

Consultation on LCTR scheme for 2016/17

		Yes	No
Q1	Have you read the background information about the Council Tax Reduction scheme?	83%	17%

		Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Q2	Do you agree that the Council should continue with the current Council Tax Reduction scheme?	49%	42%	9%

	Proposal 1 - Reducing the maximum amount of support available - All working age residents eligible for a Council Tax Reduction will be required to pay some Council Tax. The levels of payments being considered are between 10%, 15% and 20% of the Council Tax due. This would provide savings of: - £609,146 at 10%, £904,561 at 15% and £1,216,857 at 20%	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Q3	Thinking about proposal 1 do you agree with the principle of every working age person having to make a minimum payment towards their council tax?	80%	14%	6%

		10%	15%	20%
Q4	If you do agree with Proposal 1, what level of minimum payment do you think someone should make?	42%	20%	38%

	Proposal 2 - setting a Minimum Income Floor for self-employed persons in line with other Welfare Reforms	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Q5	Thinking about proposal 2 do you agree with the principle?	74%	23%	3%

	Proposal - 3 Reducing the Capital Limit - At present, residents with savings and investments of more than £16,000 are not entitled to any Council Tax Reduction Under the proposed new scheme this limit could be reduced to £6,000. This change would provide savings of £51,004	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
Q6	Thinking about Proposal 3, do you agree with the principle that the level is reduced from £16,000 to £6,000?	54%	41%	5%

	If the Council protects the current scheme, we and the Precepting Authorities will need to find savings from other services to help meet the expected reduction in Government funding over the next 3 years. The proposals set out in this consultation could deliver savings of up to Circa £1.5m from the Eastbourne Borough area. The alternatives in the table below are set out in the background information	Yes	No	Don't know
Q7	Do you think the Council should choose any of the following options? Please select one answer for each source of funding.			
	Increase the level of Council Tax	43%	51%	6%
	Find savings from other Council Services	47%	47%	6%

	Use the Council's reserves	35%	51%	13%
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Q8	<p>If the Council were to choose another option(s), what would be your order of preference? Please rank in order of preference, where 1 is the option you most prefer and 3 is the least.</p> <p>Increase the level of Council Tax</p> <p>Find savings from other Council Services</p> <p>Use the Council's reserves</p>	Most preferred
		38%
		27%
		35%

		Yes	No	Don't know
Q9	Thinking about the Exceptional Hardship Fund, as explained in the background information, do you agree with the principle of the Council establishing such a fund?	80%	9%	11%

Q10	Do you think the Council should consider another option(s)? If so, please give details below.
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Q11	Do you have any other comments regarding the Council Tax Reduction scheme? If so, please use the space below, or email LCTR.Consultation@eastbourne.gov.uk
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Q12	Ethnicity	
	British white	92%
	Irish	2%
	Black British(Indian,Pakistani etc)	0%
	Romany Gypsy	0%
	Chinese	0%
	White non-British	3%
Other	0%	

Q13	Disability	
	Yes	10.6%
	No	84.8%
	Not sure	4.5%

Q14	If disabled, does this limit activity?	
	Yes	35%
	No	65%

Q15	Gender	
	Male	42.42%
	Female	54.55%
	Trans-gendered	3.03%

Q16	Sexual orientation	
	Heterosexual (straight)	87.50%
	Gay man	0%
	Bisexual	0%
	Lesbian (gay woman)	1.56%
	Undecided	4.69%
	Prefer not to comment	6.25%

Q17	Marital status	
	Single	27%
	Married	55%
	Civil Partnership	0%
	Partner/Cohabiting	13%
	Separated	5%
	Divorced	2%

Q19	Religion	
	Agnostic	0%
	Aethist	7%
	Anglican	0%
	Born again christian	0%
	Buddhist	0%
	Church of England	34%
	Catholic	0%
	Christian	34%
	Christian Socialist	0%
	Christian Damanhur	0%
	Pagan	0%
None	24%	

Q18	Age	
	18-24	4%
	25-34	20%
	35-44	25%
	45-54	24%
	55-61	8%
	61+	20%

Q19	Religion	
	Agnostic	0%
	Aethist	7%
	Anglican	0%
	Born again christian	0%
	Buddhist	0%
	Church of England	34%
	Catholic	0%
	Christian	34%
	Christian Socialist	0%
	Christian Damanhur	0%
	Pagan	0%
	None	24%

