Further to your Information request FOI64712 please find your questions and our response below:

**Question:**

Information relating to the cuts to council tax benefits (council tax support schemes). For each of the following groups, please quantify how much more they will have to pay under your new scheme for (i) 2013-14 and (ii) 2014-15, in which HMG has not confirmed there is any continuing transitional grant. 1) For a single mother with one child living in a Band D property currently earning £120 a week, working 10 hours a week 2) A family in a Band F property with both parents having just lost their jobs 3) A 22 year old having gained a 1st class degree from Oxford finding it hard to find a job, currently living in a Band B property 4) An empty nester 55 year old former council employee who has lost their job as a result of council cuts imposed by central government, currently living with their unemployed wife

**Response:**

1) A single mother who earns £120.00 pw based on £120.00 per week she would have to pay 8.5% of the bill as before she would have been entitled to full amount). Therefore for a band D last year she would not have had to pay anything and this year she would need to pay £76.14 per annum (based on Maidenhead Band D with 25% Single Person Discount). If she had other income in addition to her wages they would also need to take into account that the excess income calculation taper has increased from 20% to 25%.

2) I am assuming the parents are of working age. Again we do not have any income details, but say that they were on passported benefit they would need to pay £146.64 (based on 8.5% of Maidenhead Band F).

3) I am assuming the 22 year old is not working, maybe on passported benefit – based on this he/she would need to pay £59.22 per annum based on Maidenhead Band D with 25% discount.

4) Again we do not have any indication on what capital (may have had redundancy) or their income. They will need to pay at least 8.5% of the annual bill.

This concludes your request FOI64712.

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