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Dear Sarah

## Consultation on proposals for a 2014/15 Council Tax Support Scheme

I am writing to ask for your comments on the Council's proposals for a 2014/15 Council Tax Support Scheme (CTS)

Having reviewed the operation of the new CTS since it first came into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, we have been able to confirm that the scheme is in line with our original financial forecasts and that there were no unintended impacts on claimants. Consequently the current proposals are to continue with the existing scheme, subject to technical changes needed to update any dependencies on Department of Work and Pensions rules.

This proposal will be considered by our Corporate Business Scrutiny committee on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Executive on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013, before final decision by full Council.

A copy of the scheme can be found through the following link:

http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/media/pdf/3/d/East Herts Reduction Scheme Policy.pdf

The arrangements for funding the proposed scheme will be the same as for 2013/14.

I would be grateful if you could let me know your response to these proposals no later than 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

Yours sincerely

Adele Taylor

**Director of Finance and Support Services** 

