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Housing Benefit Notification

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Mr. S Cordell

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Claim Reference: 1623514 NI Reference: JH653811D

Rent Reference: 497630 Council Tax Account:55508596

14/03/13

Dear Mr. Cordell

Housing Benefit Notification

I have changed your Housing Benefit from 01/04/2013 to take account of new year benefit levels from April. I have decided that your benefit is now as follows:

£86.84 per week from 01/04/2013

How You Will Be Paid

Your benefit will be paid by directly crediting your rent account.

Notification of Council Tax Support

I have worked out your council tax support from 01/04/2013 to take account of new year benefit levels from April. I have decided that your benefit is now as follows:

£12.64 per week from 01/04/2013 **How You Will Be Paid**

£658.99 council tax support has been paid to your council tax account. The total amount of council tax support for 2013/14 is **£658.99.**

You will soon receive a Council Tax bill dated 14/03/13 that will tell you how much council tax

you will now have to pay. On the back of the bill is a summary of how we have calculated your Council Tax.

Other Information

Appeal details for Housing Benefit, information on the Council Tax Support scheme and other information are included with this letter.

About Council Tax Support

In previous years, the Government has funded a national Council Tax Benefit Scheme which may have meant you did not pay Council Tax. The Government is abolishing the national Council Tax Benefit Scheme from 1 April **2013**.

In its place, councils have been asked to set up local support schemes for council tax but

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the Government has given less funding than it currently costs. In Enfield, the shortfall in funding is over £4m a year.

Despite this funding shortfall, Enfield Council has agreed a new local Council Tax Support Scheme based on the previous national benefit scheme with some amendments. Details of the new scheme are available on our website, www.enfield.gov.uk/counciltaxonline.

Your Council Tax Support award has been based on this new scheme.

How Council Tax Support is worked out

Council Tax Support is worked out using the information supplied in your previous Council Tax Benefit claim and the amount of Council Tax expected for the property you live in.

We start with looking at if you are eligible for any discounts, such as single person discount. We then turn your remaining amount of council tax into a weekly amount.

Pensioners, war widows of working age, and those receiving war disability payments will continue to be eligible for Council Tax Support for up to 100% of the Council Tax that you have to pay. For the remaining working age claims (aged up to 65) you can receive a maximum benefit of up to 80.5% of council tax due.

Claimants receiving the following benefits will automatically give you the full award less any deductions for non-dependents (other adults living with you):

- Income Support,
- Guaranteed Credit
- Income based job seekers allowance.
- Income related employment and support allowance

This means that if you are working age and not in a protected group, you will get 80.5% of your council tax as a benefit. If you are a pensioner or protected, you will get 100%.

For all other claims we look at your total income, any savings that you have and deduct from that a recommended allowance that you need to live on depending on your circumstances and family make-up.

For every £1 that your total income is over the recommended allowance we deduct 20p from the weekly maximum amount of Council Tax Support you can receive. The amount left is the Council Tax Support we give you each week.

All weekly amounts are then worked out for the year and paid to your Council Tax Account.

You will receive a bill setting out what contribution, if any, you are expected to pay towards Council Tax. See the back of the Council Tax bill which for information on how we can calculate your contribution.

Your sincerely

Enfield Benefits Service

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How Your Housing Benefit Has Been Worked Out

From 01/04/**2013** your Housing Benefit will be £86.84 each week.

The rent you are charged each week is £92.49.

Housing Benefit cannot pay for some service charges that are included in your rent. The rent you pay has to be reduced by the amount of these service charges. These amounts are shown below:

Actual amount for Ineligible Water **£5.65**

Total deductions for services £5.65

The amount of rent after deducting these charges is called your maximum eligible rent. Your rent of £92.49 must be reduced by £5.65, to £86.84 each week. This is your maximum eligible rent.

The maximum Housing Benefit you can get is £86.84 each week. This figure is used when working out 'your total weekly Housing Benefit'.

Your Total Weekly Housing Benefit

As you are receiving Income Support, I can pay the maximum Housing Benefit of £86.84 each week.

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Notification of Suspension of Benefit Suspension of Housing Benefit

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04/07/2013

Dear Mr Cordell

109 Burncroft Avenue Enfield EN3 7JQ

Notification of Suspension of Benefit Suspension of Housing Benefit

The law allows me to suspend your Housing Benefit payments in certain circumstances. I am writing to tell you that I have suspended payments from 08/07/2013 because we have been informed you are in prison.

Please confirm if you are on remand or have been sentenced. If you have been sentenced, please confirm the date you were sentenced. Please reply within one calendar month of the date of this letter or we will cancel your benefit. Any delay may mean that you lose some benefit.

If you are awarded any benefit it will start from the Monday following the date, I receive the form. If you want me to consider awarding you benefit back to the date you made your original claim, you must tell me when you want the claim to start from, and the reasons why you failed to give me the information I asked for with your previous application.

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