



Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2018 - 2019

Pembrokeshire County Council is required to seek views on its draft new council tax reduction scheme, which remains unchanged from the last financial year.

The current scheme will come to an end in March 2018. We need to consult now, in order to have the new scheme in place for 1st April 2018.

The new scheme is a national one, proposed by the Welsh Government, which has to be adopted by all local authorities in Wales.

Under the new scheme, it is proposed that those eligible for council tax support will continue to receive benefit at a maximum level of 100%.

The Welsh Government has frozen the amount of money that it will pay to local authorities to help support schemes between April 2018 and March 2019.

The draft new scheme also includes proposals from Pembrokeshire County Council on: -

- backdating of benefit
- extending benefit payments
- the exclusion of war widow and war disablement pensions from calculations
- annual changes to social security benefits; personal allowances; premiums and non-dependent deductions

We want to know if you AGREE or DISAGREE with these proposals:

Question 1. Those eligible for council tax support will continue to receive benefit at a maximum level of 100%

Do you agree with this? (please tick only one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please write your comments and suggestions in here

Question 2. When someone returns to work, we propose to carry on paying council tax support for a period of four weeks.

This would be the same as the standard scheme.

Do you agree with this? (please tick only one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please write your comments and suggestions in here

Question 3. When someone of working age makes a claim for council tax support, we will be able to back date the money they receive for up to three months.

This will mean that their backdating entitlement is the same as that for pensioners.

Do you agree? (please tick only one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please write your comments and suggestions here

Question 4. When we work out how much someone earns, so we can see how much council tax support they are entitled to, we will not include the money they get from War Disablement Pension or War Widows Pension in these calculations.

Do you agree? (please tick only one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please write your comments and suggestions here

Question 5. Those eligible for council tax support will have their social security benefits; personal allowances; premiums and non-dependent deductions revised every April

The amount by which these are revised will be as the statutory amounts approved by the National Assembly for Wales

The National Assembly has indicated that information on the amounts is likely to be available on its website in January 2018

Do you agree with amounts being changed as the statutory amounts?
(please tick only one)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If no, please write your comments and suggestions here

ABOUT YOU

Why do we ask these questions?

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/equalities/why-do-we-ask-equality-questions

Question 6. Are you answering these questions as (please tick only one)

☐ An individual (i.e. a local resident, member of the public etc)

As a representative of an organisation (please specify)

Other, please specify

Question 7. Are you? (please tick only one)

☐ Male

☐ Female

☐ Prefer not to say

Question 8. Are you? (please tick only one)

☐ Aged 16 or under

☐ Aged 17 - 24

☐ Aged 25 - 44

☐ Aged 45 - 64

☐ Aged 65 - 74

☐ Aged 75 or over

☐ Prefer not to say

Question 9. Do you have a physical or mental health condition or illness lasting, or expected to last, for 12 months or more, and which reduces your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? (please tick only one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Question 10. Do you provide regular, unpaid, substantial care for a relative, friend or neighbour who is unable to manage at home without help because of sickness, age or disability? (please tick only one)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Prefer not to say

Question 11. What is your ethnic group? (please tick only one)

☐ White (Welsh, English, Scottish, Irish, British)

☐ Other White, including Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐ Mixed / multiple ethnic groups

☐ Asian / Asian British

☐ Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

☐ Prefer not to say

Question 12. Please use this space to tell us about any other protected characteristics you share should you wish to

**Once complete please scan in and email to: surveys@pembrokeshire.gov.uk
or post to: Pembrokeshire County Council, Policy, 2D, County Hall,
Haverfordwest, SA61 1TP**

The deadline for responses is Wednesday 13th December 2017

Thank you for your time