

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

19TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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

The following officers were in attendance:

A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager;
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer.

Regeneration Meeting Room, County Hall, Carmarthen – 2:00pm - 2:25pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 9TH JULY, 2018

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 9th July 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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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. 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 included personal data relating to former council tenants, including details of their rent arrears. The publication of individual debts was unwarranted and would prejudice the rights and freedoms of the relevant data subjects. Accordingly, the public interest in disclosure 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 that application references 602848894-6, 60355403-X and 60273054-6 be refused.

5. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - HARDSHIP RELIEF

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).

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The Executive Board member considered two applications for Hardship Relief under the provisions of Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 as amended.

RESOLVED that:

- 5.1** for application reference 30033902, hardship relief be refused;
- 5.2** for application reference 80022559, hardship relief be awarded in respect of the outstanding balance for 2018/19.

6. NON-DOMESTIC RATES - DISCRETIONARY DISCOUNT

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The Executive Board Member considered an application for Discretionary Reduction or Remission of Business Rates under the provisions of Section 47 of Local Government (Finance) Act 1988 as amended.

RESOLVED that application reference 80022162-6 be awarded a 40% discount to 31st March 2019.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE