

Public Consultation Responses for Council Tax Support Scheme 2018/19

City of Lincoln Council has considered how it can fund the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme from April 2018 and proposes a number of changes to the current scheme.

Before making a scheme, City of Lincoln Council are required to consult with any person we consider are likely to have an interest in the operation of the scheme.

The consultation was undertaken from 2 October 2017 through to 10 November 2017. As a result, there were 387 responses

Question	Total Responses		
	Yes	No	Don't Know
<p>We have designed our proposed support scheme taking into account the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting the most vulnerable - the disabled, war pensioners, carers; • Reduced support where it is likely that a household has more income coming in or have savings to pay Council Tax • Pension age – protection is statutory under Central Government Legislation <p>Do you agree with these principles?</p>	282	44	61
<p>The Council Tax Support scheme does not currently take into account changes to recent legislation regarding restrictions to Young Persons Allowance. It is proposed for this legislation to be introduced as part of the new scheme. This will mean the Young Persons Allowance will be restricted to two dependants in the household.</p> <p>Young Person's Allowance is an additional allowance of £66.90 for any child under 18. Do you agree?</p>	237	57	93
<p>The Council Tax Support scheme currently includes the family premium within the calculation. It is proposed to remove the family premium.</p>	152	217	18

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The government has made a number of changes to benefits and tax credits for people with children. One of these is to remove the extra amount of £17.45, given to people with children, which is known as the 'family premium'. Do you agree?			
The Council Tax Support scheme currently has a maximum entitlement of up to 100%. It is proposed to reduce this to either 95% or 90%. Do you agree?	112	222	53
Do you think that working age vulnerable households should be protected from any changes to the scheme?	334	42	11
We offer an exceptional hardship scheme to help those affected by these proposals to top up entitlement if they cannot afford the Council Tax and the scheme cannot help them in their circumstances. The proposed fund for 2018/19 is £20,000 and we propose to continue this in future years.	318	21	48