

Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

## WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE	The laying of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020
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BY Rebecca Evans AM, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

Today, I have laid the draft Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 before the Assembly.

Subject to the approval of the Assembly, these Regulations will uprate the financial figures in the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2013 to ensure that the scheme in place for the 2020-21 financial year reflects increases in the cost-of-living. This helps to ensure that the scheme maintains entitlements for the 280,000 households across Wales who rely on this support.

Earlier this month, I launched the next phase of our awareness campaign which aims to help everyone across Wales understand if they are entitled to support with paying their council tax bill and provides advice on how to access it.

I look forward to the debate on the Regulations early in the new year.