

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24
Decision No.
2484

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 9 October 2023

Portfolio	Policy & Resources
Subject:	The Council Tax Support Fund
Report of:	Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

Purpose:

To seek Executive approval of the Council Tax Support Fund Policy, which deals with the allocation of Fareham's proportion of Government funding. The aim is to assist those residents receiving Council Tax Support who have an outstanding Council Tax liability, by awarding additional Council Tax Support of up to £25.00 via a Mandatory Scheme. Also, to provide a Discretionary Fund, where local authorities can determine their own approach to supporting economically vulnerable households with their Council tax.

On 23 December 2022 the government announced the Council Tax Support Fund, stating that they recognised the impact of rising Council Tax bills.

"The government will be distributing £100 million of new grant funding in 2023/24 for local authorities to support economically vulnerable households in their area with Council tax payments".

This policy covers the administration of Fareham's proportion of the fund, which is £99,331, split between:

- A mandatory fund, which assists those receiving Council Tax Support who have an outstanding Council Tax liability of up to £25.00.
- A discretionary fund, where local authorities can determine their own approach to supporting economically vulnerable households.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees that the key principles of the Council Tax Support Fund Policy, as outlined in the report, be approved for adoption in Fareham.

Reason:

The principles have been drawn up to help develop a policy which maximises the benefit that can be provided to as many residents as possible who are in receipt of Council Tax Support.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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