

Gloucester City Council - Local Council Tax Support forecasting - summary information

The purpose of this summary information is to estimate the change in the overall amount of Council Tax Support ('CTS') which the Council awards if a number of different rules in the Council's CTS scheme were changed. The purpose of this information is only to inform the Council's decision and the public consultation. The Council is consulting on its CTS scheme for 2017/18; the changes listed are not changes which the Council plans to introduce at this time.

A. Description of change (NB affect working age customers only)	B. Total amount of reduction in CTS awarded, for all working age applicants, over the whole year	C. Column B as a percentage of the total pre-change CTS awarded, for all working age applicants	D. No of applicants affected (estimated)
Maximum CTS is 92.5% of eligible council tax (it is currently 100%)	£441,393	8.89	6033
Maximum CTS is 90% of eligible council tax	£578,976	11.66	6033
Maximum CTS is 85% of eligible council tax	£842,676	16.97	6033
Maximum CTS is 80% of eligible council tax	£1,124,442	22.64	6033
Maximum CTS is 75% of eligible council tax	£1,383,233	27.85	6033
Taper is 25% (it is currently 20%)	£140,926	2.84	1417
Taper is 35%	£287,343	5.79	1417
Restrict CTS to band C CTAX (currently there is no band restriction)	£67,764	1.36	183
Restrict CTS to band B CTAX	£175,038	3.52	814

These figures all exclude any change to pension-age CTS awards. Since 2013 the Government has said it intends to protect pension age customers.

'CTS' = Council Tax Support. This is help with their council tax bill available to low income council tax payers. It has replaced Council Tax Benefit since April 2013.

There are currently around 6033 working age residents receiving Council Tax Support from the City Council. This does not include pension age residents who get CTS.

The 'taper' is the percentage rate at which Council Tax Support is withdrawn, as a recipient's income rises.