

COUNCIL MEETING – 19TH DECEMBER 2019

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2020/21

RECOMMENDATION

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45%	£115.01-£140	£170.01-£200	£230.01-£270	£320.01-£360
30%	£140.01-£165	£200.01-£230	£270.01-£300	£360.01-£390
15%	£165.01-£190	£230.01-£260	£300.01-£320	£390.01-£410

Table 1 Proposed income bands and support for working age claimants

- (b) Disregard the first £40 weekly income for those customers classed as disabled under the current scheme;
- (c) Fully disregard Carer’s allowance;
- (d) Disregard the first £25 of all weekly-earned income;
- (e) Increase the maximum period that claims for Council Tax Support can be backdated from 13 weeks to 12 months, where customers can show good reasons for the delay;
- (f) Increase the fixed non-dependent deduction for other adults in the household from £7 to £8 per week;
- (g) Stop the additional 8 weeks top-up payment for some people who start work, known as extended payments; and

2. note that, apart from the recommendations listed above, all other elements of the scheme are to remain unchanged.

Extract from the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting on 3rd December 2019

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Cabinet considered a report on the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2020/21, including proposed amendments to the scheme to make it simpler and more efficient.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet recommends that Council

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