

<b>COUNCIL</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 10(b)
<b>27 JANUARY 2016</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

## **EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

### **(b) CABINET RECOMMENDATION – COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME**

Cabinet, at its meeting of 18 January 2016, received a report on proposals for the Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17, including the outcome of public consultation and discussions at the Joint Budget Scrutiny on 26 November 2015.

The purpose of the report was for Cabinet to make a recommendation to Council on the Council Tax Support Scheme to be implemented in Peterborough from April 2016 and to approve the introduction of a council tax discretionary hardship policy.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Council:

Approves a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for Peterborough that contains the following components, as set out in the report:

- a) No change to the existing scheme reduction of 30% for all eligible working age claimants;
- b) Aligns the Council tax support scheme to Housing Benefit rules making it less complicated for claimants, namely to:
  - i) Limit backdating of council tax support to one month; and
  - ii) Removes family premiums from all new claimants, or existing claimants who would otherwise have had a new entitlement to the premium, with effect from 1 May 2016.

The original Cabinet report, appendices and supplementary information follow this report.

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