

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

COUNCIL

Date **27 FEBRUARY 2014**

Title **COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT – 2014 SCHEME UPDATE**

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

Council received a report setting out the 2014 Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme at its meeting on 19 December 2013, and approved this scheme at that meeting.

This further report updates the reference within the scheme to legislative changes. It does not mean that the scheme changes in scope, cost or effects on residents.

The Council's CTS scheme is based upon the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (England) Regulations 2012. These regulations apply to 2013-14 only.

As of 1 April 2014, the Council's CTS scheme will be based on the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), including uprating allowances, premia and non-dependant deductions in accordance with DWP and DCLG guidance and regulation.

The Council's 2014-15 Scheme refers to the former, and will be amended to refer to the latter above.

2. KEY ISSUES

- This change does not affect any material elements of the Council's CTS scheme.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended by Cabinet that Council approve:

- Reference within the Council's CTS scheme for 2014 is updated in accordance with the regulations referred to in Section 1 of this report.

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference No. (if applicable)	These proposals are included in the Forward Plan.
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Background Paper(s)	<p>Localising Support for Council Tax – A Statement of Intent Department of Communities and Local Govt 17 May 2012</p> <p>Localising Council Tax Support Report to Cabinet 26 July 2012</p> <p>Local Government Finance Act 2012</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (England) Regulations 2012</p> <p>Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)</p> <p>Council Tax Support Scheme 2014 Report to Council 19 December 2013</p>
Abbreviations used in this report	'CTS' means Council Tax Support