

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2025

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**“C207 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (EL/PR) (SCRUTINY – CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES) –**

The Leader presented the report to confirm the re-adoption of the Council Tax Reduction National Scheme for 2025/26 based on regulations and to reconfirm the Council’s discretions.

The Council Tax Reduction Scheme provided support for those on a low income towards paying their Council Tax liability and the regulations allowed the Council to provide additional support to residents above the default scheme set by Welsh Government.

This was a matter for Executive decision.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations SI 2013/3029 (“the Prescribed Requirements Regulations”) and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 SI 2014/66 be referred to Full Council in order to be adopted.

(2) T H A T any amendments to Regulations made by the Welsh Government were reflected in the scheme.

(3) T H A T the national scheme was adopted with the following discretions: -

- That the Council should continue to allow Extended Payments up to a maximum of 4 weeks;
- That the Council should continue to disregard War Widow and War Disablement pensions in assessing income for Council Tax Reduction;
- That the Council should continue to allow Backdated Reductions for a period up to 26 weeks.

### Reasons for decisions

- (1) To enable the Council Tax Reduction Scheme to be approved by Council by 31st January, 2025 and be in place for implementation from 1st April, 2025.
- (2) To ensure that the Council's scheme continued to comply with regulation.
- (3) To reconfirm the three local discretions."