

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Cabinet

To: South Holland District Council Wednesday, 20 January 2021

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Subject Report from Cabinet meeting held on 15 December 2020

Purpose: To consider recommendations of the Cabinet in respect of:

- a) **Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22 – To seek Council approval of the final proposals for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22 (Cabinet minute 50) (Cabinet agenda item 8)**

Recommendation(s):

- a) Continuation of the current Local Council Tax Support scheme, including uprating in line with DWP's annual update of allowances and premiums for housing benefit for 2021/22;
- b) Extend the backdating period for working age claimants from one month to three months; and
- c) Delegation to Executive Director, Commercialisation (S151) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance to approve the final scheme in line with this report, and any administrative and minor changes.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Article 4 of the Council's Constitution provides that only the full Council may exercise the functions of approving, adopting or amending the policy framework and budget, and adopting or changing the Constitution. Staffing matters are also a Council function. The Cabinet however has responsibility for advising the Council on such matters. At its meeting on 15 December 2020, the Cabinet made recommendations to Council in respect of the above item which may affect budget and policy framework, Constitution or comprise staffing issues.

1.2 The remainder of this report details the recommendations of the Cabinet which must be read in conjunction with the individual reports to Cabinet, copies of which are attached as appendices.

2.0 Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22 (Report submitted to Cabinet – Item 8 attached)

Consideration was given to the report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Executive Director – Commercialisation (S151) which provided information about final proposals for the Local Council Tax Support scheme 2021/22.

