



**1. Do you think that Peterborough City Council should continue to help people on low income by reducing their council tax bill?**



		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.5%	26
No		23.5%	8

Any comments: 7

answered question 34

skipped question 0

**2. Do you think that the fairest way to achieve the savings required is an across the board 35% reduction in the new council tax support scheme?**






		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		38.2%	13
No		61.8%	21

If no, please state why: 17


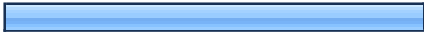
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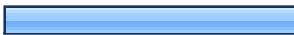
**3. Do you think that certain classes of persons should be protected from the reduction outlined and should include claimants where: (please select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes - The Severe Disability premium is awarded? (Currently 511 claims; will cost £127,000 per year or a further 1.5% reduction)		45.5%	15
Yes - The Enhanced Disability premium is awarded? (Currently 570 claims; will cost £165,000 per year or a further 2.0% reduction)		33.3%	11
Yes - The Disabled Child Premium is awarded? (Currently 355 claims; will cost £103,000 per year or a further 1.0% reduction)		36.4%	12
Yes - The Disability Premium is awarded? (Currently 1,542 claims; will cost £418,000 per year or a further 6.0% reduction)		36.4%	12
<b>No - (This is no additional cost to and keeps the overall reduction as 35%)</b>		<b>54.5%</b>	<b>18</b>
	Any comments:		8
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>33</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>1</b>



**4. Do you think that the maximum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £23.15 per week?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		32.4%	11
No		67.6%	23
Any comments			15
answered question			34
skipped question			0



**5. Do you think that the minimum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £2.00 per week? (Anyone entitled to less than this would get nothing and would save £10,000 per year)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		53.1%	17
No		46.9%	15
Any comments:			11
answered question			32
skipped question			2



**6. Do you think that the capital limit (the amount of savings in the bank or building society) for claiming Council Tax Support should be reduced from £16,000 to £6,000? (This means anyone with more than £6,000 would get nothing, saving £33,000 per year)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		76.5%	26
No		23.5%	8
Any comments:			14
answered question			34
skipped question			0




**7. Do you think that Alternative Maximum Council Tax Benefit (Second Adult Rebate) should still be part of Council Tax Support? (This rebate of up to 25% considers the income of any second adult in the property whose occupation has removed the single person discount. There are currently 55 second adult claims in Peterborough and removing it would save £18,000 per year)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		43.8%	14
No		56.3%	18
Any comments:			8
answered question			32
skipped question			2




### 8. Do you have any other comments about the new Council Tax Support scheme?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		56.3%	18
No		43.8%	14
Any comments:			18
answered question			32
skipped question			2

### 9. About you: Are you or any partner a pensioner?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		2.9%	1
No		94.1%	32
Prefer not to say		2.9%	1
answered question			34
skipped question			0

### 10. About you: Do you currently claim Council Tax Benefit?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		20.6%	7
No		73.5%	25
Prefer not to say		5.9%	2
answered question			34
skipped question			0

**Q1. Do you think that Peterborough City Council should continue to help people on low income by reducing their council tax bill?**

1	they can't afford to pay it they are on a MUCH lower income. Council tax is WAY to high anyway and you'd be taking a HUGE chunk of their benefits.	Oct 22, 2012 12:18 AM
2	If the benefit system is not supplementing lower earners. However maybe we need to look at a sliding scale.. a single occupant may earn a lot of money more than a couple with small children both on low incomes and paying after school and holiday clubs.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
3	Low income families will NOT be able to afford any additional payments. This will affect the poorest hardest.	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
4	But outgoings should be considered as well	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
5	More publicity to low income families should happen! QUICKLY and no decision should be made UNTIL ALL LOW INCOME FAMILIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED OR IT IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL !!!!	Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM
6	Families and disabled people with lower incomes will be critically affected by any proposals to increase / introduce further reductions in their already smaller income.	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM
7	A yes or no is too simple. However, I do think that all household should pay something towards receiving the service. There should be no discrimination in help based on age or gender.	Sep 30, 2012 11:21 PM



**Q2. Do you think that the fairest way to achieve the savings required is an across the board 35% reduction in the new council tax support scheme?**

