



COUNCIL MEETING

21 January 2021

LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2021/22

Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council the approval of a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for the year 2021/22.
2. The Council is provided with funding to deliver its own Local Council Tax Support scheme although this grant is no longer separately identifiable having been subsumed within the Council's overall finance settlement figure that continues to reduce year on year.
3. The proposed Local Council Tax Support scheme for Gateshead has been established with due regard to the Council's statutory obligations and in order to support those claimants most in need of financial assistance, consistent with the Council's other priorities and policies.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

5. It is recommended that Council:
 - (i) approve the proposed scheme as set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the report; and
 - (ii) delegate powers to the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital, to provide regulations to give effect to the scheme.