

Appendix B – Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation Feedback

There were 69 responses which have been analysed as follows:

Question 1

Please confirm if you have reviewed the background information about the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the proposed changes by the Council?

- Yes 94%
- No 2%
- Did not say 4%

Question 2

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to rename the income bands to 1, 2, 3 & 4?

- 52% strongly agree or agree with this
- 20% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 28% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 3

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to amend a change in circumstances from the date it occurs rather than the following Monday so that it mirrors other Council Tax discounts and exemptions?

- 72% strongly agree or agree with this
- 6% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 22% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 4

Do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to income bands values?

- 37% strongly agree or agree with this
- 35% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 28% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 5

Do you agree or disagree that income bands should increase in value each year?

- 38% strongly agree or agree with this
- 36% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 26% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 6

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal change to the non-dependant charge?

- 36% strongly agree or agree with this
- 15% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 49% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 7

Do you agree or disagree that the non-dependant charge should be increased each year?

- 36% strongly agree or agree with this
- 26% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 38% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 8

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal changes to the assessment of self-employed income?

- 42% strongly agree or agree with this
- 23% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 35% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 9

Do you agree or disagree that the changes to the assessment of self-employed income should be phased in over four years?

- 36% strongly agree or agree with this
- 14% strongly disagree or disagree with this
- 50% neither agree or disagree with this or did not answer this question

Question 10

Do you have any further comments to make about these proposals?

- CPI should be used rather than RPI
- The rich should pay more, people in larger houses should be increased more
- Salaries of executives and heads of directorates should be reduced
- Many self-employed people do not earn minimum wage. Allow those in self-employment to submit full earnings info from tax returns if they prefer
- A lot of people who work self-employed can't pay themselves minimum income wage
- Things change too much leave them alone
- Reduce the Council Tax / re-evaluate the Council Tax system
- Its logical / go for it
- Changes to the self-employed calculation could leave it subject to fraud with hours declared also what if someone is earning more than the minimum wage from their self-employment

About the people who responded:

Of the people who completed the consultation the following information was gathered:

Employed Full Time	28
Employed Part Time	6
Unemployed	5
Retired	16
In Education	1
Did not say	13

Male	34
Female	25
Did not say	10