

Record of Officer Decision

Council Tax 2019/2020 - Discretionary Discount for Properties that become unoccupied and unfurnished

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Finance Officer on 25 January 2019

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

At the Council meeting on 5 December 2018 the following decision was made:

- (i) to delegate to the Head of Finance, in consultation with the Elected Mayor, the approval for the removal of the discretionary Council Tax discount for properties that become unoccupied and unfurnished that currently applies for one month from April 2019.

The Chief Finance Officer and Elected Mayor have considered the consultation responses and the decision is set out below.

Decision Taken:

That the removal of the discretionary Council Tax discount for properties that become unoccupied and unfurnished for one month be approved and come into force from April 2019.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The change in the discretionary discount is expected to raise £200,000 in Council Tax revenue for the Council to support services.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

Not to implement the removal of this discretionary discount.

Further background information can be found at the following link:

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/DemocraticServices/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=8386&Ver=4>

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented from the 1 April 2019.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email governance.support@torbay.gov.uk

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chief Finance Officer