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REQUEST AND RESPONSE

Council Tax Support scheme in 2016/17

I would like to request the following information relating to the local council tax support scheme (sometimes referred to as council tax reduction) in your area.

Please note that questions 1 and 2 apply to intended changes to the local council tax support scheme in your area in April 2016, while question 3 refers to specific protections for vulnerable groups. Please answer question 3 regardless of your answer to question 1.

Changes to the scheme in 2016/17

1. Does your local authority intend to change its current council tax support scheme in April 2016? (yes/no/undecided) **NO**
2. If yes, please outline if and how any of the following components of the scheme will change in 2016/17: **N/A**

Component of Council tax Support Scheme	Will this be different in 2016/17? (Yes or No)	Details (such as reducing the savings limit to £6,000 or changing the taper rate to 25%)
Require all residents to pay at least some of their council tax liability, regardless of income		
Cap the amount that can be claimed based on the band of the property		
The rate at which council tax support is withdrawn (tapered) as income increases		
The maximum capital/savings someone can have to be eligible for council tax support (savings limit)		
The minimum amount of council tax support that can be claimed before it is withdrawn in full		
Entitlement to a second adult rebate		
The components of income that are considered in the means-test		
The hardship funding available to affected residents		

Specific protections for vulnerable groups

Please answer question 3 regardless of your answer to question 1.

3. If exceptions are made for 'vulnerable' groups in your area's local council tax support scheme, please describe what these exceptions are and which groups are exempt (for example: families with children aged under 5; recipients of Disability Living Allowance). **No exceptions for vulnerable groups.**