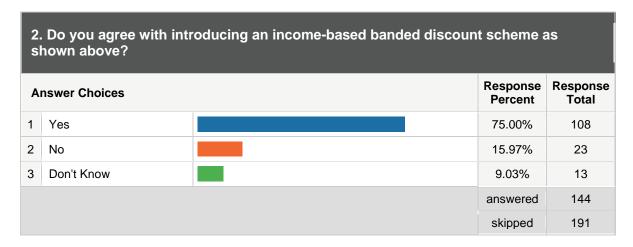
Huntingdonshire District Council - Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25 Consultation - Responses

Background to the Council Tax Support Scheme consultation

I have read the background information about the Council Tax Support Scheme: This question must be answered before you can continue.					
Ar	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total		
1	Yes		99.53%	210	
2	No	I	0.47%	1	
			answered	211	
			skipped	124	

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



Key themes from people that disagree

- Levels of support should not be increased
- Income bands are too broad and income levels too high

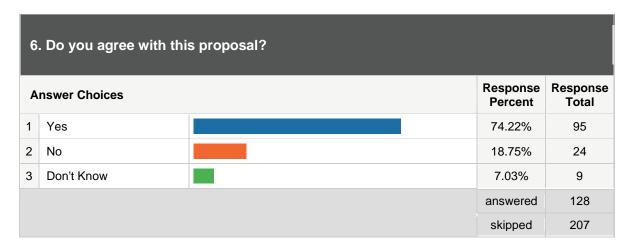
Removing Non Dependant Deductions

4 Do you agree with this proposal?			
Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1 Yes		64.96%	89



• Whole household should contribute

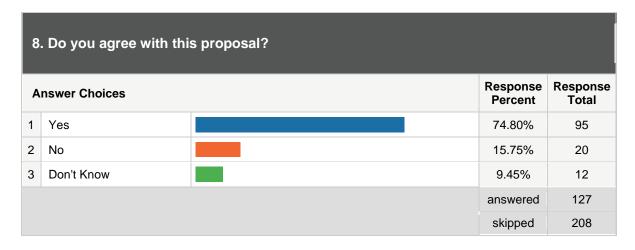
Disregarding certain elements of Universal Credit



Key themes from people that disagree

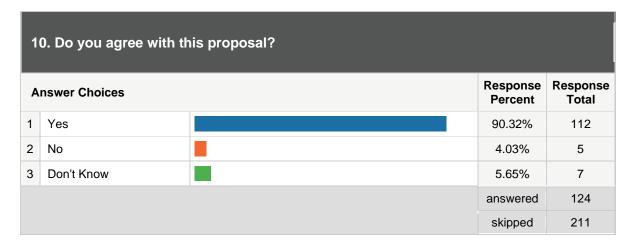
All income should be taken into account

Where applicants or their partner (if they have one) are working, a standard disregard of up to £50 per week will be applied.



• £50 is too generous

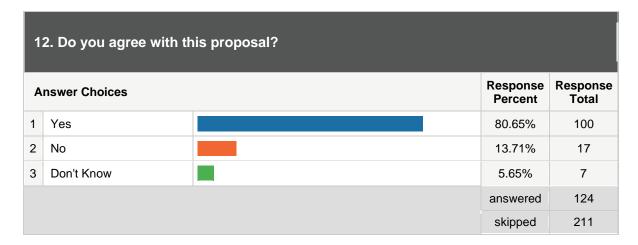
Any new claim or change in circumstances will be applied on a daily basis



Key themes from people that disagree

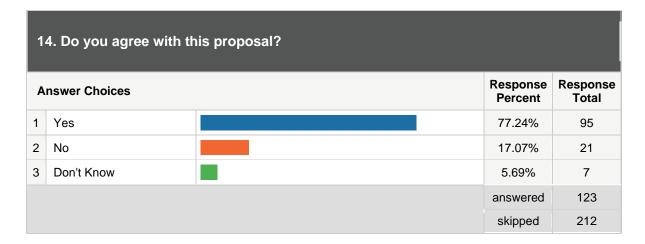
Misunderstanding that this means CTS will change daily

Backdating support (up to a maximum of 12 months from the date of claim) where circumstances show that the applicant would have been continuously eligible for the period in question had they applied at that time.



