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| WRITTEN STATEMENT BYTHE WELSH GOVERNMENT |

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| **TITLE**  | **The laying of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021** |
| **DATE**  | **1 December 2020** |
| **BY**  | **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Trefnydd** |

Today, I have laid the draft [Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2021](https://senedd.wales/laid%20documents/sub-ld13878/sub-ld13878-e.pdf) before the Senedd.

Subject to the approval of the Senedd, these Regulations will uprate the financial figures in the Council Tax Reduction Schemes and Prescribed Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2013 and the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Default Scheme) (Wales) Regulations 2013 to ensure that the scheme in place for the 2021-22 financial year reflects increases in the cost-of-living. This helps to ensure that the scheme maintains entitlements for the 280,000 households across Wales who rely on this support.

I look forward to the debate on the Regulations early in the New Year.