





West Devon Borough Council Council Tax Reduction 2014/15 Consultation





1. If you are completing on behalf of an organisation please tell us the name of your organisation and who you represent.(Max 300 characters). Please ignore questions in this survey that relate to households.

	Response Count
	0
answered question	0
skipped question	128






2. Does your household currently receive Council Tax Reduction (CTR) from the Council?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes – please go straight to question 4 	21.1%	27
No 	78.9%	101
answered question		128
skipped question		0






3. If you are not receiving Council Tax Reduction, have you ever received this or Council Tax Benefit?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	12.6%	12
No 	87.4%	83
answered question		95
skipped question		33






4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following principle: All working age people should pay something towards their council tax bill?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		55.6%	65
Tend to agree		23.9%	28
Neither agree nor disagree		3.4%	4
Tend to disagree		6.0%	7
Strongly disagree		11.1%	13
answered question			117
skipped question			11

5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposal: All working age people pay upto a minimum of 25% towards their council tax

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		41.9%	49
Tend to agree		26.5%	31
Neither agree nor disagree		8.5%	10
Tend to disagree		9.4%	11
Strongly disagree		13.7%	16
answered question			117
skipped question			11


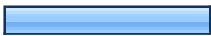



6. What impact would this change have on your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No impact		77.8%	91
Low impact		1.7%	2
Medium impact		1.7%	2
High impact		12.8%	15
Unsure		6.0%	7
answered question			117
skipped question			11



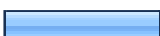
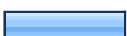

7. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

	Response Count
	23
answered question	23
skipped question	105






8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following principle: Working age people living in properties with a higher council tax charge who currently receive Council Tax Reduction should pay more?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		31.8%	34
Tend to agree		32.7%	35
Neither agree nor disagree		13.1%	14
Tend to disagree		6.5%	7
Strongly disagree		15.9%	17
answered question			107
skipped question			21

9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposal: Restrict the amount of Council Tax Reduction to a Band D charge for working age people?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		19.8%	21
Tend to agree		24.5%	26
Neither agree nor disagree		24.5%	26
Tend to disagree		18.9%	20
Strongly disagree		12.3%	13
answered question			106
skipped question			22






10. What impact would this change have on your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No impact		85.0%	91
Low impact		0.9%	1
Medium impact		1.9%	2
High impact		5.6%	6
Unsure		6.5%	7
answered question			107
skipped question			21






11. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

	Response Count
	11
answered question	11
skipped question	117






12. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following principle: Council Tax Reduction should not be paid to working age people with savings or investments?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		21.5%	23
Tend to agree		30.8%	33
Neither agree nor disagree		14.0%	15
Tend to disagree		9.3%	10
Strongly disagree		24.3%	26
answered question			107
skipped question			21

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposal: Reduce the savings and investment cut off limit from £16,000 to £6,000 for working age people?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		20.6%	22
Tend to agree		22.4%	24
Neither agree nor disagree		14.0%	15
Tend to disagree		15.9%	17
Strongly disagree		27.1%	29
answered question			107
skipped question			21






14. What impact would this change have on your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No impact		85.8%	91
Low impact		0.9%	1
Medium impact		1.9%	2
High impact		3.8%	4
Unsure		7.5%	8
answered question			106
skipped question			22






15. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

	Response Count
	11
answered question	11
skipped question	117






16. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following principle: Extra financial help should be given to people experiencing exceptional hardship

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		46.7%	49
Tend to agree		40.0%	42
Neither agree nor disagree		5.7%	6
Tend to disagree		3.8%	4
Strongly disagree		3.8%	4
answered question			105
skipped question			23

17. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposal: Setting up a limited hardship fund that the most vulnerable people can apply to for help paying their council tax

		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly agree		43.8%	46
Tend to agree		35.2%	37
Neither agree nor disagree		7.6%	8
Tend to disagree		6.7%	7
Strongly disagree		6.7%	7
answered question			105
skipped question			23




18. What impact would this change have on your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
No impact		81.7%	85
Low impact		2.9%	3
Medium impact		1.0%	1
High impact		6.7%	7
Unsure		7.7%	8
answered question			104
skipped question			24

19. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

	Response Count
	12
answered question	12
skipped question	116







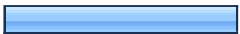


20. Are you:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		52.4%	55
Female		46.7%	49
Prefer not to say		1.0%	1
answered question			105
skipped question			23




