

Item 10 (c) Excerpt of Executive Minutes of 9 January 2019 - Minute 120

Three amendments from the Labour Group to Recommendations on Page 7

1. Recommendation (b) to be amended to read

*Limiting the number of dependent children used in the calculation of reduction to two **plus all children born before April 2017.***

Rationale – to bring this policy in line with the amended policy on Universal Credit recently announced by the Minister for Work and Pensions.

Proposer: Cllr Quinney **Seconder:** Cllr Knight

2. Recommendation (b) to be further amended to read

*Limiting the number of dependent children used in the calculation of reduction to two **plus [all children born before April 2017 and] all children living in larger families as a result of two carers from former family units forming a new or ‘merged’ family unit or as a result of guardianship arrangements***

Rationale – to remove any disincentive for families to reform and for guardianship arrangements, often to support and safeguard children, to be put in place.

Proposer: Cllr Quinney **Seconder:** Cllr Parkins

3. Recommendation (i) to be amended to read

Retaining the current capital cut-off limit at £16,000

Rationale: The proposed cut to £6000 with no tapering is out of line with Universal Credit and is severe. Councillors may not wish to discourage saving and in particular saving for a house deposit, so drastically. Universal Credit not only tapers the impact of this rule but also defers the application of the £16k upper limit for those migrating on from Benefits for a full 12 months. Councillors may wish to review revised proposals to reflect the UC approach

Proposer: Cllr Barrott **Seconder:** Cllr Quinney