

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL

Council is asked to note the following recommendations:

(i) Cabinet – 5 November 2014

Minute No. 325 - Review of Fees and Charges

(1) That the proposed fees and charges for 2015/16 as set out in the report be approved for submission to Council.

(2) That the recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee be noted and that the proposed increases relating to car park FPNs, environmental FPNs and waste carrier offences are not approved, for the reasons set out in the tabled paper. The recommendation relating to scrap metal dealers to be approved for consideration by Council.

(3) That delegation be given to the Head of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Environmental and Rural Affairs to ascertain whether the Council can change the timescales for penalties within legislation but not increase the charges and if so, to include this in the recommendations to Council.

(4) That delegation be given to the Head of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Planning to review the Scrutiny Committee's proposal relating to householder planning advice charges and include a response in the report to Council.

Minute No. 326 – Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16

(1) That the Council Tax Support (CTS) Scheme for 2015/16 be kept the same as 2014/15 and CTS continues to be reduced by 15%.

(2) That the short term empty discount is reduced from 3 months to 1 month.

(3) That a 50% premium is charged on properties that have been empty for more than two years.

(ii) Standards Committee – 11 November 2014

Minute No. 338 – Annual Monitoring Officer's Report

(1) That the report be noted.

(2) That no further action be taken to review the regime at the present time.

(3) That the ongoing preparatory work on the induction programme for Members, post the election in May 2015, continues.