

**Appendix 3 – Item: Council Tax Hardship Scheme 2023-24**

Considered by Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 28 March 2023

REC No.	SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPTED / PARTIALLY ACCEPTED / REJECTED (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (i.e. Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
1.	The Scrutiny & Overview Committee recommends, as a method of testing the effectiveness of the Council Tax Hardship Scheme, that once a sufficient level of base data is available, ward level data on the distribution of the fund is shared with Ward Councillors. This will allow any potential discrepancies in the volume of applications to be highlighted and appropriate action taken to target any areas of concern.	Councilor Jason Cummings  Resources	Accepted	Jane West, Corporate Director of Resources & S151 Officer	None	Ward level data to be distributed to Ward Councillors by September 2023.	TBC