APPENDIX D: What other councils are doing

Local authority	Scheme
Watford	Default national scheme ie
	No band capping
	Maximum benefit is 100% of liability
	Second adult rebate retained
St Albans	Default national scheme ie
	No band capping
	Maximum benefit is 100% of liability
Welwyn/Hatfield	Maximum benefit is 75% of liability
	100% to protected groups
	Disability premium
	Enhanced disability premium
	Severe disability premium
	Disabled child premium
	> Child under 5
	ESA support group
	> DLA/PIP
	➢ War widow/ers
North Herts	Maximum benefit is 75% of liability
	100% to protected groups
	Disability premium
	Enhanced disability premium
	 ESA support component
	Disabled child premium
	 Earnings disregard increased to £7.50 (single); £15 (couple); £30 (disabled/carer/auxiliary occupation); £37.50 (lone parent)

Local authority	Scheme
Dacorum	Restriction of liability to Band D
	Protected groups
	Disabled child premium
	Disability premium or underlying DP for those with limited capability for work
	ESA work related activity group
	ESA support group
	Child under 5
	War widow/ers or war disablement pension
	Maximum benefit is 75% of liability
	100% to protected groups as above
	Non dependant deductions modified
	Second adult rebate - those over pension credit age only
	Backdating - 3 months for pensioners and 1 month for everyone else
Three Rivers	Restriction of liability to Band D
	Capital limit reduced to £8,000
	Non dependant deductions increased
	 Second adult rebate – those over pension credit age only
Hertsmere	Restriction of liability to Band D*
	Protected groups
	 Claimant, partner or child gets DLA, AA or PIP,
	 ESA support group
	Lone parent with child under 5
	 Maximum benefit is 80% of liability*

Local authority	Scheme
	100% of liability to protected groups as above
	Non dependant deductions modified
	Protection from non dependant charges to groups as above
	*ie liability is actually restricted to 80% of Band D or 80% of actual liability (whichever is lower) except for protected groups
Stevenage	Maximum benefit is 91.5% of liability
East Herts	Maximum benefit is 91.5% of liability
Broxbourne	Restriction of liability to Band E
	Protected groups – claimant, partner, child or non-dependant
	Disability premium ,Enhanced disability premium, Severe disability premium,Carer premium,DLA/PIP,ESA support component,CTR support component,Incapacity benefit long term rate, War disabilement pension,War widow/ers
	Maximum benefit is 80% liability
	 100% of liability to protected groups as above
	Income taper increased from 20-25%
	Protected groups as above
	Non dependant deductions modified
	 Earnings disregard increased to £10.00 (single); £15 (couple); £25 (disabled/carer/auxiliary occupation); £30.00 (lone parent)
	Back to work 'run on ' increased from 4-6 weeks
	 Backdating replaced by automatic 3 month start date prior to claim if satisfies rules in that period.