

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

	<b>Proposed Council Tax Support Scheme</b>	<b>Saving/(Cost) over current Council Tax Benefit Scheme (£)</b>	<b>Number of claimants affected</b>
<b>Pensioner Claims</b>			
No scope for changes within LCTS	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Nil	5,528
<b>Working Age Claims</b>			
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
<b>Claimants Who Are Eligible to Severe Disability Premium (SDP)</b>			
May allow up to 100% LCTS as protected group	Up to 100% of CT Bill	Nil	52
<b>Total</b>		<b>869,089</b>	

**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.