

COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JANUARY 2014

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 9 December 2014

E/14/77. **Council Tax Support Scheme**

The Executive considered a report from the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Resources that reviewed Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) Scheme. It was proposed that the current scheme should be readopted for 2015/16 with minor changes only. It was proposed that the Council should bring its levels of entitlement for working age claimants in line with other state benefit levels, also known as uprating. This would mean an increase of about 3% in the premiums and allowances built into the Council's LCTS scheme.

Reason for decision: To enable the Council to endorse the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. If the scheme was not approved by 31 January 2015, the Council would have to award Local Council Tax Support in accordance with the Government's default scheme which would result in increased costs.

Recommended to Council

that the current Council Tax Support Scheme be extended for a further year (2015/16), subject to "uprating" as set out in the Executive report.