

REFERENCE TO THE COUNCIL – 19th JANUARY 2026

FROM THE CABINET – 10th DECEMBER 2025

**COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT 2026/27 AND SECTION 13A DISCRETIONARY SCHEME
POLICY UPDATE TO INCLUDE A TERMINALLY ILL DISCOUNT CLASS
(CS/2025/15)**

At its meeting on 10th December 2025, the Cabinet considered the above report of the Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living and agreed the recommendations contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Council:-

- (i) Agrees that, from 1 April 2026, the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme is updated to reflect the new London Living Wage amount in our income bands as set out in Appendix B of the report;
- (ii) Delegates authority to the Director of Finance to make changes to the approved scheme during 2026/27 to reflect any requirements set by Government to either the prescribed regulations for pensioners or the local working age scheme to ensure the scheme remains legally consistent and up to date as the legislation changes; and
- (iii) Agrees that, from 1 February 2026, the revised Council Tax Discretionary Reductions policy as set out in appendix D comes into effect. This introduces a new discount class and reconfirms Council are happy to retain the existing discounts available under the policy too

Camron Aref-Adib
Cabinet Member for Finance and Cost of Living