

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Wednesday, 4 December 2013 at 5.30pm in the Committee Suite, King's
Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn**

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Lawrence.

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

5. **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor R Bird attended for Item 9 (1).

6. **CALLED IN MATTERS**

None

7. **FORWARD DECISIONS LIST**

The forward decision list was noted.

8. **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM COUNCIL BODIES**

i) **Resources and Performance Panel: 26 November 2013**

The Committee made the following recommendation to Cabinet, which was dealt with when Cabinet considered the report on the agenda:

RP78: Cabinet Report: Corporate Business Plan Update

RESOLVED: That the Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

That Cabinet note the revised Business Plan and Monitoring Report.

RP79: Cabinet Report: Council Tax 2014/2015:
Council Tax Support Scheme For 2014/2015
Council Tax Discounts For Second Homes And Empty Properties
Overall Council Tax Base

RESOLVED: That the Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as follows:

Cabinet recommend to Council to agree:

- (1) The Council Tax Support Scheme for 2014/2015 as detailed at paragraph 1.8.
- (2) The Council Tax discounts for Second Homes and Empty Properties as detailed at paragraph 2.25.
- (3) The overall Taxbase for Council Tax setting purposes as detailed at paragraph 3.12.

iii) Regeneration, Environment and Community Panel – 27 November 2013

There were none

9. REPORTS

<p>1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Tax Support Scheme 2014/2015• Council Tax Discounts For Second Homes And Empty Properties 2014/2015• Council Tax Base 2014/2015 (Page 8)	<p>RECOMMENDED:</p> <p>Part 1) <u>Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS)</u></p> <p>That Council confirm its decision of 24 January 2013 to adopt the deferred Council Tax Scheme scheme for 2014/2015 from 1 April 2014, with the inclusion of those in receipt of Carer's Allowance as a protected group.</p> <p>Part 2) <u>Determination Of Council Tax Discounts Relating To Second Homes And Empty Properties For 2014/2015</u></p> <p>That Council approve that, under Section 11A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as enacted by Section 75 of the</p>
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Local Government Act 2003, Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as enacted by Section 11 and Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012 and in accordance with the provisions of the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) Regulations 2003 and the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 the Council determines:

1. That the council tax discount for second homes defined as being within Class A of the Regulations is set at 5% for 2014/2015;
2. That the council tax discount for second homes as defined by Class B of the Regulations is set at 5% for 2014/2015;
3. That the council tax discount for empty dwellings defined as being within Class C of the Regulations is set at the following for 2014/2015:
 - a. 100% for three months starting on the day the property becomes unfurnished
 - b. 0% once the three month period has expired;
4. That the council tax discount for uninhabitable dwellings defined as being within Class D of the Regulations is set at the following for 2014/2015:
 - a. 50% for 12 months starting on the day the property becomes uninhabitable
 - b. 0% once the 12 month period has expired;
5. That the levy rate for Long Term Empty Properties as defined in the Regulations is set at 50% for 2014/2015;

	<p>6. That any period of occupation of less than six weeks shall be disregarded when calculating the maximum period of a reduction or the start date of the levy; and</p> <p>7. That delegated authority be given to the Portfolio Holder for Resources in consultation with the Ward Member and the Chairman of the Resources and Performance Panel to consider individual applications to the Discretionary Hardship Fund.</p> <p>8. In accordance with Section 11A(6) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as enacted by Section 75 of the Local Government Act 2003 and the Local Government Finance Act 2012, these determinations shall be published in at least one newspaper circulating in West Norfolk before the end of the period of 21 days beginning with the date of the determinations.</p> <p>Part 3 <u>Determination Of The Council Tax Base For 2014/2015</u></p> <p>That Council adopt a figure of 46,779 as the Tax Base for Council Tax setting purposes for the whole of its area for 2014/2015.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To ensure a Council Tax Support scheme for 2014/2015 is adopted by 31 January 2014, the levels of Council Tax Discounts for Second Homes and Empty Properties are agreed for 2014/2015 and the overall Taxbase for Council Tax setting purposes for 2014/2015 is adopted by 31 January 2014.</p>
<p>2) Corporate Business Plan (page 23)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the revised business plan and monitoring report be noted.</p>

	<p>Reason for Decision To monitor progress in the delivery of the Council's ambitions as set out in the Corporate Business plan, and ensure it remains relevant for the period to May 2015.</p>
<p>3) Timetable of Meetings 2014/15 (Page 57)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Timetable for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be approved.</p> <p>Reason for Decision To enable the decision making process to take place.</p>
<p>4) i) Leisure Trust – Board of Directors of the Local Authority Company ii) Joint Employee Committee (Page 60)</p>	<p>RESOLVED: 1) That the third representative on the Board of the Local Authority Company of the Leisure Trust be appointed as Councillor Lord Howard.</p> <p>2) That Councillor D Pope be appointed to replace Councillor Pitcher and Councillor C Manning replace Councillor Langwade on the Joint Employee Committee for the remainder of 2013/14</p> <p>Reason for Decision To comply with a request regarding its membership.</p>

The Meeting closed at 6.01 pm