

**COUNCIL
16 JANUARY 2020**

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

ITEM 6d

TITLE OF REPORT: ITEM REFERRED FROM CABINET: 17 DECEMBER 2019 – COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (CTRS) 2020/2021

Extract from the draft Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 December 2019

The Executive Member for Finance and IT presented the report entitled Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) 2020/2021.

He thanked the Service Director Customers, the Revenues Manager and their team for all of their work regarding the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and its management and noted the high number of responses to the consultation on this subject.

It was moved by Councillor Ian Albert, seconded by Councillor Martin Stears-Handscorn and:

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the CTRS position relating to this and previous financial years be noted;
- (2) That it be noted that a full review of the CTRS is underway and that further recommendations for changes to the Scheme will be presented to Cabinet in 2020 for implementation in 2021/2022.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:

- (1) The following proposed changes to the CTRS for 2020/2021:
 - A) That a de minimis amount of £2.50 per week be introduced for reductions in entitlement, with no de minimis amount for increases in entitlement;
 - B) That any payments made under the Windrush Compensation Scheme be disregarded for the purposes of CTRS.
- (2) That the level of Scheme funding to be allocated to the Parish, Town and Community Councils will be the same as 2019/2020 (£38,885).

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To ensure that the Council complies with the requirement to ensure that a Scheme is in place by 11 March 2020.