
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2012

**EX.166/12 **PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNCIL TAX
TECHNICAL REFORMS TO DISCOUNTS AND EXEMPTION
(Key Decision – KD.042/12)**

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Resources; and Community

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.145/12, the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder submitted report RD.61/12 suggesting changes to empty rate Council Tax discounts to fund, in part, the cost of the reduced Local Support for Council Tax Scheme.

He drew Members' attention to the proposals set out and summarised at paragraph 5.1 of the report, stressing that the Executive would keep a close eye on the matter going forward.

The Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had, on 22 November 2012, considered the matter and resolved that report RD.48/12 be noted. A copy of Minute Excerpt COSP.81/12 had been circulated.

In conclusion, the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved the recommendations set out in report RD.61/12, which were duly seconded by the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

1. That the Executive had considered and agreed the proposals set out in Report RD.61/12 and summarised in paragraph 5.1 as a means to fund in part the grant reductions to be introduced from 1 April 2013 in funding the cost of the localisation of Council Tax Benefits (discounts).
2. That the recommendation of the Executive be progressed to Council as part of the 2013/14 budget considerations.

Reasons for Decision

To secure the implementation of Council Tax Technical Reforms to discounts and exemptions