



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Cabinet

Date: 5 January 2016

Subject: Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the outcome of the Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board consideration of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme at their meeting on 11 November 2015.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Recommends that Cabinet be mindful of Council policy to protect the most vulnerable in the City and to consider other options to achieve the required savings.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board considered the Local Council Tax Scheme Consultation at their meeting on 11 November 2011.
- 3.2 The Board asked a number of questions about the likely impact of the preferred option, a 15% Council Tax contribution from those currently exempt, would be on residents.
- 3.3 The Board were concerned that the removal of this support would result in a number of residents seeing a reduction in their income as a result of this at a time when they are also seeing their income reduced as a result of nationally introduced benefit changes.
- 3.4 The Board asked about likely collection rates and were also concerned about ensuring the proportional enforcement of non-payment.
- 3.5 Therefore, the Board have asked that Cabinet to be mindful of Council policy to protect the most vulnerable in the City and to consider other options to achieve the required savings.

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