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Sent: 09 October 2020 15:05
To: Terri Horner
Cc: Williamson, Carolyn; Carr, Rob; Lowe, Andrew; Croucher, Richard; Robertson, Matt (Hampshire Fire and Rescue); Governance
Subject: RE: Consultation on changes to Council Tax Reduction

Hi Terri,

Please see below a joint response from all the major preceptors to Winchester's council tax reduction scheme consultation.

Kind regards,

Chris

Dear Ms Horner,

Thank you for consulting us about proposed changes to Winchester City Council's council tax reduction scheme. This is a joint response from Hampshire County Council, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

As noted in your letter, the changes are being made due to the rollout of Universal Credit being incompatible with the existing scheme. We agree it is sensible to make changes so that the scheme is compatible with Universal Credit.

The consultation proposes a number of options for changes to the scheme. As the billing authority is responsible for running the scheme, we believe that Winchester City Council is best placed to know the circumstances of existing recipients and thus what the fairest changes are. Therefore, we do not wish to comment in detail on the proposed options, other than noting we would most favour those which best meet two general principles. These are that the cost of the scheme needs to be kept within the resources available and that support should be prioritised for the most vulnerable. We note the consultation states that the overall cost of the scheme will remain the same as before and one of the aims of the changes is to support the most vulnerable, so based on this we are satisfied that the proposals meet these two principles.

Yours sincerely,

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From: THorner@WINCHESTER.GOV.UK <THorner@WINCHESTER.GOV.UK>
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Thanks Chris, that's really helpful.

I've attached 3 letters so they can be distributed separately. Look forward to the responses.

Kind regards
Terri

We are looking to make changes to our Council Tax Reduction Scheme and would like your feedback. To find out more please visit www.winchester.gov.uk/benefits (Closing date 1 November 2020)

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Hi Terri,

Please could you send the letter to me when finalised and I'll sort out a response from all the major preceptors (HCC, Fire and Police).

Many thanks,

Chris

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From: THorner@WINCHESTER.GOV.UK <THorner@WINCHESTER.GOV.UK>
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Subject: Consultation on changes to Council Tax Reduction

Hi Chris

I hope you are keeping well.

You can see from the title of my mail that we are undertaking a consultation on changes to the Council Tax Reduction scheme and I'm trying to find some contact details for the County, Fire and Police, as the major Council Tax preceptors of Winchester. I wondered if you could help me with some key email addresses and names etc of those that could respond to the consultation – a draft letter is attached which I'll send on to them but it might give you a better idea of who we need to reach.

Thanks for any help you can give.

Kind regards

Terri

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