

CABINET

9 JANUARY 2020

Record of decisions taken at the meeting held on Thursday 9 January 2020.

Present:

Chair: * Councillor Graham Henson

Councillors: * Sue Anderson * Varsha Parmar
* Simon Brown * Christine Robson
† Keith Ferry * Krishna Suresh
* Phillip O'Dell * Adam Swersky

Non-Executive Cabinet Member: * Antonio Weiss

Non-Executive Voluntary Sector Representative: * John Higgins

In attendance: Richard Almond Minute 264
Marilyn Ashton
Camilla Bath
Jean Lammiman
Paul Osborn

* Denotes Member present

† Denotes apologies received

RECOMMENDED ITEMS

267. Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS) for 2020-21

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That

- (1) the proposed income banded scheme for Council Tax Support claimants in receipt of Universal Credit for the financial year 2020/21 and beyond subject to annual review be approved;
- (2) the existing Council Tax Support Scheme be retained for all other claimants not in receipt of UC until the rollout of Universal Credit in Harrow was complete;
- (3) the proposed income banded scheme should also benefit from £400k of extra investment.

[Call in does not apply to the decisions above as they are reserved to full Council].

RESOLVED: That the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy, as set out at appendix E to the report, be approved.

Reason for Decision: The Council had carried out a wide consultation to ensure that residents within Harrow were given the opportunity to give their views and help shape a future Council Tax Support Scheme. Feedback from the consultation had informed the recommendation to Cabinet.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: As set out in the report.

Conflict of Interest relating to the matter declared by Cabinet Member/Dispensation Granted: None.