



Appendix C

Teignbridge District Council - CTR Consultation




1. Background to the Consultation

1. I have read the background information about the Council Tax Reduction Scheme: This question must be answered before you can continue.

									Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes								98.86%	173
2	No								1.14%	2
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.01	Std. Deviation	0.11	Satisfaction Rate	1.14	answered	175
	Maximum	2	Variance	0.01	Std. Error	0.01			skipped	0

2. Option 1 - To allow the Council to disregard any increases to the levels of welfare benefits made by Government

2. Do you agree with this change to the scheme?

									Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes								81.54%	106
2	No								6.15%	8
3	Don't Know								12.31%	16
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.31	Std. Deviation	0.68	Satisfaction Rate	15.38	answered	130
	Maximum	3	Variance	0.46	Std. Error	0.06			skipped	45

3. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	6
1	I think the percentage discount could be varied, maybe on 10% steps not 25% steps.		
2	Do some analysis. No drawbacks strikes of a lack of thought. Try weekly income averaging combined with less of a cliff edge method of reduction and see if that gives you any ideas.		
3	Stop milking ordinary taxpayers to pay for all this		
4	If reductions are given I hope this doesn't mean those who have to pay, have to pay more.		
5	Not to permanent changes only those temporary.		

3. If you disagree what alternative would you propose?

		Response Percent	Response Total
6	Only temporary increases should be ignored, not permanent increases.		
		answered	6
		skipped	169

3. Alternatives to changing the Council Tax Reduction Scheme

4. Do you think we should choose another option rather than the proposed changes to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme?

		Response Percent	Response Total							
1	Yes	5.77%	6							
2	No	63.46%	66							
3	Don't Know	30.77%	32							
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.25	Std. Deviation	0.55	Satisfaction Rate	62.5	answered	104
	Maximum	3	Variance	0.3	Std. Error	0.05		skipped	71	

5. If you have selected 'Yes' please state your alternatives

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	4
1	Identify those most in need		
2	I think the percentage steps are too large. That 10% staging would allow greater variation. There is too big a jump between 50% and 25% for example.		
3	As previous.		
4	I work in the emergency services and although my pay may look good, by the time all the reductions are made I take home around £300 a week. I live alone and have to fund a mortgage, bills etc. I do not receive any assistance. I so regularly attend low income houses and see they have the massive tv, lots of alcohol and cigarettes etc. They get free prescriptions etc but rely on the state for all their income or as they refer to it "payday" why is it being made easy and where is the incentive to work?		
		answered	4
		skipped	171

6. Please use this space to make any other comments on the proposed scheme.

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	7
1	Everyone who has been affected financially should have help or discounted council tax		

6. Please use this space to make any other comments on the proposed scheme.

		Response Percent	Response Total
2	at long last a person on low income has more than the standard 25/ and makes works pay and susustainable		
3	I thought everyone had to contribute to council tax. Those most in need should get discount, not everyone on the benefits stated?		
4	I think people on benefits should still contribute something say 5% (95% discount).		
5	Who is helping the ordinary ratepayer who is getting squeezed every year with unsustainsble rises		
6	Communities thrive when those with the greatest need are helped to find a life worthy of the name !.When I was a child I lived for a few years in two locations where I saw how even poor rural areas .First Filey fishing village -fishermen very proud group income always poor !.On Remeberance Sunday the procession was led and cheered on by crowds huge band of Salvation Army -fishermen's friend /defender of the poor !.Second Fens on Norfolk church and school arranged local ""poor relief ""six formers ensured every child got a decent meal helped disabled be before they sat down to lunch !.We need to keep government out of Welfare (how ironic that ex Army Officer married to daughter of a Duke is made Minister got Social Services leading to a total disaster).On armed services the class devide still thrives !.Government should stop top down management /provide fair share of taxes income /,release extra funds to Councils so ""cycle "" of homeless solved !.Too many prisoners released without any attempt to work out a plan to find a home job.Keep politics out of council powers Parliament wastes money (Ministry of Defence owes millions but nobody cares).		
7	Not to change the scheme in the way proposed would go against the purpose of increasing entitlement to other benefits.		
		answered	7
		skipped	168

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




		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	5
1	There are people not eligible for any benefits or Covid help. I think the people slipping through the net should be targeted for help. (Even if they usually work and pay full council tax).		
2	I think council tax contributions should be made relevant to services used. For example people with children contribute more to education services, elderly contribute more towards social care, car users more towards highways, high crime areas more towards police etc		
3	i would like the council to look at council tax for unoccupied properties if the property is unoccupied and fully unfurnished, you should get a full reduction?? or at lease some percentage reduction		
4	How about going back to the previous system where entitlement was based purely on income and get rid of the banding as those close to the limits of a band are disadvantaged. You could also legislate to ignore increases in benefit rates as such increases were effectively frozen by central government for best part of 10 years		
5	Yes sell the newton about shopping centre and cut rate rises		
		answered	5
		skipped	170

