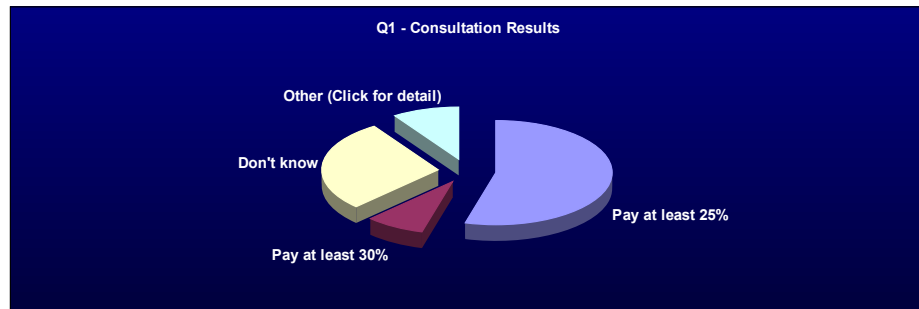


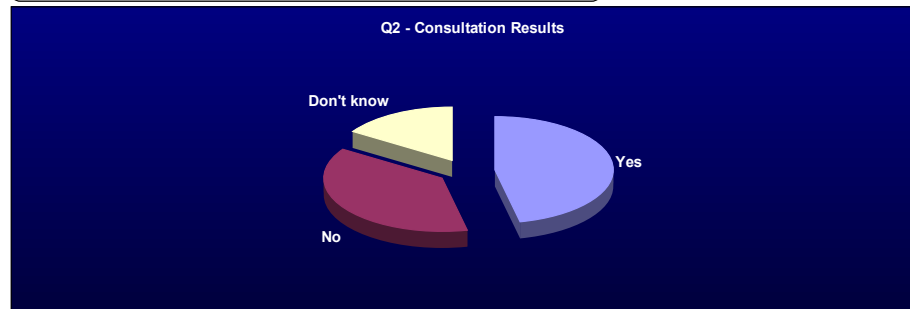
## Appendix B Local Council Tax Scheme - Consultation Results

Q1 - How much Council Tax should people pay?



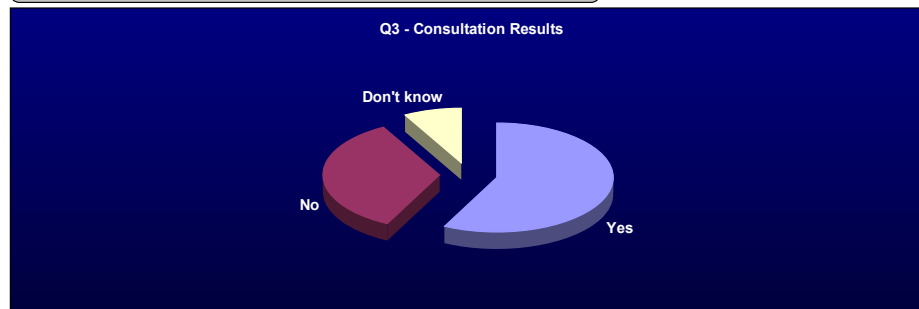
Amount to be paid	Pay at least 25%	Pay at least 30%	Don't know	<a href="#">Other (Click for detail)</a>
Percentage Respondants	54.23%	8.20%	28.31%	9.26%

Q2 - Should people in more expensive properties (Bands E to H) have to contribute more towards their Council Tax ?



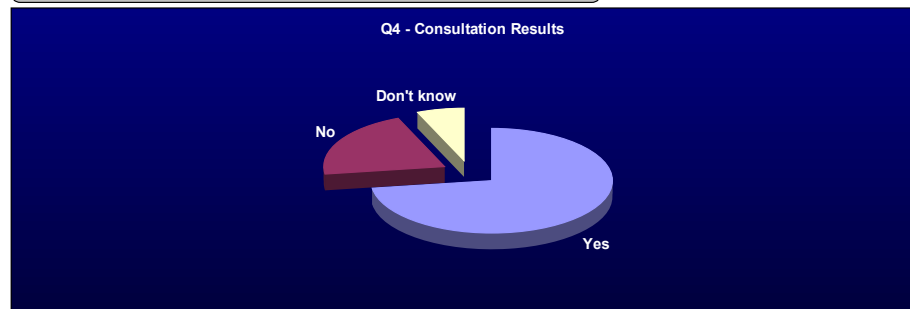
Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	46.59%	37.56%	15.85%

Q3 - Do you think that council tax support should only be given to people who have savings of £6,000 or less?



