

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 17th May 2022 by the Director of Finance and Commercial Services.

Date notified to all members: 17th May 2022

This report is submitted under Urgency Procedures and is removed from the Call-in Process.

1. **TITLE**

Council Tax Energy Rebate and Discretionary Scheme

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Director of Finance and Commercial Services:

Gives approval to set the following criteria for the discretionary element of the Council Tax Energy Rebate:

- Automatic payments of £150 to vulnerable (as detailed below) households in bands E to H;
- Automatic payments to households who receive Housing Benefit and aren't liable for Council Tax;
- Payments to households who become liable for Council Tax in band A to D properties for the first time, after 1 April 2022;
- An application process to enable households who aren't liable for Council Tax, but have energy costs;
- Any remaining funding be allocated to working age households who are in receipt of Council Tax Support and / or housing benefit; and
- A small amount of funding to be used to top up the awards made to the pensioner cohort of the Household Support Fund to allow the payments made to this group to be £100.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

By agreeing the recommendations detailed above, the Council will be able to help households with the increase in energy bills.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

The Council could choose to not accept this funding, but to do so at a time when households are experiencing significant increases in their energy costs, would not support the Council's objective of tackling and preventing poverty.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Resources

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee