

**Modelling showing the potential options for reductions in working age claimants
Council Tax Support (CTS) based on July 2016 data**

<u>Description of reduction</u>	<u>Total amount of reduction for claimants £</u>	<u>No. claimants affected</u>
No Second Adult Rebate	12,689	88
Max 90% CTS	334,944	3745
Max 85% CTS	499,644	3745
Max 75% CTS	822,691	3745
25% taper	83,903	3745
30% taper	141,153	3745
40% taper	217,043	3745
Remove Family Premium	93,535	1863
Restrict to band D	27,568	3745
Restrict to band C	55,690	3745
Restrict to band B	164,157	3745
No HBRO	625	53

It is proposed that eligibility under the new local scheme mirrors what had already been set out in legislation relating to the old Council Tax Benefit scheme, other than the annual uprating of premiums, allowances, non-dependant deductions and any changes to the national pension age scheme that need to be reflected in the local working age scheme.

Our scheme will also mirror any changes made to the HB regulations after the CTB regs ended including:

- Backdating will be limited to a maximum of one month.
- Removal of the family premium from 1 May 2016 for new claims and changes of circumstance for existing claimants who have a child or become responsible for a child after 30 April 2016.
- Match the removal of allowances for third and subsequent children born after April 2017
- The restrictions in tax credits to two children and the removal of the family element from 2017
- restrictions for those claimants leaving the UK for longer than one month

HBRO = Housing Benefit Run On, an additional award of benefit for the first four weeks of employment where the customer was previously unemployed for a continuous period of 26 weeks

CTS = Council Tax Support

Taper = the rate at which benefit is reduced as income increases

Second Adult Rebate = an award of benefit based on the income a second person in a property