



Lewes District Council

Meeting: Council

Date: 20 February 2023

Subject: Local council tax reduction scheme 2023/24

Report of: Councillor Zoe Nicholson on behalf of the Cabinet

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the **Cabinet** meeting held on **8 December 2022** as set out below.

The Council is recommended:

(1) To adopt the 2022/23 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme as the 2023/24 scheme.

(2) Subject to Full Council adoption of the Scheme, Cabinet has granted the Director of Service Delivery delegated authority -

(a) to implement the Scheme, such delegated authority to include any measures necessary for or incidental to its management and administration; and

(b) if necessary, and in accordance with paragraph 2.3, to amend the Scheme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and Finance

(3) To continue the Exceptional Hardship Scheme in 2023/24, subject to funds being available.

Minute extract Cabinet – 8 December 2022.

The Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Service Delivery, asking them to recommend to Full Council that the 2022/23 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be adopted as the 2023/24 scheme.

Policy and Performance Advisory Committee (PPAC) held on 1 December 2022 considered the report and were supportive of the officer recommendations in full. Councillor Boorman, Chair of Policy and Performance Advisory Committee, was in attendance to present PPAC's discussion. Councillor Linington, Leader of the Opposition, also spoke on the item.

In response to questions raised around the Exceptional Hardship Fund it was advised that due to other available grants, there was no current need for the council to add to the Fund but this would be kept under review.

Recommended to Full Council (Budget and policy framework):

(1) To recommend to Full Council that the 2022/23 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme is adopted as the 2023/24 scheme.

(2) Subject to Full Council adoption of the Scheme, Cabinet grants the Director of Service Delivery delegated authority -

(a) to implement the Scheme, such delegated authority to include any measures necessary for or incidental to its management and administration; and

(b) if necessary, and in accordance with paragraph 2.3, to amend the Scheme in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Assets and Finance

(3) That the Exceptional Hardship Scheme continues in 2023/24, subject to funds being available.

Reason for decisions:

The Council must review the scheme each year and adopt a scheme for the coming financial year.

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