

Appendix 2 – Consultation response analysis

Background

The Government abolished Council Tax Benefit in 2013 and every Council was tasked with designing its own local scheme to provide financial support to those residents on low incomes. The scheme is called the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The scheme has not changed since it was previously amended in 2022.

The Council is proposing to change its scheme as it applies to working age residents in the borough.

The council are required to have the new scheme in place by 11 March 2024 to start on 1 April 2024.

The council ran a consultation on the subject from 06 December 2023 to 31 January 2024. Members of the public were asked to go to haringeyctrs@commonplace.is to view proposals and give feedback. An option was available to request hard copies to be sent to residents who required them.

If the proposals are not agreed, then the current CTRS scheme remains in place.

50 responses were received, all of which came online. The feedback received is displayed below.

Response analysis

Please tell us if you are responding to this survey as a Haringey resident, or on behalf of an organisation.

Respondents: 48

Organisations: 0

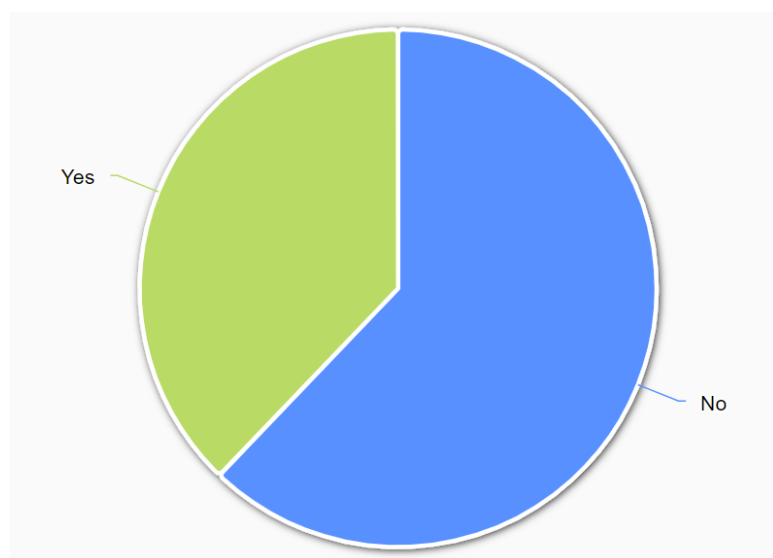
If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, which one?

N/A

Do you currently receive Council Tax Reduction

Yes: 14

No: 23

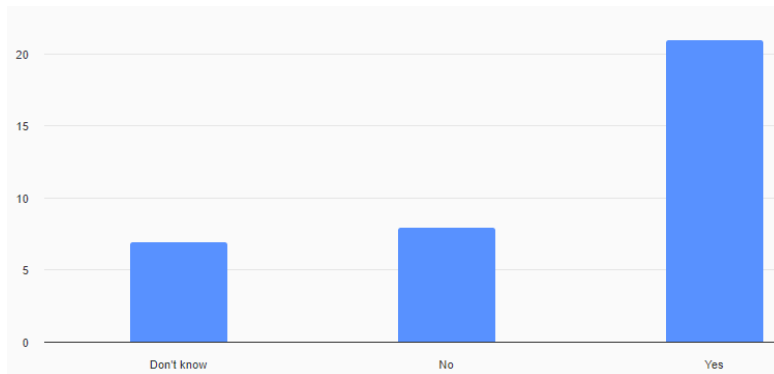


Do you support this scheme change to introduce Capital Disregards?

Yes: 21

No: 8

Don't know: 7



Specific comments:

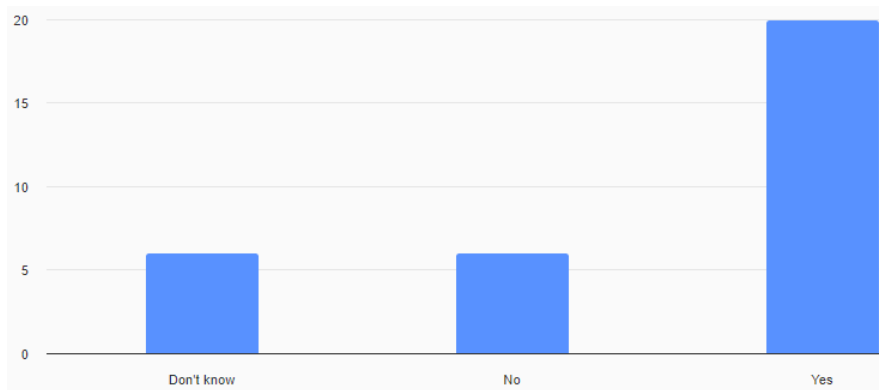
You can't consult us on this and not tell us what payments would be excluded. If someone receives a payment above the £16000 threshold then that should be included in the calculation
Too expensive
Sounds rational
Savings should not affect how much help you receive
Reduce council tax for all.
None
It's not clear
It makes the system more complicated to follow and account for which disregards on which conditions should apply and which not and who makes the decision Administering costs would inevitably increase in time as more and more disregards would be added in future
I think it's fair to work this way. The money received is for wrong doing and the recipient shouldn't be penalised for that.
Good idea. But not at the cost of others. For example, you can't reduce or abandon council tax for low income families while raising them for leaseholders. Considering how much council tax, service charges and the cost of living went up throughout the previous years, a reduction for everyone would be appreciated.
Families getting universal credit and child Disabled living allowance should not be paying council tax. Council should end council tax for them.
Capital disregards sounds very good for people who have suffered so greatly and must not be penalised.
Capital disregards should be increased in line with inflation for everyone

Do you support this scheme change to match the working-age scheme with the pension-age scheme by including changes to Scottish and Welsh legislation?

Yes: 20

No: 6

Don't know: 6



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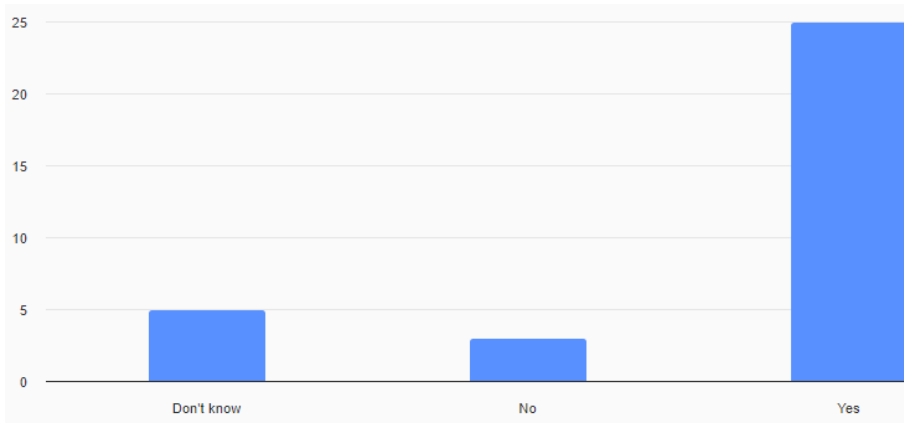
Too expensive
This makes it a two tiered system and penalises local residents. This proposal is insane
This is good so long as the new financial support received is increased, not decreased.
None
No clear pros and cons what are you trying to do about CT so that it benefits struggling residents? Spell. It. Out.
It's fair and consistent
I don't know enough about this scheme. You've not given any background information.
Again, makes sense

Do you support this scheme to make several changes to match the working-age scheme with Housing Benefit and the pension-age scheme?

Yes: 25

No: 3

Don't know: 5



Specific comments:

Unless you intend to make it completely the same, full passported benefit claimant receive full CTR deduction, then why make it even more complicated

Sounds good so long as it really is easier to understand.

None

No clear pros and cons what are you trying to do about CT so that it benefits struggling residents? Spell. It. Out.

Again, you haven't explained what you are asking us to decide on.

Do you have any specific comments regarding these alternative proposals?

This is a meaningless "consultation*". None of your proposals are explained. What is the Scottish scheme? What is The Welsh scheme? What are the working age scheme and pension age scheme? How much will the changes cost?

Spend less

None

No clear pros and cons what are you trying to do about CT so that it benefits struggling residents? Spell. It. Out.

If its just about reducing admin burden on you, then make it all simpler

No

It seems like a sensible approach that will ensure the right people receive the support they need

I would like to know how these changes will be costed and which other areas will lose out

I think it should change as proposed

Council can should be considerate and offer each Resident with over Pensionable Age have 25% discounts on their main Residence Home's Council Tax Bill as a Reduction if they are not getting any Means Tested Benefits from the Government.

With view to support old age pensioner live & support themselves with healthy food and indirectly reduced the old Age Poverty and Mental Health Issues will also have Hughes reduction the burden on Social Services and NHS Cost in longer terms.