• There should be good reason for not claiming sooner

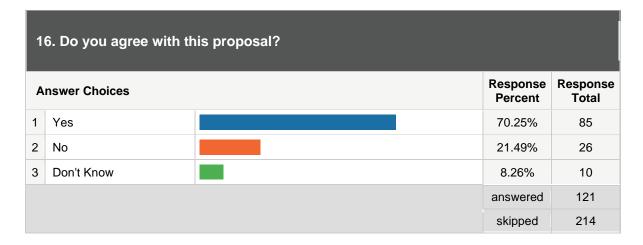
Protecting people with a disability by disregarding PIP, ESA (Support Component) and DLA.



Key themes from people that disagree

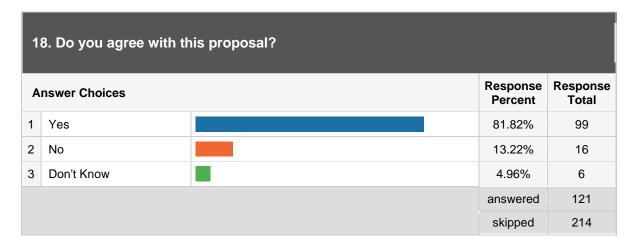
• All income should be taken into account

Protecting families by disregarding Child Benefit and Child Maintenance



• All income should be taken into account

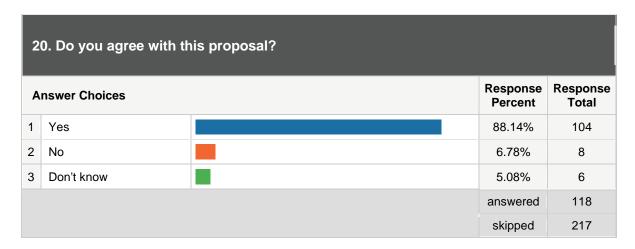
Disregarding Carer's Allowance



Key themes from people that disagree

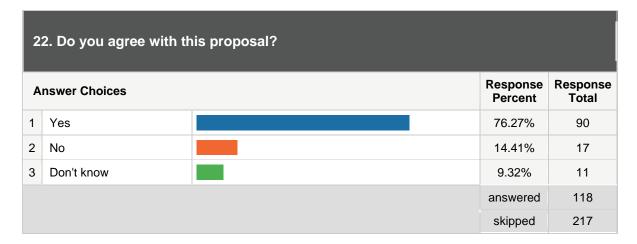
• All income should be taken into account

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



• All income should be taken into account

Reducing the Capital Limit to £10,000 and removing the assumed income from capital (or 'tariff' income) from the calculation of Council Tax Support



Key themes from people that disagree

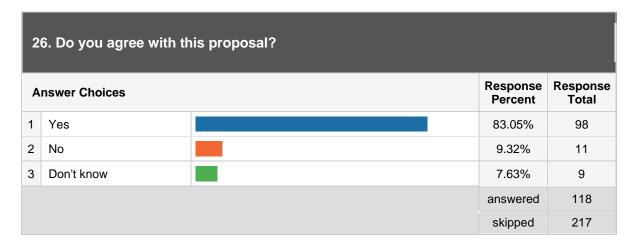
- Might be confusing as other benefits have different limits
- Capital level too high
- Capital level too low

Removing the Extended Payment provision.

