

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2017/18

Foreword

The following scheme which is presented for approval at Full Council on 1 November, 2016, incorporates changes recommended by Cabinet on 16 October 2016.

Two of those recommendations were made on the proviso that similar changes to the housing benefit scheme, as proposed by Government, take place. Those recommendations being:

1. A limit of 2 dependants included in an assessment for new claims on or after 1 April 2017, and
2. Removal of the Work Related Activity Group allowance in an assessment for new claims on or after 1 April

To date, the regulations are not in place for these two changes, however, the Government intention is to have them in place for 1 April 2017. Should they not take place, then reference to the changes will be removed from the enclosed Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

In addition, each year the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme is updated by the Government's issue of 'prescribed requirements' to the pension age part of the scheme. The enclosed scheme will be updated with any prescribed changes, usually issued in December / January, prior to 1 April 2017. Some reformatting and changes to paragraph numbering may be necessary.

1 November 2016

