

	<p>Council</p> <p>20 January 2015</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Council Tax Support: Options for a Revised Scheme (Post Consultation)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Deputy Chief Operating Officer</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1: Report to Policy and Resources Committee report, 13 January 2015</p> <p>Appendix 1 – Consultation report and results</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Equalities Impact Assessment</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Draft Barnet Council Tax Support Scheme 2015</p>
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<p>Summary</p>	
<p>A report presenting the outcome of consultations on options for a revised council tax scheme was considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 13 January 2015. The Committee was requested to consider the consultation outcomes and recommend one of three options for a revised scheme for 2015/16 onwards to full Council for a decision. This report encloses the report that was considered by Policy and Resources Committee and sets out the recommendations the Committee made to Full Council.</p>	

Recommendations

- 1. That Council adopt the draft Barnet Council Tax Support Scheme 2015 based on Option 3 (Increase the Council Tax contribution rate to 20%) as detailed in the report to the Policy & Resources Committee attached at Annex 1.**
- 2. That Council agree the uprating of the scheme in line with Department for Work and Pension changes for Housing Benefit and working age non-dependant deductions as set out in Appendix 3**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions – sets out the functions of Full Council including 'Setting the Council Tax'.

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 As set out in the report to Policy and Resources Committee, 13 January 2015.