

Appendix B

Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
Draft Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2013/14

	Proposed Council Tax Support Scheme	Saving/(Cost) over current Council Tax Benefit Scheme (£)	Number of claimants affected
Pensioner Claims			
No scope for changes within LCTS	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Nil	5,528
Working Age Claims			
Claims will be based on a max of 80% Council Tax Liability (unless in a protected group)	Up to 80% of CT Bill	843,830	5,183
Properties in bands higher than Band D will be based on 80% Band D Council Tax	Up to 80% of band D rate	15,657	38
Second Adult Rebate will not be retained in the Local Scheme	Nil	11,014	44
Capital Cut off at 6K (non-pass ported)	No CTS if capital exceeds 6K	27,982	136
Earnings Disregards	Flat rate of £25 if claimant working.	(29,394)	358
Claimants Who Are Eligible to Severe Disability Premium (SDP)			
May allow up to 100% LCTS as protected group	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Nil	52
Total		869,089	

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.