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Housing Benefit Notification

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Mr. S Cordell

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Enfield

EN3 7JQ

Claim Reference: 1623514

NI reference: JH653811D

Rent Reference: 497630

Council Tax Account:55508596

27/02/2015

Dear Mr. Cordell

### **Housing Benefit Notification**

I have changed your Housing Benefit from 06/04/2015 to take account of new year benefit levels from April. I have decided that your benefit is now as follows:

£93.08 per week from 06/04/2015 **How You Will Be Paid**

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

### **Council Tax Support Notification**

I have worked out your council tax support from 01/04/2015 to take account of new council tax and benefit levels from April. I have decided that your benefit is now as follows:

£12.53 per week from 01/04/2015

### **How You Will Be Paid**

£655.22 council tax support has been paid to your council tax account. The total amount of

council tax support for **2015/16** is £655.22.

You will receive a **council tax bill dated 13th March 2015** 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.

### **Right of Appeal for Housing Benefit**

If you do not agree with the Housing Benefit decision, you must challenge it within **one month** of the date of this letter.

You can:

1. Write and ask us to reconsider
2. Write to us and ask for our decision to be looked at by the Independent Tribunal run by the Tribunal Service.

Your letter must be written in English, be received within one month of the date of this letter, be signed by you and give your name, address, grounds for reconsideration and any evidence.

### **If you disagree with a Local Council Tax Support Scheme decision**

If you do not agree with the Council Tax Support Scheme decision, you do not have a formal

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right to appeal. However, you can still:

Write and ask us to reconsider

If you are still unhappy you can write to us to make a formal complaint

Your letter must be written in English, be received within one month of the date of this letter, be signed by you and give your name, address, grounds for reconsideration and any evidence.

### **Changes in your circumstances**

If your circumstances change, you must tell us about them immediately. For example:

1. You start working or you earn more or less money
2. Your benefits/tax credits change or are stopped
3. You move home
4. Your rent changes
5. You go to stay with friends, family or go into hospital for more than 2 weeks
6. You become a student or stop being a student
7. Anyone comes to live with you, or someone moves out
8. Your savings change
9. Your child leaves school or other education
10. You have a baby
11. Someone dies
12. Any other change which may affect your entitlement to benefit
13. Someone else in your home has any of these changes

If you don't tell us about a change, we may fine you or take legal action and you will have to pay back any money that you were not entitled to.

You can report a change in circumstance on our website at [www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits online](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits online)

Alternatively, you can write or email us telling us what has changed, when and if there has been a delay in telling us, why. You will also need to send evidence to support your claim. Further information is also available on our website

[www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits).

### **How to contact us**

### **My Enfield Account**

Make the most of Enfield's online self-service secure portals.

**Sign up for My Enfield - Residents** for access to your Council Tax accounts, Housing Benefit and Council Tax support claims.

**Sign up for My Enfield - Landlords** to access your tenants Housing Benefit payment schedules if you are paid directly

From your accounts you can view balances, next payments, payments made, benefit awards personal details, payment schedules, inform us of changes, apply for discounts and much more.

To register: [www.enfield.gov.uk/myenfield](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/myenfield)

Online - Benefits homepage visit [www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/benefits) Online forms visit

[www.enfield.gov.uk/benefitsonline](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/benefitsonline)

Email - [revs@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:revs@enfield.gov.uk)

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There are free internet facilities in local council libraries and at our major reception areas. Post - Revenues and Benefits, PO Box 63, Civic Centre, Enfield, EN1 3XW Telephone - 020 8379 1000 (8am-6pm).

For further details on how to contact us please visit [www.enfield.gov.uk/contact\\_us](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/contact_us)

Providing Evidence? - Please note we can now accept all supporting documents electronically by email to

[revs@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:revs@enfield.gov.uk). If you have a benefit reference number insert it into the subject box in pointed brackets: <XXXXXXXXXX>

Identification such as passports, driving licences etc. must still be provided in person at one of our offices or sent in via the post.

Please note that your information will be processed in line with the Councils privacy notice which is available at

[www.enfield.gov.uk/privacy](http://www.enfield.gov.uk/privacy)

Yours sincerely

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**How Your Housing Benefit Has Been Worked Out for the period**

From 06/04/**2015** your Housing Benefit will be £93.08 each week.

The rent you are charged each week is £99.19.

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    £6.11

**Total deductions for services    £6.11**

The amount of rent after deducting these charges is called your maximum eligible rent. Your rent of £99.19 must be reduced by £6.11, to £93.08 each week. This is your maximum eligible rent.

The maximum Housing Benefit you can get is £93.08 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 £93.08 each week.

**How Your Council Tax Support Has Been Worked Out**

Based on your circumstances I have decided to assess your claim using the Working Age scheme.

From 01/04/**2015**, your council tax support is £12.53 each week.

**The maximum council tax support you could get**

Your council tax liability for the year is £813.94 which for this period is £15.57 each week.

The maximum council tax support you could get is therefore £15.57 each week. This figure is

used when working out 'your total weekly council tax support'.

**Your Total Weekly Council Tax Support**

A reduction of the maximum council tax support of £15.57 that you could get each week must be reduced by £3.04, to £12.53.

As you are receiving income support, I can pay you your maximum council tax support of £12.53 each week.

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