

## **CABINET MINUTE 52 (17 January 2017)**

Councillor Downie introduced the Council Tax Support Scheme which includes the findings of the council tax support scheme consultation that informs the development of the revised scheme for 2017/18. Councillor Downie highlighted a number of changes to the recommendations.

Agreed that Cabinet recommend to City Council -

1. That the council tax support scheme is revised to -
  - a. Reduce the period a person can be absent from Great Britain and still receive Council Tax Support to 4 weeks.
  - b. Remove entitlement to the Severe Disability Premium where someone with a disability is cared for by another person who receives Universal Credit with a Carer's Element.
  - c. Remove the additional earnings disregard and apply the standard earnings disregards regardless of hours worked to those claimants who receive Universal Credit.
  - d. Assume a set minimum income within the calculation of Council Tax Support for self-employed earners after a 1 year's self-employment (implementation delayed until 2018/19 financial year).
  - e. Remove the work related activity component in the calculation of the current scheme for new Employment and Support claimants (implementation delayed until 2018/19 financial year).
2. To approve the revised exceptional hardship policy.