

## APPENDIX A

### Staffordshire Billing Authorities Local Council Tax Support Scheme Model for 2013/14

	<b>Current Council Tax Benefit Scheme</b>	<b>Proposed Draft Council Tax Support Scheme</b>
<b><u>Pensioner Claims</u></b>		
No scope for changes within LCTS	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Up to 100% of CT Bill
<b><u>Working Age Claims</u></b>		
Claims will be based on a max of 80% Council Tax Liability (unless in a protected group)	Up to 100% of CT Bill	80%
Properties in bands higher than Band D will be based on 80% Band D Council Tax	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Up to 80% of band D rate
Second Adult Rebate will not be retained in the Local Scheme	Up to 25% of CT Bill	Nil
Capital Cut off at 6K (non-pass ported)	Capital cut off £16k	No CTS if capital exceeds 6K
Treatment of Child Benefit (CB)	CB not included as income	CB will be included as income
Treatment of maintenance payments	Maintenance payments not included as income	Maintenance payments will be included as income
Treatment of Child Care Costs	Child Care Costs deducted from income	Child Care Costs deducted from income
Earnings Disregards	Variety of disregards according to claimant type	Flat rate of £25 if claimant working.
<b><u>Claimants Who Are Eligible to Severe Disability Premium (SDP)</u></b>		
May allow up to 100% LCTS as protected group	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Up to 100% of CT Bill
<b><u>Claimants Who Have a child under the age of 5</u></b>		
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<b><u>Non- Dependant Deductions</u></b>		
No non dependant deduction as within current CTB rules	Nil	NIL
Lower Charge if the Non-Dependant is not working	£3.30	£5 p/w
Higher Charge if the Non-Dependant is working	Between £3.30 & £9.90	£10 p/w

### **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.