

## Chairman's Announcement

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Impact of Welfare Reform</b>
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<b>Further details available:</b>	<b>From Wiltshire Council on: 0300 4560100</b>

### Summary of Announcement:

On 8 March 2012 the Welfare Reform Act 2012 was approved. This government change to welfare is designed to simplify the benefit system and encourage people to work. It will affect many people across the country and if you are in receipt of benefit, or an employer, then it will affect you too. The council is working with partners to make sure information and support is available to all those who need it. The changes include:

- Benefit cap
- Under-occupation rules (housing benefit)
- Universal credit
- Disability Living Allowance
- New Council tax scheme
- New social fund

Further information is available on the council's website: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/counciltaxhousingandbenefits/welfare2012reform.htm>. Or telephone the council on: 0300 456 0100

An 'infographic' has been commissioned by Wiltshire Money which is the financial inclusion partnership for the county. The film is less than 4 minutes long and we will watch this now: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dd29tTwwT8>