

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 21 January 2016**

### **Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 1 December 2015**

#### **E/15/64. Council Tax Support Scheme**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Corporate Resources that set out the review of the Council's Local Council Tax Support Scheme and addressed the requirement to recommend to Council the approach for 2016/17. It was proposed that the current scheme be readopted for 2016/17 with no changes.

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Corporate Resources explained that there was a risk with the Support Scheme as it was dependant on the number of employment opportunities available in Central Bedfordshire.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to endorse the Central Bedfordshire Council Local Council Tax Support Scheme. If the scheme was not approved by 31 January 2016, the Council would have to award the Local Council Tax Support in accordance with the Government's default scheme which would result in the cost of the scheme exceeding that of the local Council Tax Support Scheme.

#### ***RECOMMENDED to Council***

***that the extension of the current scheme for a further year (2016/17), with no changes, be approved.***