



LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2016/17

Jane Robinson, Chief Executive

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for the year 2016/17.
2. The Local Government Finance Act 2012, paragraph 5 of Schedule 1A , established a framework for Local Council Tax Support that requires the Council for each financial year, to revise its scheme, or replace it with another scheme and to do so before 31 January in the financial year preceding that for which the revision or replacement scheme is to have effect.
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 attempt to distribute the reduced funding available amongst those claimants most in need of financial assistance, whilst achieving a contribution to meet the funding reduction.
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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5. It is recommended that Council:
 - i) approves the proposed scheme as set out in paragraph 7 of the attached report
 - ii) delegates powers to the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources, to provide regulations to give effect to the scheme