

**Somerset Council – Decisions taken by the Scrutiny Committee - Corporate and Resources on Wednesday, 28 August 2024**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
<b>Part A – Items considered in public</b>		
<b>A9</b>	Council Tax Reduction Scheme Review Consultation	<p>The Committee resolved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1 – reducing the level of discount provided to a maximum of 75% - recommended that this change is not implemented and that the maximum level of support remains at 100% (Votes: 7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention)</li> <li>• Part 2 – introducing non-dependent deductions of £10 per week – recommended that this change be adopted (Votes: 8 in favour, 1 abstention)</li> <li>• Part 3 – restricting support to band D Council Tax levels – recommended that this change be adopted (Votes: 6 in favour, 3 abstentions)</li> <li>• Part 4 – reducing the time we can backdate claims to 1 month – recommended that this change be adopted (Votes: 8 in favour, 1 abstention)</li> </ul>
<b>A10</b>	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy	<p>The Committee resolved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To approve recommendations 1,2 and 3.</li> <li>• Not to approve recommendation 4 – to recommend to Executive Committee to re-adopt the RIPA Policy for Somerset Council - and made recommendations on various amendments and updates to the Policy.</li> <li>• To approve recommendation 5 but with the addition to include that the Scrutiny Corporate &amp; Resources Committee review the policy annually, prior to the Executive annual review.</li> </ul>