

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Council Tax discounts in your local authority.

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.).
2. What percentage of households received Council Tax discounts in the 2024/25 financial year?
3. Have any Council Tax discounts or exemptions been reduced, removed, or otherwise changed in 2025/26 compared to 2024/25?
If so:
 - Please specify the types of changes made (e.g. eligibility rules, discount rates, categories affected).
 - The effective date(s) of these changes.
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.).
5. If available, please provide any impact assessments, internal reports, consultation documents, or equality impact assessments related to these changes.