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**CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 12TH JUNE, 2012**

**Council Tax Discount Policy Final Update**

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## Update to Council Tax Discounts Paper to Corporate Scrutiny Committee - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Apologies for the late change, but a lot of further work has been necessary on assumptions around changes to Class C Exemptions (vacant property – up to six months).

The number of cases awarded an exemption each day is very volatile, with exemptions lasting less than a week in over 2,500 cases over the last calendar year.

The initial assumptions were being challenged at the time of the report and this has confirmed that the figures were underestimated in the first version of the attached table.

The table below uses a much wider database. Updates are shown in bold. On the day we also hope to present a more accurate picture of how changes from zero months to six months will impact on the Council's finances and those of our taxpayers.

Proposal from CLG	Impact on Cheshire East	Impact on local residents
a. Ability to charge 100% on Second Homes	Additional income c.£0.12m	Additional costs of c.£130 pa for c.900 second home owners
b. Locally determine discounts for uninhabitable property	Additional income c.£0.26m if discount removed c.£0.13m if discount limited to 6 months	Additional costs of up to c.£1,300 for owners (currently 240) of property undergoing structural alteration
c. Locally determine discounts for vacant property	Additional income  <b>c.£2.4m if discount removed</b> <b>c.£0.8m if discount limited to 50%</b>	<b>Additional costs for empty property owners.</b> <b>c12,000 cases affected if discount removed.</b> <b>c.3,500 cases affected if discount limited to 50%</b>
d. Locally determine charges for property left empty for more than 2 years	Additional income c.£0.64m	Additional costs of up to c.£650 for c.1,200 property owners

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