

General Exception Notice Date of Notice: 15 November 2023

Title of Report: FCR S254 Proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction

Scheme

Decision Maker: Cabinet

Meeting: 11 December 2023

Lead Member: Councillor Robert Chapman, Cabinet Member for Finance,

Insourcing and Customer Service

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Brief Description:

The Local Government Finance Act 2012 requires local authorities in England to design and implement their own localised Council Tax Reduction Schemes (CTRS). This report proposes to increase its maximum Council Tax Reduction Scheme entitlement for working age households from 85% to 90% by 2024/25, in part in response to the cost of living crisis but also in line with its long-term ambition to provide 100% CTRS to those most in need by 2030.

Reason for General Exception: The proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction are to be considered by Full Council in January 2024 and approval at Cabinet level is required prior to submission for Council. This report was originally scheduled on the Forward Plan for Cabinet in October 2023, but this was delayed due to the by-election.