

CABINET MEMBER SIGNING

Friday, 22nd April, 2022, 10.00 am

Members: Councillor Seema Chandwani – Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare, and the Public Realm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

3. COUNCIL TAX (ENERGY) REBATE DISCRETIONARY SCHEME (PAGES 1 - 26)

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has been informed that it was impracticable to give 28 days' notice of the decision. The Government issued the guidance for the delivery of the scheme on 16 March 2022. The scheme is designed to make payments to those on low incomes and facing hardship who are excluded from the Council Tax Energy Rebate. Payments of the Council Tax Rebate will start to be made in April and May 2022.

The Council is seeking to publish the discretionary scheme as start making payments rapidly in order to minimise hardship in the groups identified in the published guidance but excluded from the main scheme.

Given the above, it is not practicable to comply with the 28-day notice requirement in Part Four, Section D, Rule 13 of the constitution. This is set out in Part Four, Section D, Rule 16, of the Constitution.

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Tuesday, 12 April 2022