

Appendix 1 – Glossary of terms

Banded Scheme – Based on income and/or household composition claimants are entitled to have their council tax annual liability reduced either by a % or an amount, depending on which band of income they are placed.

Council Tax - Council Tax is a local taxation system used in England, Scotland and Wales. It is a tax on domestic property, which was introduced in 1993 by the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Council Tax Support – Council Tax Support (also known as Council Tax Reduction) is a benefit to help people who are on a low income or claiming certain benefits to pay their Council Tax bill. Since April 2013 in England, each local authority must adopt its own scheme for working age residents.

De minimis - Within the context of Runnymede Council Tax Support scheme it is the mechanism to ignore changes of £3.25 or less in weekly Council Tax Support entitlement.

Universal Credit (UC) – is a means-tested social security payment. It is replacing and combining six benefits, for working-age households with a low income: income-related Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, and Income Support; Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit; and Housing Benefit. An award of Universal Credit is made up of different elements, which become payable to the claimant if relevant criteria apply: a standard allowance for singles or couples, child elements and disabled child elements for children in the household, housing cost element, childcare costs element, as well as elements for being a carer or having an illness or disability and therefore having limited capability to work.

Non-dependant Deductions - refer to reductions in Council Tax Support for certain adults who reside in the claimants' home, such as friends or family members. These individuals are considered non-dependants and are expected to contribute toward household bills including Council Tax, regardless of whether a payment is made, the council still makes a deduction based on their income before tax.