

# Council Tax Reduction Scheme

## How do the proposals affect you?



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Proposal	Will this affect me?
<b>Proposal 1</b> - to harmonise the minimum Council Tax contribution to <b>26.5%</b> of Council Tax liability for working age people (maximum discount of <b>73.5%</b> ).	<b>Yes</b> The minimum contribution you currently pay is 8.5% therefore this proposal means that you will be contributing <b>more</b> towards your council tax liability from 1 April 2021.
<b>Proposal 2</b> – to disregard 100% of War Widows and War Disablement Pension when assessing LCTRS.	<b>No</b> South Northants 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.
<b>Proposal 3</b> - to remove the award of a family premium when assessing new claims to Local Council Tax Reduction (LCRSS).	<b>No</b> South Northants Council made this change to their LCTRS from 1 April 2016 therefore you will not see a change in how your entitlement is calculated as a result of this proposal.
<b>Proposal 4</b> – to limit the child allowance in the calculation of LCTRS to a maximum of two children.	<b>Maybe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are you in receipt of Universal Credit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance (income based) or Employment &amp; Support Allowance (income related)? If <b>yes</b>, then this proposal will not affect you.</li> <li>• If <b>no</b> to the above question, do you have more than two children? If no, then this proposal will not affect you.</li> <li>• If <b>yes</b> 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.</li> <li>• If <b>'yes'</b> to the above question, you may be entitled to less LCTS, depending on your circumstances and other income that you have when you make a new claim for LCTRS.</li> </ul>
<b>Proposal 5</b> – to apply a minimum value to the income of people who are self employed	<b>Yes</b> South Northants 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 <b>more</b> towards your council tax liability from 1 April 2021.
<b>Proposal 6</b> – to harmonise the rates of non-dependant deduction to the amounts set by Government	<b>No</b> South Northants Council currently assesses LCTR based on the non-dependant deduction rates set by Government.