

COUNCIL 23 JANUARY 2019 – AGENDA ITEM 9 - UPDATE TO THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2019 AND COUNCIL TAX SURCHARGE ON EMPTY HOMES

Deemed motion on behalf of the Administration

That the report be adopted and its recommendations carried into effect.

Amendment by the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Associations Group

That recommendations 1 and 2 of the Cabinet report be replaced with the following:

1. Given the adverse response to the consultation, along with the stated negative equality impacts on claimants, Council agrees the Council Tax Support Scheme remains unchanged for 2019/20 with a continued contribution of 15% towards the Council Tax Bills from eligible working age claimants.
2. Approve and recommend to Council an increase from 50% to 100% as a surcharge rate of Council Tax for the properties that have been empty for more than two years with effect from 1 April 2019