

Appendix C Recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

In respect of agenda item 7 – Discretionary Housing Payments:

At its meeting on 25th March 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

RESOLVED to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that: -

- (1) Para 2.2 be amended to have the policy operative from 4th April 2019;
- (2) War Pensions to be disregarded in their entirety for the purposes of calculating income for DHPs;
- (3) Cabinet be requested to consider disregarding War Pensions in their entirety for the purposes of calculating income for House Benefit;
- (4) To clarify the appeals process in the policy;
- (5) If on first application it is apparent that the individual's circumstances are not likely to change within the 13 week period, a longer period will be awarded subject to an annual review;
- (6) Where residents have ineligible services charges that cannot be covered by the scheme and which may make residents at risk of eviction, the Council assist them in accessing services to manage their finances.