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NOTIFICATION OF CABINET DECISIONS

CABINET - 2 DECEMBER 2015

At the above meeting, the following decisions were taken. A member of an appropriate Review Panel who considers that a decision should be reviewed should give notice accordingly to the Monitoring Officer **ON OR BY WEDNESDAY, 9 DECEMBER 2015**. Call in provisions do not apply to recommendations to Council (shown in bold italic print), or items which were only for noting.

4 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2016-2017

DECISION:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be amended with effect on 1 April 2016 as follows:

- (i) That, subject to the necessary upgrading of the software administering the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, the current scheme be amended by removing the family premium for new claims;
- (ii) That the period for which claims can be backdated be reduced from 6 months to 4 weeks; and
- (iii) That no change be made to the minimum contribution paid by those of working age (except those classified as vulnerable).

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme be amended with effect on 1 April 2016 as follows:

- (i) ***That, subject to the necessary upgrading of the software administering the Council Tax Reduction Scheme, the current scheme be amended by removing the family premium for new claims;***
- (ii) ***That the period for which claims can be backdated be reduced from 6 months to 4 weeks; and***
- (iii) ***That no change be made to the minimum contribution paid by those of working age (except those classified as vulnerable).***

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

**5 COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNTS AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM
2016-17**

DECISION:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that the current scheme of discounts and charges remain unchanged so that:

- (i) No changes be made to the discounts for properties which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished where major repair works or structural alterations are required, under way or recently completed;
- (ii) No changes be made to the discounts for properties that are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished; and
- (iii) The empty homes premium be not introduced.

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that the current scheme of discounts and charges remain unchanged so that:

- (i) No changes be made to the discounts for properties which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished where major repair works or structural alterations are required, under way or recently completed;***
- (ii) No changes be made to the discounts for properties that are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished; and***
- (iii) The empty homes premium be not introduced.***

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report.

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

6 THE COUNCIL TAX 2016-17 - SETTING THE TAX BASE

DECISION:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Cabinet agrees that:

- (i) The calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2016/17 be approved; and
- (ii) Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2016/17 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report Item 6 to the Cabinet.

PARISH/TOWN	TAXBASE 16/17
Ashurst & Colbury	915.8
Beaulieu	512.7
Boldre	1052.6
Bramshaw	344.2
Bransgore	1798.5
Breamore	177.4
Brockenhurst	1852.3
Burley	782.3
Copythorne	1205.7
Damerham	227.2
Denny Lodge	153.2
East Boldre	387.4
Elingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	603
Exbury & Lepe	110.4
Fawley	4505.8
Fordingbridge	2232.2
Godshill	221
Hale	254
Hordle	2381.9
Hyde	521.6
Hythe & Dibden	7323.5
Lymington & Pennington	6974.1
Lyndhurst	1399.2
Marchwood	2050.8
Martin	195.7
Milford on Sea	2781.1
Minstead	368.5
Netley Marsh	816
New Milton	10289.1
Ringwood	5146.6
Rockbourne	163.9
Sandleheath	281.6
Sopley	295.5
Sway	1686.4
Totton & Eling	9270.5
Whitsbury	102.3
Woodgreen	248.3
Whole District	69632.3

RECOMMENDED:

That, in so far as it is empowered to do so by law, the Council agrees that:

- (i) The calculation of the Council's tax base for the year 2016/17 be approved; and*
- (ii) Pursuant to this report and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, the amount calculated by this Council as its council tax base for the year 2016/17 be as follows and as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report Item 6 to the Cabinet.*

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REASON(S): As set out in the report.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report.

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

7 SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW

DECISION:

- (a) That all existing delegations of powers to Heads of Service and Executive Directors, that are the responsibility of the Cabinet, be delegated to the proposed new Executive Heads (regardless of their respective disciplines); and
- (b) That the General Purposes and Licensing Committee be advised that the proposed new salary bands for the posts of Executive Heads, as set out in paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 of Report Item 7 considered by the Cabinet, are supported;

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) *That the proposed new senior management structure, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report item 7 considered by the Cabinet, including the deletion of the post of Executive Director and the review of Heads of Service, be approved;*
- (b) *That the proposals for recruitment to the posts of Executive Heads, as set out in paragraph 5 of Report item 7 considered by the Cabinet, be approved;*
- (c) *That the principle of designating one Executive Head to act as a deputy for the Chief Executive, subject to review within 12 months, be approved;*
- (d) *That all existing delegations of powers to Heads of Service and Executive Directors, that are not the responsibility of the Cabinet, be delegated to the proposed new Executive Heads (regardless of their respective disciplines); and*
- (e) *That the Chief Executive be authorised to take all the necessary action and decisions to achieve the proposals set out in Report item 7 considered by the Cabinet, including arrangements for the selection process and transitional period.*

REASON(S): As set out in the report

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED: As set out in the report

ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

THIS DECISION LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR AND IS CIRCULATED TO INFORM COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS IMMEDIATELY OF DECISIONS REACHED AT CABINET MEETINGS. THE WORDING OF RESOLUTIONS IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING MIGHT DIFFER FROM THE ABOVE.