

Subject: Council Tax Empty Property Discounts 2015/16 - Extract from the Proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 4 December 2014

Date of Meeting: 11 December 2014

Report of: Monitoring Officer

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE***Action Required of Council:***

To receive the item referred from the Policy & Resources Committee for approval with amended recommendation (4), as agreed by the Committee, set out below:

Recommendation:

That the Committee recommends that Council -

- (1) Approves the reduction of the Class C (empty and unfurnished) Council Tax discount to zero (i.e. full withdrawal) with effect from 1 April 2015;
- (2) Approves the reduction of the Class D (uninhabitable) Council Tax discount to zero (i.e. full withdrawal) with effect 1 from April 2015;
- (3) Approves a discretionary Council Tax 4-week discount to cover exceptional circumstances;
- (4) Agree appendix 1, which sets out the formal determinations and decisions for the financial year commencing 1 April 2015 and in subsequent financial years; and
- (5) Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director of Finance & Resources to take all appropriate steps to implement and administer the recommendations in (1) – (3) above, including the publishing of any related data or information in accordance with statutory requirements.

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 4 DECEMBER 2014

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor J Kitcat (Chair) Councillors Sykes (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Morgan (Group Spokesperson), Lepper, A Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Randall, Robins and Shanks

PART ONE

92 COUNCIL TAX EMPTY PROPERTY DISCOUNTS 2015/16

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