

Agenda Item 10 – Universal Credit Update

The Impact of Universal Credit in the Selby District

Universal Credit has a significant impact on the residents of the district and the national rise in numbers can also be seen in Selby.

In October 2020 there were 4,131 recipients of Universal Credit in the Selby Jobcentre Plus area, the latest figures available in April 2021 show 5,626 claimants in receipt of Universal Credit.

The Council Tax Support claim numbers have now steadied, in October 2020 the caseload was 4,705 claims and July 2021 the caseload is 4,677 claims.

As part of the measures to help with the economic impacts of COVID-19 the council received a hardship fund to provide an additional £150.00 rebate on the Council Tax charge for those of working age in receipt of Council Tax Support. In 2020/21 this was used to help 2,300 claimants with £373,000 of the funding used.

The remaining funding of £100,000 will continue to be used for individual exceptional hardship cases in 2021/22.