

Suggested Text – Major Preceptors

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Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22

The Council is looking to implement a new Council Tax Reduction scheme within the City Council's area from 2021/22. The reason for the change is the roll out and huge increase in the number of claimants for Universal Credit within the Hampshire area which is largely incompatible with the current scheme and is based on a traditional means tested benefits approach.

Experience has shown that leaving the scheme the same will have an adverse effect on both taxpayers claiming Council Tax Reduction and overall collection levels.

Details of the simplified banding scheme are attached for your attention. Please note that the main aims of the changes are:

- to assist in the overall administration of claims;
- to support the most vulnerable;
- to assist in the collection of Council Tax; and
- wherever possible to maintain the same level of support to most applicants.

It is the intention of the Council to maintain the same overall level of support albeit that the lowest income families may benefit from the changes. These changes will not have any detrimental effect to the tax base.

The Council is undertaking a consultation process on these changes and I would welcome your comments by dd/mm/yyyy.

Yours sincerely