

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OSC

REPORT TO CABINET

13 OCTOBER 2020

Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme

Councillor Nick Oliver, Cabinet Member for Corporate Services presented the report to the Committee on 12 October 2020. Chris Hand, Executive Director of Finance and Graeme Barnes, Revenues and Benefits Manager were also in attendance to assist with any queries from members.

Councillor Oliver reported that it was his intention to utilise any remaining grant funding provided by the Government to assist economically vulnerable people and households, to further enhance the Support Scheme which could provide support more than the proposed 92%.

A member was concerned that even taking into consideration Councillor Oliver's comments that the impact of asking the most vulnerable residents would be significant to their daily lives and requested that the report be deferred to December to enable impact assessments to be conducted. Councillor Oliver reported that a decision was needed from Cabinet at its 13 October meeting to enable statutory consultations to take place.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendation contained in the report.

COUNCILLOR DAVID BAWN

CHAIRMAN