

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET, MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

**Agenda Item 5:  
Council Tax Support Scheme 2016-17**

The originally published version of the Council Tax Support scheme was made available before officers received comments from the external lawyer who was asked to review the scheme. Having received comments there were five small amendments to be made, which do not change the scheme only clarify or make clearer the intention of the scheme.

The amendments were

1. Page 52 W31 (4)(a) flowing changed to following
  - (a) the **following** allowance and elements may be awarded for Universal Credit
2. Page 64 W41 (4)(g) this has been clarified to show it will be paid to the trustee's the words in bold have been added.

(g) under an occupational pension scheme, in respect of a pension or other periodical payment made under a personal pension scheme or a payment made by the Board of the Pension Protection Fund where—

(i) a bankruptcy order has been made in respect of the person in respect of whom the payment has been made **and the payments are being made to the trustee in bankruptcy** or, in Scotland, the estate of that person is subject to sequestration or a judicial factor has been appointed on that person's estate under section 41 of the Solicitors (Scotland) Act 1980 **and payments are being made to the trustee.**

3. Page 75 W46 (3)(a)

The reference was incorrect and has been changed to include paragraph (8)

(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1)(a) the net profit of the employment must, except where sub-paragraph (9) applies, be calculated by taking into account the earnings of the employment over the assessment period less—

(a) subject to sub-paragraphs (5) to **(8)**, any expenses wholly and exclusively incurred in that period for the purposes of that employment;

4. Page 152 - 155 Schedule W3 Paragraphs 4, 10 and 12

Re-phased the use of the word couple

4.—(1) In a case to which this paragraph applies and to which paragraph 7 does not apply, where the applicant is single £5, where the applicant **is one of a couple** the disregard is £10 (**subject to the disregard not being used for the benefit of the applicants partner**).

10. In a case to which none of the paragraphs 4 to 9 applies, where the applicant is single £5, where the applicant is **one of a couple** the disregard is £10 (**subject to the disregard not being used for the benefit of the applicants partner**).

12. In the case of the following an additional £17.10

(a) the applicant or partner receives working tax credit which includes the element for working at least 30 hours per week.

and

(b) the applicant or partner work at least 30 hours each week and aged at least 25.

Or

(c) the applicant **has a partner** and at least 1 child, where the applicant or partner works at least 16 hours per week.

5. Page 153 Paragraph 7 of this schedule and paragraph 11(4)

The incorrect figure was typed in – this has been changed to £10

7. In a case where the applicant is one of a couple and a member of that couple is in employment, £10; but, notwithstanding paragraph W29 (calculation of income and capital of members of applicant's family and of a polygamous marriage), if this paragraph applies to an applicant it must not apply to his partner except where, the earnings of the applicant which are to be disregarded under this paragraph are less than **£10**.

(4) In the case where the applicant is one of a couple where A's earnings are less than the specified amount, there must also be disregarded so much of B's earnings as would not when aggregated with A's earnings exceed the specified amount; but the amount of B's earnings which may be disregarded under this sub-paragraph is limited to a maximum of **£10** unless the Secretary of State is satisfied that B is also undertaking exempt work.

Approval is sought to make the above amendments to the originally published version and to incorporate them into the final approved scheme.