

Energy Rebate Scheme – Discretionary Fund**Eligibility Criteria**

The Council has decided the following:

1. a single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household which resides in a dwelling with a council tax band E-H and which is in receipt of any amount of Council Tax Reduction and has not already received £150 in a Band E property that is receiving Disabled relief;

AND

- it is someone's main and sole residence as at 1 April 2022;
 - the Council Tax liable person is not a local authority, a corporate body or other body such as a housing association, the government or governmental body;
 - it is a chargeable dwelling or in exemption classes N (students), S (students under 18) or U (people with severe mental impairment).
2. a single top up payment shall be made to each household which resides in a dwelling with a council tax band A-H where the household receives 100% Council Tax Reduction (exact amount of top up payment to be determined).

AND

- it is someone's main and sole residence as at 1 April 2022;
- the Council Tax liable person is not a local authority, a corporate body or other body such as a housing association, the government or governmental body;
- it is a chargeable dwelling or in exemption classes N (students), S (students under 18) or U (people with severe mental impairment).

Should there be any residual funding remaining after 30 September 2022, it will be at the discretion of the Council how it allocates the remainder, a decision delegated to the director of resources and assurance.

Payment Methods

If a household is eligible and pays Council Tax via Direct Debit, payment will be made into their bank account after their first Council Tax instalment has been successfully paid.

If a household is eligible and does not pay Council Tax by direct debit, they will be contacted to complete an application form to select how they would like the payment from the following options:

- have the payment made into your bank account (you will need to provide proof of your bank account upon application)

- apply for a Post Office Pay Out voucher where you will receive a voucher which you can take to any Post Office and exchange for £150 cash (you will need to provide identification to the Post Office to obtain the payment)
- request the £150 is credited to your Council Tax account (if you have Council Tax arrears, this will be offset against the arrears rather than against current liability)

These energy rebate payments must be claimed by 30 September 2022 in order for the applicant to receive a payment by 30 November 2022.

Eligibility Disputes

The decision of the Council on any eligibility matters will be final. Should any tax payer feel aggrieved by any decision then they should make an official complaint through the Council's complaints procedure. Full details are available on the Council's website.