



EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Monday 17th February 2020 at 6.30 pm

72. Council Tax Support Scheme and Second Homes Discount

PURPOSE

To present the findings of the Council Tax Support Scheme consultation with regards to changing the reduction of entitlement from 17.5% to 15% over a 2-year period and to note the review and unchanged second homes zero discount on Council Tax.

REASON FOR DECISION

Council Tax Support Scheme

A phased change over 2 years of the reduction in entitlement from 17.5% to 15.0% to ensure those low-income working age claimants of Council Tax Support are additionally supported.

Second homes discount

After review of the Council's discount policies on Council Tax, officers see no compelling case to introduce a discount for second homes (furnished houses that are not the sole or main residence of an individual), which is in-line with most authorities in Lancashire.

DECISION

- (1) That Full Council be recommended to approve and adopt changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21 and 2021/22 onwards such that any entitlement in accordance of the scheme is reduced to 16.0% in 2020/21 and to 15.0% from 2021/22 onwards, which represent a change to the current reduction of entitlement of 17.5%;and**
- (2) That Full Council be recommended to note the review of the policy not to award any discount on Council Tax for second homes and that it will remain unchanged.**