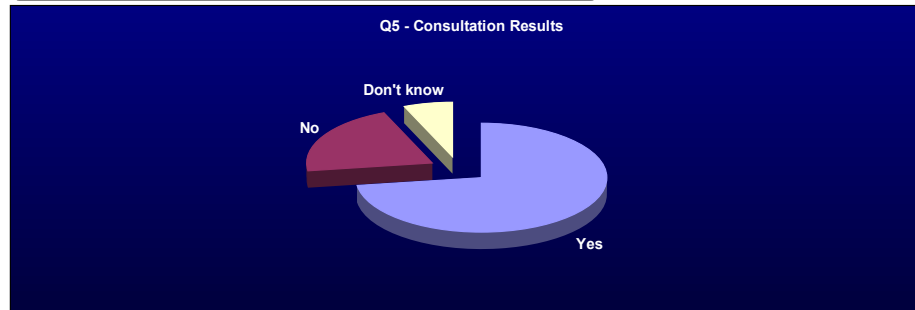
Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	57.38%	34.62%	7.99%

Q4 - Do you think that people who are unable to work should be given more support than those seeking work?



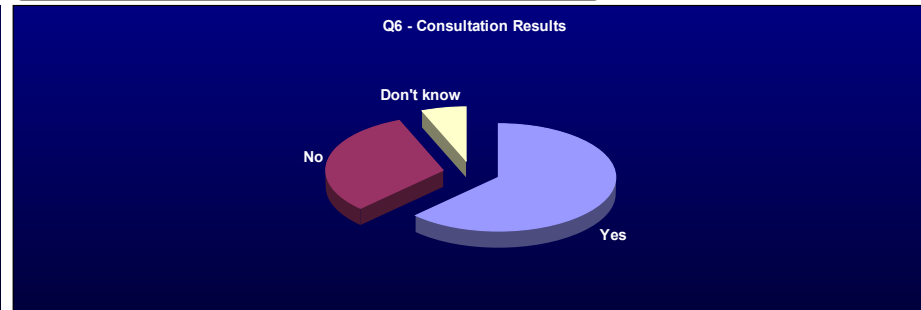
Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	72.71%	21.01%	6.28%

Q5 - In order to incentivise work do you agree we should ignore an element of earnings?



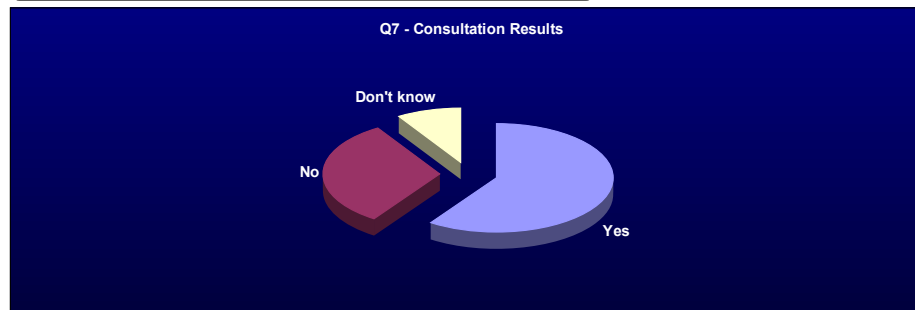
Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	71.64%	15.16%	13.20%

Q6 - Should we agree to ignore elements such as Child benefit and child maintenance?



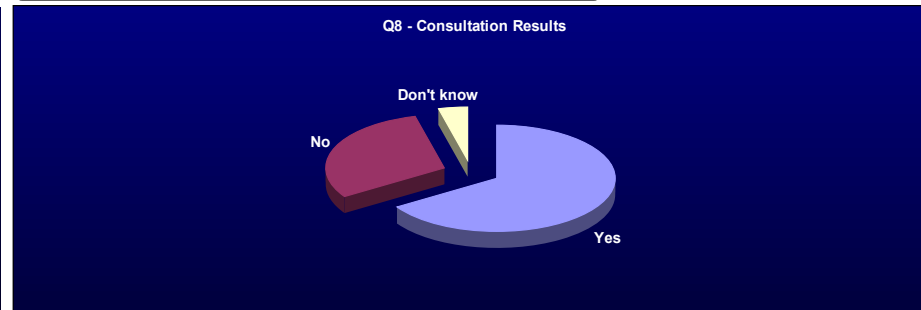
Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	62.44%	31.46%	6.10%

Q7 - Should we stop paying benefit to people who only qualify due to someone in their household being on a low income etc?



Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	59.51%	31.60%	8.89%

Q8 - Should we continue to backdate?



