

**COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT – PROPOSED FINAL SCHEME****RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER:**

The following recommendations are listed for Council to consider and are detailed below for clarification:

These are listed on page 116 of the Council agenda and differ slightly from those recommended by Policy & Resources due to further changes and information received from the Government after the Policy & Resources Committee.

- 2.1.1 To note the Overview and Scrutiny report at appendix 1, its recommendations and the Committee's responses at appendix 2.
- 2.1.2 To note the information about the government's October announcement of transition grant at appendix 3.
- 2.1.3 To note the feedback from consultation and the responses at appendix 5 and section 4 of the report.
- 2.1.4 To note the Equality Impact Assessment at appendix 6.
- 2.1.5 To agree that the proposals in the draft scheme published in July be adopted with the amendments necessary to satisfy the criteria for transition grant set out in the October announcement.
- 2.1.6 To agree the full text of the final scheme .
- 2.17 Accordingly to make the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Persons who are not Pensioners) (Brighton & Hove City Council) 2013 (which together make up the main scheme) as set out in Part 1 of appendix 4 and the Discretionary Council Tax Scheme (Brighton & Hove City (Council) 2013 (the discretionary scheme) as set out in Part 2 of appendix 4.
- 2.1.8 To authorise Director of Finance to take all appropriate steps to implement and administer the main scheme and the discretionary scheme, including (1) publishing the main scheme in accordance with statutory requirements, (2) applying for any funding for which the Council may be eligible, and (3) responding to any other government initiatives or consultation exercises.

2.1.9 To authorise the Head of Law to make suitable amendments to the Council's constitution to reflect the council's new functions in relation to council tax reduction schemes, in particular (1) to indicate in Part 3 (Council Functions) that only the Full Council can make, revise or replace its main scheme and (2) to replace in the Schemes of Delegation to Committees and Sub-committees and to officers any references to council tax benefit with references to council tax reduction schemes.