

“Mr J”

Mr J is a single man of 43 years of age currently in receipt of Income Support. In addition to his Income Support he is also in receipt of Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component at the High Level and the Care Component at the Middle Level. These benefits combined will generate an approx weekly benefit income of £197.05 (£10246.60 per annum)

COUNCIL TAX CHANGES

At present his Council Tax Liability is approx £615.70 and he receives a full weekly entitlement to Council Tax Benefit of £12.98 per week.

Under the revised entitlement a 20.7% reduction will see Mr J's Council Tax Benefit reduce to £10.29 a week which is a reduction of £2.69. As a result of this John will have to make up the shortfall of £138.70 on his Council Tax Bill.

LOCAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE CHANGES

At present Mr J receives a weekly Housing Benefit entitlement of £113.92.

Changes to the Local Housing Allowance will result in a revised weekly entitlement of £92.20 which represents a weekly shortfall of £21.72. Mr J will have to make up the shortfall in his rent.

SUMMARY

The changes represent a reduction in his overall income of £1268.14 per annum as it can be assumed he will have to use his Income Support and DLA entitlement to make up for the shortfall.

“MS T”

Ms T is a single parent with a 13 year old son. She works part time and is in receipt of Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credits. Her approx net weekly income is £620.81 per week.

COUNCIL TAX

At present Ms T has a Council Tax Liability of £1078.38 and she receives a Council Tax Benefit entitlement of £3.60 per week.

Under the revised entitlement a 20.7% reduction will see the Council Tax Benefit reduce to £2.85 per week which is a reduction of £0.75. As a result of this Ms T will have to make up the shortfall of £38.00 on her Council Tax Bill.

HOUSING BENEFIT

At present Ms T receives a weekly Housing Benefit entitlement of £132.69

Changes to the Local Housing Allowance will result in a revised weekly entitlement of £115.74 which represents a weekly shortfall of £16.95. Ms T will have to make up the shortfall in her rent.

SUMMARY

The changes shown will represent a reduction in her overall income of £919.40 per annum as it can be assumed she will have to use her earnings or benefit payments to make up for the shortfall.

“Mr S”

Mr S is a single man of 52 years of age currently in receipt of Employment and Support Allowance (Assessment Phase) of £67.50 per week which maybe increased following the Work Capability Assessment.

COUNCIL TAX CHANGES

At present his Council Tax Liability is approx £905.00 and he receives a full weekly entitlement to Council Tax Benefit of £17.36 per week.

Under the revised entitlement a 20.7% reduction will see the Council Tax Benefit reduce to £13.77 a week which is a reduction of £3.59. As a result of this Mr S will have to make up the shortfall of £186.68 on his Council Tax Bill.

LOCAL HOUSING ALLOWANCE CHANGES

At present Mr S receives a weekly Housing Benefit entitlement of £110.00.

Changes to the Local Housing Allowance will result in a revised weekly entitlement of £88.28 which represents a weekly shortfall of £21.72. Mr S will have to make up the shortfall in his rent.

SUMMARY

The changes represent a reduction in his overall income of £1316.12 per annum as it can be assumed he will have to use his Income Support and DLA entitlement to make up for the shortfall.

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Ms C

Ms C is a single parent with three children between the ages of 5-10. She works part time and is in receipt of Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit. Her approx net weekly income is £378.86 per week.

At present Ms C's Council Tax Liability is £1978.84 and she receives a Council Tax Benefit entitlement of £37.85 per week.

Under the revised entitlement a 20.7% reduction will see the Council Tax Benefit reduce to £30.01 a reduction of £7.84 per week. As a result of this Ms C will have to make up the shortfall of £407.68 per annum on her Council Tax Bill.

As this represents a reduction in her overall income of £407.68 per annum it must be assumed that Ms C will have to use her earnings/means tested benefit payments to make up the shortfall.