

**Appendix A**

**Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council**

**Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2016/17**

<b>Claim Type</b>	<b>Council Tax Support Scheme</b>
<b>Pensioner Claimants</b>	
No scope for changes within LCTS	Up to 100% of Council Tax Bill
<b>Working Age Claimants</b>	
Claims will be based on a max of 80% Council Tax Liability (unless in a protected group)	Up to 80% of Council Tax Bill
Properties in bands higher than Band D will be based on 80% Band D Council Tax	Up to 80% of band D rate
Second Adult Rebate will not be retained in the Local Scheme	Nil
Capital Cut off at £6K (non-passported)	No Council Tax Support if capital exceeds £6K
Earnings Disregards	Flat rate of £25 if claimant working.
<b>Claimants who are eligible to Severe Disability Premium (SDP)</b>	
May allow up to 100% LCTS as protected group	Up to 100% of Council Tax Bill
<b>Claimants who are eligible to receive War Disablement Pensions, War Widow's Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme Payments</b>	
May allow up to 100% LCTS as protected group	Up to 100% of Council Tax Bill

**Discretionary Payments**

The Council has discretion to award Council Tax Support, in excess of the amounts determined by this framework, where it is satisfied that exceptional circumstances exist.