

Council 20 February 2020 Agenda Item 7b

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 14 January 2020

JSC/079/19-20 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2020/21

Summary of discussion:

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 6.

Members were asked to recommend to their respective Full Councils the Council Tax Support Schemes in respect of 2020/21.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) noted the contents of the report;
- 2) recommended to Adur District Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Adur District Council in respect of working age customers for 2020/21
 - a) should be based upon the scheme for 2019/20 with no restrictions; and
 - b) 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
- recommended to Worthing Borough Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Worthing Borough Council in respect of working age customers for 2020/21

- a) should be based upon the scheme for 2019/20 with the £5.00 weekly restriction retained; and
- b) that the discretionary budget to support those in severe financial difficulties should be retained; and
- c) 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