

Appendix 7 – transitional and scheme principles

Transition Principles

- the council will provide clear and accessible information to all those affected by the ending of Council Tax Benefit
- the council will ensure those affected by the ending of Council Tax Benefit can access additional advice and support
- those people who are currently receiving Council Tax Benefit will have their eligibility for Council Tax Support assessed without having to reapply to the council*
- eligibility for Council Tax Support in 2013/14 will be determined on the basis of the same factors as for Council Tax Benefit in 2012/13
- there will be a cap on the maximum detriment that any household faces in the transition period*

* assuming no other changes in their circumstances

Scheme Principles

- Council Tax Support entitlement will be assessed by a means test so that those with the least ability to pay will receive the highest levels of assistance.
- Council Tax Support resources will be distributed as widely as possible amongst those eligible to claim the discount
- There will be a discretionary discount fund to ensure that the most vulnerable can access additional support in exceptional circumstances
- The Scheme will support people moving into, and on low paid, work.

