

# Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2017/18

For consideration by: The Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016 Lead director: Alison Greenhill

# Useful information

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# 1. Summary

- 1.1 Since 2013/14, each Local Authority has been required to adopt its own Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS). The Council's scheme was approved in January 2013 and Council now needs to renew the scheme or adopt a new one.
- 1.2 In light of financial pressures exerted on the Council by cuts in Government Funding; options to change the CTRS have been considered. In order to make any material changes to the approved scheme, legislation requires that a full public consultation must be conducted. This took place between 4<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.
- 1.3 Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft of the report which will be considered by the Council on 24<sup>th</sup> November.
- 1.4 The results of the public consultation are attached at Appendix 1A to the Council report. A comparison of local and national CTR schemes is attached at Appendix 1B and a full Equality Impact Assessment is attached at Appendix 1C.
- 1.5 Full Council will be asked to approve a 2017/18 CTRS on 24 November 2016, and will receive a recommendation from the Executive.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 The Neighbourhood Services and Community Involvement Scrutiny Commission is recommended to make any observations as it sees fit.

# 3. Main report and implications:

See attached council report

4. Summary of appendices:

# Appendix 1 – Draft Report to Council