



NORTHAMPTON
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Northampton Borough Council

Council Tax Reduction Scheme

How do the proposals affect you?

Proposal	Will this affect me?
Proposal 1 - to harmonise the minimum Council Tax contribution to 26.5% of Council Tax liability for working age people (maximum discount of 73.5%).	Yes The minimum contribution you currently pay is 31.5% therefore this proposal means that if you are currently on LCTRS you will be contributing less towards your council tax liability from 1 April 2021.
Proposal 2 – to disregard 100% of War Widows and War Disablement Pension when assessing LCTRS.	No Northampton Borough Council currently disregard 100% of War pensions under a local scheme. This proposal will mean we can continue to support those residents receiving war pensions.
Proposal 3 - to remove the award of a family premium when assessing new claims to Local Council Tax Reduction (LCRSS).	No As you are already receiving LCTRS you will not be affected by this change. This only affects people who make a <u>new claim</u> for LCTRS on or after the 1 April 2021 and are not in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (income based) or Employment and Support Allowance (income related).

<p>Proposal 4 – to limit the child allowance in the calculation of LCTRS to a maximum of two children.</p>	<p>Maybe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are you in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (income based) or Employment & Support Allowance (income related)? If yes, then this proposal will not affect you. • If no to the above question, do you have more than two children? If no, then this proposal will not affect you. • If yes to the above question, was your third child or any subsequent children born on or after the 1 April 2017? If no, then this proposal will not affect you. • If 'yes' to the above question, you may be entitled to less LCTR , depending on your circumstances and other income that you have when you make a new claim for LCTRS.
<p>Proposal 5 – to apply a minimum value to the income of people who are self employed</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Northampton Borough Council do not currently apply a minimum value to the income of a self-employed customer when assessing claims for LCTRS. This means that you may be contributing more towards your council tax liability.</p>
<p>Proposal 6 – to harmonise the rates of non-dependant deduction to the amounts set by Government</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Northampton Borough Council currently assesses LCTR based on the non-dependant deduction rates set by Government.</p>