

## FOI – 103/2018

### REQUEST

Please could tell you tell me if you are making any changes to the calculation of support offered to working-age CTR/CTS claimants (compared to the scheme you operated in 2017/8)?

I'm particularly interested in the following areas...

- (1) Alignment with HB: have you (if you haven't already) aligned with HB in relation to (a) family premium, (b) work-related activity component and/or (c) 2-child limit. (Note that the two child limit becomes part of the prescribed scheme for pension age from April 2018.)
- (2) Calculation of CTR for claimants in receipt of UC : are you doing anything different from the DCLG 'default' scheme?
- (3) Self-employed earners: are you applying a minimum income floor for the self-employed - if so, how much and under what circumstances?

Our records also suggest that you've previously removed non-dependant deductions from your working age CTR/CTS scheme - please let me know if this has changed.

### RESPONSE

I can confirm that we have not made any changes to our local Council tax Support Scheme for the 2018/19 year.

With regards to your specific areas of interest:-

- (1) Alignment with HB: have you (if you haven't already) aligned with HB in relation to (a) family premium, (b) work-related activity component and/or (c) 2-child limit. (Note that the two child limit becomes part of the prescribed scheme for pension age from April 2018.)

[No, we have not aligned with Housing Benefits in these areas.](#)

- (2) Calculation of CTR for claimants in receipt of UC : are you doing anything different from the DCLG 'default' scheme?

[No we are not differing when customers are in receipt of Universal Credit.](#)

- (3) Self-employed earners: are you applying a minimum income floor for the self-employed - if so, how much and under what circumstances?

[As per previous years our policy states "The Council will apply a minimum income floor calculation in such cases where the declared income is less than an amount determined as appropriate for the type of business."](#)

Our records also suggest that you've previously removed non-dependant deductions from your working age CTR/CTS scheme - please let me know if this has changed.

[Again this has not changed for the 2018/19 year.](#)