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Decision Notice From: **Leader Decision**

Date: **13 October 2022**

Title: Energy Rebate Discretionary Scheme:

Wards Affected: All

Key Decision: **Yes** Implementation Date: **13 October 2022**

Urgent Decision: **Yes** - The decision is urgent as any delay caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. In accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman of the Council has agreed that the decision proposed is a reasonable in the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

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**DECISION:**

**1.To approve the criteria and method of distribution for the energy rebate discretionary scheme as set out in option 1 (a hybrid approach) in section 2 of this report.**

**2.That delegated authority be given to the Deputy Chief Executive Corporate and Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder to agree final arrangements for the Scheme including the final value of the top up payment.**

**Reason for the Decision:**

The scheme recommended will ensure the council targets support to low income/benefit households who have been identified through the means-tested Council Tax Support scheme. At the same time, it seeks ensuring access to a payment for those households with direct energy cost responsibilities but who do not have responsibility for Council Tax.

**Alternative options considered:**

Option 2 (set out in the attached report) was considered but deemed not feasible as funds have to be distributed by 30th November 2022.

**Conflict of interest declared:**

Whilst I do not consider it to be a conflict of interest, I am an appointee on the Connected Coast Board which has considered the business cases referred to in this decision-notice. I am able to determine this matter with an open mind on the evidence before me.

**Dispensations granted in respect of a conflict of interest:**

N/A