

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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| REPORT: | Scrutiny & Overview Committee | |
| DATE OF DECISION | 28 March 2023 | |
| REPORT TITLE: | Council Tax Hardship Scheme 2023/24 | |
| CORPORATE DIRECTOR | Jane West, Corporate Director of Resources | |
| LEAD OFFICER: | Catherine Black, Head of Payments, Revenues, Benefits & Debt Catherine.black@croydon.gov.uk | |
| LEAD MEMBER: | Cllr Jason Cummings, Cabinet Member for Finance | |
| AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION: | The attached report is due to be considered by the Mayor before the end of March 2023. Ahead of a decision being made, the report has been submitted for pre-decision scrutiny by the Scrutiny & Overview Committee. | |
| KEY DECISION? | No | |
| CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION? <i>(* See guidance)</i> | No | Public |
| WARDS AFFECTED: | All | |

1. PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY: COUNCIL TAX HARDSHIP SCHEME 2023/24

- 1.1. Attached at Appendix A to this cover report is a report scheduled to be considered by the Mayor for a decision. The appended report, sets out recommendations to be determined by the Mayor, relating to the approval of a Council Tax Hardship Scheme.
- 1.2. The report is presented to the Scrutiny & Overview Committee ahead of its consideration by the Mayor, following agreement during the budget setting process that the criteria for the new Hardship Scheme would be shared with the Committee to provide the opportunity to review the content and provide feedback on the recommendations before the Mayor takes the final decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. The Committee is asked to: -

1. Review the information provided in the report on the criteria for the Council Tax Hardship Scheme 2023/24, and
2. Decide whether there are any comments or recommendations on the scheme to bring to the attention of the Mayor during his consideration of the report.

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Appendix A: Mayoral Decision Report – Council Tax Hardship Scheme 2023/24