

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	24 September 2012
Title:	Council Tax Support Scheme – Response to Consultation
Reference:	4232
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources

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1. The decision:

1.1. That the Cabinet:

- a) approves the County Council's response to Billing Authorities attached at Appendix 2 to the report.
- b) notes the potential financial impact on the County Council as outlined in section 4 of the report.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. This decision is required because Billing Authorities are required to consult with Major Preceptors as part of the localisation of council tax benefits. This response is the County Council's formal response to that consultation, prior to Billing Authorities undertaking wider consultation with other stakeholders.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The final decisions on the design of new council tax support schemes rests with billing authorities and is therefore not a decision for the County Council to make.
- 3.2. In considering the response to Billing Authorities the County Council's main concerns were around the financial impact on Major Preceptors, which we would want to limit as far as possible and for there to be consistency within the various schemes across the County.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:

None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:

None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

24 September 2012

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber, CBE**