

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **18 March 2021** call-in deadline 5 p.m. on **29 March 2021**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Emergency Government Funding: Support for Council Tax Hardship Schemes FIN12 20-21
Cabinet Member Responsible for Decision	Cabinet Member for Finance
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>Due to the ongoing public health emergency the County Council has received a number of support packages from Central Government. As funds are received the Council needs to determine arrangements to distribute, allocate or make other preparations for the appropriate use of funds received.</p> <p>The relevant decision maker is determined by the intended use of the allocated funds. The Council may be required to comply with a number of conditions set out in the terms of the grant which may mean decisions need to be taken quickly due to the need to provide timely financial support related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Members will be consulted or advised of planned decisions with as much notice as can be provided.</p> <p>As part of the government's response to the pandemic the council received, in the local government finance settlement, a council tax support grant intended to support councils to deal with the impact of the pandemic on council tax income.</p> <p>This report sets out the proposal to use £3 million of this grant to support proposed council tax hardship schemes across the West Sussex districts and boroughs.</p>
Decision	The Cabinet Member has agreed to the setting aside of £3 million of the council tax support grant to support the additional relief provided for the council tax reduction schemes administered by the West Sussex District and Boroughs Councils.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background Papers	See report for details