

Local Benchmarking

Other local authorities are considering further adjustments to the current scheme and consultation has taken place. In 2013/14, Shropshire agreed the:

- Abolition of second adult rebate (like Herefordshire)
- Removal of child benefit disregards
- Removal of earnings disregards
- Reduction of capital limit to £10k.

The three district councils that make up the South Worcestershire Revenues and Benefits Shared Service mirrored the old council tax benefit regulations when devising their CTRS for 2013/14. However, for 2014/15 they have consulted on the following proposals:

- Limiting the maximum liability CTR can be based on (Wychavon are consulting for 20% maximum liability)
- Removing the disregard for child benefit
- Reducing the capital limit.

The picture is similar in Gloucestershire with the districts retaining the same CTR rules as were in place for council tax benefit for 2013/14, but some are consulting on making changes for 2014/15. The proposed changes include the following:

- Limiting the maximum liability CTR can be based on
- Abolishing second adult rebate
- Restricting the amount of CTR awarded to a Band E property.