Amount to be paid	Yes	No	Don't know
Percentage Respondants	65.93%	30.12%	3.95%

**Resident or organisation?**  
This single response question was answered by 413 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Resident	413	100

**Do you or your partner receive Council Tax Benefit?**  
This single response question was answered by 382 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	304	79.58
No	70	18.32
Don't know	8	2.09

**Please tick the description below that best describes your household**  
This multiple response question was answered by 380 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
A family with one or two dependent children	58	15.26
A family with three or more children	12	3.16
A lone parent household	68	17.89
A carer	28	7.37
A household with full and/or part time workers	51	13.42
A household that includes someone who is disabled	114	30
A single person household or a couple without children	116	30.53
None of the above	38	10
Don't know	6	1.58

**Are you a service personnel or ex-service personnel?**  
This single response question was answered by 382 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	22	5.79
No	352	90.63
Don't know	6	1.58

**Are you a war widow?**  
This single response question was answered by 377 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	2	0.53
No	375	99.47

**Age**  
This single response question was answered by 378 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
18 - 24	11	2.91
25 - 44	118	31.22
45 - 59	115	30.42
60 or over	152	40.34
Prefer not to say	11	2.91

**Disability**  
This single response question was answered by 375 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	156	41.63
No	239	63.73

**Disability 2**  
This single response question was answered by 138 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Visual impairment	4	2.9
Speech impairment	1	0.72
Hearing impairment	1	0.72
Mobility (a wheelchair user)	11	7.97
Mobility (not a wheelchair user)	30	21.74
Mental health condition	15	10.87
Long term medical condition	65	47.1
Learning disability	3	2.17
Other	8	5.8

**Disability other**  
This open response question was answered by 8 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents
ephrine spine	1
diabetic auto immune disease	1
Fibro Myalgia	1
I am partially sighted (registered) I have long term medical conditions: i.e. diabetes, kidney failure, and weigh 28 stones all of which cause mobility issues	1
I am ticking this box because I believe there is more than one problem(s) I suffer from, epilepsy, mobility without a wheelchair severe back problems are just some	1
I have multiple sclerosis	1
Mobility (not a wheelchair user) mental health condition and long term medical condition	1
Wheelchair user with long term medical	1

**Where did you hear about this consultation?**  
This open response question was answered by 343 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents
Through the letter sent to my person from	1
A Letter	2
a letter by the council	1
a letter from my council	1
A letter from the council	1
A letter from Thurrock Council	5
a letter from Thurrock Council	1
A letter from you	1
A letter sent by you	1
A letter sent from the council	1
A letter the council sent me	1
A letter through my front door	1
a letter through the post	2
A letter was sent to me	1
A letter was sent to me by post	1
A letter was sent to me by the benefits section of Thurrock Council	1
although I am a Thurrock resident I also work for Serco at Thurrock Council and I was told about the new scheme at a meeting	1
Beth Amato Benefits Section Manager	1
by a letter I received	1
By email from Thurrock council	1
By letter	8
BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME FROM THURROCK COUNCIL	1
By letter and on the Thurrock website	1
by letter from council	1
By letter from TBC	1
By letter from the Council	3
By letter from the T.C.	1
by letter from Thurrock council	4
By letter from Thurrock Council	1
BY LETTER IN POST	1
By letter in the post	1
By letter that was sent to me by you	1
By letter	2
By mail	2
by mail shot from tbc	1
By personal letter	1
by post	9
By post as a council house occupier	1
By Post to my home address	1
BY YOUR LETTER 15/9/12	1
Correspondence date 11 August 2012 which was sent to me	1
Council crsler	1
council had written to me yesterday	1
council letter, your letter also states we are a working age household which WE ARE NOT	1
council send me letter	1
Councillor	1
Direct letter sent by authority	1
Direct mail	1
direct mail from council	1
E Mail report	1
Email notification	1
From a letter sent by the Council	1
from a letter sent by the local Council	1
FROM A LETTER THE COUNCIL SENT	1
From a letter	1
from council send me letter other day	1
from letter which you sent to me	1
from reading the local paper	1
From the council website	1
From the letter I got, I shall have to pay almost £30 out of my benefits a month which are going to be reduced by £60 a week when universal credit comes in as one of my benefits is being completely cancelled with no replacement and I shall have to fight	1
from the letter sent	1
From the letter sent to me by the council which states that mine is a 'working age' household although we are state age pensioners will we be forced back to work to pay more tax	1
from Thurrock council	1
From work	1
got a letter in the post	1
got letter from council	1
government letter	1
had letter from council	2
had letter in post	1
I am signed up for the consultation notifications, but check the site regularly, as survy's aren't always e-mailed	1
I got a letter	1
I got a letter from the council about this	1

