

Other Unitary Authorities: Council Tax Support/Reduction Schemes Oct 2015 - Sample						Annex A1
Authority	Is it based on the HB scheme? Yes/No	What changes have been made to the scheme since April 2013?	Is there consultation on changes from April 16?	What is the maximum % of CTS payable?	What court costs are applied to CTS customers?	Are CTS cases referred to bailiffs?
Warrington	Yes	Tweaked the 'Persons from Abroad' rules only without consultation (delegated officer)	No - but will be from April 17, will consult in 16/17	Restricted to 100% of Band A - 80% of CTS customers in Band A.	Standard £75 summons costs	Yes, follow usual recovery profile but pre-bailiff support intervention
Bath & NE Somerset	Yes	No	No - but will be from April 17, will consult in 16/17 -project team working on it now	78%	Same as non-CTS	Yes, follow usual recovery profile but pre-bailiff support intervention (e.g Welfare Support team)
Cheshire West & Cheshire	Yes	No	No, but will reflect changes to HB which their legal advice says can be done without consultation as such changes are 'built into' scheme.	75% but 100% for war pensioners, carers, families with disabled children, some disabled people.	Standard £75 summons costs	Yes, follow usual recovery profile but pre-bailiff support intervention
Stockport	Yes	No -apart from clarifying some minor aspects, needed no consultation	No - but will implement HB-related changes from April 17, without consultation (already built in).	Restricted to 100% Band A - , or 3+ bedroom equivalent. Protection for those getting disabled rate relief	Same as non-CTS £80	Yes, follow usual recovery profile but pre-bailiff support intervention

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Poole	Yes	Yes - consulted during 14/15 for April 15 changes	April '16 consulting until 25/10 on 80-85% cap, aligning with HB changes (family premium, backdate).	April 13 91.5% but 100% for vulnerable groups (see Cheshire above); April 15 - 86% or Band C equivalent minm 50p pw entitlement;	Same as non-CTS: £93	Yes but softer reminders, support, engagement, hardship fund
Darlington	Yes	Tweaked the 'Persons from Abroad' rules only without consultation (delegated officer)	Yes - consulted on aligning with 4 year working age benefits freeze and HB changes; also to pay max 100% for those affected by the benefits cap.	80%	Same as non-CTS	Yes
Bracknell Forest	Yes	No	Yes - consultation just closed to reduce max for all to 80%, abolish child maintenance disregard, assess self employed on minimum wage equivalent, increase earnings disregard. Alignment with HB changes will be done via broader council budget consultation	91.5% if out of work or on very low income; 81.5% for all others	Same as non-CTS £80	Yes, follow usual recovery profile but pre-bailiff support intervention
Bournemouth	Yes	No	No	80%	Same as non-CTS £68	Yes

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East Riding	Yes	No	Yes - to freeze components within working age benefits for the next four years, removing the family premium and limiting backdating to four weeks.	75%	Same as non-CTS £80	Yes - with offers of pre-bailiff support
Hull	Yes	No	No	80%	Same as non-CTS £80	Yes - to in house bailiffs offering supportive approach
Southend on Sea	Yes	No	No	75%	Same as non-CTS £95	Yes - same as non CTS customers.
Wiltshire	Yes	Yes- for first year cap was 92% but changed to 90% after the first year	Yes - currently consulting on decreasing max to 75%	90%	Same as non CTS, approx. £80	Yes- same as non-CTS customers but can apply discretion
Brighton	Yes	Yes - April 15 reduced max CTR to 91.5% to 85%, doubled non-dep charges and reduced capital level to £6k	Yes - align with HB changes, reduce max to 75%	April '13: 91.5% April '15: 85% April '16: 75% (proposed)	Same as non CTS, approx. £120	Yes - to in house bailiffs adhering to a vulnerability policy
Hartlepool	Yes	No	Yet to be decided	88%	Same as non-CTS £75	Yes, normal process
Blackburn	Yes	No	No	80%	Same as non-CTS £75	Yes

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Herefordshire	Yes	Yes - April 14: max CTR reduced from 91.5% to 84% and restrict to Band D; April '15 there was consultation but not approved by Members so no changes.	Yes - consulting on 80% max (or 84% for some disabled, carers, and households with children under 5); restrict to Band C; reduce capital limit to £6k from £16k. No plans to align with changes to HB and other working age welfare changes.	84% / Band D	Same as non-CTS £80	Yes
South Gloucestershire	No	Yes. 2013/14 scheme reflected normal CTB scheme. Consulted to introduce a banding scheme April 14 which had 8 income bands. Consulted again - changed to 5 bands in April 2015.	No but will from 2017/18 - altering way change of circumstance is reported to make it simpler e.g. only if income change enough to move up or down an income band.	Depends on income. £0-£120 p/w = 80% discount £120-£150 p/w = 50% £150-£200 p/w 30% £200-£250 20% £250-300 10%	Same as non-CTS £85	Yes, normal process