

**Council Fees & Charges Concessions Policy - April 2011**

**Policy**

Concessions will be available to residents on identified income related benefits. The identified income related benefits are:

1. Housing Benefit, in the form of Rent Allowance or Local Housing Allowance for people living in rented accommodation
2. Council Tax benefit
3. Income Support
4. Job Seekers Allowance (Income based)
5. Working Tax Credit
6. Child tax credit
7. Guaranteed Pension Credit (not 'Savings Pension Credit')
8. Employment and Support Allowance (Income based)

This list will change as changes are made to the names of the benefits or the benefits themselves.

No concession is applied on the grounds of age (except for under 18 teams hiring of football pitches) or disability unless the resident is in receipt of benefits.

**Proof of Benefits**

Residents will need to confirm the type of the benefit they are claiming and to give permission for a check to be made with Revenues & Benefits that this is the case.

**Amount of concession**

The amount of concession will be to apply a 50% reduction for all fees and charges.

**Variations**

For use of the Council's sports pitches the existing arrangements that provide for subsidised fees for junior (under 18) sports teams to use pitches is to continue so as to encourage usage and sport participation (concession to be harmonised to 50%) .

Leisure Centres operate different specific concessions for particular activities