

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title: Council Tax Support

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Wards affected: All

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To raise awareness of the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme as agreed by Cabinet on 13 August 2012.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny consider the report at Annex 1 and make recommendations to Cabinet.

## **3. Details**

- 3.1 On 13 August 2012 a report to Cabinet outlined the replacement of Council Tax Benefit with a new local Council Tax Support Scheme to take effect from April 2013. The funding for the new scheme is reduced and a decision was sought on how that reduction could be managed within a local scheme. A number of options had been considered which resulted in the acceptance of the recommended scheme. The scheme proposed for consultation passes on the loss in funding to all working age claimants. Pensionable age claimants will not be affected.
- 3.2 Consultation on the recommended scheme will take place for a period of 8 weeks starting 24 August 2012 and ending on 18 October 2012. Feedback from the consultation exercise will help inform the report which is planned to be presented to Council on 29 November 2012 on a proposed final scheme.

## **4. Appendices**

Annex 1 - Cabinet Report – Localised Council Tax Support

**5. Background Information**  
None