

**Council Tax Support Scheme ‘no change’ proposal as at 31 August 2019**

All applicable amounts have been frozen, income with 0% increase, Council Tax with 2%, 3% and 4% increase and 1% caseload decrease.

<b>Option 1: No change to current scheme</b>	<b>Estimated Total Spend</b>	<b>City of Lincoln Spend – 15.2%</b>	<b>Difference to MTFS (1,237,579) – saving / (cost)</b>	<b>Amount expected to be collected using collection figure of 98.75%</b>
Current scheme only – 2% Council Tax increase	£8,004,133	£1,216,392	£21,177	£20,912
Current scheme only – 3% Council Tax increase	£8,087,399	£1,229,046	£8,523	£8,416
Current scheme only – 4% Council Tax increase	£8,170,678	£1,241,702	(£4,132)	(£4,080)

**Council Tax Technical Options for change as at 19 September 2019**

<b>Option 4: Council Tax Empty Homes Premium</b>	<b>Council Tax Band</b>	<b>Total properties per band</b>	<b>Additional revenue per band @ 200%</b>	<b>City of Lincoln Additional revenue – 16%</b>	<b>Amount expected to be collected using collection figure of 98.75%</b>
Introduce 200% premium (300%) charge for properties empty over 5 years	A	33	£39,776	£6,364	£6,285
	B	4	£5,625	£900	£889
	C	3	£4,821	£771	£762
	D	3	£5,424	£868	£857
	E	0	£0	£0	£0
	F	0	£0	£0	£0
	G	1	£3,013	£482	£476
	H	0	£0	£0	£0
<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>£58,659</b>	<b>£9,385</b>	<b>£9,269</b>

**Care Leavers**

Officers propose to consider the extension of the 100% support up to their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. There are currently 3 care leavers between the age of 22 and 25 where this exemption could apply. If officers were to assume support for those 3 cases, the **total cost would be £3,617.28** (assuming full support at Band A of £1,205.76). **For City of Lincoln, this would be a cost of £578.76**