

**RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS****FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)**

At the Special Meeting of the Finance and Management Committee held on Thursday, 10th January 2013, the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th January 2013.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive<sup>1</sup>.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<b><u>Agenda Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>OPEN REPORTS</u></b>	<b><u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u></b>
6.	<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b> LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME – RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS	
	<b><u>DECISION:</u></b> (1) That under Section 10 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012, a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for South Derbyshire is recommended to Full Council as detailed in 1.2 below:  (2) That the existing national parameters and thresholds for calculating Council Tax benefit are applied to claimants adjusted for the following circumstances in the Local Scheme:  i. That all claimants of pensionable age receive exactly the same level of support as exists under the current national scheme.  ii. That all households who qualify for benefit through disability premiums receive exactly the same level of support as exists under the current national scheme.  iii. That all war widow and war disabled claimants receive exactly the same level of support as exists under the current national scheme.  iv. That all military compensation payments are fully disregarded in calculating council tax support.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. That working age passported claimants currently receiving 100% council tax benefit are deducted 8.5% from their entitlement calculated under the Local Scheme.</li> <li>vi. That all other working age claimants are deducted 10% from their entitlement calculated under the Local Scheme.</li> <li>vii. That full Council Tax support for claimants entering work is extended from 4 weeks to 8 weeks in the Local Scheme.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(3) That the Local Scheme is implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.</li> <li>(4) That all new claimants eligible for support under the Local Scheme are assessed in accordance with the criteria in 1.2 (above).</li> <li>(5) That detailed regulations to enact recommendations 1.2 to 1.4 are laid before Full Council on 24th January 2013.</li> <li>(6) That the Council applies for support under the Government's Transitional Grant Scheme for 2013/14 to support the implementation of the Local Scheme.</li> <li>(7) That the existing Council Tax exemption (Class C) for unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings is abolished on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.</li> <li>(8) That under Section 11 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012, all unoccupied and unfurnished dwellings are liable for full Council Tax at the appropriate rate after 3 months and that this is implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.</li> <li>(9) That under Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012, any dwelling that has been unoccupied and substantially unfurnished for more than 2 years, is liable for Council Tax at a rate of 150%, i.e. as if the dwelling was being occupied by two adults with no discounts applicable and that this is implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.</li> <li>(10) That a grant of £5,000 is made to the Derbyshire Financial Inclusion Partnership.</li> <li>(11) That the Council works with local agencies to support single parent families to access financial support and</li> </ul>	
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	<p>advice regarding employment opportunities and child care arrangements.</p> <p>(12) That the new Local Council Tax Support Scheme and new Council Tax Charges are monitored and regular progress reports are made to the Committee during 2013/14.</p> <p>(13) That the Local Scheme is reviewed during autumn 2013 prior to any new arrangements being required for 2014/15.</p>	
6A.	<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>  <b>ENERGY SAVING / FUEL POVERTY INITIATIVE</b></p>	
	<p><b>DECISION:</b>  That the Committee approves the agreement for the joint delivery of a 'fuel poverty and carbon reduction project' between South Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.</p>	

DATED: 11th January 2013

Chief Executive

- 1 Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- 2 NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- 3 Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.