21. How old were you on your last birthday?

	Response Count
	101
answered question	101
skipped question	27

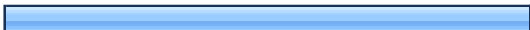




22. Which of these activities best describes what you are doing at present?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Employee in full time job (30 hours or more per week)		17.1%	18
Employee in part time job (under 30 hours per week)		9.5%	10
Self-employed full or part time		14.3%	15
Unpaid carer for a frail or disabled family member		2.9%	3
Full time education at school, college or university		0.0%	0
Unemployed and available for work		1.9%	2
Permanently sick/ disabled		4.8%	5
Wholly retired from work		37.1%	39
Looking after the home		5.7%	6
Doing something else		6.7%	7
		answered question	105
		skipped question	23

23. What is your marital status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Single		12.4%	13
Married		66.7%	70
Separated		0.0%	0
Divorced		6.7%	7
Living as a couple		7.6%	8
Civil partnership		0.0%	0
Widowed		5.7%	6
Prefer not to say		1.0%	1
answered question			105
skipped question			23

24. How many children aged 16 and under are living in your household?

		Response Percent	Response Count
None		84.8%	89
One		8.6%	9
Two		4.8%	5
Three		1.0%	1
Four		1.0%	1
More than four		0.0%	0
answered question			105
skipped question			23

Page 4, Q7. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

1	Would have more to spend on other things, visting places / attractions	Sep 29, 2013 7:44 PM
2	We are struggling on 1 persons part time wage and to pay £130 a month is very difficult . We get housing benefit but not council tax ,why ?	Sep 20, 2013 4:19 PM
3	Both myself and my parter are in our early 20's and we both hold down jobs which means we have no support whatsoever even though we both earn a low income and struggle sometimes, it's just something you have to work with as part of life you don't always get dicounts/handouts	Sep 17, 2013 6:53 PM
4	we would struggle to pay it	Sep 17, 2013 11:39 AM
5	my husband is disabled and not working now so any help towards our council tax would help us financially	Sep 15, 2013 4:15 PM
6	Question 5 is very difficult to interpret "up to a minimum of ..."	Sep 12, 2013 8:35 PM
7	Being sick and disabled, I have no means of increasing my income which is already very low	Sep 11, 2013 4:06 PM
8	Financial struggle.	Sep 11, 2013 3:48 PM
9	No impact what so ever!, we are not entitled to claim anything!	Sep 11, 2013 2:54 PM
10	The disabled, the infirm, pensioners, and the unemployed already suffer from extreme poverty. It would be cruel to add this on to them as well, and will probably cost much more than it earns to enforce.	Sep 11, 2013 12:38 PM
11	We already live on the poverty line	Sep 11, 2013 12:35 PM
12	Can't make sense of Q.5 "up to a minimum" ... Should these say "maximum"?	Sep 11, 2013 12:20 PM
13	My daughter is on a low wage and our Council Tax is high at band G. 25% would mean she would have to pay £65 from a low wage.	Sep 11, 2013 12:13 PM
14	I battle to scrape by each month so saving money on council tax would enable me to spend a bit of money doing repairs that I can't currently afford.	Sep 4, 2013 10:08 PM
15	I live in a household with a total income of £226 a month. Paying a minimum of 25% towards council tax would make me unable to purchase electricity, food, or make other essential payments.	Sep 4, 2013 7:56 PM
16	As a previous recipient of incapacity benefit after an accident at work I have now been moved onto ESA meaning I have had a reduction in benefits. All other bills - elec & oil & petrol have gone up - how am I supposed to pay ?	Sep 4, 2013 9:27 AM
17	Limited amount of money comes to people on benefit and having to pay could cost upto £400 this when no extra money is coming into the household.	Sep 3, 2013 7:12 AM
18	High impact beacuse I pay my council tax, there is a serious reduction in the level of service given by local authorities. If more people pay into the pot will be more for the statutory/discretionary items like the Tourist Information Centre - useful but no longer offered from next April	Sep 2, 2013 4:08 PM
19	additional financial pressure to severely disabled resident	Sep 2, 2013 2:38 PM

Page 4, Q7. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

20	We have all our council tax paid at the moment, if this happens we will have to pay about £25 a month towards our bill, which isnt anything major really.	Aug 28, 2013 12:36 PM
21	We would have to pay some Council Tax, which would affect our ability to spend money	Aug 18, 2013 8:45 PM
22	there are 2 carers and 2 with disabilities in our household paying ct with prove difficult as we are not working due to looking after the 2 two people concerned	Aug 16, 2013 5:01 PM
23	It will have a low impact as many who are on benefits will struggle to pay the 25% so council tax will increase year on year to cover the deficits or lose services instead	Aug 13, 2013 2:31 PM

