

Dear Council Tax payer

### **Council Tax Energy Bill Rebate Scheme**

On  $3^{rd}$  February the Government announced that a £150 payment would be made to most households in council tax bands A – D, to help with rising energy bills.

This letter gives important information about how the scheme will work.

#### If you pay your council tax by Direct Debit.

The Government have said that if you pay your council tax by Direct Debit then, once we've made some necessary checks, we'll send the £150 payment direct to your bank account.

There's nothing that you need to do, and we aim to send the payment by mid-May 2022.

# If you don't pay your council tax by Direct Debit

If you don't pay by Direct Debit you will need to claim your £150 payment. Once we've finalised how our scheme will work, we will write to you again letting you know how to do this. We will also provide details of how we can help those people to claim who aren't able to do it themselves.

We aim to finalise our application process and write to you again by mid-May 2022.

#### Sign up to Direct Debit and receive your £150 rebate faster

If you sign up to pay your council tax by Direct Debit you will receive your £150 Council Tax Rebate faster.

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It will also be easier for you as there will be no need to claim; your payment will be sent direct to your bank account.

Signing up for Direct Debit is easy, just visit our secure on-line form at <a href="https://derby.gov.uk/directdebit">https://derby.gov.uk/directdebit</a>

Please make sure you have your council tax account number and bank details ready.

# Council Tax Energy Bill Rebate - Discretionary Fund

If you don't qualify for a payment from the main scheme you may be able to get a payment, of up to £150, from our discretionary scheme.

Details of our scheme will be published on our website at <a href="https://www.derby.gov.uk/counciltax">www.derby.gov.uk/counciltax</a> and posted on our social media channels later in the year.

Yours sincerely

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