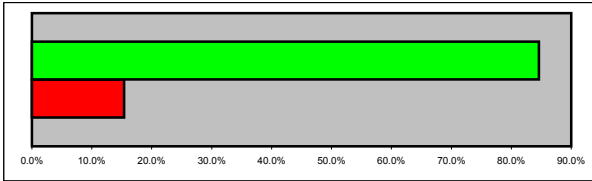


Council Tax Support Consultation (Q's 1-3)

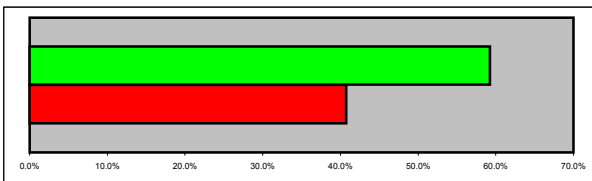
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1. Do you think that Peterborough City Council should continue to help people on low income by reducing their council tax bill?



	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	84.6%	22
No	15.4%	4
Any comments:		2
Answered question:		26
Skipped question:		1

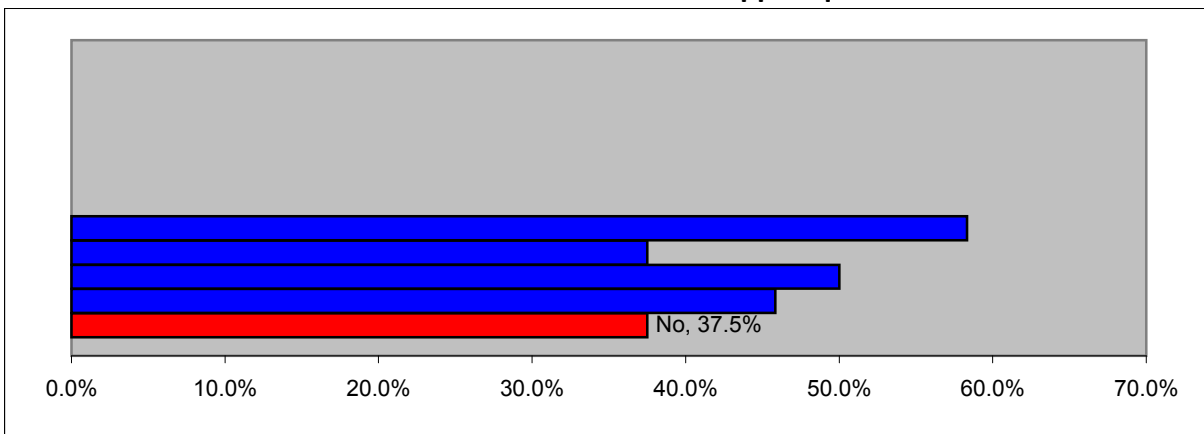
2. Do you think that the fairest way to achieve the savings required is an across the board 35% reduction in the new council tax support scheme?



	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	59.3%	16
No	40.7%	11
If no, please state why:		8
Answered question:		27
Skipped question:		0

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)

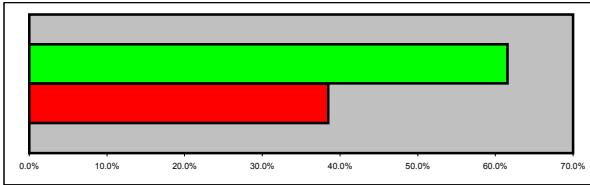
	Response Percent	Response Count
Severe Disability Premium	58.3%	14
Enhanced Disability Premium	37.5%	9
Disabled Child Premium	50.0%	12
Disability Premium	45.8%	11
No	37.5%	9
Any comments:		4
Answered question:		24
Skipped question:		3



Council Tax Support Consultation (Q's 4-7)

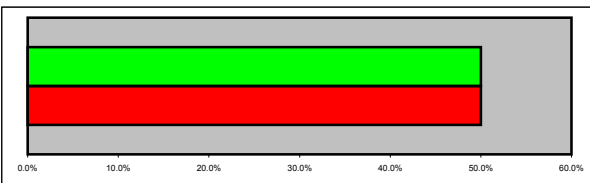
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4. Do you think that the maximum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £23.15 per week?



