

Council Tax Support Scheme Options for change as at 30th June 2017

The following options have been put forward for consideration. All applicable amounts have been frozen, income with 0% increase, Council Tax with 1.9% increase and 2% caseload decrease.

Option		Estimated Total Spend	Difference to MTFS Spend of £7,565,715 for 2018/19	City of Lincoln (Under) / Over Spend at 16%	Amount expected to be collected using collection figure of 98.75%	No. Customers Affected
1	Current scheme only	£7,670,462	£104,747	£16,759	£16,550	8,981
	Current scheme with the following changes					
2	Protection for vulnerable customers	£7,693,908	£128,193	£20,511	£20,255	95 – with a reduction in annual bill of 246.81 per customer
3	Vulnerable protection – plus; Restriction of Young Persons Allowance to 2 dependants	£7,694,980	£129,265	£20,682	£20,424	60
4	Vulnerable protection – plus Removal of family premium	£7,604,768	£39,053	£6,248	£6,170	361 – with an increase in annual bill of £590 per customer
5	*Vulnerable Protection – plus; 95% maximum entitlement	£7,615,162	£49,447	£7,911	£7,813	2657 – with an increase in annual bill of £20.81
6	**Vulnerable Protection – plus; 90% maximum entitlement	£7,535,056	(£30,659)	(£4,905)	(£4,844)	2657 – with an increase in annual bill of £50.96

It should be noted collection/ recovery action would be undertaken for remaining balances of council tax, so minimal collection issues anticipated – although an increase to the bad debt provision may be required.

*The information below shows the impact the maximum entitlement would have across all council tax bands (based on Council Tax charge for 2017/18):

Band	Full Annual charge	Annual Charge 95% entitlement	Weekly charge 95% entitlement
A	£1,092.18	£54.61	£1.05
B	£1,274.21	£63.71	£1.22
C	£1,456.24	£72.81	£1.40
D	£1,638.27	£81.91	£1.57
E	£2,002.33	£100.12	£1.92
F	£2,366.39	£118.32	£2.27
G	£2,730.45	£136.52	£2.62
H	£3,276.54	£163.83	£3.15

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Band	Full Annual charge	Annual Charge 90% entitlement	Weekly charge 90% entitlement
A	£1,092.18	£109.22	£2.10
B	£1,274.21	£127.42	£2.45
C	£1,456.24	£145.62	£2.80
D	£1,638.27	£163.83	£3.15
E	£2,002.33	£200.23	£3.85
F	£2,366.39	£236.64	£4.55
G	£2,730.45	£273.04	£5.25
H	£3,276.54	£327.65	£6.30

****Family Premium**

This is currently £17.45 per week. Therefore if removed, this would be removed from the calculation of CTS.

Currently:

Lone Parent under 60 – £73.10

Family Premium – £17.45

1 Child – £66.90

Total 'Applicable Amount' - £157.45 per week

With Family Premium removed:

Lone Parent under 60 – £73.10

1 Child – £66.90

Total 'Applicable Amount' - £140 per week

*Any income over the 'applicable amount' will now mean the customer pays 20p in the pound towards Council Tax.
£17.45 x 0.2 = £3.49 a week more needs to be paid toward Council Tax.*