

Appendix 1 – Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation responses

Are you a resident in the Tewkesbury Borough area?

Answer choices	Percent
Yes	100%

Are you registered for Council Tax?

Answer choices	Percent
Yes	97.22%
No	2.78%

Do you currently receive council tax reduction?

Answer choices	Percent
Yes	24.07%
No	75.93%

Question 1: The Council is considering an income banded scheme which would be a flat rate percentage discount awarded based on what income band the person's total weekly income falls into. Do you agree this is a fair way to help people on a low income?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	24.30%
Agree	41.12%
Neutral	14.95%
Disagree	10.28%
Strongly disagree	9.35%

Question 2: Council tax payers can have capital of up to £16,000 and still receive council tax reduction. Do you think that the capital limit should be reduced?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	20.75%
Agree	19.81%
Neutral	18.87%
Disagree	19.82%
Strongly disagree	20.75%

Question 2 (b): If you think it should be reduced what do you think the new limit should be?

Answers	Percent
£3,000	31.71%
£6,000	43.90%
Other	24.39%

Question 3: Currently a person can receive 100% council tax reduction and does not have to pay any council tax. Do you think people should continue to receive 100% help?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	28.30%
Agree	14.15%
Neutral	21.70%
Disagree	21.70%
Strongly disagree	14.15%

Question 3 (b): If you disagree what do you think the maximum amount of help should be?

Answer choices	Percent
90%	12.82%
80%	20.51%
75%	15.38%
50%	33.33%
25%	7.69%
Other	10.27%

Question 4: Should the Council provide protection for some groups from any changes made to the council tax reduction scheme from April 2020?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	23.81%
Agree	28.57%
Neutral	31.43%
Disagree	12.38%
Strongly disagree	3.9%

Question 4 (b): If you have answered agreed which of the following group(s) do you think should receive protection?

Options	Number
People with responsibility for children	30
People who pay for child care	31
People who receive Personal Independence Payments.	37

People who receive Disability Living Allowance for a child or children	42
Other	12
Answer deleted	3

Question 5: The current scheme ignores 100% of child benefit income. Should this be ignored for the purposes of calculating a person's weekly income?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	33.65%
Agree	17.31%
Neutral	10.58%
Disagree	25.96%
Strongly disagree	12.50%

Question 6: The current scheme ignores 100% of child maintenance payments received. Should this be ignored for the purposes of calculating a person's weekly income?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	23.81%
Agree	10.48%
Neutral	15.24%
Disagree	29.52%
Strongly disagree	20.95%

Question 7: A non-dependant is a person living as part of the household without direct responsibility for household bills like an elderly relative or a grown-up child. Do you think the non-dependant should contribute to the running of the household which results in the council tax payer receiving less council tax reduction?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	17.92%
Agree	37.74%
Neutral	16.04%
Disagree	10.38%
Strongly disagree	17.92%

Question 8: If a single applicant does not qualify for council tax reduction themselves, they can claim Second Adult Rebate. This can be awarded up to 25% of the council tax liability and is based on other people's income in the household, for example an elderly relative or adult child still living in the applicant's home. As this is not based on the council tax payer's ability to pay do you agree this should be discontinued?

Answer choices	Percent
Strongly agree	14.95%
Agree	31.78%
Neutral	24.30%
Disagree	12.15%
Strongly disagree	16.82%