

**Briefing Note for Council Tax Support Review**

Following on from the previous Select Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> September below is an update to the questions submitted

**1) Total Council Tax Benefit paid out for SBC prior to the introduction of Local Council Tax Support**

Year	Council Tax Benefit	Total
2011/2012	£17,041,651	£17,041,651
2012/2013	£17,805,969	£17,805,969

**2) Total Council Tax Support awarded since the introduction of Local Council Tax Support**

Year	Council Tax Support Working Age Customers	Council Tax Support Pension Age customers	Total
2013/2014	£7,243,712	£8,267,834	£15,511,546
2014/2015	£7,018,165	£8,129,345	£15,147,510
2015/2016	£8,163,022	£6,800,229	£14,963,251
2016/2017	£8,379,638	£6,770,811	£15,150,449
2017/2018	£8,556,567	£6,750,530	£15,307,097
2018/2019	£8,814,834	£6,867,465	£15,682,299

**3) Awards of Council Tax Support for Working Age and Pensioners Customers 18/19**

Local Authority	Working Age	Pensioners	Total	CTS Caseload
Darlington	£4,200,000	£3,500,000	£7,700,00	9884
Durham	£32,689,867	£22,204,279	£54,894,146	To follow
Hartlepool	£7,145,000	£5,050,000	£12,195,000	13,888
Middlesbrough	£10,538,261	£6,233,690	£16,771,951	To follow
Redcar & Cleveland	£7,116,212	£6,232,423	£13,348,635	15,012
Stockton	£8,814,834	£6,867,465	£15,682.299	18,385

**4) Changes to minimum contribution from other Local Authorities**

Local Authority	Original % of working Age Contribution	Date change	New contribution
Darlington	20%	N/A	N/A
Durham	0%	N/A	N/A
Hartlepool	8.5%	1.4.2014	12%
Middlesbrough	20%	1.4.2018	15%
Redcar & Cleveland	20%	1.4.2017	17.5%

The reasons for reducing the contribution that customers initially made were due to the ability of residents who receive a low income to pay their charge and desire to provide additional support to residents.

At the time Council Tax Reduction was introduced the Government announced transitional funding for the first year of the scheme however one of the conditions was that working age contribution should be no more than 8.5%, Members in Hartlepool agreed this for the first year.

#### 5) Details of Living Allowances, Premiums, Non-dependant deductions, and disregards

This is the link to the Council Tax Support Policy

<https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf>

Section	Details	Link	Page
Part 7 / 30	Non dependant deductions	<a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=33">www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=33</a>	33
Schedule 3	Part 1 Personal Allowances	<a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=123">www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=123</a>	123
Schedule 3	Part 2 Family Premiums	<a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=123">www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=123</a>	123
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Schedule 8	Sums disregarded in the calculation of income other than earnings	<a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=150">www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=150</a>	150
Schedule 10	Capital Disregards	<a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=169">www.stockton.gov.uk/media/1586012/lctrs-2019.pdf#page=169</a>	169