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9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear [Name Redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

*See attached, ref: FOI 2018-19 CTS*

**The response to your request as follows:**

**See attached PDF, ref: FOI5045**

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

Nicola Hesketh  
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## Council Tax Support (CTS) schemes in 2018/19

I would like to request the following information relating to the local council tax support scheme (sometimes referred to as council tax reduction) in your area.

### Changes to the CTS scheme in 2018/19

1. Does your local authority intend to change its current council tax support scheme in April 2018?

Yes  No  Undecided

2. If yes, please outline if and how any of the following components of the scheme will change in 2018/19:

Component of Council tax Support Scheme	Will this be different in 2018/19? (Yes or No)	Details (such as reducing the savings limit to £6,000 or changing the taper rate to 25%)
Require all residents to pay at least some of their council tax liability, regardless of income (a minimum payment)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Cap the amount that can be claimed based on the band of the property	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
The rate at which council tax support is withdrawn (tapered) as income increases	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
The maximum capital/savings someone can have to be eligible for council tax support (savings limit)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
The minimum amount of council tax support that can be claimed before it is withdrawn in full	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Entitlement to a second adult rebate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Components of income that are included in the means-test (e.g. child maintenance, disability benefits)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Bereavement Support Allowance will be disregarded as income</b>
The hardship funding available to affected residents	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Assumption of a minimum income	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

for the self-employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Removal of the Family Premium	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Do protections or exemptions for any vulnerable groups exist in your local authority's current council tax support scheme?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
The maximum amount of support available is determined by income bands	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

3. Please could you provide us with a link or a copy of the regulations for the 2018/19? <http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/council-tax-reduction-scheme>

I would prefer if your response was delivered by email to [cts@npi.org.uk](mailto:cts@npi.org.uk). However, I am happy to receive it by post to the address below if more convenient.

It would be helpful if you were to provide any additional information which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this.

If for any reason you feel this request is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me at 020 7729 0326. If you are not the appropriate authority for this request, or for part of it, please let me know as soon as is convenient.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

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