

Appendix A

Local Council Tax Support (CTS) Project Timetable

Autumn-Winter 2011/12

- Government publishes a response to the consultation. (published 16/12/11)
- Introduction of Local Government Finance Bill (included provisions for localisation of council tax support).
- Central and local government begin working on model schemes.

Spring 2012

- Primary legislation in passage through Parliament.
- Government preparing and consulting on draft secondary legislation.
- Technical consultation on grant distribution
- Liaison with neighbouring authorities
- Modelling local scheme options – outcomes to be considered by relevant stakeholders

Summer 2012

- Primary legislation passed.
- Secondary legislation prepared.
- Work towards finalising the design of a local scheme; scoping IT changes.

Autumn / Winter 2012/13

- Secondary legislation passed (early Autumn).
- Grant allocations published
- Consultation with members on proposed scheme and agree any revisions
- Carry out formal consultation in conjunction with major precepting authorities, other stakeholders and local residents; agree any revisions to scheme
- Technical changes to IT systems to begin
- Rotherham to adopt local scheme (by 31/01/13)
- Publicity and promotion of the scheme
- Staff and partner training
- Transfer of CTB caseload to CTS scheme
- Testing of new scheme on Northgate software

Spring 2013

- Local schemes in operation (1/4/2013)