

## **Council Tax Support explained**

Council Tax Support will help to pay your Council Tax bill if you are on a low income.

How much Council Tax Support you get depends on:

- how much income you and your partner have
- how much you both have in savings, and
- whether you are working age or pension age.

You need to be:

- liable for Council Tax and
- living at the property

The online calculator, provided by Entitled to, takes about 10 minutes to complete.

## **Will I have to pay towards my Council Tax if I get Council Tax Support?**

Council Tax Support may not cover all of your Council Tax.

### **Minimum contribution**

In Bury everyone of working age who gets Council Tax Support has to pay at least 20% of their Council Tax.

If you're pension age, you may be able to get Council Tax Support to cover all of your Council Tax.

### **Council Tax band limit**

If your property is in Council Tax band C, D, E, F, G or H, Council Tax Support will be worked out as though you are in a band B property. **This is as well as the 20% minimum contribution.** The following groups are exempt from the Council Tax band limit:

- all pensioners
- people who receive :
  - Disability Living Allowance (all care and mobility components)
  - Attendance Allowance (all components)
  - Personal Independence Payments (all components)
  - Employment Support Allowance (Support Related component only)
  - Carers Allowance
  - War Disablement Pension
  - War Widows/Widowers allowance
  - Armed Forces and Reserve Forces Compensation Scheme
- lone parents with a child or children aged under 5
- someone who has suffered a bereavement of a partner or child in the last 12 months. This exemption will last for 12 months from the date of the bereavement