

# The budget - changes to benefits – will you be affected ?

Changes to taxes and benefits announced in the budget are likely to affect us all over the next few years.

These changes may impact upon your eligibility and entitlement to some benefits.

- **Child Tax Credits**  
These are set to increase for some families and stopped altogether for others ( ie those with incomes over £30,000). This will mean that your Housing and Council tax benefits will change.
- **Disability Living Allowance**  
New and existing claimants will be subject to new medical assessments ( this will mean re – testing for those already receiving it.)
- **Income Support for Lone Parents to change**  
Lone parents will be expected to be available for work from the age at which their youngest child starts school. Income Support will stop and they will have to sign on to claim Job Seekers Allowance.
- **Sure Start Maternity Grants**  
These will be payable for the first child only.
- **Health in Pregnancy Grants**  
These will be abolished from January 2011.

If you think you may be affected by these changes and want any further information regarding benefit entitlement , please contact the **Benefit Advice Team on 0113 2477 035.**