Dear Members

**Full Council - 21 February 2022**

I am now able to enclose, for consideration, the following additional recommendations in relation to the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

**Item      Item  
No**

**9b      Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the Working Age 2022/23  
(Pages 3-4)**

Additional recommendation from the Director of Service Delivery

**11      Members' Allowances Scheme (Pages 5 - 6)**

Proposed recommendation from Councillor Nicholson

Yours sincerely

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Lewes District Council

## **Agenda Item 9b - Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the Working Age 2022/23**

**Additional resolution proposed from Director of Service Delivery, to be considered by Council at the meeting on 21 February 2022**

### **Preamble**

*The Council Tax (Demand Notices and Reduction Schemes) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.*  
*No. 127*

Following the recently announced Energy Rebate Scheme 2022, new regulations prescribing new provisions to be included in the Council Tax Reduction Scheme affecting the forthcoming final year were made on 10 February 2022 and came into force on 12 February 2022.

Regulation 3 requires that from 1 April 2022, all local council tax support schemes must disregard Energy Rebate Scheme payments in determining a person's eligibility for a council tax reduction and the amount of any such reduction.

Accordingly, the Council is required by law to amend its Council Tax Reduction Scheme to include this new provision.

### **Additional resolution proposed:**

(3) To delegate authority to the Director of Service Delivery, in consultation with the Cabinet Member For Finance And Assets, to add provisions to the 2022/23 scheme, to comply with the Council Tax (Demand Notices and Reduction Schemes) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

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## **Lewes District Council – Full Council Meeting**

**21 February 2022**

### **Agenda Item 11 – Members’ Allowances Scheme**

**Proposal submitted by Councillor Nicholson:**

#### **That the Council resolves:**

- (1) Having considered the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, the Council is grateful to the Panel for its work and recognises the logic of the recommendations put forward, but is unable to accept them in full in light of the current financial challenges facing the Council whilst responding to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- (2) Further to (1), that all allowances to Members including Basic, Special Responsibility and IT allowances continue at the current levels subject to indexation in line with percentage increase in staff salaries up until 2024.
- (3) That the Head of Democratic Services be authorised to make any necessary amendments to the Council’s Members’ Allowances Scheme each year in line with indexation changes backdated to 1 April 2021 when the percentage increase in staff salaries is known.

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