

ITEM NO:

EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2010

Present:

Councillor Samuels	-	Leader of the Council
Councillor White	-	Adult social Care and Health
Councillor Holmes	-	Children's Services and Learning
Councillor Smith	-	Economic Development
Councillor Dean	-	Environment and Transport
Councillor Williams	-	Housing and Local Services
Councillor Hannides	-	Leisure, Culture and Heritage
Councillor Moulton	-	Resources and Workforce Planning
Councillor Walker	-	Safeguarding Children and Youth Services

149 PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNTS FOR SPECIAL CONSTABLES AND PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 65

DECISION MADE: (REF: CAB 09/10 2563)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Resources and Workforce Planning, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) That Cabinet considers the considerations and issues set out in this report and determines whether or not they wish to implement a Council Tax reduction scheme under S13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
- (ii) If Cabinet chooses to implement such a Council Tax reduction scheme, the qualifying criteria in respect of the "Special Constable" element of the Scheme for 2010/11 and onward be that the reduction should be available to persons who are:-
 - (a) Special Constables on or after 1st April 2010; and
 - (b) Reside in a property within Southampton where there is a liability for Council Tax and serve as a Special Constable within Southampton
- (iii) If Cabinet chooses to implement such a Council Tax reduction scheme, the level of reduction in respect of the "Special Constable" element should be 100%.
- (iv) If Cabinet chooses to implement such a Council Tax reduction scheme, to approve the qualification criteria for the discount as set out in Appendix 1.
- (v) To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods to take any further action necessary to implement the proposed scheme.

- (vi) To authorise the Executive Director of Resources to take any further action necessary to administer the scheme once approved by the Hampshire Police Authority (HPA) and Home Office.
- (vii) To continue the 10% council tax discount for persons over the age of 65, subject to the agreed criteria as shown in Appendix 2 for 2010/11 and onwards.