

## **LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2026/27**

### **Item CB 26/21 referred from Cabinet of 10 February 2026**

Consideration was given to the Draft Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27 (attached at Annex 1 to the report) which had been revised to bring it in line with statutory prescribed requirements from Government national benefit rates. The scheme had also been uplifted in line with new rates of National Living Wage (NLW), where NLW was used as a factor in calculating income discount bands.

Members noted that for pension age households the separate Government Scheme prescribed maximum help to 100% of council tax liability, a minimum requirement of a pension age scheme.

In recognition that the Borough Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme provided essential support to residents who were on a low income and, where applicable, provided a reduction based on the personal circumstances of each applicant, Cllr Boughton proposed, Cllr Keers seconded and Cabinet

**\*RECOMMENDED:** That the draft Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27 (attached at Annex 1) be commended to Council for adoption.

**\*Recommended to Council**