

# **EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES**

## **CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Friday 23 November 2012**

### **51. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME**

The Head of Customer Services submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended) that provided feedback from the recent consultation on the proposed Local Council Tax Support Scheme and invited the Board to both agree the principles of the new Scheme (which would then be drawn up for approval by Council on 17 December 2012); and to agree the Council Tax Discount and Exemption proposals for inclusion in the budget setting consultation.

With reference to paragraphs 6 and 7 (transitional grant) of the report the Head of Customer Services said that Oxford's Scheme did comply with Government criteria and it was therefore likely that the Council would receive transitional grant.

Resolved to:-

- (1) Note the outcome of the consultation on the proposed Local Council Tax Support Scheme;
- (2) Ask officers to draft the details of the new Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2013/14 replicating the provisions of the existing Council Tax Benefit Scheme and to submit the Support Scheme to Council for approval at its meeting on 17 December 2012;
- (3)
  - (a) Agree the Council Tax Discount and Exemption amendments as set out in paragraph 20 for inclusion in the budget setting consultation;
  - (b) Agree to consult upon the charging of a premium of 50% Council Tax for properties empty for more than two years.

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