

Meeting of the Council
2 March 2022
Schedule of Recommendations

N.B.
The Schedule sets out recommendations from the Cabinet and the Council's Committees upon which Council is required to reach a decision. During discussion of these items Council Procedure Rule 16 applies (Rules of Debate). Speeches must be relevant to the item being debated. Speeches do not have to be in the form of, or include a question. Members may speak for up to 5 minutes. The Chairman may allow a further 2 minutes at his/her discretion. A Member may only speak once on a motion but may also speak once on an amendment.

<u>Meeting:</u>	<u>Minute No:</u>	<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Recommendation(s):</u>
Cabinet 21 February 2023		<u>Council Tax Discounts and Premiums</u>	Cabinet recommends to Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empty discounts – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The current empty discount for Class C - Unoccupied/substantially unfurnished which is allowable for a maximum of 6 months remains at 100% discount for 1 month followed by 25% discount for 5 months. b) The current Class A - Second Homes, No one's sole or main residence/furnished – 28 days planning restriction remains at the current 0% discount. c) The current Class B – Second Homes, No one's sole or main residence/furnished – No planning restriction remains at the current 0% discount. d) The Class D Structural repairs (Unoccupied & substantially unfurnished) which is allowable for 12 months should be a 0% discount for the whole period.

2. Empty premiums -

- a) The Council continues to apply the maximum premiums allowable in legislation for Long Term empty properties as it currently does.

That approval be given in principle:

- b) That the following additional Council Tax premiums be applied from 1 April 2024, or as soon as possible thereafter, subject to the required legislation being in place:

- 100% premium for properties which have been empty and unfurnished for a period of between 1 (previously 2) and 5 years

3. Council Tax Support Scheme -

- a) The Council in accordance with Schedule 1A Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Council Tax Reduction Schemes) approves an unchanged scheme for Council Tax Support for 2023/24.

(Report attached at Appendix A)