

## Senior Officer Decision

**Consultative meeting:** Cabinet

**Consultative meeting date:** 4 May 2022



### Exempt from publication

No

*If yes;*

Para ....Schedule 12A – Reason

(Democratic Services Officer will help with this – please call)

**Title:** Council Tax (Energy) Rebate – Discretionary Fund

### Links to consultative meeting(s):

<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=136>

### Recommendation:

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1. Approve the Council Tax Rebate Discretionary Fund scheme as set under section 2.3 of the report and the associated policy is approved.
2. Give delegated authority to the Service Lead for Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services, Corporate Fraud & Compliance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and S151 Officer, to make consequential changes to the policy to ensure that government funding is fully directed to support vulnerable households.

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### Authority

Decision of Council on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to delegate decision making to officers until 23.59 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 ([Minutes 26th July 2021 Council Meeting](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 10<sup>th</sup> December to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 10th December 2021](#)). Senior Officer Decision of 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to extend the arrangements until 23.59 on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 ([Senior Officer Decision Record 4th May 2021](#)).

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### Consultations:

I was present at / have watched the recording of the consultative meeting which considered this item

Yes ☒ No ☐

Detail any other consultations carried out:  
N/A

### Other considerations:

Do the legal and finance comments and equalities impact, climate change and risk assessments as detailed in the officer report remain the same.

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, provide the updated assessment below;

### Legal Implications

*A member of the legal team must provide comments.*

### Financial Implications

*A member of the finance team must provide comments.*

### Equalities impact High Impact

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/papers/cabinet/040522bpcabinetEqualitiesImpactAssessment%20Council%20Tax%20Rebate%20Discretionary%20Scheme.pdf>

As this is a financial discretionary scheme the equalities impact is considered 'high' and therefore a full assessment has been carried out to ensure our scheme does not negatively impact any protected characteristic.

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

**Decision:**

**To implement the recommendations as stated above.**

**Reasons for decision:**

No requirement to depart from the recommendations approved.

Signed  Dated 18 May 2022

Senior Officer job title and name: Libby Jarrett, Service Lead.

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