TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

DATE OF DECISION	30th July 2012	DECISION MAKER **Executive** (Councillors Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell and M. Young)
DECISION REFERENCE	E/30.07.12-8	

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Localised Council Tax Support Scheme - Consultation

1. That the Council consult on the two proposals outlined in section 5 of the report, namely the 'combined reduction' scheme and the '20% reduction' scheme.

2. That a postal survey be issued to residents using the sample methodology set out in section 7.4 of the report.

3. That the consultation be supported by other dialogue methodologies and the website as highlighted in section 7 of the report and Appendix 4.

4. That questions highlighted in appendix 8 of the report be agreed by the Executive before consultation and that authority be delegated to the Director of Finance to make any minor amendments to documentation and/or process thereafter, in order to meet the challenging consultation deadlines.

5. That, in view of the need to meet scheme requirements and the challenging timescales and the financial penalties involved, this decision is urgent and not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council has developed a number of cost reducing options for consultation. These options have been carefully considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, who agreed that they were an appropriate basis for the consultation. Therefore, it is recommended that the consultation goes ahead as planned in order to meet the requirements for implementing a local Council Tax Support scheme within the specified timeframes.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Alternative options are set out in sections 2 and 5 of the report

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

With immediate effect. In view of the need to meet scheme requirements and the challenging timescales and the financial penalties involved, this decision is urgent and not subject to call-in.

PUBLICATION DATE

31st July 2012

RECORDED BY:

Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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