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More information can be obtained from the appropriate departments of Stratford on Avon District Council

### 1. Council Tax and Housing Benefit

Stratford on Avon District Council  
Elizabeth House  
Church Street  
Stratford upon Avon  
Warwickshire  
CV37 6HX  
**Tel: (01789) 260990**  
E-mail: [revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

### 2. Housing

South Warwickshire Housing Association  
10 Greenhill Street  
Stratford upon Avon  
Warwickshire  
CV37 6LG  
**Tel: (01789) 404400**  
[www.stratford-dc.gov.uk](http://www.stratford-dc.gov.uk)

Stratford on Avon District Council  
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# Advice for the Bereaved

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## Council Tax

If your partner has died and you were the only adults occupying your home, then you may be entitled to a reduction in your Council Tax.

People who live alone are eligible to receive a 25% reduction in their bill.

To qualify you should complete a single person discount form, declaring that you are now the sole occupier of your home and give the date this change took place.

If the property belonging to the person who has died remains empty, then the person now responsible for the property may qualify for 100% exemption from Council Tax.

Certain information is required so we can determine whether any Council Tax is payable.

A form will need to be completed giving details of probate and you will be contacted regarding whether you are entitled to the exemption.

## Council Tax & Housing Benefit

When a partner dies your income will be affected.

If you were in receipt of Housing or Council Tax Benefit then you should contact the Benefit Section who will be able to advise you about your claim.

If you did not previously claim as a couple you may now be able to get help with paying your Council Tax and rent, if your income is low.

You can get a claim form by contacting us at the address overleaf.

You should apply straightaway if you think you may qualify for help with your Council Tax and rent.

## Voluntary Transferred Housing Tenancies

If you rent your property from the Housing Association that took over all local authority tenancies and the tenancy is in the name of your partner who has died, then you should be able to contact the Housing Association so that they can advise you regarding your tenancy rights.

If the person who has died lived alone and they rented their home from the Housing Association, then you should contact the Association as soon as possible to formally end the tenancy.

It is important that you should contact the Housing Association at the address overleaf as soon as possible as rent remains payable until the tenancy is ended.