

CTS case studies (All LAs)

Note: all working age people who receive CTS are expected to pay at least 10% towards their Council Tax. Therefore, in the examples below, where we refer to the 10% reduction that is what we are referring to.

1.

Mark and Tracy live with their four children. Tracy works full time and they also receive Tax Credits and Child Benefit for the four children. Their weekly Council Tax charge is £30.29 per week. They receive an applicable amount for all four children of £399.90

Current scheme: they receive CTS of £25.66. They have an excess income of £1.77 so the maximum CTS award would be £28.51 and when the 10% reduction is taken off of £2.85 they receive help of £25.66 per week.

Proposed scheme: only two of the children are taken into account. So based on their total income and income allowance of £222.10 more income is taken into account so they receive a nil discount. Under the proposed scheme they would need to pay their weekly Council Tax charge of £30.29 and not receive any help.

2.

Anthony and Margaret live on their own. Anthony is disabled and Margaret is his carer and receives Carers Allowance for looking after him. Their weekly Council Tax charge is £34.07 per week. Their income includes Employment and Support Allowance, Industrial Injuries, Personal Independence Payment. Of their current income only the PIP amounts are disregarded income.

Current scheme: Anthony and Margaret receive CTS of £10.56. They have an excess income of £20.62 after all disregards are taken off. The maximum CTS would be £12.74 and when the 10% reduction of £1.27 is taken off they receive £11.47 per week.

Proposed scheme: because Anthony receives disability benefits more of this income is disregarded. Under the new scheme the Carers Allowance is disregarded plus a further £41.15 disability income so their total income taken into account is vastly reduced. As their excess income is reduced they move into the 75% discount category so would receive £25.55 per week help.

3.

Mildred lives with her adult son Paul. Paul works full-time earning £200 per week.

Current scheme: Mildred currently receives £9 per week CTS which includes a £4 deduction for Paul as he is classed as a non-dependant (£13 minus £4 = £9).

Proposed scheme: the non-dependant deduction for Paul will increase to £10 so Mildred will receive £3 per week CTS so she will have more Council Tax to pay from 1 April 2020 (£13 minus £10 = £3).