

MINUTES OF CABINET MEMBER SIGNING MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 22ND APRIL, 2022, 2.00 - 2.10 PM

PRESENT: Councillor Seema Chandwani, Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare, and the Public Realm.

In attendance: David Graaff, Head of Service Delivery, and Fiona Rae, Acting Committees Manager.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. COUNCIL TAX (ENERGY) REBATE DISCRETIONARY SCHEME

The Cabinet Member for Customer Service, Welfare, and the Public Realm considered the report which noted that the Government issued the guidance for the delivery of the Council Tax Rebate scheme on 16 March 2022. This included the core scheme of payments to qualifying occupiers of properties in Council Tax bands A-D.

It was explained that the Council was required to develop and publish a discretionary scheme in accordance with the requirements set out in the Guidance issued by the Government. The report set out the proposed discretionary scheme in Appendix A.

RESOLVED

1. To approve Haringey's Discretionary Council Tax (Energy) Rebate Scheme April 2022 (as set out in Appendix A) as the methodology to determine the allocation of funding in accordance with the guidance issued by Government.
2. To authorise the Director of Customers, Transformation, and Resources, after consultation with the Lead Member, to make appropriate amendments to the Discretionary Council Tax (Energy) Rebate Scheme April 2022 where considered necessary.

Reasons for decision

The Council is required to develop and publish a discretionary scheme in accordance with the requirements set out in the Guidance issued by the Government on 16 March 2022.

Alternative options considered

None.

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.

CABINET MEMBER: Cllr Seema Chandwani

Signed by Cabinet Member

Date ...22 April 2022.....