

Council Tax Support Scheme Options

These options have been developed in order to identify how the shortfall of £1.5million in scheme funding can be realised.

All options are based on Working Age Claimants only. Pensioner claims are protected

Option	Action	Impact
Option 1 - Spread impact across all caseload	Maximum eligible amount is reduced to 72% of the Council Tax chargeable	£1.5 million (£1.7 million if vulnerable not protected)
Option 2 - Fully funded	a) Fully funded by the council b) Fully funded by Major preceptors and Billing Authority (pro rata share against expenditure)	Cost to the council of approximately £1.5 million <i>(not known depends on major preceptors percentage)</i>
Option 3 – Simplified administration and spread of impact	Maximum eligible amount is reduced to 78% of the Council Tax chargeable limit. Support to pay a maximum of Council Tax band D Withdraw entitlement to Second Adult Rebate Include Child Benefit and Child Maintenance as an income <i>(currently these are disregarded)</i> Withdraw entitlement to Underlying Entitlement <i>(we don't know how much this will save us)</i> Withdraw entitlement to backdates <i>(for cases of hardship with small needs, we could have a contingency arrangement similar to Discretionary Housing Payment, DHP)</i> Capital/assets of over £6,000 will not be entitled to CTS No longer apply non dependant deductions	£1.5 million (£1.66 million if vulnerable not protected)

Vulnerable people in this instance are defined as people entitled to a disability premium which means they are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and/or other disability incomes