



13 March 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 298/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

Section 1: Changes to the CTS scheme in 2018/19

1. Does your local authority intend to change its current council tax support scheme in April 2018?

Answer: No

Section 2: Local Welfare Assistance scheme

Until 2013, the Discretionary Social Fund provided Community Care grants and Crisis Loans to people in financial hardship across the UK. These elements of the Social Fund were centrally administered by the DWP until 2013 when they were abolished. They have been replaced by Local Welfare Assistance Schemes (LWAS) in England.

1. Does your local authority intend to have a local welfare assistance scheme in 2018/19?

Answer: Yes

If yes, please outline the details of the 2018/19 scheme in the table below:

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme	Details
Does the scheme provide support to people who have experienced a disaster such as flood or fire?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (if so, tick all types of support available) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vouchers (e.g. retail, transport or energy vouchers, not food bank referrals) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In-kind support (e.g. furniture/white



	goods) X Loans
Does the scheme provide support to people facing an emergency such as running out of food or energy supply?	<input type="checkbox"/> No X Yes (if so, tick all types of support available) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash X Vouchers (e.g. retail, transport or energy vouchers not food bank referrals) X In-kind support (e.g. food bank referral/parcel) X Loans
Does the scheme provide support to people needing support to set up a home or remain living independently?	<input type="checkbox"/> No X Yes (if so, tick all types of support available) X Cash X Vouchers (e.g. retail, transport or energy vouchers not food bank referrals) X In-kind support (e.g. furniture/white goods) X Loans
Are the eligibility criteria similar to those for the Discretionary Social Fund?	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If no, how do they differ?	Not Applicable
What is the budget set aside for the 2018/19 LWAS?	£25,000

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