

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Friday, 22 March 2024	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	Ex/18.03.24	Executive (Councillors Participating: Ross, Adshead, K. Carter, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Slater, Thompson Williams, and Wright)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>Discretionary Council Tax Premium Exemptions Policy</u>		
The Executive approves:		
The implementation of Implementing the Discretionary Council Tax Premium Exemptions Policy from 1 April 2024 for empty homes and 1 April 2025 for second homes.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
The recommendations are set out at the start of this report.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
The Council could decide to not introduce an exemptions policy and charge the maximum premium allowed in the legislation in all eligible cases, however, the Council do not want to financially penalise property owners who are either actively seeking to bring their property back in to use or where a delay in doing so is outside of their control. It also provides transparency to Trafford residents as to in what circumstances an exemption can be applied, and therefore in which circumstances they will be charged the premium.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None		

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

Tuesday 2 April 2024
(Decision can be implemented on the next working day, unless called in).

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22 March 2024

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal and Governance