

How to have your say

We are seeking your views and comments on the proposed changes which can be submitted by either using the online form on our website, or completing the following questions below and returning via one of the methods listed:

1a) Do you agree with maintaining an overall reduction in entitlement of 30 per cent from all working age claimants? Yes No

1b) If not, why not?

Council tax is one of the most regressive forms of taxation in the country and is only very tenuously linked to income and ability to pay. What you are proposing will target the least well off members of the city.

2a) Do you agree with the proposed amendment to limit backdating of housing benefit to one month? Yes No

2b) If not, why not?

If they haven't got the cash to pay their council tax to begin with, they won't have the cash to pay their arrears. The cost of court action, bailiffs etc will far outweigh the amount of additional income recovered.

3a) Do you agree with the proposed amendment to remove family premiums from all new claimants with effect from 1 May 2016? Yes No

3b) If not, why not?

All it will do is put families with children into further hardship, making them draw upon other council services further which will cost more money. Net result will be higher council expenditure.

4a) Do you agree that the council should implement a council tax discretionary hardship policy? Yes No

4b) If not, why not?

Discretionary policies seek to return this country to the nineteenth century with the ideals of the worthy poor and unworthy poor.
JUST PUT COUNCIL TAX UP!

The consultation will remain open until Monday 25 January 2016.

Please hand this completed questionnaire in to either the reception desks of the Town Hall or Bayard Place or at Central Library. Alternatively they can be returned by emailing budget@peterborough.gov.uk or by post to: Head of Finance, Peterborough City Council, Town Hall, Bridge Street, Peterborough, PE1 1HG

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