1	YES only if those on benefits still do not have to pay for council tax.	Oct 22, 2012 12:18 AM
2	you will take a money from low income people but not from reach	Oct 21, 2012 9:58 AM
3	1. I don't understand what a "reduction in the new council tax support scheme" means because you haven't explained it and 2. I suspect you waste a lot of money and that buying in services has been proved a lot cheaper in other councils. Look at Bolton Metropolitan Council.	Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM
4	No I think it does need to look at combined incomes and benefit top ups etc and work out how much in brackets that people can afford to pay this will enable people to aspire to better but won't penalise them for working we need to get people off benefits long term but help them while they are developing skills and earning potential.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
5	this should be thought thru in a more specific manner - applying 35% across the board assumes all are in the same position	Oct 17, 2012 9:57 PM
6	As above - It is grossly unfair to affect the poorest in society by increasing ANY payments	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
7	This would disproportionately hit those on the lowest incomes and leave small amounts to be collected from those least able to pay. This recovery process would be expensive and time consuming compared to the amount of money likely to be successfully recovered. The extra cost of doing this would be better spent on providing services that people need. Havign a paper debt of £x doesn't equate to money that can be spent.	Oct 17, 2012 12:30 PM
8	Paying 35% of council tax would prove prohibitively expensive for many and increase poverty in our city.	Oct 13, 2012 12:32 AM
9	I think it should be a 50% reduction	Oct 12, 2012 8:18 PM
10	I am already penalised for being under 35 by only being given a fraction of the Local Housing Allowance rate. After paying my rent I had £40 to live on each week. This put me in debt and the only reason I'm not on the street is because I was only unemployed for a few months and I'm back at work now. If Council Tax benefit had been 35% lower as well, I would have ended up homeless and the council would have to pay out even more to house me.	Oct 6, 2012 3:22 PM
11	Arbitrarily deciding people can pay more will not make them able to do so.	Oct 6, 2012 2:16 PM
12	Some people should lose 100%	Oct 3, 2012 9:40 PM
13	Whilst no cut is preferrable it is inpractical - a across the board reduction is most equitable, fair and incorporates the government requirement that all people bear this change.	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
14	It will affect those on low incomes dreadfully. There are enough changes going on to confuse people. If those on benefits have to contribute how will this help reduce the debit the country is in? The Government says people have so much to live on.... if a contribution to council tax is made this will place people BELOW what the LAW says they have to live on so will those affected get more benefit OR be expected to live below what the law says is enough to live on?	Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM
15	I don't believe this would be cost effective as lower income Vs specific	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM



**Q2. Do you think that the fairest way to achieve the savings required is an across the board 35% reduction in the new council tax support scheme?**

disability income may widely differ. All true low income or severely disabled income families would not oppose a 'means test' approval.

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| 16 | Instead of lowering the amount increase the amount for big houses 6+ beds | Sep 26, 2012 4:22 PM |
| 17 | we cant afford to pay a 35% increase from Nil at the moment.              | Sep 26, 2012 3:58 PM |

**Q3. Do you think that certain classes of persons should be protected from the reduction outlined and should include claimants where: (please select all that apply)**

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| 1 | Most people's objections are to healthy, workshy people claiming benefit - the above claimants are necessarily genuine and should be fully supported.   | Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM  |
| 2 | Again I think we need to look at households income that may include the benefits awarded for people within the household who have a disability. When combined with other benefits and premiums they may well have less outgoings than lower earning couples with small children. I think we need to look at the whole household rather than excluding or reducing a households bill because of one of the family members. | Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM  |
| 3 | Perhaps the better of such as our wonderful council leader could pay more instead. Or even take less from the city in 'Allowances' to contribute.   | Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM  |
| 4 | Although disabled peopel appear to have a higher income than someone who is unemployed, these amounts are intended to help with the additional expenses involved in their day to day living, and cannot be seen as higher disposable income.  | Oct 17, 2012 12:30 PM |
| 5 | Equality must be equal - the cost should be usage based.  | Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM   |
| 6 | the very fact that these payments are made compensates already and supports the ability to make the payments - so i can see no need for a further reduction.  | Oct 3, 2012 12:13 PM  |
| 7 | All on benefits should be excluded and the more wealthy should pay more.  | Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM   |
| 8 | single parents should be helped or excluded   | Sep 29, 2012 6:37 PM  |



