

Localised Council Tax Support Scheme: Summary

Protected Scheme

Working Age Protected Scheme

100% maximum –

Protected Groups

- Lone parents with children under 5
- Carers
- Disabled – receiving DLA or PIP
- Those receiving support component of ESA
- Families with disabled children receiving a qualifying benefit

Working Age Scheme

95% Maximum

Rules for both Schemes

Backdating

Reintroduction of backdating for a maximum of 1 Month from date of claim where there is good cause.

The Council has the discretion to award a reduction to the start of the given financial.

Date of claim

Where the customer has made a claim for Universal Credit (UC) and a claim for LCTS is made within one month, the date of claim will be the date the UC claim was made.

Date of entitlement

Council Tax Reduction will be awarded as a daily reduction any entitlement will commence from the date of claim unless the claim has been made in advance.

Income Disregards

- Earnings disregards

Single	£7.50
Couple	£12.50
Disabled, Carers and Lone Parent	£25
Additional Hours	£17
Higher Permitted Earnings	£131.50

- UC Limited work Capacity element – will not be included as income.
- UC Housing Element – will not be included as income.

Non-Dependant Deductions

Where there is a deduction in the current scheme, this will continue to apply and other rates will be:

Others and Earnings up to 210.00	£4.00
Earnings 210.01 – 350.00	£8.00
Income more than £350.01 and assumed maximum income	£10.00

Capital Rules apply remain unchanged £16,000 max and £6,000 for tariff income of £1 for every £250.00 or part of.

Scheme Basics (Calculation)

Assess Income less any disregards **(A)**

Income allowances are deducted from income **(B)**

Calculate assessed income for bands (A) - (B) **(C)**

Income Allowance (B) weekly amounts to be deducted from income

CHILD - for each child	£75
CARER	£40 SINGLE £80 COUPLE
DISABLED CHILD	£65
ENHANCED DISABLED CHILD PREMIUM	£27
DISABILITY PREMIUM	£40 SINGLE £50 COUPLE
ENHANCED DISABILITY	£20 SINGLE £25 COUPLE
SEVERE DISABILITY PREMIUM	£65 SINGLE £130 COUPLE
ESA SUPPORT	£38.55

Banded scheme based on Income (C)

Where this is less than:

A) Single Allowance = £80.00 or

B) Couple =£125

The maximum CTS is awarded as follows

- **Protected Scheme - 100% of Council Tax liability less nondependent deductions**
- **Working Age Scheme - 95% of Council Tax Liability less non-dependant deduction**

Where income is more than the amounts specified in A or B the % reduction is as per the banded list (Appendix B):
The CTAX liability will be reduced by any non-dependant deduction and the appropriate % calculated.