

Time began 9.30am
Time ended 9.32am

URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER MEETING 4 SEPTEMBER 2012

Present: Councillor Bayliss

In attendance: Councillor L Winter

1/12 Apologies

There were none.

2/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

3/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

4/12 Council Tax Support Scheme – Launch of Public Consultation

A report from the Strategic Director of Resources was considered. The report detailed how the Government had imposed changes to Council Tax benefits on local authorities, and that this would become active from 2013/14. The council was required to adopt its own local Council Tax Support Scheme or else a default scheme would be imposed by the Secretary of State. It was estimated that the latter would create a £2.6m pressure on the council's budget.

It was proposed to consult with the public on the form that the council's scheme would take. It was proposed to commence the consultation for eight weeks starting on Wednesday 5 September 2012.

The Leader was empowered to take the decision on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Business, Finance and Democracy under the urgency provisions in order that the consultation could be launched to coincide with those taking place simultaneously in Nottingham and Leicester.

Option considered

It was noted that failure to commence consultation in the first week of September would prevent Council Cabinet from considering the outcome of the consultation in order that final recommendations could be made to Council and inform the budget setting process.

Decision

1. To approve an eight-week public consultation on a Council Tax Support Scheme for Derby, commencing on 5 September 2012.
2. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Resources, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to finalise details of the consultation document.

Reason

The enable the consideration of final proposals by Council Cabinet on 21 November 2012 and Council on 19 December 2012, and to coincide the consultation with those taking place simultaneously in Nottingham and Leicester.

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