East Lothian Council

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I am looking to establish the Council's policy regarding the use of the "minimum income floor" for the purposes of calculating Council Tax Reduction for those who are self employed.

Please provide details of the guidance provided to a) applicants and b) staff administering claims. If this is already publicly available, please provide a link to the web page this information is provided.

For details of what I am referring to, please see this article: <u>http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/minimum-</u> income-floor-council-tax_uk_5a7dda34e4b044b3821cf067

This is something used only by English local authorities. All local authorities in Scotland adhere to the previous Council Tax Benefit Legislation (The Council Tax Reduction (Scotland) Regulations 2012) which has been adopted by the Scottish Government and is available on the Government Legislation website at:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2012/303/contents/made