East Lindsey District Council

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The following decision is agreed by the Chief Executive following consultation with Councillors under Urgency Powers:

Date: **22 December 2021**

Title: LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

2022/2023

Link to report: Click here

Key Decision: N/A Implementation Date: 22 December

2021

Urgent Decision: Yes

DECISION:

- 1. That Council approves the Executive Board recommendations:
 - a) The continuation of the current Council Tax Support scheme, including uprating in line with DWP's annual update of allowances and premiums for 2022/23, and
 - b) The introduction of a provision in the scheme providing discretion to disregard national schemes introduced during a financial year in the calculation of Council Tax Support, and
 - c) Extend the backdating period for working age claimants to six months, in appropriate circumstances.

Reason for the Decision:

This Council must make any revision to its scheme, or any replacement, and agree its final scheme no later than 11 March 2022 in respect of the 2022/23 financial year.

Alternative options considered:

- 1. No change. Continuation of the current scheme into 2022/23, but not uprated in line with DWP updating of allowances and premiums, and no provision to disregard national schemes introduced in-year.
- 2. To increase the level of support provided through the scheme by increasing the maximum level of support for working age claimants.

Conflict of interest declared:

None.