

CITY COUNCIL: 26 JANUARY 2015

Council Tax Base Setting 2015/16 and Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16



Cabinet minute 114: 13 January 2015

Malcolm Coe (Assistant Director for Finance) submitted a report providing a Council Tax Base for tax setting purposes for 2015/16 in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, and seeking approval to the continuation of the existing 2014/15 Council Tax Support Scheme for the 2015/16 financial year.

Councillor Lowry (Cabinet Member for Finance) introduced the proposals and reported that -

- (a) the proposed Council Tax Base was 68,460, compared with a figure of 67,066 for 2014/15 which reflected the increase in the number of homes in the city;
- (b) the current Council Tax Support Scheme provided for a charge of 20% for those people receiving benefit and it was proposed to continue these arrangements for another year;
- (c) a collection rate of 98.5% was being proposed compared with 97.5% for 2014/15.

Alternative options considered and the reasons for the decision –

As set out in the report.

The City Council is Recommended to approve -

- (1) the Council Tax Base for 2015/16 Tax Setting as 68,460 Band D equivalents, which is the tax base after allowing for an estimated collection rate of 98.5% ;
- (2) the 2014/15 Council Tax Support scheme continuing for the 2015/16 financial year and that all elements of the scheme remain the same.