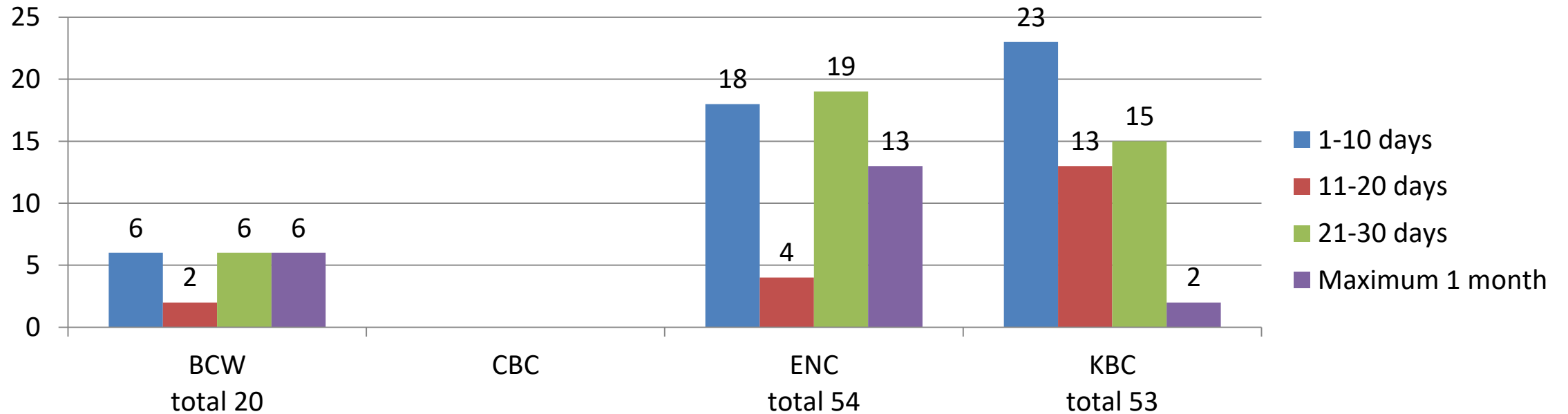


Backdating Restricted to 1 month

- Prior to April 2016 Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Support (CTS) claims could be backdated up to 6 months.
- Backdating can be allowed if the claimant can demonstrate continuous 'good cause' as to why they didn't submit a claim at the time.
- In April 2016, the HB regulations were amended to reduce the backdated period from 6 to 1 month therefore 3 of the 4 district and boroughs amended their CTS schemes to mirror the HB scheme. Corby Borough Council (CBC) currently backdate for a period of up to 6 months.
- Universal Credit claims can only be backdated up to a maximum of 1 month.
- The next slide provides details of the number of claims backdated in 2019/20, the length of time they were backdated for and the expenditure incurred (at the time of writing CBC were unable to provide the information requested).

Backdating Profiling

The chart below details the number of backdated awards granted in 2019/20 and the length of the awards.



BCW = Borough Council of Wellingborough
CBC = Corby Borough Council
ENC = East Northamptonshire Council
KBC = Kettering Borough Council

Backdating Summary

- 127 backdate awards were made during 2019/20.
- The average length of backdate award was 19 days.
- 16% were awarded the maximum 1 calendar month.
- The amount of backdated expenditure was £6,000.
- This equates to an average of £47 per claim.

*the above does not include figures for Corby Borough Council