Page 5, Q11. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

1	struggling already	Sep 17, 2013 11:40 AM
2	if people can afford those type of houses then they should be able to afford the council tax	Sep 15, 2013 4:16 PM
3	low income already	Sep 11, 2013 4:07 PM
4	I thought we were all in this together. Why on earth are you taking from the poor to give to those who can afford a bigger property!	Sep 11, 2013 12:39 PM
5	Having to pay bedroom tax and council tax would leave us with negative income	Sep 11, 2013 12:36 PM
6	My daughter is on a low wage. This proposal will have less of an impact than her contributing to a band G, but would still affect her disposable income.	Sep 11, 2013 12:19 PM
7	You are penalising me because my home is in Council tax band C. Why should people in larger, more valuable homes benefit more?? Very unfair.	Sep 4, 2013 10:10 PM
8	Of all options - if things have to change at all - this I think will be my preferred but I still question if I can literally afford to pay.	Sep 4, 2013 9:29 AM
9	This will effect a very limited group of people and have limited economic benefit for all council tax payers	Sep 2, 2013 4:10 PM
10	same as previous answer	Sep 2, 2013 2:39 PM
11	again trying to recoup the loss of income from someone on a low income would prove difficult	Aug 13, 2013 2:32 PM

Page 6, Q15. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

1	I am OAP on pesnion credit? My wife is on working tax credit. Are we to be penalised for budgeting sensibly. Savers, who should be encouraged, are being punished enough.davings. We ing savingsSavers, who should be encouraged, are being punished enough.	Oct 7, 2013 12:04 PM
2	What if those people are using savings for their retirement ?	Sep 20, 2013 4:21 PM
3	Rely on savings to to get by from day today	Sep 11, 2013 5:02 PM
4	I have a tiny pension which is my only income	Sep 11, 2013 1:13 PM
5	i am a 75 year old widow, I have investments but a low income from them and if I have to sell them I would end up with less income.	Sep 11, 2013 12:26 PM
6	My daughter is saving hard for a deposit on her own home. This will unfairly penalise her for saving.	Sep 11, 2013 12:22 PM
7	My savings are my pension and security yet I am being penalised for being a saver. Very unfair.	Sep 4, 2013 10:11 PM
8	Surely this penalises people who have been prudent enough to save for a 'rainy day' that might require some funds - a domestic emergency - broken boiler. Car problem etc - £16000 is about right I think.	Sep 4, 2013 9:31 AM
9	No Ompact - a limited group of people. Blanket approach preferred - we are all in this together.	Sep 2, 2013 4:11 PM
10	Have no savings	Sep 2, 2013 2:40 PM
11	I feel that the capital limit should be lower to about £3000	Aug 13, 2013 2:32 PM

Page 7, Q19. If you have said that this change will have a low, medium or high impact, please give us examples (Max 300 characters) of the effect it will have on your household:

1	We have no extra income and are struggling to pay bills	Sep 20, 2013 4:21 PM
2	it would help if we could get financial help with our council tax as we only have my husbands pension coming in and still have mortgage to pay out of it.	Sep 15, 2013 4:18 PM
3	Less financial stress.	Sep 11, 2013 3:50 PM
4	I agree but a "Limited" fund would be useless : it would need to be permanent	Sep 11, 2013 1:14 PM
5	I am poor so i can't affor a big house. I live in a band C house and I can't afford the council tax on that. Why shouldn't I get help?	Sep 11, 2013 12:41 PM
6	We would be able to have proper food and be able to pay our bills and for heating	Sep 11, 2013 12:37 PM
7	Don't like this option - you are made to feel a second class citizen enough by claiming benefits. More hoops to jump through is wrong.	Sep 4, 2013 9:33 AM
8	When you are on benefit that is all the money you receive, so help for some on benefit would help, such as pension credit and disability benefit.	Sep 3, 2013 7:16 AM
9	No effect. All must pay. All in this together	Sep 2, 2013 4:12 PM
10	supports the most vulnerable in society	Sep 2, 2013 2:41 PM
11	this would help our family out greatly as we are home carers	Aug 16, 2013 5:03 PM
12	again you will always get a section of people who won't oay	Aug 13, 2013 2:33 PM