

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR RESOURCES

TUESDAY, 7 September 2021

PRESENT: Councillor: D.M. Jenkins (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

A Thomas, Benefits and Council Tax Manager

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting - 10.00 - 10.20 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 15TH JULY 2021

RESOLVED that the decision record for the meeting held on the 15th July 2021 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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007 that the following items were not for publication as the reports contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.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 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 and maintaining the exemption under paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as disclosure would result in unwarranted and excessive intrusions into the private and family life of the individual concerned.

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing applications 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:

4.1 to award 25% discretionary exemption to the council tax charged to application reference 6011825 for the periods 14.6.19 – 31.3.20 and 1.4.20 to 26.1.21.

4.2 To award one day discretionary exemption of Council Tax for the 28th June 2020 in respect of application reference numbers:

60371568-X, 60371569-9, 60371572-3, 60371574-1, 60371575-0, 60371576-X, 60371585-9 and 60371587-7.

5. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNT - SUNDRY DEBTS

Following the application of the public interest test it was **RESOLVED** pursuant to the Act referred to in minute 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 contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of an individual (Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). Although the public interest would normally favour transparency and openness, this is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining exemption because disclosure would result in unwarranted and excessive intrusions into the private and family life of the individual concerned.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which contained details of an account 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 that account.

RESOLVED that the arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

6. IRRECOVERABLE ACCOUNTS - COUNCIL TAX

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The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of an individual (Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act). Although the public interest would normally favour transparency and openness, this is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining exemption because

disclosure would result in unwarranted and excessive intrusions into the private and family life of the individual concerned.

The Executive Board Member considered a report which detailed a Council Tax account which had been identified as being non recoverable.

RESOLVED that the Council Tax arrears detailed within the report be written-off as irrecoverable.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE