

SPECIAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE

22 JANUARY 2014

PRESENT

Executive Member for Finance (Councillor S. Anstee) (in the Chair),
Executive Member for Education (Councillor M. Cornes),
Executive Member for Economic Growth and Prosperity (Councillor M. Hyman),
Executive Member for Adult Social Services (Councillor M. Young).

Also present: Councillors Bowker, Brotherton, Mrs. Dixon, Fishwick, Freeman, Lloyd and Whetton.

In attendance:

Corporate Director, Economic Growth and Prosperity (Mrs. H. Jones),
Corporate Director, Transformation and Resources (Mrs. W. Marston),
Director of Finance (Mr. I. Duncan),
Director of Legal & Democratic Services (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Deputy Corporate Director, Children, Families & Wellbeing (Ms. L. Harper),
Head of Financial Management (Mr. I. Kershaw),
Head of Revenues and Benefits (Ms. L. Shaw),
Senior Democratic Services Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Colledge, Dr. K. Barclay, Miss L. Blackburn, J. Coupe, A. Mitchell and A. Williams.

77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

78. CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2014/15

The Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance submitted a report seeking approval for the Executive to recommend to Council the adoption of the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme currently in operation, with a number of changes, as detailed in the report, for 2014/15.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to adopt the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme currently in operation, with the four changes detailed below for 2014/15:

- 1) The applicable amounts are uprated 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).

3) That the remaining funding allocated to the £50k discretionary fund (as a one off in year 1) is rolled over into 2014/15. This is estimated to be between £30K and £40k by the end of the year.

4) That the temporary extra steps built into the Council Tax recovery process for residents on CTS are removed and brought into line with existing processes.

The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.34 pm.