Scenario 5

Ms B is a lone parent living in a band F property

Ms. B owns her own property and receives Child Tax Credit and child benefit. This gives her an income of £96.32 per week. She doesn't have any capital.

Her weekly Council Tax charge is £25.12 and she currently receives £25.12 Council Tax Benefit every week which means she pays nothing towards her Council Tax Bill.

What could these changes mean for Ms B?
If Ms B's circumstances remained the same she would receive £22.61 Council Tax Benefit every week meaning she would have to pay £10.91 per month
Scenario 6

Mr and Mrs H have three non dependant children living with them and Mr. H is classed as long term sick.

Mr. H is on statutory sick pay and Mrs H does not work, their total income is £151.43 per week. Their children all work but all earn less than £180 per week.

The couple rent a housing association property for £136.81 per week and whilst housing benefit covers most of this Mr and Mrs H have to pay £49.15 per week towards their rent.

Their weekly Council Tax charge is £23.33 and they currently receive £13.43 per week Council Tax Benefit which means they have to pay £9.90 per week or £43.02 per month. This is as a result of the non-dependant deductions applied at £3.30 per week per non-dependant.

What could these changes mean for Mr and Mrs H?
If Mr and Mrs H’s circumstances remain the same they would receive £11.10 per week Council Tax Benefit meaning they would have to pay £53.14 per month.
Scenario 7

Mr and Mrs T own a second home.

Their property is in Maidenhead and is in Council Tax Band D. The charge for a Band D property in Maidenhead is £1,216.47 each year.

They currently receive a 10% second home discount of £121.64, which means that their Council Tax bill for the year is £1,094.83.

What the changes will mean for Mr and Mrs T

The changes will remove the 10% discount for second homes. Mrs and Mrs T’s Council Tax bill will increase to £1,216.47 each year.

Scenario 8

Mr and Mrs K own an empty property.

The changes will remove two of the current exemptions for empty properties and replace them with a 50% Council Tax discount. The changes will also charge a 50% premium on properties that have been empty for over two years.

Depending on how long the property has been empty, and the reason for it being empty, the situation will vary as illustrated below:

| The property is empty and requires major alterations or repair to make it habitable |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| How long has it been empty?     | Current situation | After the changes |
| Up to 12 months                 | The property is exempt from Council Tax | 50% discount - 50% Council Tax payable |
| Over 12 months                  | 10% discount - 90% Council Tax payable | 100% Council Tax payable |

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There are lots of ways you can give us your views.

**Discussion Groups** - We will be talking to people most affected by the changes.

**Workshops/Meetings** - We will be working with Voluntary Groups in the area to ensure users and carers of their services are given the opportunity to have their say.

**Online** - Visit [www.rbwm.gov.uk/ctbconsultation](http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/ctbconsultation) where you’ll find all the information about the consultation, you can also complete the questionnaire online as well.

**Postal Survey** - We will be carrying out a postal survey with our Residents Panel.
You can contact us with your views on the options for the new Council Tax Support Scheme in the following way:

**Web:**  www.rbwm.gov.uk/ctbconsultation  
**Telephone:**  01628 683868 - Please note there will be an answer phone on this telephone. Please leave your contact number and we will call you back.  
**Post:**  Housing Benefit Team, Town Hall, St. Ives Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL61RF.  
**Email:**  CTBconsultation@rbwm.gov.uk  
**Facebook:**  http://www.facebook.com/rbwm  
**Twitter:**  www.twitter.com/rbwm  

**How the decisions will be made**

Once the consultation is complete the feedback will be collated, and a report will then be developed which will be presented at the Council’s Cabinet meeting in November where the final decision on what the scheme is going to look like will be made.

We will write a report about the views we have collected and how they have shaped the changes, which will be available for you to read should you wish to. We will also let you know how your views have shaped the new scheme and will write to you personally if you are going to be affected.