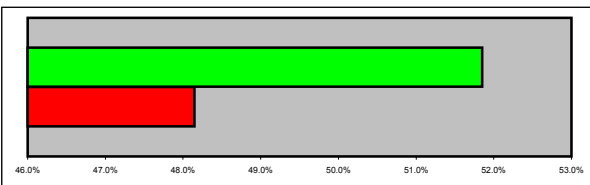
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	61.5%	16
No	38.5%	10
Any comments:		2
Answered question:		26
Skipped question:		1

5. Do you think that the minimum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £2.00 per week?



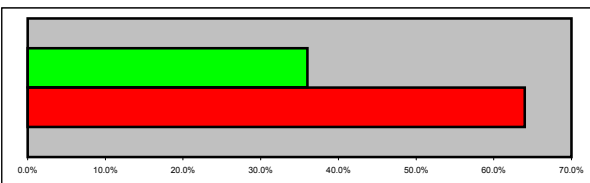
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	50.0%	13
No	50.0%	13
Any comments:		2
Answered question:		26
Skipped question:		1

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?



	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	51.9%	14
No	48.1%	13
Any comments:		4
Answered question:		27
Skipped question:		0

7. Do you think that Alternative Maximum Council Tax Benefit (Second Adult Rebate) should still be part of Council Tax Support?

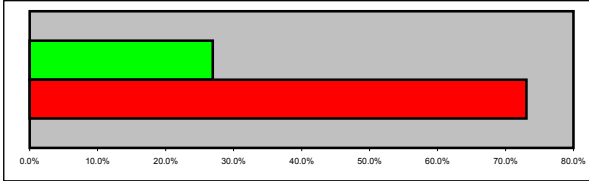


	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	36.0%	9
No	64.0%	16
Any comments:		2
Answered question:		25
Skipped question:		2

Council Tax Support Consultation (Q's 8-10)

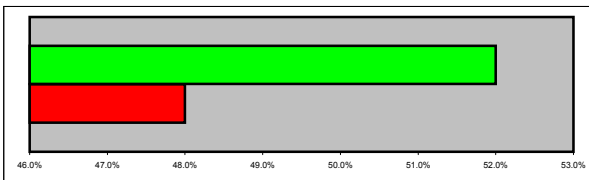
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8. Do you have any other comments about the new Council Tax Support scheme?



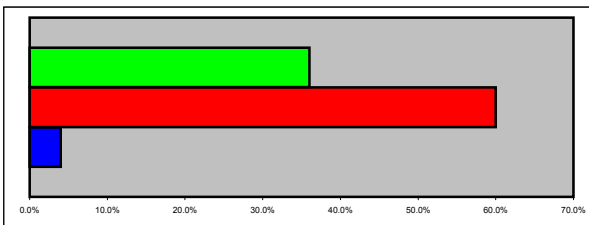
	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	26.9%	7
No	73.1%	19
Any comments:		7
Answered question:		26
Skipped question:		1

9. Are you or any partner a pensioner?



	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	52.0%	13
No	48.0%	12
n/a	14.3%	2
Any comments:		1
Answered question:		27
Skipped question:		0

10. Do you currently claim Council Tax Benefit?



	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	36.0%	9
No	60.0%	15
n/a	4.0%	1
Any comments:		0
Answered question:		25
Skipped question:		2

Council Tax Support Consultation (Comments)

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

It is your duty to help the poor! Otherwise the poor help themselves, to your money + property! Wouldn't that put up the Police part of the rates!? It's keeping crime down! Look at the crime figures for the 19th + 20th centuries! How would it be if those figures were 100 to 1000 times worse?? (ref016)

But depends on what is considered low income (ref023)

People on low income unable to pay would only result in county court judgement and still no payment (ref025)

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?

