

## DECISION UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Subject	Discretionary Reduction in Council Tax Liability under S13A (1)(c) Local Government Act 1992 Policy
Officer Requesting Decision	Community Advice and Support Team Manager
Officer Making the Decision	Executive Director
Authority for Decision	<p>Part 2B of the Council Constitution and specifically Article 2.3(b) (p.4) which states the following;</p> <p>2.3 Each Head of Service is authorised to do the following:</p> <p>(a) Take any action to maintain the operation and effectiveness of services within his or her remit.</p>
Recommendation	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>1) The Executive Director under emergency delegated authority approves the adoption of the Rugby Borough Council Tax S13A (1)(c) Local Government Act 1992 Policy.</p> <p>2) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Communities and Homes to identify additional classes of cases where reduction in liability may be made under these provisions without the need for a separate application by the customer.</p> <p>3) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Communities and Homes to implement and administer a scheme in accordance with the principles of the attached policy.</p> <p>4) Delegated authority is given to the Head of Communities and Homes to make technical scheme non-material amendments to ensure that the policy in relation to the Council Tax Hardship Fund (Covid-19 Support) remains in line with Central Government Guidance, and to support changes in administrative procedures.</p>
Alternatives considered and rejected	To not approve the recommendations would result in those that qualify for support under the policy would not receive the financial benefits of the policy.
Decision	Approve

Reason	<p>1) Adoption of a policy to enable the discretionary reduction in council tax liability under S13A (1)(c) Local Government Act 1992 is sought to enable additional financial support to be provided to working age recipients of Council Tax Reduction as part of the Council's response to COVID-19</p> <p>2) To enable the efficient administration of the scheme and minimising delay and contact with customers.</p> <p>3) To administer the scheme meeting the needs of individuals whilst securing the scheme from fraud and abuse.</p> <p>4) To ensure that minor changes to the policy can be made without need to refer to Full Council for approval.</p>
Date	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Background Papers	Officer report dated 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Decision record kept until	28 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
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Signed.....

Dated.....29-05-20.....