

Council

Date of Meeting: 20 October 2021

Report by: Councillor Linda Haysey, Leader of the Council

Report title: Executive Report – 28 September 2021

Ward(s) affected: All

Summary

- This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 28 September 2021.

1.0 Item considered and recommended to Council

1.1 Since the last Council meeting, the Executive met on 28 September 2021. At that meeting the Executive considered and supported a number of recommendations for Council on the following items:

- 1.1.1 Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium
- 1.1.2 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23
- 1.1.3 Tenancy Strategy

1.2 This report sets out the recommendation for the above items. The full report, including the Appendix, may be viewed at Executive [28 September 2021](#).

1.3 The Minutes of the meeting are attached as **Appendix A**.

1.4 This report excludes items also considered by the Executive where those reports are separate agenda items on the Council agenda.

2 Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium

2.1 The Executive was asked to consider changes to the Council Tax Long Term Empty Premium from April 2022 and recommend to Council that Option D in the Executive report is adopted.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) That there be an increase in the Long Term Empty Premium from April 2022, including the discretion to remove the premium for up to 12 months when new owners occupy within 12 months of purchase.**

3 Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2022/23

3.1 The Executive was asked to consider the latest available information around the current local Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme at East Herts and support the recommendation that no change is made for 2022/23

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- (a) That there be no changes to the local Council Tax Support scheme for April 2022.**

4.0 Tenancy Strategy

4.1 The Executive was asked to consider the new Tenancy Strategy for 2021 to 2026 which has been drafted to respond to new legislation, changing market conditions and evolving housing need trends

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- a) **That the East Herts Tenancy Strategy for 2021-2026 be adopted.**

5.0 Executive Decisions

- 5.1 Other matters determined by the Executive are detailed in the Minutes of the meeting, at Appendix A to this report.

6.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

6.1 Appendix A - Minutes of the Executive meeting 28 September 2021

6.2 Appendix B, Bi –Tenancy Strategy 2021-26 and Equality Impact Assessment

Contact Member

Councillor Linda Haysey – Leader of the Council.
linda.haysey@eastherts.gov.uk

Contact Officer

James Ellis – Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer, Tel: 01279 502170. james.ellis@eastherts.gov.uk

Report Author

Katie Mogan – Democratic Services Manager
Tel: 01279 502441. Katie.mogan@eastherts.gov.uk