

Agenda

Meeting: Executive

To: Councillors Carl Les (Chairman), Gareth Dadd, Derek Bastiman, Michael Harrison, Simon Myers, Janet Sanderson, David Chance, Keane Duncan, Greg White and Annabel Wilkinson.

Date: Tuesday, 18th October, 2022

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: Room 3, County Hall, Northallerton

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Business

1. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 September 2022 (Pages 5 - 12)

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Public Questions and Statements

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- at this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes);
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4. Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Pages 13 - 190)

Recommendations: Executive Members are asked to consider the contents of the report and:

- i. Note the consultation responses on the draft CTR proposals;
- ii. Recommend that Full Council approve the new, income banded / grid Council Tax Reduction scheme for working age applicants with effect from 1st April 2023; as detailed within **Sections 5 and 6** of this report;
- iii. Approve that the authority to approve the accompanying Exceptional Hardship Scheme be delegated to the S151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Assets and Resources and Special Projects;
- iv. Approve that the authority to grant relief under the Exceptional Hardship Scheme be delegated to the S151 Officer.

5. Council Tax Harmonisation (Pages 191 - 202)

Recommendations:

That the Executive consider the contents of the report and the findings of the Working Group and recommend that Council approve:

- i. That the Council Tax levels for the North Yorkshire Council be harmonised over a two year period, commencing in the financial year commencing 1 April 2023;
- ii. That the weighted average Council Tax level be maintained for Council Tax harmonisation purposes and that harmonisation be applied on a straight-line basis over the two year period.

6. Taxi Licensing Policy and Conditions (Pages 203 - 328)

Recommendations – That the Executive:

- i. Pass a resolution on 18 October 2022 that the provisions of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (other than section 45) shall be adopted within the administrative area of North Yorkshire Council, with effect from the 1 April 2023, with the caveat of the decision only taking effect if the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy has been adopted for the 1 April 2023;
- ii. Endorse the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy as shown in Appendix 1 of the report;
- iii. Agree the commencement of a public consultation on the new North Yorkshire Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

7. Forward Plan (Pages 329 - 344)

8. Other business which the Leader agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances

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