

**QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC**

Please return your completed question form to Chief Executive's Business Support, Plymouth City Council, Ballard House, West Hoe Road, Plymouth, PL1 3BJ or email [ChiefExecutiveBusinessSupportUnit@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:ChiefExecutiveBusinessSupportUnit@plymouth.gov.uk)

Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

**Question submitted by: Nigel Buckley**

**To the Cabinet Member or Chair for:** Deputy Leader / Finance

**To be asked at the next City Council Meeting:**

**Question (to be no longer than 50 words):** Conservative led South Hams Council allows up to 85% relief on Council Tax under its Council Tax redirection scheme whereas Plymouth City Council only allows up to 80% and yet Plymouth has a lower average income. Why is Plymouth's scheme less generous than that in the wealthy South Hams?

**Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question?** Did not indicate

**Response:** ( for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs)

The Local Council tax Support Scheme was introduced in 2013 and was fully funded by central government. In that first year, the authority's discount was 75% requiring a 25% contribution from the council tax payer. The following year this was reviewed and moved to an 80% subsidy and 20% contribution. Each year this is reviewed in line with government initiatives, and presented as part of the budget setting discussions. Plymouth City Council implements a scheme which is within statutory requirements, affordable and benchmarked.