Hitting lower income families the hardest (ref 001)

Protect vulnerable people with disability or live alone (ref 015)

The Conservatives think the unemployed can afford telephone + broadband etc to apply for jobs. Which planet do they live on! Can they survive on benefits? The poor can't afford to pay it!! You live on the pittance that benefit pays out + see if you can make ends meet! Prices continue to rise, benefits don't, + nor have they ever done so, not even in line with inflation! We can't afford the heating, electricity, water + food prices, let alone the fact that we're expected to apply for jobs out of the pittance we get! That includes travel to + from interviews, etc! (ref016)

Disincentive to find low-income work (ref018)

Those who are better off should have more of a reduction, while those who have less should have a smaller reduction, instead of the same for everyone (ref022)

People in expensive houses should not get a rebate (ref023)

35% will not be enough for those on low income (ref024)

People on low income unable to pay would only result in county court judgement and still no payment (ref025)

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)

NB: selected all 4 'yes' options AND 'no' (ref 006)

Re: "some people receive more than one disability premium" (limit this to one benefit, whichever is highest!). It's also time to stop giving it to those who come into the country scrounging!! No citizen, no entitlement to benefits!! Make them pay taxes, etc, for 50 years, then they're entitled to benefits + pensions! No pay(e), no claim(e)! The system can't afford to keep none British citizens any more! Neither can the world! Stop giving them our money! (ref016)

Anyone on the minimum income should get council tax benefit. A large number on these above are getting far more than the minimum, many getting as much as 20 to £30,000 per year! Make it fair! Make them pay! (ref016)

Too many people get benefits (ref023)

The cost should be met by the Council by reducing waste (eg Orton Academy School pulled down) (ref026)

Anyone who can't work due to a disability needs to be protected as do those where the Council Tax is a large % of their outgoings (ref028)

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

The unemployed should get the full amount they're entitled to!! (ref016)
I don't think this would make a vast difference (ref019)
A negligible saving (ref028)

5. Do you think that the minimum amount of Council Tax Support should be limited to £2.00 per week

It's hardly worth collecting this amount (ref016)
Entitlement is often a key in the door to other benefits (ref026)
£10k a drop in the ocean overall (ref028)

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?

Over £16,000, yes! (ref016)
If resident pays rent their savings should be allowed at least one years rent (ref018)
Savers are penalised enough (ref023)
Sufficient to cover burial costs (ref025)
This will hit the poorest households for which £6,000 may be a life times savings (ref028)

7. Do you think that Alternative Maximum Council Tax Benefit (Second Adult Rebate) should still be part of Council Tax Support?

No preference (ref020)
Not really important (ref023)

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

What you give in benefits with one hand you take back with the other! Any monies you take for extra council tax is taken from that the unemployed need to apply for vacancies , food, heating, etc! You're robbing the poor of essentials needed for winter! I hope somebody does the same to you when you're vulnerable thought that'll be too late for the poor buggers you're robbing now! I've noticed over the years that there's always a deficit that gets squandered like the supposed £6m that was supposed to be spent on the Cathedral Square, that turned into £20m! You're heartless wasters! Robbing the poor to pay to pay (for) the rich! I hope your consciences trouble you to the end of your days!! (ref016)
Letter received requesting that we protect those with the carers premium (ref017)
35% seems rather high (ref018)
More support/transition for those going into work (ref020)
Keep it simple to understand (ref021)
Council should fund by reducing wastage & challenge the Government to increase funding (ref026)
Reduce overheads of Council eg Mayor, mileage rates, expenses etc (ref027)

9. Are you or any partner a pensioner?

Pay tax on pension anyway (ref023)

Additional comments (all ref016):

Re: "we have decided against targeting groups of claimants by imposing a minimum or maximum level of support"

That's funny, I thought you were targeting the unemployed!! Making them pay 35% more (35% of their total council tax bill, which amounts to 35% more in my book!!)

Re: "as well as looking to incentivise people back to work our scheme also"

You're taking away monies used to apply for jobs, so how is it 'incentivising' the poorly paid + unemployed?? Most can barely afford to live on what they get now, all you're incentivising' is the call to commit more crime!! Police cuts? You're going to need to spend more on them!!

Re: "of at least 33%"

How does the 10% above equate to 33% here??

Re: "exemptions such as for empty properties"

Get rid of this!!

Other:

Put all the rates up by 10% to cover the shortfall! That's what you always do!!

And stop wasting our money!! Cathedral Square was/is a farce!!