

Council
18 December 2019
Item 8 - Executive, Committees and Other Bodies

a) Executive

61/E – The Council Tax Base and Local Council Tax Support Scheme – additional recommendation

The Executive RECOMMENDED to Full Council that

- (i) the 28 day Council Tax discount for an empty unoccupied and substantially unfurnished property be removed for these properties using the freedoms given in the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and relevant statutory instruments;
- (ii) the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for Surrey Heath, approved by Council on 22 January 2013, remain unchanged for 2020/21;
- (iii) the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy remain unchanged for 2020/21;
- (iv) a review of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for Surrey Heath and the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy be undertaken over the next 12 months;**
- (v) the Executive Head of Finance be delegated to make minor changes to the Local Council Tax Support scheme so as to ensure that where applicable to income calculation it remains in line with Housing Benefit / Universal Credit changes introduced by legislation; and
- (vi) incomes and applicable amounts and non-dependant deductions be updated in line with the percentages and amounts supplied by DWP and DCLG, and applied to Housing Benefit claims.