

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 6TH DECEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 22ND 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 31st January, 2022 and be in place for implementation from 1st 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.”