

Enfield Council

Council Tax Support Scheme

Summary of changes to the default scheme since 2013/14

Appendix A to Council report

31st January 2018

Council tax support scheme changes since 2012/13 Council Tax Benefit Default Scheme

2013/14

Financial Year	Date Scheme agreed	The Council Tax Reduction Default Scheme	Second Adult Rebate	High rate non dependant deductions	Introduction of an end calculation deduction	Creation of Local Hardship Fund	Introduction of exempt categories from the 80.5% maximum award
2013-14	Council 30th January 2013	Si 2012 No. 2886 and Si 2012 No. 3085	2AR abolished for working age claimants	Increasing top rate deduction from £9.90 to £20.50 per week for non-dependants earning over £401 per week	19.50%	Hardship fund £836,000	Protects working age war widows from the reduction

2014/15

Financial Year	Date Scheme agreed	Extension of exempt categories from the 80.5% maximum award				Income uprating
2014-15	Council 29th January 2014	Claimants in receipt of Carers allowance	High rate Disability Living Allowance (Mobility and Care Component)	Enhanced Personal Independence Payments (Daily Living and Mobility component)	Enfield Council recruited, trained and supported foster carers	Applied in accordance with uprating schedule

2015/16

Financial Year	Date Scheme agreed	Income uprating	Statutory amendment for EEA Nationals	Administrative amendment
2015-16	Council 28th January 2015	Applied in accordance with uprating schedule Si 2014 No 3312	EEA Nationals who are not currently entitled to HB are also not entitled to CTS	Where Housing Benefit is already in payment, a new application for CTS is no longer required following a change in circumstances. The existing claim for HB may be used for both schemes.

2016/17

Financial Year	Date Scheme agreed	Income uprating	Savings threshold
2016-17	Council 27th January 2016	Applied in accordance with uprating schedule	Reduction in savings threshold from for working age claimants

2017/18

Financial Year	Date Scheme agreed	Prescribed regulations - Pensioners Income range change for non-dependants	Prescribed regulations - Pensioners temporary absence
2017-18	Council 25th January 2017	The HB uprating Circular A12/2016 quotes DWP uprating of the non-dependant deductions rates based on a 2.5% which the DWP used. DCLG now uprates the non-dependant deductions with the CPI figures (1%). For HB – the gross income range is £200 to £258.99 and £259 to £345.99. For cts (pensioners) the prescribed regulations quote a new range of £196.95 to £338	Temporary absence for pensioners now reduced to 4 weeks to mirror HB change last year. Doesn't apply to working age claims - still 13 weeks