2	24. Do you agree with this proposal?					
A	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total			
1	Yes	73.95%	88			
2	No	13.45%	16			
3	Don't know	12.61%	15			
		answered	119			
		skipped	216			

• This should be retained

Providing an Exceptional Hardship Scheme



Key themes from people that disagree

· Needs careful management

Any other comments and suggestions on the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme

Key themes

- General agreement with the proposals
- Concerns about cost of the proposals
- Some reluctance to increase support
- Support may be required to transition to the new scheme

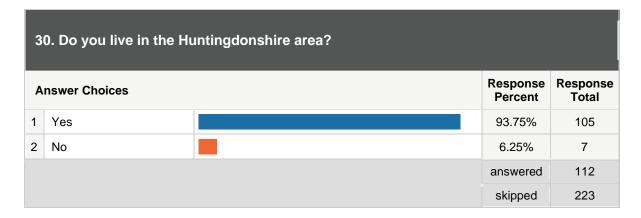
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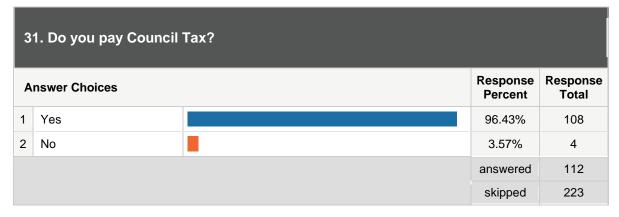


Key themes

- Debt Advice sector
- Parish Council

Questions for Individuals





32. Are you currently receiving Council Tax Support? Response Percent Total 1 Yes 17.86% 20 2 No 82.14% 92 answered 112 skipped 223

3:	33. How would you describe your gender?					
Α	Answer Choices Response Percent Total					
1	I prefer not to say	7.21%	8			
2	Female	63.96%	71			
3	Male	28.83%	32			
4	I describe myself in another way	0.00%	0			
		answered	111			
		skipped	224			

Α	Answer Choices Response Percent Total						
1	Prefer not to say	7.14%	8				
2	16-24	0.00%	0				
3	25-34	8.04%	9				
4	35-44	19.64%	22				
5	45-59	38.39%	43				
6	60-74	17.86%	20				
7	75 or over	4.46%	5				
8	75-84	4.46%	5				
9	85+	0.00%	0				
		answered	112				
		skipped	223				

35. Which of the following best describes your ethnic group?

Ar	nswer Choices	Response Percent	Response Total
1	Prefer not to say	15.93%	18
2	Arab	0.00%	0
3	Asian or Asian British: Indian	1.77%	2
4	Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	0.00%	0
5	Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	0.88%	1
6	Asian or Asian British: Chinese	0.00%	0
7	Any other Asian Background	0.00%	0
8	Black or Black British: Caribbean	0.00%	0
9	Black or Black British: African	0.88%	1
10	Any other Black Background	0.00%	0
11	Mixed Heritage: White and Black Caribbean	0.88%	1
12	Mixed Heritage: White and Black African	2.65%	3
13	Mixed Heritage: White and Asian	0.00%	0
14	Any other Mixed Background	0.88%	1
15	White British	75.22%	85
16	White Irish	0.00%	0
17	Any other White Background	4.42%	5
		answered	113
		skipped	222

36. What is your religion/belief?	
Answer Choices	Res Pe

Α	Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Prefer not to say		17.43%	19
2	Buddhist		0.92%	1
3	Christian (includes Church of England,		46.79%	51

3	36. What is your religion/belief?				
	Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian Denominations)				
4	Sikh	0.00%	0		
5	Jewish	0.00%	0		
6	Muslim	0.92%	1		
7	Hindu	0.00%	0		
8	Other	1.83%	2		
9	No religion	33.03%	36		
		answered	109		
		skipped	226		

3	37. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?						
A	Answer Choices Response Percent Total						
1	Prefer not to say		22.52%	25			
2	Bisexual		2.70%	3			
3	Gay or lesbian		0.90%	1			
4	Straight/Heterosexual		73.87%	82			
5	Other		0.90%	1			
			answered	111			
			skipped	224			