

Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation Form

1. Do you agree that the Council should freeze the level of council tax Universal Credit claimants pay, unless their income changes by more than a set amount (e.g. £15 per week)?

Strongly Agree	
Agree	
Do not Know	
Disagree	
Strongly Disagree	

2. The Council is proposing that council tax will only be reassessed for Universal Credit claimants if council tax support changed by more than £15 per week. This amount is based on the results of a review about the ability of Universal Credit claimants to pay their council tax when their income changes. Do you agree that this is the right figure? *

Yes	
No	

3. If changes in people's income is consistently less than the agreed amount (currently £15 is being proposed), they may pay more council tax over the course of the year compared to if they were reassessed. Therefore, when this happens, do you agree the Council should consider not applying the new income change rule and recalculate somebody's council tax bill during the year? *

Yes	
No	

4. Any other comments?

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For information, for Universal Credit customers, East Cambridgeshire District Council intends to change when it assesses entitlement to Council Tax Support from DWP notification that a Universal Credit claim has been made, to when DWP notifies the actual award. The effect of this is to avoid correcting awards, whilst ensuring that they are correct first time, which is seen as beneficial for customers and does not have any financial impact.

About You

5. Do you live in East Cambridgeshire? *

Yes	
No	
Prefer not to say	

6. Do you currently or have you ever claimed Universal Credit? *

Yes	
No	