BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Special Cabinet held on Tuesday, 21 August 2012 at 5.30 pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn

PRESENT: Councillor N J Daubney (Chairman) Councillors Lord Howard A Lawrence, B Long, Mrs E Nockolds D Pope and Mrs V Spikings

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Beales.

1: URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

2: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

3: CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4: MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES

Resources and Performance Panel: 16 August 2012

The Resources and Performance Panel considered the report and made the additional recommendation to Cabinet, which was accepted by Cabinet.

RP41: <u>Cabinet Report: Local Support For Council Tax (LSCT)</u> Scheme

RESOLVED: That Cabinet be informed that the Resources and Performance Panel supports the recommendations as set out in the report to Cabinet, with an additional recommendation 5 as set out below:

Members are asked to:

1) Note the principles of the LSCT scheme including automatic protection for Pension Age people.

2) Agree the following principles for the draft LSCT scheme for Year 1 for public consultation:

a) An LSCT scheme that falls within the revised funding allocated by DCLG (Paragraph 4.8).

b) Protection from any reduction under LSCT for households with a child under 5 and War Pensioners (Paragraph 6.9).

c) A Hardship Fund being set up funded from additional income raised through Council Tax Technical Reforms (Paragraph 6.9).

d) A Work Incentive which allows an additional £10 earnings disregard per week (Paragraph 10.6).

3) Agree Model B as the draft LSCT Scheme for Year 1 to take to public consultation (Paragraph 9.5).

4) Approve an eight week consultation period (Paragraph 12.5).

5) Provision for the funding of £75,000 be allocated to add people receiving a disability premium to the category of protected groups.

5: **<u>REPORT</u>**

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Scheme (page 1)	principles of the LSCT scheme including
	automatic protection for Pension Age
	people
	2) Agree the following principles for
	the draft LSCT scheme for Year 1 for
	public consultation:
	a. An LSCT scheme that falls
	within the revised funding allocated by
	DCLG (Para 4.10)
	b. Protection from any reduction under LSCT for Households with a Child
	under 5 and War Pensioners (Para 6.9)
	c. A Hardship Fund being set up
	funded from additional income raised
	through Council Tax Technical Reforms
	(Para 6.9)
	d. A Work Incentive which allows
	an additional £10 earnings disregard per
	week (Para 10.6)
	3) Agree Model B as the draft LSCT
	Scheme for Year 1 to take to public
	consultation (Para 9.5)
	4) Approve an eight week
	consultation period (Para 12.5)
	5) That provision for the funding of
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	receiving a disability premium to the
	category of protected groups.
	Reason for Decision
	The Council must agree and publish a
	draft LSCT scheme for consultation
	before agreeing its final LSCT scheme.
	This paper lays out the options available
	for a draft LSCT Scheme, the funding

implications and other relevant information for agreement by Members so consultation can proceed. Following consultation the responses and proposals for the final LSCT Scheme for Year 1 will be the subject of a further paper for Members.
Recommendation 5 is having taken into account the comments from the R&P Panel.

The Meeting closed at 5.48 pm