

## Executive

### Statement of Decisions

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive held on Thursday, 5 September 2019. Decisions made by the Executive will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Manager (Committees) on 01392 265275 or email [sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.selway@exeter.gov.uk)

#### **Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Armed Forces Covenant Action Plan be approved and the plan be reviewed in six months to monitor progress and to add any further actions that may be required.

#### **Garden Communities**

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) Newton Abbot's status as a Garden Community be confirmed;
- (2) Teignbridge District Council support for the Exeter and East Devon Garden Communities status be confirmed; and
- (3) Receipt of associated 'capacity funding' from Government be agreed.

#### **Council Tax Reduction Scheme - public consultation**

**RESOLVED** that plans to consult with major preceptors and the public on proposals to introduce a new working-age Council Tax Reduction Scheme for the year 2020-21 be approved.

It is recommended that the Council maintain overall support at current levels and that the following key features of our current scheme be retained:

- Maintain maximum support at 100%
- Maintain an Exceptional Hardship Scheme
- Continue to award 100% support to passported claims
- Disregard disability related benefits when calculating income
- Disregard child benefit and child maintenance when calculating income
- Disregard War disablement/widows pension when calculating income
- Limit the no. of dependent children in the calculation to a maximum of two for all new claimants
- Apply the minimum income floor for self-employed claimants
- Capital limit of £6,000
- Allow for childcare costs

It is recommended that the following **additional** features are included in the new scheme:

- Disregard Carers Allowance when calculating income
- Disregard Employment and Support Allowance (support element) when calculating income
- Replace current variable earnings disregard with a standard £25 disregard for all
- Incorporate a Return to Work Incentive for Universal Credit claimants and others by paying support for a period of one month beyond the return to work date.
- Apply the current two dependent children limit used in the calculation to existing claimants
- Remove non-dependent deductions from the scheme
- Disregard payments made under the Windrush Compensation Scheme, We Love Manchester Emergency Fund and similar Government funded compensation schemes
- Reduction to be awarded from the date of change as opposed to the 'Monday following' the date of change
- Remove the requirement for good cause to be proven before backdating the award.
- Increase the 1 month back-date time limit to 12 months.
- Remove the restriction that limits support to maximum Band D property.

### **Executive Forward Plan**

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

**The decisions indicated will normally come into force 5 working days after publication of the Statement of Decisions unless called in by Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Where the matter in question is urgent, the decision will come into force immediately. Decisions regarding the policy framework or corporate objectives or otherwise outside the remit of the Executive will be considered by Council on 24 September 2019.**