

Energy Rebate Scheme – Discretionary Fund**Eligibility Criteria**

The Council has decided that the payments will be made provided the household has their sole or main residence in a dwelling as at midnight on 1 April 2022 and the following conditions are met:

- (a) A single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household which resides in a dwelling with a council tax band E-H **and** where any amount of Council Tax Reduction has been awarded under the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2012;
- (b) A single one-off payment of £150 will be awarded to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band E to H **and** where a Council Tax exemption Class N (Students), Class S (premises only occupied by persons under 18 years of age) or Class U (Severely Mentally Impaired); and
- (c) Where funding allows, the Council will consider providing an additional award 'top up' to the following categories:
 - (i) to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band A to H **and** where 100% Council Tax Reduction has been awarded under the Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2012; and
 - (ii) to any household who resides in a dwelling with a Council Tax band A to H **and** where a Council Tax exemption Class N (Students), Class S (Premises only occupied by persons under 18 years of age) or Class U (Severely Mentally Impaired)

For the purpose of the Discretionary Scheme, a household is a person or group of persons occupying a single dwelling, as defined in section 3 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. No award will be made for any unoccupied premises, second homes or the Council Tax liable person is a local authority, a corporate body or other body such as a housing association, the government or government body.

Should there be any residual funding remaining after 30 September 2022, it will be at the discretion of the Council how it allocates the remainder, a decision delegated to the director of resources and assurance.

Payment Methods

Where the Council determines that all of the eligibility criteria are met in full, payment will be made via a Post Office Pay Out voucher where you will receive a voucher which you can take to any Post Office and exchange for £150 cash (you will need to provide identification to the Post Office to obtain the payment)

If you do not have the relevant identification to cash the voucher, you will need to contact the Council for the voucher to be cancelled and provide bank details for the payment to be made direct into a bank account. The bank details will need to be verified by the Council before the payment can be made.

The discretionary energy rebate payments will start to be issued week commencing 5 September 2022 and will be made by 30 November 2022 deadline.

Eligibility Disputes

The decision of the Council on any eligibility matters will be final. Should any tax payer feel aggrieved by any decision then they should make an official complaint through the Council's complaints procedure. Full details are available on the Council's website.