

West Suffolk Council

Cabinet Decisions Notice

(Published: Thursday 23 September 2021)

The following decisions were taken by the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property on Wednesday 22 September 2021 and, if not called in by councillors, will come into operation on Friday 1 October 2021. An executive decision may be called in, in accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules contained within Part 4 of the Council's Constitution, by at least five councillors submitting the required call-in request form to the Director (Human Resources, Governance and Regulatory) (e-mail: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk) **by 5.00 pm on Thursday 30 September 2021**. Should you have a query regarding any of the decisions taken, contact should be made with the named officer in the first instance, the relevant portfolio holder or via Democratic Services, West Suffolk Council, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP33 3YU.

Agenda item and report number	Declarations of interest	Decision(s) (including recommendations to Council)	Reason(s) for decision(s)	Other options considered and reasons for rejection	Contacts
<p>No agenda item as Portfolio Holder decision</p> <p>Report number CAB/WS/21/044</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022-2023 and Decision to Consult</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the West Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022-23 be reviewed in line with the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals outlined in Section 2. of Report number CAB/WS/21/044; and that 	<p>Section 2 of the paper set out the proposed changes to the West Suffolk Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme that would take effect from 1 April 2022. If implemented, these changes would affect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The threshold for how much capital a customer could own (for example, savings) and still be entitled to a Council Tax reduction. The impact that living 	<p>Two further options were considered. These were a) increasing the contribution rate to more than 8.5%; and b) capping LCTRS entitlement to Band D liability.</p> <p>For both options, the possible</p>	<p>Portfolio holder: Sarah Broughton Portfolio Holder for Resources and Property 07929 305787</p> <p>Officers: Rachael Mann Director (Resources and Property) 01638 719245</p>

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		<p>2. Relevant consultation be undertaken, in accordance with Section 4. of Report number CAB/WS/21/044.</p>	<p>with non-dependent adult friends or family members had on the Council Tax reduction that a customer receives.</p> <p>3. The relationship between the application processes for Universal Credit and for Local Council Tax Reduction.</p> <p>4. The way in which fluctuations in a customer's earnings were taken into account in the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS).</p> <p>The main driver for these changes was a streamlined customer journey; certainty and consistency of entitlement; reduced information requirements on customers; and better use of DWP and HMRC data.</p>	<p>increase in Council Tax collected for the Council was considered to be less than the additional costs of recovery (additional staff, postage and enquiries to customer services), including the inability to recover the debt in year by deduction from DWP benefits and therefore this was not recommended.</p>	<p>Adrian Mills Strategic Manager Anglia Revenues Partnership 01842 756491 adrian.mills@angliarevenues.gov.uk</p>

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			<p>A short consultation exercise would take place in early October to early November 2021. The consultation would take the form of an online survey, asking stakeholders for their views on the proposals and any unforeseen impacts. The link to the survey would be sent to all Members; made available on the Council and ARP websites and sent to stakeholders working with individuals who were likely to be affected by the proposals or who represented residents with a protected characteristic, for example, CAB, debt and money management services and local disability groups. Preceptors would also be consulted on the proposals by letter.</p>		

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 23 September 2021