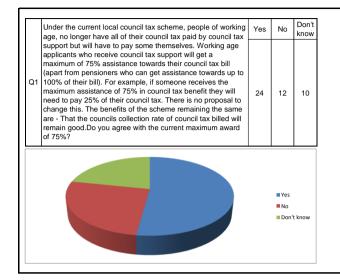
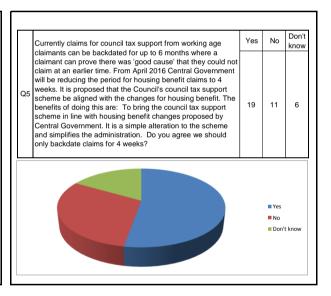
## Appendix 1 Thurrock Council - Local Council Tax Scheme



		Yes	No	Don't know
Q4	Currently we do not take Child Benefit and Child Maintenance into account when we assess Council Tax Benefit. We propose to continue to ignore this income under the new scheme. The benefits of continuing this level of income disregard are - That the amount of support awarded to families continues in line with our anti-child poverty policy.Do you agree?	19	15	3
	■Yes ■ No ■ Don't know			

	Currently if a working age claimant has capital of £6,000 or	Yes	No	Don't know
Q2	more and if a claimant of pensionable age has capital of £16,000 or more they are excluded from receiving council tax support. This brings the scheme into line with the Department of Works and Pensions levels that are used when awarding basic state benefits. We do not propose to alter these amounts. The benefits of the scheme remaining the same are -The Council only provides council tax support for residents who do not have the ability to pay. Should the levels of capital that exclude a resident from receiving council tax support remain unchanged?	20	11	10
			■Yes ■No ■Don'	t know



		Yes	No	Don't know
Q3	It is proposed that people continue to be given greater incentives to work by not including some of their wages when calculating council tax support? We currently allow £25 of their wages to be disregarded if the person is working when calculating the amount of local council tax support they should receive. The benefits of continuing this level of income disregard are -That by disregarding some of the income received, more council tax support is provided as well as providing an incentive for residents to work. Do you agree?	22	9	6
			■Yes ■No ■Don'	t know

