

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Council Tax Support Scheme 2017/2018***

#### **Request:**

#### **Changes to the scheme in 2017/18**

1. Does your local authority intend to change its current council tax support scheme in April 2017? (yes/no/undecided) - **No**
2. If yes, please outline if and how any of the following components of the scheme will change in 2017/18:

<b>Component of Council tax Support Scheme</b>	<b>Will this be different in 2017/18?</b> (Yes or No)	<b>Details</b> (such as reducing the savings limit to £6,000 or changing the taper rate to 25%)
Require all residents to pay at least some of their council tax liability, regardless of income	N/A	
Cap the amount that can be claimed based on the band of the property	N/A	
The rate at which council tax support is withdrawn (tapered) as income increases	N/A	
The maximum capital/savings someone can have to be eligible for council tax support (savings limit)	N/A	
The minimum amount of council tax support that can be claimed before it is withdrawn in full	N/A	
Entitlement to a second adult rebate	N/A	

Components of income that are included in the means-test (e.g. child maintenance, disability benefits)	N/A	
The hardship funding available to affected residents	N/A	

**Other components of the scheme**

Please answer questions 3 and 4 regardless of your answer to question 1.

3. Has your local authority introduced either of the following changes to its council tax support scheme, and if so, when? - **No**

<b>Component of Council tax Support Scheme</b>	<b>When this was introduced/changed?</b> (E.g. 2016/17, 2017/18)	<b>Details</b> (E.g. not for first year of trading; in line with Universal Credit)
Assumption of a minimum income for the self-employed	N/A	
Removal of the Family Premium	N/A	

**Specific protections for vulnerable groups**

4. Do protections or exemptions for any of the following groups in your local authority's current council tax support scheme?

<b>Protected or exempted group</b>	<b>Details</b> (E.g. in receipt of severe disability premium; in receipt of ESA; children under 5)
Families with a disabled person	Claimant/partner in receipt of DLA(C) Higher or Daily Living Component of PIP
Families with young children	Responsible for a young person and entitled to the enhanced disability premium
Lone parents	No
Carers	No
Residents in particular council tax band (e.g. Band A)	No
Other	Applicant is a single person under 25 with no responsibility for a child or young person