

Lincolnshire County Council email response to Localised Council Tax Support 2024/25 consultation

Ref: AC/AH

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Dear Jaclyn,

SUBJECT: LCC RESPONSE TO NKDC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2024/25

Thank you for your email, received on the 4 October 2023, inviting Lincolnshire County Council to take part in the consultation of the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme changes for 2024/25.

In respect of council tax income, Lincolnshire County Council is a major precepting authority which receives approximately 72% of council tax raised in City of Lincoln (based on published 2023/24 data). As a major preceptor, any changes to the scheme proposed by the district can have a significant impact on the council tax income received by Lincolnshire County Council.

The option to introduce a banded scheme for all working age customers is consistent with the steps that other local authorities have taken, and would be expected to lead to benefits such as in administration as a result of a simplified scheme.

In order to understand the potential financial impact of any change, it is always preferable for analysis of impact to be available and shared. This has not been available during the consultation period. During engagement with officials from City of Lincoln Council, we have received assurance that one of the key principles behind the change is to keep the total cost of the scheme 'broadly' in line with the current position.

Lincolnshire County Council is supportive of this principle, and on the basis that the banded scheme option is consistent with this principle, Lincolnshire County Council is supportive of the proposed change.

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Once again, thank you for inviting the Council to take part in the overall consultation. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss the contents of this letter further, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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