

Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions

Summary of changes to be made under the amendments to orders detailed below:

To cover the reduced funding from central Government, Cherwell District Council needs to amend some council tax discounts and exemptions. For Cherwell, the projected reduction in funding will be circa **£60,000** and so we would ask for the following to be approved to cover this shortfall

The Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2012

2nd home discount

Currently award 10% discount

From 01/04/13 remove this discount and charge 100%. Additional income = £3,785*

The Council Tax (Exempt Dwellings) (England) (Amendment) Order 2012

Class A – uninhabitable property

Currently award 100% for 12 months

From 01/04/13 reduce to 50% for 12 months. Additional income = £4,625*

Class C – empty and unfurnished property

Currently award 100% for 6 months

From 01/04/13 reduce to 25% discount for 6 months. Additional income = £52,457*

Notes:

****All estimates based on the discounts and exemptions awarded at November 2012.***