

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**CABINET DECISION SHEET**

**Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on  
Tuesday, 2nd October, 2018 at 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**PRESENT:** Councillor B Long (Chairman)  
Councillors R Blunt, I Devereux, P Hodson, A Lawrence, Mrs K Mellish and  
Mrs E Nockolds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Beales

1 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the meetings held on 21 August and 18 September 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4 **CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

5 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

None

6 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

There were no items called in.

7 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decisions List was noted.

8 **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

Corporate Performance Panel recommendation on Council Tax Discounts 2019/20 – 10 September 2018.

9 **ANIMAL WELFARE CHANGES AND FEE STRUCTURE**

**RESOLVED:** That the new fee structure for animal welfare licensing be approved.

**Reason for Decision**

The Council has to set reasonable fees based on cost recovery for the service provided.

10 **COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS 2019/20**

**RECOMMENDED:** 1) That the proposal to remove the one month 100% discount for empty and unfurnished properties from 1 April 2019 be approved.

2) That the maximum increases to the long term empty property premium starting from 1 April 2019 be approved.

3) That the introduction of the Care Leavers' local discount from 1 April 2018 on the criteria listed in the report be approved.

4) That the wording for delegated authority for individual applications be amended to 'Applications will be determined by the Revenues and Benefits Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance and the relevant Ward Member.

**Reasons for Decisions**

To ensure council tax discounts are reviewed and updated in line with recent changes, and to take into account the comments from the Corporate Performance Panel.

11 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

12 **APPEALS AGAINST BUSINESS RATE RELIEF HARDSHIP REVIEW REFUSALS**

**RESOLVED:** That the following 2 appeals against the refusal of Business Rate Hardship Relief be refused and the original decision not to award be upheld:

Reference Numbers : 735274X and 7324560

**Reason for Decision**

To ensure the decision regarding Hardship Relief is reviewed. The Hardship Relief guidelines state Cabinet can be asked to reconsider any decision regarding Hardship Relief.

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**RECYCLING CONTRACT VARIATION**

**RESOLVED:** That the proposed Deed Variation to the contract between the council and NEWS Ltd be agreed and that officers proceed to implement the decision at the earliest available opportunity.

**Reason for Decision**

The Deed of Variation offers a reasonable settlement of a contract dispute which ensures the continued delivery of the contracted services.

**The meeting closed at 6.40 pm**