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Unite community members are coming together across the UK to defend those most at risk because of these welfare changes. Unite community is open to anybody, aged 16-116, out of work, retired or studying. If you want to find out how you can be part of this, visit www.unitetheunion.org/community

Unite believes that many of the government reforms to welfare benefits are unfair and unnecessary, and we are campaigning against them. To get involved email: community@unitetheunion.org or go to www.ourwelfareworks.com



WHO CAN I TALK TO ABOUT THE BENEFIT CHANGES?

- DWP Helpline: 0845 6057 064
DWP Text Phone: 0845 608 3557
Citizens Advice Bureau: 0844 4111 44 (landline)
..... 0300 3300 650 (mobile)
Housing and Council Tax Benefit: Contact your local council

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BENEFIT CHANGES

ARE YOU PREPARED?



COUNCIL TAX

BENEFIT

FROM APR 2013

NO. 4

The Government is making big changes to welfare benefits. Find out how the Changes affect you.



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4. COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

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Is available for people on low income who need help to pay their Council Tax. In April 2013 The Government is abolishing the national Council Tax Benefit scheme which will be replaced by a local scheme of Council Tax Support.

COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

Will be a local scheme run by the Council. The Council will have 10%t less money to help people pay their Council Tax. Most councils will be increasing the amount that people, currently receiving council tax benefit, will have to pay towards their bill.

SUPPORT FOR PENSIONERS

Pensioners who are currently entitled to Council Tax Benefit will not be affected by the change. If you are a pensioner aged 61 or over who receives Council Tax Benefit, you will continue to receive the same level of support.

QUESTION

How will Council Tax Support change?

ANSWER

- Some councils will not be making changes to the amount of benefit received for the year 2013-2014. Depending on where you live you could be asked to pay from 5% - 30% of your council tax bill.
- Many people aged 18-60 will be affected and will receive less help to pay their Council Tax.

QUESTION

When will the changes happen?

ANSWER

The Government has decided that the local Council Tax Support scheme will apply from 1 April 2013.