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REQUEST

I am looking for information regarding the council's intended Local Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme (replacement scheme for Council Tax Benefit) for 2014/15.

I would like to know:

1) Whether the council is considering making any changes (other than inflationary or non-financial changes) to its 2013/14 CTS scheme for 2014/15

If the answer to question 1 is 'no', the council may ignore the remaining questions. Otherwise, please continue.

2) What is the proposed maximum percentage of a claimant's council tax bill that will be covered by CTS under the proposed 2014/15 scheme? Please detail whether the maximum percentage is tied to a council tax band (e.g. 80% of a Band D council tax bill)

3) What other changes (other than inflationary or non-financial changes) is the council proposing to make to its 2013/14 CTS scheme for 2014/15?

4) Please supply any consultation material the council has published regarding any proposed changes

5) Has the council made a final decision on its plans? If not, when is a final decision/vote due?

Where the council is considering a variety of options with no recommended or preferred option, please state this to be the case and list all those options under consideration.

RESPONSE

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1) Whether the council is considering making any changes (other than inflationary or non-financial changes) to its 2013/14 CTS scheme for 2014/15

Yes. Maximum LCTS is 85% of eligible Council Tax

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85%. Not tied to Council Tax Banding

3) What other changes (other than inflationary or non-financial changes) is the council proposing to make to its 2013/14 CTS scheme for 2014/15?

N/A

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Attached

- 5) Has the council made a final decision on its plans? If not, when is a final decision/vote due?

Yes.