

Thurrock LCTS consultation 2017/18

Respondents: 254 displayed, 254 total

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1. The Council is very keen that you have all the information you need to provide informed answers to this consultation. Details of the current scheme, how it is funded, and the proposed changes which are subject to this consultation can be reviewed here. Please confirm whether you have reviewed this information before completing this form: I have reviewed the background information about the Local Council Tax Support scheme

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	33	89%	n/a	n/a
No	4	11%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		37		
(skipped this question)		217		

2. Should the Council keep the current Local Council Tax Support scheme? (Should it continue to administer the scheme and have the same level of support as it does at the moment?)

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	14	38%	n/a	n/a
No	8	22%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	15	41%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		37	100%	
(skipped this question)		217		

3. Please use the space below to make any comments you have on protecting the Local Council Tax Support scheme from these changes:

1. could this form part of universal credit?

2. Consultation time too short

The changes need to be explained so we can meaningful express our views

3. It's important that the council tax remains affordable but it shouldn't be at the cost of reducing the reserves to fund it. The council should have a policy where it increase the tax year on year by the permissible 1.99%.

4. I am not working at the moment lost my job on 5th of august

Total Respondents	4
(skipped this question)	250

4. Do you agree with the option 1? Removing the Family Premium for all new working age applicants

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	11	37%	n/a	n/a
No	9	30%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	10	33%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		30	100%	
(skipped this question)		224		

5. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?

1. A scheme which recognises the cost of raising children

2. Working families on low incomes should not pay more council tax whilst those on benefits pay less. Work should pay and that philosophy should be supported

Total Respondents	2
(skipped this question)	252

6. Do you agree with the option 2? Reducing the period for which a person can be absent from Great Britain and still receive Council Tax Reduction to 4 weeks

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	21	75%	n/a	n/a
No	3	11%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	4	14%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents	28	100%		
(skipped this question)		226		

7. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?

No responses were entered for this question.	
Total Respondents	0
(skipped this question)	254

8. Do you agree with the option 3 Using a set income for self-employed earners after 1 year's self-employment .

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	10	38%	n/a	n/a
No	10	38%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	6	23%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents	26	100%		
(skipped this question)		228		

9. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?

1. Income based on audited accounts as some self-employed people earn less than the living wage

2. This seems unfair and not encouraging of enterprise

Total Respondents	2
(skipped this question)	252

10. Do you agree with the option 4? To remove the element of a Work Related Activity Component in the calculation of the current scheme for new Employment and Support Allowance applicants.

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	17	71%	n/a	n/a
No	1	4%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	6	25%	n/a	n/a

		Total Respondents	24	100%		
		(skipped this question)	230			
11. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?						
No responses were entered for this question.						
		Total Respondents	0			
		(skipped this question)	254			
12. Do you agree with the option 5? To limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Reduction to a maximum of two.						
		Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg	
Yes		16	67%	n/a	n/a	
No		4	17%	n/a	n/a	
Don't know		4	17%	n/a	n/a	
		Total Respondents	24	100%		
		(skipped this question)	230			
13. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?						
1. I think 4 children would be a more reasonable number.						
		Total Respondents	1			
		(skipped this question)	253			
14. Do you agree with the option 6? To remove entitlement to the Severe Disability Premium where another person is paid Universal Credit (Carers Element) to look after them						
		Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg	
Yes		17	71%	n/a	n/a	
No		1	4%	n/a	n/a	
Don't know		6	25%	n/a	n/a	
		Total Respondents	24	100%		
		(skipped this question)	230			
15. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?						
No responses were entered for this question.						
		Total Respondents	0			
		(skipped this question)	254			
16. Do you think we should choose any of the following alternative options rather than the proposed changes to the Local Council Tax Support scheme? Please select one answer for each source of funding						
	Yes	No	Don't know	Response Total	Points	Avg
Increase the level of Council Tax	23.81% (5)	66.67% (14)	9.52% (2)	21	n/a	n/a
Find savings from cutting other Council Services	28.57% (6)	57.14% (12)	14.29% (3)	21	n/a	n/a
				Total Respondents	21	
				(skipped this question)	233	
17. If the Council were to choose these other options to make savings, what would be your order of preference? Please rank in order of preference by selecting a number from 1 to 3 in the boxes below, where 1 is the option that you would most prefer and 3 is the least.						
	1	2	3	Response Total	Points	Avg
Increase the level of Council Tax	23.81% (5)	14.29% (3)	61.9% (13)	21	n/a	n/a

Reduce funding available for other Council Services	23.81% (5)	52.38% (11)	23.81% (5)	21	n/a	n/a
				Total Respondents	21	
				(skipped this question)	233	

18. Please use the space below to make any other comments on the scheme:

No responses were entered for this question.	
Total Respondents	0
(skipped this question)	254

19. Please use the space below if you would like the Council to consider any other options (please state)

1. Scrap council tax support

Total Respondents	1
(skipped this question)	253

20. If you have any further comments or questions to make regarding the Local Council Tax Support scheme that you haven't had opportunity to raise elsewhere, please use the space below.

1. This survey is somewhat convoluted, and poorly phrased at best. The council currently provides poor local services in Chafford Hundred. The removal of our local library and the complete absence of local services, as well as infrequent maintenance and scruffy parks and paths makes the idea of increased taxes highly unappealing.

2. How many voters/local residents know of this consultation

Total Respondents	2
(skipped this question)	252

21. Are you, or someone in your household, getting Local Council Tax Support at this time?

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes	1	5%	n/a	n/a
No	18	90%	n/a	n/a
Don't know	1	5%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents	20	100%		
(skipped this question)	234			

22. Are you...?

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Male	11	55%	n/a	n/a
Female	8	40%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to say	1	5%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents	20	100%		
(skipped this question)	234			

23. Age

	Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
18 - 24	1	5%	n/a	n/a
25 - 34	2	10%	n/a	n/a
35 - 44	6	30%	n/a	n/a
45 - 54	3	15%	n/a	n/a
55 - 64	5	25%	n/a	n/a

Appendix 1

65 - 74		2	10%	n/a	n/a
75 - 84		1	5%	n/a	n/a
85+		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to say		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		20	100%		
(skipped this question)				234	

24. Disability: Are your day to day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

		Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
Yes		0	0%	n/a	n/a
No		18	90%	n/a	n/a
Don't know		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to say		2	10%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		20	100%		
(skipped this question)				234	

25. Ethnic Origin: What is your ethnic group?

		Response Total	Response Percent	Points	Avg
White British		15	75%	n/a	n/a
Other White		3	15%	n/a	n/a
White Irish		1	5%	n/a	n/a
White & Black Caribbean		0	0%	n/a	n/a
White & Black African		1	5%	n/a	n/a
White & Asian		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Any Other Mixed background		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Indian		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Pakistani		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Bangladeshi		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Any Other Asian background		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Caribbean		0	0%	n/a	n/a
African		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Any Other Black background		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Chinese		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Arab		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Prefer not to say		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Other, please specify		0	0%	n/a	n/a
Total Respondents		20	100%		
(skipped this question)				234	