

DECISION RECORD OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

23RD JULY 2015

DSU Committee Room, County Hall, Carmarthen

1.00 p.m. – 2.00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER	PORTFOLIO
Councillor D.M. Jenkins	Resources

The following officers were also in attendance:-

Mr J. Gravelle	Revenue Services Manager
Mr K. Thomas	Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

No declarations of personal interest were made.

Having considered the reports on the under-mentioned items the Executive Board Member made the following decisions:-

Item No.	Subject/Decision
2.	DECISION RECORDS – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES – 28TH APRIL AND 7TH MAY 2015 RESOLVED that the Decision Records of the meeting of the Executive Board Member for Resources held on the 28th April and 7th May 2015 be received.
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	REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION RESOLVED pursuant to The Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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4.	<p>NON-DOMESTIC RATES – DISCRETIONARY RELIEF</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information regarding the individual ratepayers’ recent financial history and/or personal information. 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.</p> <p>The Executive Board Member considered an application for Hardship Relief under the provisions of Section 49 of Local Government</p>
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	<p>Finance Act 1988 as amended.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the request for a waiver of rates on the grounds of hardship in respect of Rate Reference No. 80020258 be not granted.</p>
5.	<p>COUNCIL TAX – DISCRETIONARY REDUCTIONS</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information that identified individuals that are liable to pay Council Tax.</p> <p>Although public disclosure of the report would promote accountability for public finances, it would release confidential information that is not in the public domain and which 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.</p> <p>The Executive Board Member considered applications which had been</p>

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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 due to the exceptional circumstances detailed within the report, the Council Tax for the period 8th January to 3rd April 2015 in respect of Reference 60204715 be waived.**
- 5.2 That, consideration of application nos. 60186927 and 60158589 be deferred in order for further information to be obtained.**
- 5.3 That the applications received for a discretionary reduction in Council Tax in respect of reference numbers 60236879, 50003613 and 60286174 be refused.**

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5.4	That due to the circumstances detailed within the report, the Council Tax in respect of application no 60239886 be waived in respect of the 2014/15 financial year and for the first six months of the 2015/15 financial year.
6.	<p>IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contained information about individuals' indebtedness and/or personal information. 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.</p> <p>The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing Council Tax Accounts and Housing Benefit Overpayments which had been identified as being irrecoverable. Recovery procedures, where appropriate, had been exhausted and there was no likelihood of payment being secured. It was therefore considered appropriate to write off those accounts.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the accounts detailed within the report be written off as irrecoverable</p>

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

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