

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2021

**“C739 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES)”**

The purpose of the report was to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2022/2023 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council’s discretions.

The report set out the limited discretions available to the Council for consideration when re-adopting the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2022/2023.

The report proposed that it be recommended to Full Council the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2022/2023 together with the limited discretions available to the Council.

Welsh local authorities had until 31st January each year to adopt a scheme exercising any of the discretions permitted under the Prescribed Requirements Regulations. This required a decision by full Council. If the authorities failed to adopt a Council Tax Reduction Scheme by that date the default scheme would apply.

This was a matter for Executive and Council decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T it be recommended to Full Council that the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government are reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme be adopted with the following discretions: -

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks.
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction.

- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

(4) T H AT the use of the Urgent Decision Procedure set out in Section 14:14 of the Council's Constitution be approved, in order to enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 and be in place for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022.

Reason for decisions

(1-4) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31 January 2022 and be in place for implementation from 1 April 2022.”