

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Approval of exception to the Council Tax Premium for an individual household.

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jon Ritchie

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

Not applicable

4. Executive summary

This report seeks approval from the Director of Resources to an exemption from the Council Tax Empty Home Premium for the individuals and properties referred to in the report.

5. Alternative Options considered

Option 1

To agree the recommendations set out in the report; or

Option 2

Not to agree to the recommendations set out in paragraph 1.2 of the report

Option 1 is the recommended option.

6. Decision

Option 1

To agree the recommendations set out in the report

7. Reasons for the Decision

The decision to exempt the individuals and property from the Council Tax Empty Home Premium for the individuals and properties referred to in the accompanying report was taken because: -

- The householders have owned both flats and have been paying the Council Tax for both properties for a significant number of years.
- The exemption from Empty Home Premium has been in place for 5 years and any decision not to continue to apply the exemption could be considered to be inappropriate given the ongoing difficulties that would be caused to the homeowners.
- The homeowners are well into their 80s and in poor health and would find it difficult to arrange for a new tenant to occupy 39 Highbury Place and would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the homeowners health and wellbeing.
- The Authority should, and can, make reasonable adjustments to its approach to the application of the Council Tax Premium when it is appropriate to do so, such as when the owner of a chargeable dwelling is disadvantaged by ill health and old age.

8. Date decision made

28.03.2024

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

8 April 2025

10. Date of Publication

1 April 2025

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

9 April 2025