

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**19 November 2012**

**Report of the Director of Finance**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Council**

**1 DETERMINATION OF THE COUNCIL'S COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

**A report requesting Members to consider details of a council tax reduction scheme for the Tonbridge and Malling area, to be effective from 1 April 2013, and to recommend the scheme to Council.**

- 1.1 As Members will be aware from previous reports, council tax benefit ceases to exist with effect from 1 April 2013. Each billing authority must therefore establish a local scheme for council tax support (known as a council tax reduction scheme). For practical and financial reasons, it is necessary for Council to approve the contents of our scheme by 30 November 2012.
- 1.2 It is my intention to present a draft scheme for Tonbridge and Malling to Cabinet for approval on 19 November. However, the Government has recently announced an offer of additional funding, in support of local schemes, for the 2013/14 year. I am assessing, with the major precepting authorities, the implications of accepting or declining the offer. However, my assessment will not be completed in time to circulate my full report with the agenda. My detailed report is, therefore, **TO FOLLOW**.

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