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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI717904864

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council Tax discounts.

You have requested the following information:

1. What percentage of households currently receive any form of Council Tax discount in the 2025/26 financial year?

Please include all discount types (e.g. single person discount, low income-based reductions, disability-related discounts, student exemptions, etc.).

45.04%.

2. What percentage of households received Council Tax discounts in the 2024/25 financial year?

48.72%.

3. Have any Council Tax discounts or exemptions been reduced, removed, or otherwise changed in 2025/26 compared to 2024/25?

If so:

- o Please specify the types of changes made (e.g. eligibility rules, discount rates, categories affected).
- o The effective date(s) of these changes.

None.

4. Of the households that received any Council Tax discount in 2024/25, how many (and what percentage) are receiving a reduced discount or no discount in 2025/26? If possible, please provide this by discount type (e.g. single person, low income, disability-related, etc.).

Please note: T here could be any number of reasons for these reductions (e.g. CTRS ending partway into 2025/2026 - or not qualifying at all - a single person could have a partner join them). We can only provide data using only those accounts that were active for the whole of 2024 2025 and those that have been active from 01.04.2025.

939 with a lower disabled reduction (0.73%)

7,396 with lower discounts from other discounts (empty, second homes, etc) (5.71%)

42,043 with lower single person discounts (35.04%)

83 with lower discounts from local schemes (0.06%)

20,885 with lower CTRS (16.13%)

Please note there could be any number of reasons for these reductions (e.g. CTRS ending partway into 2025/2026 - or not qualifying at all - a single person could have a partner join them). However please accept this response as best endeavours.

5. If available, please provide any impact assessments, internal reports, consultation documents, or equality impact assessments related to these changes.

Not applicable.

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Yours faithfully

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