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(from 3 December 2012)

Council Tax local scheme (Cabinet minute 106 refers)

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The purpose of the report is to seek City Council approval, for implementation on 1 April 2013 of:

- 1) Portsmouth City Council's local scheme for Council Tax Support and associated Hardship fund;
- 2) Portsmouth City Council's policy for discounts for empty homes (to replace the existing Class A and Class C exemptions), long term empty homes and second homes.

RECOMMENDED to Council:

- i. **The Council Tax Support local scheme for Portsmouth be implemented from 1st April 2013**
 - **The scheme will use the standard DWP allowances/premiums/disregards (these are subject to uprating every April, however the rates for 2013/14 are not known at this time. Once known, the Head of Revenues & Benefits will amend these figures in the policy)**
- ii. **The introduction from 1st April 2013 of a Hardship fund to provide support to households in financial difficulty due to a reduction in the Council Tax Support they receive;**
- iii. **The policy for discounts and exemptions for empty homes and second homes be implemented from 1st April 2013;**
- iv. **The results of the public consultation on the Council Tax local scheme are noted.**

Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (Cabinet minute 107 refers)

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The purpose of the report is to seek City Council approval for the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy that has been developed by Portsmouth's Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board.

RECOMMENDED to Council that it

- (1) **Approves the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012/13 – 2013/14 previously circulated as Appendix A that has been developed and agreed by Portsmouth's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (SHWB);**
- (2) **Agrees that further minor changes can be made before publication with the approval of Councillor Leo Madden as Chair of the SHWB and Lead Member for Health and Social Care.**

Budget and Performance Monitoring 2012/13 (Second Quarter) to end September 2012 (Cabinet Minute 110 refers)

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The purpose of the report is to update members on the current Revenue Budget position of the Council as at the end of the second quarter for 2012/13 in accordance with the proposals set out in the "Portsmouth City Council budget 2011/12 to 2015/16" report approved by the City Council on 14 February 2012.

The report also sets out any key performance measures of the Council and highlights any relationship between financial performance and service performance that may indicate any potential or emerging matters of concern in relation to either.

RECOMMENDED to Council that

- (i) The contents of this report be noted, in particular the overall forecast underspend of £1,079,100 representing a variance of 0.55% against the City Council Budget (as adjusted) of £196,123,450.**
- (ii) Members note the actions being taken to reduce the forecast overspend in the Traffic & Transportation Portfolio and approve that any residual overspend at the year end be funded by a transfer from the Parking Reserve.**

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Treasury Management Mid-Year Review for 2012/13 (Cabinet Minute 111 refers)

The purpose of the report is to set out the city council's treasury management position at 30 December 2012 and inform members of the risks attached to that position and to revise the list of approved investments.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the recommendations set out in 3(1), 3(2), 3(3), 3(4) and 3(5) of the report be agreed.

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson
Leader of the Council