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Localised Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26 – Appendix 4

Lincolnshire Police & Crime Commissioner email response to Localised Council Tax Support 2025/26 consultation



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Dear Jaclyn

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2025/26

Thank you for your letter of 26th September in which you seek views on City of Lincoln Council's proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025/26.

I note that two options are being consulted upon:

- Option 1: No change to the current scheme;
- Option 2: Introduction of a 'banded scheme' for all working age customers

In terms of Option 2, key objectives are to move towards a scheme that is more adaptable to Universal Credit regulations and to provide clarity to customers as to their entitlement to Council Tax Support. I note that detailed modelling on the specific criteria to be applied and the resulting financial impact of the scheme on both customers and the collection fund are still being modelled. However, in principle, the PCC is supportive of proposals which simplify the scheme subject to minimal negative impact on overall council tax receipts. Simplification is both beneficial for customers and likely to lead to efficiencies in administering the scheme.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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