

SL(5)682 – The Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirement and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Background and Purpose

These Regulations are made under section 13A(4) and (5) of, and paragraphs 2 to 7 of Schedule 1B to, the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The Regulations amend the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2013 (referred to collectively as “the 2013 CTRS Regulations”). Council Tax Reduction Schemes (CTRS) are the mechanism by which local authorities provide support to low income households in meeting their council tax liability.

The Regulations uprate certain figures used to calculate an applicant’s entitlement to a reduction under a CTRS, and the subsequent level of reduction to reflect increases in the cost of living, and make certain technical and consequential amendments.

Procedure

Draft Affirmative.

Technical Scrutiny

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

Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

No consultation has been undertaken in respect of these Regulations. The Explanatory Memorandum notes that:

“The 2013 CTRS Regulations were consulted upon and details are provided in the Regulatory Impact Assessments accompanying those Regulations.”

Implications arising from exiting the European Union

None.



Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

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