

Case Studies from the IWC Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation 2023/24

The case studies below give examples of how Option 1, Option 4 and Option 5 might affect various households who currently receive Local Council Tax Support.

(Please note that in the case studies, the figures provided are applicable only to that specific option.)

Option 1 – Increase the maximum level of support to 70 per cent or 75 per cent

Mr. Blue lives alone in a Band A property and gets Job Seekers Allowance (income based) of £77.00 per week.

He currently gets an annual discount of £713.82 (65 per cent) through LCTS. This means he pays £384.37 per year for his council tax.

Under Option 1, if the maximum support level was increased to 70 per cent, he would pay £329.46 per year. This is £54.91 per year less than he currently pays.

Under Option 1, if the maximum support level was increased to 75 per cent, he would pay £274.55 per year. This is £109.82 per year less than he currently pays.

Option 4 – Disregard Local Welfare Payments

Mr Orange is a single person living in a Band A property. He receives Employment Support Allowance of £77.00 per week, and Personal Independence Payment of £61.85 per week. He also receives £500 per month Homes for Ukraine Thank-You Payment for hosting a Ukrainian refugee in his home.

He currently gets an annual discount of £678.65 through LCTS. This means he pays £365.43 per year for her council tax.

Under this option, he would get the same annual discount through LCTS because his Homes for Ukraine Thank-You Payment is disregarded as income.

Case Study: Option 5 – Disregard any emergency increase in state welfare benefits

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, and Universal Credit of £207.18 per week, and his housing costs are disregarded from this under the scheme.

He currently gets an annual discount of £717.02 through LCTS. This means he pays £381.71 per year for his council tax.

If central government raised the standard rates of Universal Credit part way through 2023, this option would mean that he would have the same annual discount through LCTS as above.