

Local Council Tax Support Scheme
Consultation Results

370 respondents accessed the campaign

Do you agree that Council Tax should be increased for all households by about 2.5% to protect current levels of Council Tax Benefit paid to claimants?

This single response question was answered by 370 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	111	30
No	226	61.08
Don't know	33	8.92

Do you agree that working age Council Tax payers on benefit should pay part of their bill?

This single response question was answered by 370 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	235	63.51
No	110	29.73
Don't know	25	6.76

How much should people of working age on benefits pay of their weekly Council Tax that is due?

This single response question was answered by 370 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
15%	74	20
20%	38	10.27
25%	41	11.08
Above 25%	90	24.32
Other	127	34.32

Do you agree that Council Tax support should be restricted to the maximum amount payable for a Band D property?

This single response question was answered by 356 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	197	55.34
No	95	26.69
Don't know	64	17.98

If someone of working age has savings of more than £6,000 should they get help to reduce their Council Tax bill?

This single response question was answered by 356 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	99	27.81
No	226	63.48
Don't know	31	8.71

Do you think that people who can not work due to illness/disability be given more help than those who can work but are unemployed?

This single response question was answered by 348 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	240	68.97
No	87	25
Don't know	21	6.03

People that work receive an earnings disregard. This is where we ignore a small part of the household income.

Do you agree that the Council should encourage more people to work by ignoring more of their earnings?

This single response question was answered by 348 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	220	63.22
No	80	22.99
Don't know	48	13.79

The following incomes are currently ignored from the calculation for Council Tax Benefit.

Do you agree that they should continue to be ignored for Council Tax Support? (Child benefit)

This single response question was answered by 342 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Include	163	47.66
Ignore	160	46.78
Don't know	19	5.56

The following incomes are currently ignored from the calculation for Council Tax Benefit.
Do you agree that they should continue to be ignored for Council Tax Support? (Child maintenance)

This single response question was answered by 342 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Include	189	55.26
Ignore	127	37.13
Don't know	26	7.6

The following incomes are currently ignored from the calculation for Council Tax Benefit.
Do you agree that they should continue to be ignored for Council Tax Support? (Disability living allowance)

This single response question was answered by 342 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Include	126	36.84
Ignore	188	54.97
Don't know	28	8.19

The Council wants to encourage claimants to allow friends and adult relatives on low incomes and benefits to live in spare rooms to reduce homelessness and under occupation. With Council Tax Benefit we call these Non Dependants and reduce benefit entitlement by a deduction. Do you think for Council Tax Support we should stop making this deduction?

This single response question was answered by 342 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	121	35.38
No	163	47.66
Don't know	58	16.96

Currently some people are not entitled to help with their Council Tax due to their high income or savings, but they get a reduction in their Council Tax because they share their home with someone who is not their partner and who has a low income. This is called Second Adult Rebate. Do you think this scheme should be stopped?

This single response question was answered by 340 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	217	63.82
No	96	28.24
Don't know	27	7.94

We normally provide help from the week in which we receive the claim. We can consider paying from an earlier date if someone has a good reason for not claiming at the right time. This is called 'backdating'. Do you agree that we should continue backdating claims?

This single response question was answered by 340 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	200	58.82
No	115	33.82
Don't know	25	7.35

Resident or Organisation

This single response question was answered by 329 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Resident	324	98.48
Organisation	5	1.52

Does your name appear on the Council Tax Bill for your household?

This single response question was answered by 313 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	274	87.54
No	25	7.99
Don't know	14	4.47

Does your household receive Council Tax Benefit?

This single response question was answered by 313 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	89	28.43
No	215	68.69
Don't know	9	2.88

Does your household receive any other benefits?

This single response question was answered by 310 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	117	37.74
No	184	59.35
Don't know	9	2.9

Please tick the description below that best describes your household
This multiple response question was answered by 308 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
A family with one or two dependent children	83	26.95
A family with three or more children	17	5.52
A lone parent household	22	7.14
A carer	15	4.87
A household with full and/or part time workers	99	32.14
A household that includes someone who is disabled	37	12.01
A single person household or a couple without children	97	31.49
None of the above	29	9.42
Don't know	6	1.95

Are you a service personnel or ex-service personnel?
This single response question was answered by 308 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	14	4.55
No	287	93.18
Don't know	7	2.27

Are you a war widow?
This single response question was answered by 308 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	1	0.32
No	307	99.68

Age

This single response question was answered by 289 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
16 - 24	6	2.08
25 - 44	132	45.67
45 - 64	124	42.91
65+	27	9.34

Disability

This multiple response question was answered by 288 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
None	206	71.53
Physical Impairment	36	12.5
Mental health condition	25	8.68
Learning disability	4	1.39
Long-term illness	33	11.46
Sensory impairment	3	1.04
Other	16	5.56

Ethnicity

This single response question was answered by 283 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
White British	256	90.46
White Irish	2	0.71
Other Black	1	0.35
Other	9	3.18
Other White	13	4.59
White & Asian	2	0.71

Married

This single response question was answered by 285 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	147	51.58
No	138	48.42

Religion

This single response question was answered by 281 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Christian	146	51.96
Muslim	1	0.36
Buddhist	1	0.36
Jewish	5	1.78
None	95	33.81
Don't know	2	0.71
Prefer not to say	23	8.19
Other	8	2.85

Gender

This single response question was answered by 283 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Male	131	46.29
Female	151	53.36
Transgender	1	0.35

Sexuality

This single response question was answered by 280 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Heterosexual or straight	241	86.07
Gay or lesbian	8	2.86
Other	5	1.79
Prefer not to say	26	9.29