

SL(5)155 - The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018

Background and Purpose

Council Tax Reduction Schemes (CTRS) are the mechanism through which local authorities provide support to low income households in meeting their council tax liability.

These Regulations make amendments to both the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2013. These Regulations uprate certain figures used to calculate an applicant's entitlement to a reduction under a CTRS, and the subsequent level of reduction.

These Regulations also makes consequential amendments as a result of changes to the wider welfare and tax system.

Procedure

Affirmative.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

One point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument, in that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Assembly (Standing Order 21.3(ii)).

These Regulations make very technical and detailed changes to CTRS subordinate legislation. The Committee notes and appreciates that the Explanatory Memorandum and Explanatory Note accompanying these Regulations provide a very clear and very helpful summary of the technical and detailed changes being made.

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

None.

Government Response

No government response is required.

Legal Advisers

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

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