**Appendix 4**

**Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2019/20**

The scheme for 2019/20 is:

The current Local [Council Tax Reduction scheme](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/downloads/file/4505/council_tax_reduction_for_working_age_people_from_april_2018) (2018/19)

with the summarised recommended changes set out below subject to City Executive Board and Council approval of (1) and (2).

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| Amendments | Section numbers to be amended |
| **Recommendations subject to agreement by the City Executive Board (for decision)** |  |
| 1. the income band scheme for residents on Universal Credit – to be uprated annually in line with changes to the National Minimum Wage (NMW) and the Oxford Living Wage (OLW), and that the benefit cap, be uprated in line with inflation (based on the Retail Price Index figure for September 2018). | Schedule 6, Part 5  (page 150) |
| 2. the minimum income floor for self-employed people – to be removed from the 2019/20 CTR scheme: support to be based on actual earnings | Regulation 29A  (page 50) |
| **Uprating of figures for the new financial year** |  |
| 3. non-dependant deductions (adjustments made to the maximum amount of reduction a person can receive to take account of adults living in the dwelling who are not dependants of the applicant) | Regulation 58  (page 75) |
| 4. the applicable amount (the amount against which an applicant’s income is compared to determine the amount of reduction to which he or she is entitled) | Schedule 1  (pages 113-116) |
| **Amendments made by Regulation to make provision for the treatment of three additional types of payments** |  |
| 5. backdated payments of certain benefits which are required following an error of law, which will be disregarded when calculating an applicant’s capital | Schedule 5, part 9  (page 137) |
| 6. certain child care charges, which in certain circumstances will be deducted when calculating an applicant’s income | Regulation 18  (page 40) |