

Examples of impacts on claimants

Mr. Blue

Mr. Blue lives alone in a band A property and gets universal credit of £77.29 per week once his housing costs are deducted under the scheme.

He currently gets an annual discount of £811.05 (70 per cent) through LCTS. This means he pays £347.59 per year for his council tax. Under the proposed scheme, this would remain the same.

Under alternative 1, if the maximum support level was increased to 75 per cent, he would pay £289.66 per year. This is £57.93 per year less than he currently pays.

Miss Brown

Miss Brown lives alone in a band B property. Miss Brown has earnings of £174.71 per week.

She currently gets an annual discount of £539.16 through LCTS. This means she pays £808.73 per year for her council tax. Under the proposed scheme, this would remain the same.

Under alternative 2, if the maximum support level was decreased to 65 per cent, she would pay £876. This is £67.27 per year more than she currently pays.

Ms. Green

Ms. Green is a single person, living with one non-dependant in her band B property. She has earnings of £105.21 per week. She also receives carers allowance of £69.70 per week, which is disregarded as income under the scheme. As she has a non-dependant, a weekly deduction of £2 is taken from her LCTS.

She currently gets an annual discount of £1,112.26 through LCTS. This means she pays £629.88 per year for her council tax. Under the proposed scheme, this would remain the same.

Under alternative 1, if the maximum support level was increased to 75 per cent, she would pay £543.15. This is £86.73 per year less than she currently pays.

Mr. Black

Mr. Black lives in a band A property with four dependent children. He receives child benefit of £65.15 per week which is fully disregarded, universal credit of £241.48 per week, and his housing costs are disregarded from this under the scheme. He also receives personal independence payments of £128.65 which are disregarded under the scheme.

He currently gets an annual discount of £808.84 through LCTS. This means he pays £346.65 per year for his council tax.

Under alternative 2, if the maximum support level was decreased to 65 per cent, he would pay £404.42. This is £57.77 per year more than he currently pays.

Mr. and Mrs. Orange

Mr. and Mrs. Orange are a couple living in a band B property with two children. They receive £217 per week universal credit, and their housing costs are disregarded under the scheme.

They currently get an annual discount of £1219.71 through LCTS. This means they pay £522.73 per year for their council tax. Under the proposed scheme, this would remain the same.

Under alternative 1, if the maximum level of support increased to 75 per cent, they would pay £435.61. This is £87.12 per year less than they currently pay.