



APPENDIX A – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dorset Council - Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 Consultation

Background to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation




I have read the background information about the Council Tax Reduction Scheme: This question must be answered before you can continue.				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		98.77%	401
2	No		1.23%	5
			answered	406
			skipped	228

Part 1 - Introducing an income banded scheme for all working age applicants which will provide up to 100% support




Do you agree with introducing an income-based banded discount scheme as shown above?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		65.13%	198
2	No		22.70%	69
3	Don't Know		12.17%	37
			answered	304
			skipped	330

Part 2 - Non Dependant Deductions will be fixed at £5 per week per non-dependant




Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total

Do you agree with this proposal?			
1	Yes		60.71%
2	No		20.36%
3	Don't Know		18.93%
			answered
			280
			skipped
			354




Part 3 - Disregarding certain elements of Universal Credit

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		66.05%	179
2	No		19.93%	54
3	Don't Know		14.02%	38
			answered	271
			skipped	363




Part 4 - Provide for backdating Council Tax Reduction for a period of up to 3 months where circumstances show that the applicant would have been continuously eligible for the period in question had they applied at that time

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		78.03%	206
2	No		16.29%	43
3	Don't Know		5.68%	15
			answered	264
			skipped	370




Part 5 - Continuing to protect families by disregarding Child Benefit and Child Maintenance

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		64.86%	168
2	No		24.71%	64
3	Don't Know		10.42%	27
			answered	259
			skipped	375




Part 6 - Continuing to disregard disability benefits (Personal Independence Payments, Armed Forces Independence Payments, Disability Living Allowance) and providing additional disregards of £50 where the applicant, partner or dependant is disabled

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		74.80%	190
2	No		15.35%	39
3	Don't know		9.84%	25
			answered	254
			skipped	380




Part 7 - Introducing a new disregard for the support component of Employment and Support Allowance and Carer's Allowance

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		73.77%	180
2	No		14.34%	35
3	Don't know		11.89%	29
			answered	244
			skipped	390

Part 8 - Protecting War Pensioners by continuing to disregard War Pensions or War Disablement pensions in full

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		86.48%	211
2	No		9.43%	23
3	Don't know		4.10%	10
			answered	244
			skipped	390




Part 9 - Reducing the capital limit to £6,000

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		54.32%	132
2	No		34.57%	84
3	Don't know		11.11%	27
			answered	243
			skipped	391




- Additional context. We have reviewed all comments and responses and noticed a trend with the answers provided in relation to this question. When asked do you agree with the proposal to reduce the capital limit to £6,000, 34.57% said no. Analysis of the responses confirmed that of the 84 responders who answered no, 20 answered no because they felt the capital limit should be even less than the proposal to lower the limit to £6,000. We would not recommend this approach but for fair representation we have therefore considered that they are in fact in agreement with at least the £6,000 limit being proposed. The effect on the above percentage response is that now 64 responders do not agree and 152 responders are in agreement meaning, Yes: 62.55%, No: 26.34% and Don't know: 11.11%.

Part 10 - Removing the Extended Payment provision.

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total

Do you agree with this proposal?				
1	Yes		66.11%	158
2	No		17.15%	41
3	Don't know		16.74%	40
			answered	239
			skipped	395

Part 11 - Removing Second Adult Rebate

Do you agree with this proposal?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		70.59%	168
2	No		15.55%	37
3	Don't know		13.87%	33
			answered	238
			skipped	396

About you



Are you completing this form on behalf of an organisation or group?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		1.71%	4
2	No		98.29%	230
			answered	234
			skipped	400

If yes, please tell us the name of the organisation/group and add any other comments you wish to make.



Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	5
		answered	5
		skipped	629

Questions for Individuals




Do you live in the Dorset Council area?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes 	97.82%	224
2	No 	2.18%	5
		answered	229
		skipped	405









Do you pay Council Tax?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes 	96.48%	219
2	No 	3.52%	8
3	Don't know	0.00%	0
		answered	227
		skipped	407







Are you currently receiving Council Tax Reduction?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes 	20.96%	48
2	No 	76.86%	176
3	Don't know 	2.18%	5
		answered	229
		skipped	405


Which of the following age ranges do you fall into?




Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	16-24		1.31%	3
2	25-34		5.68%	13
3	35-44		10.48%	24
4	45-59		28.38%	65
5	60-74		34.93%	80
6	75-84		10.92%	25
7	85+		1.31%	3
8	Prefer not to say		6.99%	16
			answered	229
			skipped	405

What is your religion/belief?





Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Buddhist		0.44%	1
2	Christian (includes Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian Denominations)		43.36%	98
3	Sikh		0.00%	0
4	Jewish		0.00%	0
5	Muslim		0.44%	1
6	Hindu		0.00%	0
7	Other		2.65%	6
8	No religion		30.97%	70
9	Prefer not to say		23.45%	53
			answered	226
			skipped	408

What is your ethnic group?


Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	White		80.97%	183

What is your ethnic group?				
2	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups		0.88%	2
3	Asian or Asian British		0.44%	1
4	Black, African, Caribbean or Black British		0.00%	0
5	Other ethnic group		0.00%	0
6	Prefer not to say		17.70%	40
			answered	226
			skipped	408

White background

Which of the following best describes your White background?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British		96.20%	177
2	Irish		1.09%	2
3	Gypsy or Irish Traveller		0.00%	0
4	Any other White background		2.17%	4
5	Prefer not to say		0.54%	1
			answered	184
			skipped	450

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups background

Which of the following best describes your mixed or multiple ethnic groups background?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	White and Black Caribbean		0.00%	0
2	White and Black African		0.00%	0
3	White and Asian		0.00%	0
4	Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background		100.00%	2
			answered	2

Which of the following best describes your mixed or multiple ethnic groups background?

skipped	632
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Asian or Asian British background

Which of the following best describes your Asian or Asian British background?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Indian	0.00%	0
2	Pakistani	0.00%	0
3	Bangladeshi	100.00%	1
4	Chinese	0.00%	0
5	Any other Asian background	0.00%	0
6	Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
		answered	1
		skipped	633

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British background

Which of the following best describes your Black, African, Caribbean or Black British background?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	African	0.00%	0
2	Caribbean	0.00%	0
3	Any other Black, African or Caribbean background	0.00%	0
4	Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
		answered	0
		skipped	634

Other Background

Which of the following best describes your background?




Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Arab	0.00%	0

Which of the following best describes your background?




2	Any other ethnic group		0.00%	0
3	Prefer not to say		0.00%	0
			answered	0
			skipped	634

What's is your sex






What is your sex?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Female		59.29% 134	
2	Male		23.01% 52	
3	Prefer not to say		17.70% 40	
			answered	226
			skipped	408

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Yes		84.00% 189	
2	No		0.44% 1	
3	Prefer not to say		15.56% 35	
			answered	225
			skipped	409

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Straight/Heterosexual		74.11% 166
2	Gay or lesbian		0.89% 2
3	Bisexual		1.79% 4
4	Other		0.89% 2
5	Prefer not to say		22.32% 50

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

answered	224
skipped	410

Disability

Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?






Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes	23.68%	54
2	No	64.04%	146
3	Prefer not to say	12.28%	28
		answered	228
		skipped	406

Disability

At the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability. Please state the type of disability which applies to you? (Please select all that apply).

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)	1.85%	1
2	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	1.85%	1
3	Autistic Spectrum Conditions	9.26%	5
4	Blind	1.85%	1
5	Dyscalculia	1.85%	1
6	Dyslexia	5.56%	3
7	Dyspraxia	0.00%	0
8	Deaf	3.70%	2
9	Hearing loss	11.11%	6
10	Long term health condition	62.96%	34
11	Mental health issues	24.07%	13
12	Physical impairment	31.48%	17
13	Sign Language User	1.85%	1
14	Visually impaired	0.00%	0

At the previous question you stated you consider yourself to have a disability. Please state the type of disability which applies to you? (Please select all that apply).

15	Medical conditions		33.33%	18
16	Mobility issues		38.89%	21
17	Learning disability		1.85%	1
18	Specific learning differences		0.00%	0
19	Wheelchair user		5.56%	3
20	If you prefer to use another term, please write in		12.96%	7
			answered	54
			skipped	580

