

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL

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REVENUE AND BENEFITS UPDATE

Item CB 19/9 referred from Cabinet minutes of 14 February 2019

Cabinet at its meeting on 14 February 2019 under Minute CB19/9 received the recommendations of the Finance, Innovation and Property Advisory Board regarding the adoption of schemes for Retail Discount and Council Tax Reduction for 2019/20, removal of Class C empty property discount and adoption of the long term empty homes premium of 100%.

During consideration of the recommendations, Members were advised that:

- a) a local scheme for the retail discount for 2019/20 would be prepared in line with the discretionary relief policy and MHCLG guidance from 1 April 2019 and be made available at the full Council Meeting; and
- b) the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/20 would be made available at the full Council meeting.

Members are advised that in respect of a), the scheme will adopt the MHCLG guidance as set out in:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/773654/Retail_Discount_Guidance.pdf

In respect of b), the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/20 can be found at:

https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/678253/Tonbridge-Malling-Council-Tax-Reduction-Scheme-2019-20.pdf

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