

Agenda Item 11

Annex B - Summary of Public Consultation Responses

The following table summarise the responses from the public consultation. There were a total of 94 responses to the public consultation; 6 of those was in response to paper and postal surveys issued and 88 were on-line responses via the link on the website. The consultation ran for a period of 6 weeks (from 30 September 2019 to 15 November 2019). Of the total 94 respondents 18 indicated that they were currently in receipt of council Tax Support (2 receiving full 100% Council Tax Support and 16 receiving partial Council Tax Support) and 76 indicated that they were not in receipt of any Council Tax Support.

Statement within Consultation Survey	Overall Consultation Responses			Therefore, the majority views are:
	Agree	Neither	Disagree	
Under the current scheme we calculate a person's entitlement to council tax support based on their income. To ensure we consider the differences within the households we are proposing changes to these income bands. Do you agree that this would be a fair way to help people of low income? (** see income bands current and proposed below)	58.51%	8.51%	32.98%	58.51% Agree with proposed income bands
To give additional help for when a household's income band changes to a higher one we are proposing on introducing an 'extended period' to help with the transition. Would you prefer this to be: 4 weeks or 8 weeks?	4 wks 43.48%	8 wks 56.52%		56.52% Agree with proposed 8 weeks 'extended period'.
Under the current scheme we restrict allowances for two children. We are proposing removing this to assist those blended families and those with more than two children. Do you agree that this restriction should be removed?	40.63%	19.79%	39.58%	40.63% Agree with proposal to remove the restriction on two children
Under the current scheme anyone who has savings in excess of £6,001 would not be entitled to claim council tax support. We are proposing to increase the savings limit to £10,001. Do you agree with this proposal to increase?	56.84%	11.58%	31.58%	56.84% Agree with proposed increase to capital limit

(** Income bands current and proposed)

Income band (current)	Household weekly net income	% council tax support available
Band 1	£0 - £125.99	100%
Band 2	£126 - £187.99	75%
Band 3	£188 – £290.99	50%
Band 4	£291 - £384.99	25%
Band 5	£385 +	0%

Income band (proposed)	Single Person	Couple	Lone Parent with Children	Couple with children	Maximum % entitlement
Band 1	£0 to £100	£0 to £140	£0 to £175	£0 to £225	100%
Band 2	£100.01 to £125	£140.01 to £175	£175.01 to £200	£225.01 to £275	80%
Band 3	£125.01 to £150	£175.01 to £225	£200.01 to £250	£275.01 to £325	60%
Band 4	£150.01 to £175	£225.01 to £275	£250.01 to £300	£325.01 to £375	30%
Band 5	£175.01 to £200	£275.01 to £325	£300.01 to £350	£375.01 to £425	10%