

Supplement to the agenda for

Council

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Title of report: 2022/23 council tax setting report – Additional Recommendation Supplement

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Report by: Leader of the council

Additional recommendation supplement

On 3 February 2022, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities issued a Council Tax Information Letter summarising the Government's intention to lay regulations amending aspects of the council tax system to support implementation of the Energy Bills Rebate.

The resulting Council Tax (Demand Notices and Reduction Schemes) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 were laid before Parliament on 11 February 2022 and came into force on 12 February 2022.

As this council adopted the Council tax reduction scheme on 11 February 2022 the following recommendation is necessary to ensure that from 1 April 2022 all local council tax support schemes (including those for persons of working age as well as those of pension age) must disregard Energy Bills Rebate payments in determining a person's eligibility for a council tax reduction and the amount of any such reduction.

Therefore item 7 requires by law a new recommendation c)

c) That the council tax reduction scheme is amended to include that any payment under the Energy Rebate Scheme 2022 is to be disregarded in determining:

- (a) An applicant's entitlement to a reduction in the scheme or**
- (b) The amount of any reduction to which the applicant is entitled.**

