

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	21st January 2013	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/21.01.13-5	Executive (Councillors Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell and Williams)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u> <u>Proposed Changes to Council Tax and Council Tax Benefit</u> That, following the public consultation and feedback from individuals, groups and stakeholders, it be recommended that the Council approve: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The introduction of a local council tax support scheme as outlined in proposal 1 and set out in appendix 6 to the report.2. The removal of the 100% empty property council tax exemption and its replacement with a 100% discount for one month, followed by the full charge.3. The removal of the second home council tax discount.4. That the above changes be effective from 1 April 2013.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u> The Government is abolishing the current Council Tax Benefit Scheme and in its place each billing authority must devise its own local arrangements. The report was prepared following a 3 month public consultation exercise and outlined various options along with recommendations.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u> An alternative Council Tax Support scheme (proposal 2) was put forward for public consultation and details of this scheme are set out in section 4.5 of the report. However, the Executive recommend the preferred scheme (Proposal 1) for the reasons outlined in section 13 of the report.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u> None.		

<u>IMPLEMENTATION DATE</u> With immediate effect. (As this is a substantive decision for Council, call-in is not appropriate in this case.)
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<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u> 23rd January 2013
<u>RECORDED BY:</u> Acting Director of Legal & Democratic Services

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