

## Key Decision Details

**Decision Name** COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2024/25

**Date of Decision** 14 November 2023

**Decision maker** Cabinet

The Cabinet **agreed:**

**Describe the Decision taken**

1. To recommend that Council approve the introduction of a new income-banded CTS scheme for working age applications with effect from 1st April 2024. As the increase in the level of support for eligible residents directly supports the aims specified within the Corporate Plan, to keep people out of crisis and to help those in crisis;
2. To the simplification of the scheme to make it more accessible for residents, reducing the administrative burden and improving delivery times directly supports the aim specified within the Corporate Plan to deliver good quality, value-for-money services with good control and compliance with statutory obligations.
3. To the reduction in caseload and therefore reduction of the impact of CTS on the taxbase provides an opportunity to consider increasing support to those most in

need.

**What were the reasons for taking the Decision?** As outlined in the report.

**What alternative options were considered and rejected?** As outlined in the report.

**Conflict of interest and dispensation** None

**Is the decision a Key Decision?** Yes

**Was the decision included in the Forward Plan** Yes

**Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?** No

**List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker** As outlined in the report.

**Person Making this report** Katie Kelly, Revenue and Benefits Manager

**Decision will be effective the day after call-in expires. Call-in expires on** 24 November 2023

**Accompanying Documents**

- 8. Council Tax Support Scheme Report
- 8. Council Tax Support Scheme Appendix A
- 8. Council Tax Support Scheme Appendix B
- 8. Council Tax Support Scheme Appendix C
- 8. Council Tax Support Scheme Appendix D