

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

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1.0 FINANCE & ASSETS COMMITTEE – 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

a) East Cambridgeshire Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2026/27

The Committee received a report (AA71, attached at Appendix A) regarding the Council's requirement to review its Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) and an annual review of the 2026/27 scheme. The Director Finance presented the report.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Cllr Goldsack and seconded by Cllr Hunt.

Members felt it was challenging to value a free service; therefore, it should have a cost.

The recommendation received 6 votes in favour and 6 votes against. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9.1.4 the Chair had a casting vote which he used to vote in favour of the recommendation.

It was resolved to **RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:**

That the annual review of the LCTRS be approved and that the Scheme for 2026/27 remain unchanged.

2.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 OCTOBER 2025

b) Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy

Jude Antony, Director Finance, presented this report (AA79, attached at Appendix B), which reviewed the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption strategy in Part 4, Section 7 of the Council's Constitution and invited the Committee to recommend that Council agree an amended Strategy.

Cllr Keith Horgan requested that the Corporate Risk Register be published on the website after it was amended.

Stephen Joyce suggested that additional examples of fraud should be added to paragraph 1.7 of the strategy, such as property fraud and unregistered businesses. He asked how much of the £550,000 lost to fraud in 2024/25 had been recovered and whether 1.6 Full Time Equivalent members of staff was enough to deal with the challenges caused by fraud. The Director Finance agreed to consider these points and report any changes to the Committee.

Cllr Keith Horgan proposed and Cllr Lucius Vellacott seconded the recommendation in the report. A vote was taken and

It was unanimously resolved:

To recommend to Full Council the adoption of the updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, as attached at Appendix C to this report.