

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

**RECORD OF DECISION OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES
COMMITTEE**

Decision Made: 15 February 2017

**Report of the Head of Revenues and Benefits - Council Tax -
Exceptional Hardship Scheme**

Issue for Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee considered future arrangements for Maidstone Borough Council's Council Tax Reduction Scheme in October and November 2016. Amongst other things the Committee agreed to introduce a scheme to help applicants suffering exceptional hardship.

Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 provides the Borough with the discretion to reduce or remit Council Tax for those who could be considered to be suffering hardship.

The attached policy sets out the Council's proposed approach in making such awards.

Decision Made

That the Committee approves the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Policy attached at Appendix I.

Should you wish to refer this decision to Council, please submit a Decision Referral Form, signed by five Councillors, to the Head of Policy and Communications by: 27 February 2017
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