**Q4. Do you think that the maximum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £23.15 per week?**

1	no, i think thats far too high	Oct 21, 2012 8:53 PM
2	can be more	Oct 21, 2012 9:58 AM
3	It should continue to be means tested and applied fairly. Your procedures are quite rigorous and fair as they stand.	Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM
4	Again it would depend on circumstance, people living in social housing or a small property (where you would expect to find the most need and potential for poverty) this may be enough. Though again this may impact on the younger people who are just starting trying out independence and have scraped together a deposit and mortgage but may be in a higher banding. I think we need to find a way that looks at need vs income and outgoings.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
5	No, No, No!	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
6	There needs to be a consideration of those who are asset rich but cash poor; at first it may seem that someone in a higher banded property could move but this may not be possible for several reasons. The current scheme already includes a restriction at band E which would be preferable.	Oct 17, 2012 12:30 PM
7	I think it should be lower	Oct 12, 2012 8:18 PM
8	See above.	Oct 6, 2012 2:16 PM
9	It should be partially based on household income and disposable income. A family who has all their rent paid and lives on benefits can actually be better off than a low income working family who has to keep up mortgage or rent payments and get no support.	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
10	Everyone should pay these are services for all and so should be paid by all.	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
11	Anyone on benefits should have the help they need.	Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM
12	Ridiculous proposal - each support level should depend on the level of household income	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM
13	There needs to be a graded implementation for those hardest hit and there may be cases for short term (e.g. up to 3 months) greater help,	Sep 30, 2012 11:21 PM
14	You make the bands you can alter them to suit.	Sep 26, 2012 4:22 PM
15	Disabled ppl have to live in bigger houses because of mobility needs, would be discriminatory.	Sep 26, 2012 3:58 PM

**Q5. Do you think that the minimum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £2.00 per week?  
(Anyone entitled to less than this would get nothing and would save £10,000 per year)**

1	cost of arrange will be more then 2 pounds	Oct 21, 2012 9:58 AM
2	Actually £2 a week is neither here nor there to most families. However, I would imagine that £10K is neither here nor there to a unitary council.	Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM
3	This equates to less than 30p a day.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
4	too broad brush in its approach	Oct 17, 2012 9:57 PM
5	Do not understand this question fully, but it is grossly unfair to take money away from those who can least afford it.	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
6	Again this would leave small sums (£104 per year) to be collected form those least able to pay. Again disproportionately expense and time consuming to collect and altogether impractical. The saving would be wiped out by the extra recovery staff needed to chase the debt.	Oct 17, 2012 12:30 PM
7	Providing people really need the support then they should get it. However is this £10,000 saving made up of the £2 per week or does it include admin time of staff and paperwork?	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
8	What is the additional cost to impose this limit?	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
9	Don't understand this proposal	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM
10	The costs versus benefit of awarding this speak for itself and can not be justified.	Sep 30, 2012 11:21 PM
11	saving not worth the extra clerical work involved.	Sep 26, 2012 3:58 PM

**Q6. Do you think that the capital limit (the amount of savings in the bank or building society) for claiming Council Tax Support should be reduced from £16,000 to £6,000? (This means anyone with more than £6,000 would get nothing, saving £33,000 per year)**

1	Other benefits have lowered the threshold of savings. Ordinary hardworking families can't necessarily afford to save. I agree with this one.	Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM
2	While we don't want to discourage saving the most needy do live hand to mouth. If you have £16,000 in the bank maybe you can afford to pay £100 a month to stay living in your property.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
3	sorry but if you have savings you SHOULD be paying your way, lots of employed people on no benefits have less savings than this and have to cope	Oct 17, 2012 9:57 PM
4	This could be fair if it was £6,000 for EACH person. We do have to pay for funerals, they are not free and £6,000 for each would be fair	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
5	amount of savings should be totally disregarded whether above or below £16K because tax has already been paid at source	Oct 16, 2012 2:43 PM
6	Yes, but this depends upon the nature of the savings, if they are not accessible, they should not be taken into account until they are.	Oct 13, 2012 12:32 AM
7	If you've got £6,000 in savings, you have money to support yourself. I used up all of my savings and reached my overdraft limit before I even applied for JSA & Housing Benefit.	Oct 6, 2012 3:22 PM
8	This amount already applies to numerous benefits.	Oct 6, 2012 2:16 PM
9	Generally the people who own their own properties will have also managed to save a bit of money for emergencies. They should not be penalised for being prudent.	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
10	The capital limit at 16000 is the consistent assessment level ie for social care as well	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
11	most people who will not get any support will not have savings of anything like £6,000 in savings, especially working parents with families to support.	Oct 3, 2012 12:13 PM
12	Suggest £10,000	Oct 2, 2012 6:13 PM
13	I do think yes but appropriate systems need to be put in place to monitor whether households are swerving this change by money movement.	Sep 30, 2012 11:21 PM
14	discourages people from saving.	Sep 26, 2012 3:58 PM

**Q7. Do you think that Alternative Maximum Council Tax Benefit (Second Adult Rebate) should still be part of Council Tax Support? (This rebate of up to 25% considers the income of any second adult in the property whose occupation has removed the single person discount. There are currently 55 second ad...**

