

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL – 17 NOVEMBER 2021

Recommendation from the Cabinet on 3 November 2021:-

47.1 Council Tax Support Scheme (Forward Plan Reference FP1064)

Report of the Chief Executive on the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23.

(1) The Decision Taken

RESOLVED:
(unanimous)

Cabinet recommends to Full Council that our localised council tax support scheme continues in 2022/23 to help people on low/no income to receive a reduction on their council tax.

(2) Reasons for the Decision

The Council's localised council tax support scheme is based on reduction of 25% in council tax liability whilst still protecting some vulnerable groups. This means a claimant's assessed entitlement is calculated on 75% of the council tax bill.

Our scheme fully protects pensioners and families with children under 5 and those in receipt of Personal Independence Payments (PIP) (formerly disability living allowance) so that they continue to receive the same level of protection, and do not have to pay anymore council tax than they paid under the old council tax benefit system. This protects claimants with a disability premium, severe disability premium, child disability and families with young children.

Other claimants have an additional 25% to pay compared to the former council tax benefits scheme.