

Adur Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources

Ref No: JAW/011/22-23

Date of Decision: 04 October 2022

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Record of Decision: JAW/011/22-23 Discretionary Criteria for the Council Tax Energy Rebate Schemes

Decision taken by:

Adur Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:

WBC Cabinet Member for Resources: I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

ADC Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources : I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

Decision:

The Adur Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources and the Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources note the content of this report and agree that:-

- a) The qualifying criteria for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council respectively should be those detailed in paragraph 3.6; and
- b) The value of individual payments should be those detailed in paragraph 5.2
- c) Applications and payments should be made as detailed in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5
- d) If additional residents are identified as meeting the qualifying criteria, payments should be made on a "first come, first served" basis utilising the small remaining budget balances detailed in paragraph 5.2. Awards will not be made if the respective budgets have been exhausted.

Key Decision: No

Reason For Decision:

Councillor John Turley: I agree with all the recommendations and am happy that the payments are being targeted towards residents most in need of support within a process that will enable that support to be provided speedily.

Councillor Angus Dunn: I am happy to agree recommendations set out in the report.

Alternative Options Considered:

Councillor John Turley: None

Councillor Angus Dunn: I do not consider there to be appropriate alternatives. Other Matters Considered: Financial Advice and Issues Legal Advice and Issues Х Х Sustainability Issues Equality Issues Χ Х Community Safety Issues Human Rights Issues Χ Х Reputation Risk Assessment Х Х Health & Safety Issues Χ

Consultation:

This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Council's website on 21 September 2022. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker:

Councillor John Turley: I consulted with the Cabinet Member for Citizen Services on Worthing Borough Council, who was also in agreement with the recommendations. Councillor Angus Dunn: I have not received any responses to the consultation.

Background Papers:

 Various documents and "Frequently Asked Questions" guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Contact Officer:

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Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 11 October 2022

Signed: Date: 4 October 2022

Name: Cllr John Turley, WBC Cabinet Member for Resources

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Name: Cllr Angus Dunn, ADC Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

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