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Report of the Director of Governance

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REQUEST FOR CALL-IN OF AN EXECUTIVE DECISION: Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16 Consultation - NOV14/CMDN/96

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To consider a request to call-in an executive decision made by the Cabinet Member for Resources.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee considers a request to call-in a decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Resources in respect of the Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16 Consultation.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 18 November 2014, the Cabinet Member for Resources made an executive decision relating to the Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16 Consultation. In accordance with the Constitution this decision was published on 18 November 2014.

- 3.2 On 21 November 2014, Councillor Ed Murphy supported by Councillor Richard Ferris submitted a request to call-in this decision on the following grounds:

Criteria 4. The decision does not follow the principles of good decision making set out in Article 11 of the Council's Constitution, specifically that the decision maker did not:

- (a) Realistically consider all alternatives and, where reasonably possible, consider the views of the public.
- (b) Understand and keep to the legal requirements regulating their power to make decisions.

- 3.3 A copy of the request to call-in is attached at Appendix 1, a copy of the report considered by the Cabinet Member for Resources is attached at Appendix 2 and a copy of the decision notice is attached at Appendix 3.

- 3.4 After considering the request to call-in and all relevant advice, the Committee may either:

- (a) not agree to the request to call-in, when the decision shall take effect immediately;
- (b) refer the decision back to the decision maker for reconsideration, setting out its concerns; or
- (c) refer the matter to full Council.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Any implications are contained within the report to the Cabinet Member at Appendix 2.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None

6. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Request to Call-In Decision

Appendix 2 – Report Considered by the Cabinet Member for Resources

Appendix 3 - Copy of Decision Notice – Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16 Consultation