

## NORTH DEVON COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 15 JANUARY 2025

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2025

#### Minute 96: Council Tax Reduction Scheme

RECOMMENDED that Council adopts and continues with the current Council Tax Reduction scheme for 2025/26 to include the uprating of applicable amounts, premiums and non-dependant deductions, as shown in the scheme.

#### Minute 97: Council Tax Discounts and Premiums

RECOMMENDED that Council make the determinations in relation to the classes of dwellings as set out in the following table, as detailed in the report at 4.11:

Class A (includes second homes) Dwellings which are no one's sole or main residence which are substantially furnished 28-day planning restriction <sup>3</sup>	0% discount / 0% premium.
Class B (includes second homes) Dwellings which are no one's sole or main residence which are substantially furnished No planning restriction <sup>4</sup>	0% discount / 0% premium.
Class C Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (For the purpose of Class C, in considering whether a dwelling has been unoccupied for any period, any one period, not exceeding six weeks, during which it was occupied shall be disregarded).	100% discount for a period of three months.
Class D structural repairs Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Maximum 12 months).	0% discount.
Premium - Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty dwellings premium) After 1 year up to 5 years of becoming empty.	100% premium.
Premium - Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty dwellings Premium) Dwellings empty for 10 years or more.	300% premium.

Class D structural repairs Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Maximum 12 months).	0% discount.
Premium - Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty dwellings premium) After 2 years up to 5 years of becoming empty.	100% premium.
Premium - Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty dwellings Premium) Dwellings empty between 5 years and up to 10 years.	200% premium.
Premium - Dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (Empty dwellings Premium) Dwellings empty for 10 years or more.	300% premium.
Premium- Dwellings which are unoccupied and furnished (second homes).	100% premium.

<sup>3</sup> restricted by a planning condition preventing occupancy for a continuous period of at least 28 days

<sup>4</sup> the occupation of which is not restricted by a planning condition preventing occupancy for a continuous period of at least 28 days in the relevant year

### **Minute 98 (d): Approval and Release of S106 Public Open Space Funds – Croyde and South Molton**

RESOLVED:

- (a) That £23,018.29 be allocated to Georgeham Parish Council Parish towards the cost of purchasing and installing additional play equipment and safety surfacing at Croyde Play Park;
- (b) That £314,187.59 be allocated to South Molton Football Club towards the cost of new sports pitches and clubhouse facilities at Limers Lane;
- (c) That the Equality Impact Assessment as summarised at paragraph 6 of the report be noted; and

RECOMMENDED:

- (d) That Council vary the capital programme by £337,205.88 and the funds be released subject to a funding agreement upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed by the Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer for external projects.

### **Minute 99: North Devon Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2025**

(NOTE: This recommendation will be considered under item 16 (b) of the agenda for the meeting of Council on 15 January 2025).