

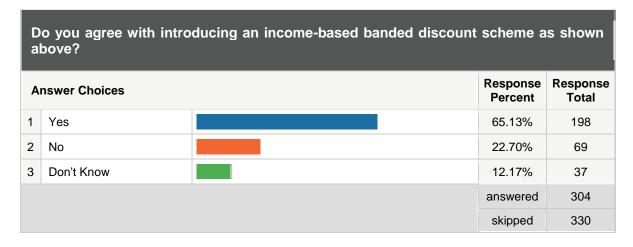
APPENDIX A - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dorset Council - Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024/25 Consultation

Background to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme consultation



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



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

Do you agree with this proposal?		
Answer Choices	onse Respon- cent Total	

D	Do you agree with this proposal?				
1	Yes	60.71%	170		
2	No	20.36%	57		
3	Don't Know	18.93%	53		
		answered	280		
		skipped	354		

Part 3 - Disregarding certain elements of Universal Credit

D	Do you agree with this proposal?				
Α	nswer 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?				
A	nswer 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

D	Do you agree with this proposal?				
A	nswer 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		

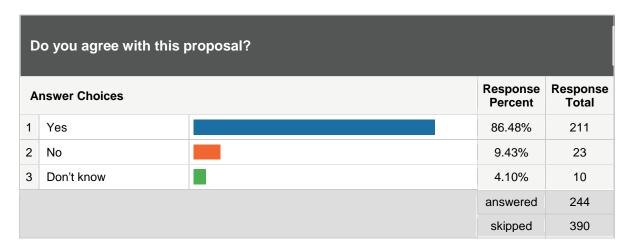
Part 6 - Continuing to disregard disability benefits (Personal Independence Payments, Armed Forces Independence Payments, Disability Living Allowance) and providing additional disregards of £50 where the applicant, partner or dependant is disabled

Do you agree with this proposal?					
Α	nswer 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

D	Do you agree with this proposal?				
Α	nswer 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



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

D	Do you agree with this proposal?					
A	nswer 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

D	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?				
A	nswer 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



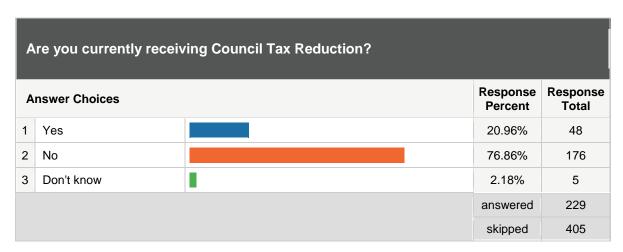
If yes, please tell us the name of the organisation/group and add any other comments you wish to make.

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

Questions for Individuals

D	Do you live in the Dorset Council area?				
Α	nswer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total	
1	Yes		97.82%	224	
2	No		2.18%	5	
			answered	229	
			skipped	405	

D	Do you pay Council Tax?				
Α	nswer Choices		esponse ercent	Response Total	
1	Yes	96	6.48%	219	
2	No	3	3.52%	8	
3	Don't know	0	0.00%	0	
		ans	swered	227	
		Sk	kipped	407	



A	nswer 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

A	Answer Choices		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?				
A	nswer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	White		80.97%	183

V	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

W	Which of the following best describes your White background?					
A	Answer Choices Response Percent 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?					
A	Answer Choices Response Percent 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

Asian or Asian British background

Α	nswer 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?					
Aı	Answer Choices Response Percent 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?				
A	nswer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Arab		0.00%	0

W	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

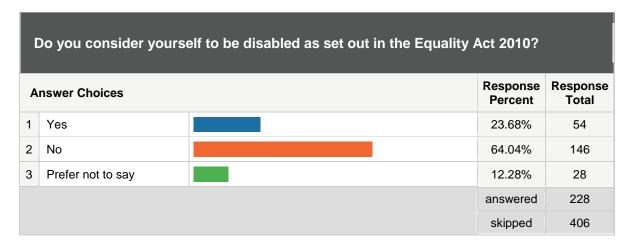
What is your sex?					
Α	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total		
1	Female	59.29%	134		
2	Male	23.01%	52		
3	Prefer not to say	17.70%	40		
		answered	226		
		skipped	408		

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?					
A	nswer 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?					
Α	nswer Choices		esponse Percent	Response Total	
1	Straight/Heterosexual		74.11%	166	
2	Gay or lesbian		0.89%	2	
3	Bisexual		1.79%	4	
4	Other	I	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



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).

Ans	swer 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