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21 JANUARY 2015

PRESENT

Leader of the Council (Councillor S. Anstee) (in the Chair), Executive Member for Adult Social Services and Community Wellbeing (Councillor M. Young), Executive Member for Children's Services (Councillor M. Cornes), Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships (Councillor J. Lamb), Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning (Councillor M. Hyman), Executive Member for Finance (Councillor P. Myers), Executive Member for Transformation and Resources (Councillor A. Williams).

<u>Also present</u>: Councillors Adshead, Baugh, Bowker, Brophy, Brotherton, Fishwick, Harding, Mitchell, Ross, Shaw, A. Western and Mrs. Young.

In attendance:

Chief Executive (Ms.T. Grant), Corporate Director, Children, Families and Wellbeing (Ms. D. Brownlee), Corporate Director, Economic Growth and Prosperity (Mrs. H. Jones), Acting Corporate Director, Transformation and Resources (Ms. J. Hyde), Director of Finance (Mr. I. Duncan), Director of Legal & Democratic Services (Ms. J. Le Fevre), Democratic and Scrutiny Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J.R. Reilly.

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

65. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2015/16

The Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance submitted a report setting out proposed amendments to the Council's Council Tax Support Scheme for 2015/16.

RESOLVED: That it be recommended that Full Council adopts the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme currently in operation with the inclusion of the amendments detailed below for 2015/16:

- 1) That the applicable amounts are increased by 1% to keep them in line with inflationary increases to Housing Benefit and other welfare benefits (Appendix 1 to the report)
- 2) That the non-dependant deductions are frozen at their current rate (Appendix 2 to the report).

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3) That the remaining funding allocated to the CTS discretionary fund when it was first introduced in April 2013 is rolled over into 2015/16. This is estimated to be approximately £20k by the end of the year.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.36 pm