



**Extract from the minutes of the Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 7th
December 2023**

**JSS-C(A)/036/22-23 The working-age Council Tax Support Scheme for
2024/25**

The report before members explained Council Tax Support was a scheme to help some people pay their Council Tax. This depended on their income and personal circumstances and was only available to some people in the UK who were living on a low income. The Council Tax Support scheme must be considered each year as part of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 (which introduced the framework for localism of Council Tax Support), with Members confirming revisions, continuing the scheme as is or replacing this with another scheme.

The Scheme formed an important part of the Council's ambition to become the fairest coastal town by supporting people who were living on the lowest incomes. It should be noted that whilst the Council was experiencing extreme budgetary pressures, this scheme was one way in which the Council was responding to the enduring impacts of the cost of living to help lift people out of poverty. Given the importance of the scheme, the report asked Members to continue the scheme with no changes and to recommend the scheme to the Full Council in respect of 2024/25.

Members welcomed the retention of the scheme and noted that there were few Councils locally who had taken the same course of action.

Decision

- 1) That the content of the report be noted;
- 2) **That it be recommended to Adur District Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Adur District Council in respect of working age customers for 2024/25 should**
 - a) **Be based upon the scheme for 2023/24 with no restrictions; and**
 - b) **Not be further altered with any other changes beyond necessary technical amendments required to keep the scheme consistent with the national rules in respect of Housing Benefit**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Adur Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 7th December 2023](#))