1	If we want people working then we need to support those who cannot perhaps work full time or get better paid posts. I think this is a fair benefit.	Oct 20, 2012 3:35 PM
2	It is a small saving but both parties would be paying full or 75% of their council tax so they would save overall. These are difficult times.	Oct 19, 2012 3:16 PM
3	See above	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
4	There are two adults in my house as a married couple and we have to pay the full rate even when I was staying at home to raise a family with no second income. Why should someone who decides to co-habit with someone who perhaps has a good income get better treatment. I also wonder how many people currently didn't know of this option but now could try to claim it when hearing about this review!!	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
5	If a partner is working and not eligible for other council tax support - then as they use 2 people's services this should be paid.	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
6	2 people use the services of 2 people with resulting income	Oct 3, 2012 12:13 PM
7	Not if on benefits.	Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM
8	Council tax should be based on total household income not value of house	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM



**Q8. Do you have any other comments about the new Council Tax Support scheme?**

1	Penny pinching again from those who can least afford it	Oct 18, 2012 7:38 PM
2	Perhaps those with larger incomes could pay more to subsidize those who are poorest eh Marco mate.	Oct 17, 2012 7:50 PM
3	Definitiosn of 'vulnerable' etc need to be bullet proof as they are an obvious area for legal challenges of the scheme. This is an opportunity to correct DWP's woefully lax draughting of the old CTB scheme and avoid people having to go through appeals unnecessarily.	Oct 17, 2012 12:30 PM
4	The pain should be shared by all except the OAPs as we are all in this together.	Oct 16, 2012 2:43 PM
5	Any alteration offering a reduction of the current benefit will be extremely unfair to those with limited income.	Oct 15, 2012 2:05 PM
6	While I feel reform is necessary, it should be held as a fundamental that this scheme should be for the benefit of those who require it, not those who believe they deserve it.	Oct 13, 2012 12:32 AM
7	I think there should be a 50% reduction. People should pay for the services provided by the Council regardless of income.	Oct 12, 2012 8:18 PM
8	If the council needs to find extra money, they could start by renegotiating with Serco as they are clearly incompetent if it takes 6-8 weeks to process a Housing Benefit application. Why pay them such a huge amount if they cannot even complete their job in a timely fashion? Their contract should contain a Service Level Agreement that says applications should be processed within one month and there should be stiff financial penalties if they exceed that time. You could also save some money by reducing the salaries of the council's executives. What's a small reduction to them is a huge amount of money to the average working Council Tax payer like myself.	Oct 6, 2012 3:22 PM
9	Same as most things from the ConDem Alliance, it stinks!	Oct 6, 2012 2:16 PM
10	Many people living on benefits can end up with more disposable income than a working person. Peoples outgoings should be looked at when making decisions, A household that has to pay a mortgage gets no help with these payments even if on a low income yet a person renting can get their rent paid. Disposable income after valid household expenses , including transport arrangements for people in rural communities with poor public transport,should be looked into.	Oct 4, 2012 2:04 PM
11	Working people paying full council tax mustn't be asked to pay more in the long run because the council is scared of pad PR.	Oct 3, 2012 9:40 PM
12	Equality is paramount!	Oct 3, 2012 8:07 PM
13	Any scheme has to be affordable by all Peterborough residents and as such ther wider picture needs to be taken into account when deciding on supporting people on low incomes/benefits. In addtion, i feel like others we all should have to make some contribution rather than the current scheme that automaticaly exempts people from any payment.	Oct 3, 2012 12:13 PM
14	Another complicated taxation on the poor. Try taxing the wealthy - but that will not happen as we have to put up with a Conservative controlled council. Should you wish to be re-elected I suggest a bigger re-think.	Oct 2, 2012 7:56 PM



**Q8. Do you have any other comments about the new Council Tax Support scheme?**

15	The way this is presented and explained is confusing, particularly to the elderly and those that may be most affected. A postage paid leaflet asking simpler questions should be sent to EVERY household in Peterborough as many low income and disabled families will be less likely to respond to this survey.	Oct 2, 2012 4:28 PM
16	The principle of fairness should mean that everybody pays something towards council services and people are informed appropriately of what the money is used for and how much things cost. However, this change is likely to lead to lots of non payments and some of the cost savings should be earmarked for gaining payment but also making it as easy as possible for people to pay and be advised sufficiently. Graded changes are likely to allow people to adapt to the changes more effectively.	Sep 30, 2012 11:21 PM
17	What would happen to people on benefits or that are unable to pay or increase the amount they pay already?	Sep 26, 2012 4:22 PM
18	please don't target the poorest & vulnerable in society.	Sep 26, 2012 3:58 PM

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