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

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	7
1	please keep it has changed my life for the better		
2	Perhaps the council could add a further consideration/element to the way they calculate the income of self-employed people. At present the income of a self-employed person is deemed to be at a level you have chosen it should be once they have been self-employed for 2years, no matter what the reality is. There appears to be no allowance for people with disabilities which may put them at a dis-advantage. This is not in alignment with the Equalities act and is perhaps something that the council could consider. Statistics: Only 32% of autistic adults are in some kind of paid employment (compared to 80% of non-disabled people and 47% of disabled people) A mere 16% of autistic adults are in full-time paid employment. Source: Government pledges to monitor autism employment gap LDT www.learningdisabilitytoday.co.uk		
3	Young people effected by missed education and lack of training opportunities should be able to be treated as a dependent for longer after covid.		
4	This year is not the time to introduce a radical change but when we can start to consider the paying back of the extraordinary costs of COVID and manage the TDC budget again proactively with some accuracy it would be good for all residents from all income levels including those only on benefits to make a contribution towards Council Tax as in other Districts/ Councils where 100% discount has been unheard of for many years.		
5	I AM 84 YEARS OLD AND I HAVE MY SON LIVING WITH ME, WHO IS AN APPRENTICE AND EARNS VERY LITTLE, DO I STILL HAVE TO PAY FULL AMOUNT OF THE COUNCIL TAX ?		
6	Once COVID is over, fingers crossed, will arrangements revert to current system?		
7	More publicity -get local people to take an interest in local community too many leave it to governments to decide how Council spends money .Can Councils ban on change of political control announcements that projects planned /contracts agreed and signed will be ""torn up""!.Why ?.New Labour on being elected stopped all road developments.Three months later the Birmingham -West biggest long time in planning went ahead and New Labour faced huge Contractors /Councils threats to expose the fact that Contractors breach of contract terms meant Contractors would be paid in full -no roads built !.New Labour paid out billions in similar contracts for work stopped !.The Mimister announced his consulting Civil Servants !.		
		answered	7
		skipped	168

4. About You

9. Are you, or someone in your household, getting a Council Tax Reduction at this time?

		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		36.46% 35
2	No		58.33% 56
3	Don't Know		5.21% 5
		answered	96
		skipped	79
Minimum	1	Mean	1.69
		Std. Deviation	0.56
		Satisfaction Rate	34.38

9. Are you, or someone in your household, getting a Council Tax Reduction at this time?

							Response Percent	Response Total
Statistics	Maximum	3	Variance	0.32	Std. Error	0.06		

10. What is your gender?

							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male						39.58%	38
2	Female						59.38%	57
3	Prefer not to say						1.04%	1
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.61	Std. Deviation	0.51	Satisfaction Rate	30.73
	Maximum	3	Variance	0.26	Std. Error	0.05		
							answered	96
							skipped	79

11. Age

							Response Percent	Response Total
1	18-24						2.08%	2
2	25-34						18.75%	18
3	35-44						23.96%	23
4	45-54						17.71%	17
5	55-64						19.79%	19
6	65-74						13.54%	13
7	75-84						3.13%	3
8	85+						0.00%	0
9	Prefer not to say						1.04%	1
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	3.94	Std. Deviation	1.57	Satisfaction Rate	36.72
	Maximum	9	Variance	2.45	Std. Error	0.16		
							answered	96
							skipped	79

12. 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 Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		26.32%	25
2	No		68.42%	65

12. 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 Percent	Response Total	
3	Don't know							2.11%	2	
4	Prefer not to say							3.16%	3	
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.82	Std. Deviation	0.62	Satisfaction Rate	27.37	answered	95
	Maximum	4	Variance	0.38	Std. Error	0.06			skipped	80

13. Ethnic Origin: What is your ethnic group? Select each that apply.

								Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Prefer not to say							6.25%	6	
2	White British							91.67%	88	
3	White Irish							0.00%	0	
4	White Gypsy or Irish Traveller							0.00%	0	
5	Any other White background							2.08%	2	
6	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White & Black African							0.00%	0	
7	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White & Black Caribbean							0.00%	0	
8	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups - White & Asian							0.00%	0	
9	Any other multi mixed background							0.00%	0	
10	Asian or Asian British Pakistani							0.00%	0	
11	Asian or Asian British Indian							0.00%	0	
12	Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi							0.00%	0	
13	Asian or Asian British Chinese							0.00%	0	
14	Any other Asian background							0.00%	0	
15	Black African							0.00%	0	
16	British Caribbean							0.00%	0	
17	Black British							0.00%	0	
18	Any other Black background							0.00%	0	
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2	Std. Deviation	0.5			answered	96
	Maximum	5	Variance	0.25	Std. Error	0.05			skipped	79

14. Other Ethnic Group			
		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	0.00%	0
No answers found.			
		answered	0
		skipped	175

5. Next steps....

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