

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 31 January 2019

JSC/089/18-19 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2019/20

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as Item 8.

The report included details of the costs of the Council Tax Support schemes and an analysis of the responses that were received to public consultations that were conducted during November & December 2018 in respect of options for the schemes for 2019/20.

The Committee was asked to recommend, to the respective Councils, the Council Tax Support Schemes for 2019/20.

Members discussed the low number of responses received to the consultations and the need to educate residents on what Council Tax was being spent on. Officers advised that a leaflet was being designed to accompany the Council Tax bills.

The Committee also suggested to government that this process only be undertaken in future when changes to the scheme were being proposed.

Resolved,

That the Joint Strategic Committee

(i) noted the content of the report;

(ii) recommended to Adur District Council that

- 1. The Council Tax Support scheme for Adur District Council in respect of working age customers for 2019/20 should be based upon the scheme for 2018/19 with no restrictions;**

- 2. No other changes should be made beyond necessary technical amendments required to keep the scheme consistent with the national rules in respect of Housing Benefit.**
- 3. A further public consultation should be conducted during the summer of 2019 to inform the decision in respect of the scheme to be implemented for 2020/21.**

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.152369.en.pdf>