



To: Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) Date: 2 September 2015

Subject: Public consultation – Local Council Tax Support Scheme

1 Purpose of the note

The report *Public Consultation – Local Council Tax Support Scheme* was considered at the Cabinet meeting of 11 August 2015. This note introduces the content of that Cabinet Report and details the recommendation for Scrutiny Board 1.

2 Recommendation

Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board (1) is requested to:

- 1) consider the contents of the Cabinet Report - *Public Consultation – Local Council Tax Support Scheme*;
- 2) forward their comments to the Cabinet Member – Strategic Finance and Resources in order that the views of the Scrutiny Board can be considered as part of the consultation process.

3 Background

Council Tax Support (CTS) is a means tested discount to help low income households with the cost of council tax payments. The Council awarded over £27.6 million in council tax support in 2014/15 to approximately 33,500 households in the City.

The Council is undertaking a 10 week public consultation about changing the CTS scheme to deliver savings for the Council.

4 The consultation

The consultation runs from 17 August to 25 October.

Following the consultation, and the completion of the final Equality and Consultation Analysis, a report will be prepared for consideration by Cabinet and by full Council. If a revised scheme is approved it will be implemented from 1 April 2016.

Tim Savill
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