

**Agenda Item No:** 5

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny (Resources)

**Date of Meeting:** 6 September 2012

**Report Title:** Update on New Arrangements for Council Tax Benefit

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### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members on the draft Council Tax Support Scheme , currently undergoing public consultation until 31 October 2012.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. To note the report**
- 2. To provide feedback as part of the consultation**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on the draft scheme as part of the wider consultation.

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## Introduction

1. The Council is currently consulting on its draft Council Tax Support Scheme until 31 October 2012.
2. The attached briefing note and supporting information is provided to help inform the Committee's discussion and raise awareness of the consultation.

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## Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

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## Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	Yes

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## Background Information

Draft Council Tax Support Scheme - Background Information (attached)

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