



COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEMES

DISTRIBUTE YOUR SUPPORT AS EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE

We help councils model different council tax support schemes. See how changes will affect scheme costs, arrears and enforcement. Understand the likely impact on vulnerable groups.



UNIVERSAL CREDIT

Universal Credit affects how much support households get and what this will cost. Councils must know the full impact on people to support the most vulnerable.



COMPLEX MODELLING

We model the combined effect that altering different options will have on your scheme. See what common options councils ask us to model overleaf.



EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

We show you how individual households and defined demographic groups will be affected by your proposed changes.

WHAT FACTORS COUNCILS COMMONLY VARY

- ▶ Banded or discount schemes
- ▶ Changes to the minimum payment
- ▶ Protection for vulnerable households
- ▶ Changes to reduce administration costs
- ▶ Other changes related to Universal Credit
- ▶ Non-dependant deduction changes (eg flat-rate deductions)
- ▶ Changes to the default scheme (eg taper rate and savings limit)

USE EXPERTS AND LEARN FROM OTHERS

- ▶ Get detailed insights suitable for Members and public consultation
- ▶ See what CTR schemes others have considered, rejected and implemented
- ▶ Understand the implications for scheme administration to enable resource planning
- ▶ Understand how proposed changes will affect residents, arrears and support services
- ▶ Give stakeholders confidence you've studied all cost reduction options, while supporting residents



We asked Policy in Practice to help us model our [Council Tax Support scheme](#) to give Members confidence that all options to reduce cost while supporting residents were covered. We wanted to learn from other LAs who've already rolled out UC and we knew an external consultant was the best way to do that.

Ian Jones, London Borough of Hackney



Policy in Practice's detailed and powerful analysis pointed us in the right direction and has been the main driver of the changes we've made to our [Council Tax Reduction scheme](#), and the levels of support we've been able to build into it.

Clive Jones, Luton Borough Council

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