

# CHANGES TO OUR LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR WORKING-AGED CLAIMANTS FROM 1 APRIL 2023

Last year over 1,600 people gave us their views on proposed changes to our local council tax support scheme, which will launch on 1 April 2023 and be reflected in bills customers receive from March 2023.

**The changes do not affect pension-aged claimants of local council tax support.**

## ABOUT THE CHANGES

- We've introduced an income banded scheme. This means if your income changes within a band, the amount of support you receive won't change. Income banded schemes give people more financial stability and reduce unnecessary and confusing paperwork for customers.
- Residents who claim a disability benefit will receive an £85 disregard from their income (per household).
- Residents who are in work will have up to £50 disregarded from their income (per household).
- Residents in the lowest income band will be eligible for 100% discount on their bill.
- Residents in bands E to H will no longer have support capped at Band D.
- Residents who forget to claim will now be able to have their claim backdated six months.
- A change in income or circumstances will take effect from the date a change happens, rather than the following Monday.
- We will no longer issue a separate award letter as your bill will show you what reduction you have received.

We won't take the following into account when calculating someone's income - Child Benefit, Personal Independence Payments, Disability Living Allowance, Carer's Allowance, War Pensions, War Widows/Widower's Pensions or War Disablement Pensions, the support component of the Employment & Support Allowance, or the housing element, disabled child element, severely disabled child element or the carers element of Universal Credit.

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If you already receive council tax support, you will be placed into the relevant income band and you will see the changes in your 2023/2024 council tax bills you receive in March 2023. To see the income bands and find out more about the changes to the scheme visit [www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport](http://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport)