

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

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**REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 30 OCTOBER
2017**

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Issue for Decision

On 30 October 2017 the Policy and Resources Committee resolved to amend the Council Tax Reduction scheme according to Option 1 outlined in the report (attached as Appendix 1 to this report).

Following the meeting, the Head of the Revenues and Benefits Shared Service has amended the Council Tax Support scheme, as requested by the Committee, and this amended scheme is attached as Appendix 2 to this report.

It is important to note that the Department for Work and Pensions has moved the live date for Maidstone Universal Credit to November 2018 rather than August 2018. Therefore the live date for the amended scheme, contained in Appendix 2 to this report, will be November 2018 rather than August 2018 as was referred to in the report to Policy and Resources Committee.

Recommendation Made

1. That the amended Council Tax Reduction Scheme, attached as Appendix 2 to this report, is agreed.
2. That the live date for the amended Council Tax Reduction Scheme of November 2018 is noted.

Reasons for Recommendation

The reasons for recommendation can be found in the report to Policy and Resources Committee on 30 October 2017.

Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended

A full explanation of the other available options can be found in Appendix 1 to this report, paragraphs 2.3-2.7.

Background Documents

Appendix 1: Council Tax Reduction Scheme Report to Policy and Resources Committee 30 October 2017

Appendix 2: Amended Council Tax Reduction Scheme