

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

TUESDAY, 8 May 2018

PRESENT: Councillor: D.M. Jenkins (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

J. Gravelle, Revenue Services Manager
A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager
M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Regeneration Meeting Room, County Hall, Carmarthen:10.00 am - 10.20 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 27TH MARCH 2018

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 27th March 2018 be signed as a correct record.

3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION

RESOLVED pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

4. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNT.

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information that identified individuals that were liable to pay Council Tax. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information. On balance, therefore, the public interest in disclosure at this time was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board member considered an application for a rate reduction under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 which amended Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

RESOLVED, in regard to application reference 80022788X, that the charge of £1,440.02 be cancelled.

5. COUNCIL TAX - DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute no. 3 above not to publicise the

content of the report as it contained exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) (Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information regarding individuals that were liable to pay Council Tax. Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential financial information that was not in the public domain and would not normally be disclosed to third parties. On balance, therefore, the public interest in disclosure at this time was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining confidentiality.

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing applications which had been received for discretionary reduction of Council Tax.

It was noted that regulations had been introduced with effect from April 2004 giving Local Authorities discretionary powers to grant locally determined Council Tax discounts or reductions, over and above existing statutory reductions.

RESOLVED

- 5.1 that for application reference 60331282 a discretionary discount be granted to effectively extend the Class A exemption for a further 6 months to 25th July 2018 or the date on which the bats are relocated, if sooner;**
- 5.2 that for application reference 60327516 the 50% charge be waived up to 30th September 2018;**
- 5.3 that for application references 60342506 and 60332441 the arrears be written off;**
- 5.4 that for application reference 60283836 no further discretionary discount be awarded;**
- 5.5 that for application reference 60325194 the entire charge for the period of enforced absence [1st July 2017 to 31st March 2018] be waived.**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE