



Appendix 1 - Local Council Tax Support for working age residents

The proposed scheme parameters are identical to the existing scheme, except:

Change	Current Scheme	Proposed Scheme
Scheme type	Means tested (based on Council Tax Benefit methodology)	Banded / Grid Scheme
Maximum Level of Support (the maximum discount/reduction to the council tax charge)	80% of the Council Tax charge, capped at the equivalent of a band C property.	90% of the Council Tax charge, with no cap for eligible residents living in properties banded D and above.
Earnings Adjustment (a deduction to the assessed earned income level to incentivise work)	Various values depending on circumstances.	£25.00
Child Care Adjustment (a deduction to the assessed earned income level to incentivise work)	Various values depending on circumstances.	N/A for a banded / grid scheme.
UC Housing Element Adjustment (the housing costs element within any Universal Credit income)	Included in the means tested assessment.	Housing Costs income is ignored. As a housing cost it will be ignored in the assessment of income when assessing affordability for council tax.
Disabled Adjustment (a reduction to the assessed income level to recognise the additional living expenses for disabled people)	Various values depending on circumstances.	£115.00
Non-Dependant Deductions (a reduction in the level of LCTS discount as a consequence of adult non-dependants living in the household)	Various values depending on circumstances (but values are comparatively high)	£12.50 (reduction in the deduction but applicable to the same caseload)
Extended Payments (A 4-week 'run-on' payable when a passported benefit ends due to starting remunerative work)	4-week extended payment	N/A
Second Adult Rebate (based upon the legacy Council Tax Benefit scheme, Second Adult Rebate provision help reduce a council tax bill if the person responsible for council tax is the only person responsible for paying council tax but lives with other adults. Second Adult rebate may apply where the claimant's income or capital is too high to qualify for LCTS)	Part of the means tested scheme.	Provision withdrawn.
Carers Allowance	Income in part ignored in the assessment of income.	Income from Carer's Allowance is fully ignored.