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Have your say on Local Council Tax Support scheme 2021/22

Uttlesford residents are being invited to have their say on how much support the council should give to people who might struggle to pay their Council Tax bill.

Councils run a scheme called Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) which is designed to help the most vulnerable.

The scheme is set by Uttlesford District Council which has some discretion over how it is administered. For 2021/22, the council is proposing to maintain the scheme on the same basis as this year. This includes freezing the contribution rate, meaning the amount that LCTS claimants pay towards their Council Tax bill would be kept at 12.5%. This remains the lowest contribution rate in Essex.

The scheme will also continue to protect pensioners, the vulnerable and disabled residents and their carers on a low income.

The proposed 2021/22 scheme can be viewed at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/lcts-2021-22-scheme.

Residents can now give their views on the proposals – the easiest way to do this is via the online questionnaire, at www.uttlesford.gov.uk/lcts-consultation, or by emailing any comments to consultation@uttlesford.gov.uk.

For people who do not have access to the internet, paper copies of the questionnaire are available by calling 01799 510510.

The council will accept emails, completed online and paper forms up to and including Friday 18 September.

The results will be presented to district councillors in the autumn with the final scheme for 2021/21 being agreed in December 2020, to start 1 April 2021.

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