

DECISION NOTICE OF THE Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Wednesday, 10th December, 2025, 9:45am – 10am

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Cabinet Member Signing held on Wednesday, 10 December 2025.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Richard Plummer Committees Manager.

6. COUNCIL TAX HARDSHIP POLICY

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST MADE FOR THIS ITEM:

None

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member for Resident Services & Tackling Inequality:

2.1 Approved the Council Tax Hardship Fund Policy set out in Appendix 1.

2.2 Delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Environment and Resident Experience, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resident Services and Tackling Inequality, to make amendments to this policy following annual review or changes in legislation.

Reasons for decision

Funding for a Council Tax Hardship Fund for 2025-26 was agreed in October 2025, and the fund cannot be administered without a policy.

Alternative options considered

The alternative option is to do nothing. The funding would not be spent on this purpose and a new decision would be required to reallocate the funding set aside in 2025-26. Financially vulnerable residents in council tax arrears would not receive proactive support to pay their bill.