

Council Tax Energy Rebate

Payment Information

The Council is working very hard to make the payments of £150 per property, to residents in bands from A to D, as quickly as we possibly can. We are required to make payments no sooner than April and no later than 30 September.

If your Council Tax is paid by **direct debit** from a bank account belonging to someone named on the bill, you do not need to do anything. We will make a payment into that bank account and hope to do this during April. Your Council Tax instalments will be claimed on the due date.

If the **direct debit** is paid by someone else, we will contact you to agree how the payment will be made.

If you **don't pay by direct debit** you will need to make an application for the payment and agree how it is to be paid. The application form will be available during April so we ask you to check our website www.staffordbc.gov.uk and if you can do so, make the application on-line.

It is not too late to set up a direct debit and doing so will help us to make the £150 payment more quickly. Direct Debits can be set up by telephone on 01785 619279

If you **do not pay Council Tax** because you are exempt or get 100% Local Council Tax Reduction, you will still be entitled to the £150 payment.

We will contact those people who cannot apply on-line before the end of April.

Discretionary Payment Scheme

If your property is in Bands E to H, or you are not responsible for Council Tax payments, you will not qualify for the £150 payment but we may still be able to help you.

The Council will shortly be publishing a policy on how our discretionary payment scheme will work.

The discretionary scheme will provide help for some residents of higher banded properties and those who do not pay Council Tax but are responsible for energy costs, such as residents of shared accommodation, where the Council Tax is paid by the landlord.

You will need to make an application and we may need you to provide information in support of your application. The Council has a duty to ensure that the payments are made to those residents who need them the most.

The application and the full details of the discretionary scheme will be published on-line, so please check our website www.staffordbc.gov.uk for the latest information as the scheme develops.

Local Council Tax Reduction

If you are on benefits, or a low income and do not already do so, you may be able to claim a reduction in your Council Tax Bill.

To check out our on-line calculation tool or make a claim, please go to www.staffordbc.gov.uk/benefitforms