I got a letter through my door	1
I get letter from council	1
I receive a letter through the post	1
I received a letter about it from Thurrock	1
I received a letter from the civic offices in	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council	4
I received a letter from Thurrock Council	1
regarding changes	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council	1
I received a letter from yourselves in the	1
I received a letter re:formers one of the	1
I received a letter through the post from the	1
I received a letter through the post	1
regarding the Local Council Tax Support	1
Scheme - Consultation survey	1
I received a letter	1
I was sent a letter	1
I was sent a letter from Thurrock Council	1
due to the proposed changes having a	1
direct effect on my circumstances	1
In a letter from the Council	1
In a letter from Thurrock council	1
In a letter from Thurrock Council	1
In a letter sent to us by Thurrock Council,	1
dated 13 August 2012	1
in the Thurrock gazette	1
In writing from the council	1
IT WAS SENT TO ME IN THE POST	1
letter	25
Letter by post	1
letter addressed to me	1
Letter addressed to myself from Bola	1
Amako Benefits Section Manager	1
Letter delivered to my house	1
letter for LCIS from Thurrock Council	1
letter from council	1
Letter from council	18
Letter from Council & BBC News	1
Letter from council and local paper	1
letter from council yesterday	1
Letter from council	2
letter from Y B C	1
letter from tbc	3
Letter from TBC	1
Letter from the council	12
Letter from the council	1
letter from Thurrock council	15
Letter from Thurrock Council Benefits	1
LETTER FROM THURROCK COUNCIL	1
DATED 16th AUGUST 2012	1
Letter from Thurrock council through the	1
Letter from Thurrock Council	1
Letter in post	3
letter in post	1
letter in post from council	4
letter in the post	2
letter post	1
letter received	1
letter received from council	1
Letter received from council	1
letter received from yourselves	1
letter sent through the post	1
LETTER SENT TO ME	1
letter sent to me by bola amako	1
Letter through my door	2
Letter through post	2
letter through post from the council	2
letter through the post	1
Letter through the post from Thurrock	1
Letter through the post from Thurrock	1
Letter through the post	1
Letter through the post	1
letter via mail	1
Local paper	2
mail	1
Mail from the Council	1
mail shot	1
MAIL SHOT DATED 14TH AUGUST	1
mail shot from Thurrock council	1
Meeting at Council Chambers August 09	1
and also on the Council web site	1
consultations	1
My Employer	1
my friend received a letter about it	1
on the internet	1
On the piece of paper which had been	1
scanned by the disgusting information	1
written on it. If this ends up going through	1
wont be surprised if those affected will	1
cause a very big fuss. Meaning the	1
executives of the council may not be able to	1
enjoy their ca	1
On Thurrock Council's website	1
On Thurrock Council's website	1
On your web site	1
online	1
post	6
post through door	1
postal	1
received a letter	1
received a letter	1
Received a letter by post	1
received a letter from Thurrock council	3
Received a letter from Thurrock Council	1
Received a letter through the post	1
received letter in post	1
received a letter	1
received a letter from Thurrock Council	1
RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THURROCK	1
Royal Mail	1
SAW IT ONLINE	1
SENT A LETTER	2
Sent letter from council	1
Standard Mailed out TBC letter	1
TBC letter	1
tenant letter	1
The Council sent a letter to me	1
the Thurrock council website	1
This morning when I received a letter telling	1
me that I will have to start paying anything	1
from 10-16% of my council tax with money	1
that we just don't have (imagine my surprise	1
when I started this survey and saw 25-30%	1
as the actual amount expected)	1
Threw the letter I received from the council	1
Through a letter from the Council Office	1
through post	1
Through receiving a letter this morning from	1
Thurrock Council	4
through the post	1
through the post and it is already	1
distressing me I am trying to get better and	1
I would not be able to afford to pay any tax	1
while unemployed	1
Through the post from Thurrock council	1
Thurrock council letter	1
thurrock council	5
thurrock council letter	2
Thurrock Council letter received by post	1
Thurrock Council sent a letter	1
Thurrock council site	1
Thurrock Council website	2
thurrock council's website	1
Thurrock Council's website - very good	1
Thurrock Gazette	2
Thurrock website	3
Twitter	1
via a letter sent to me on 15.08.12	1
Via letter received in post	1
Via letter	1
via postal notice from benefits section	1
via the council website	1
Via the Thurrock.gov website	1
was sent a letter	1
was sent letter	1
web site	1
Written by Thurrock council	1
You contacted me by mail	1
you posted it to me	1
You sent me a letter dated 13th August	1
YOU SENT ME A LETTER THROUGH	1
your letter	1
Your letter dated 13th August which I was	1
absolutely puzzled at	1
your selves	1
Your Thurrock	1

### Question 1 - Other Comments

Response	Number of Respondents
0%	2
0	1
10 percent	1
10%	1
100 0/0	1
40	1
50%	12
all the council tax	1
depends on their circumstances	1
Each case is different	1
None	2
None - they should pay no council tax	1
none and this question is badly slantd in favour of the measure.	1
none because I'm going to end up dead	1
None whatsoever	1
NONE!	1
NOTHING , ZERO	1
why is there no option for less?	1

### Question 9 - Further Comments

This open response question was answered by 236 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents
if people get themselves into debt ,living beyond their means and don't bother to do any thing to provide for their future buy saving any thing they my get help,but the less extravagant and carefull will get no help if over £6,000 savings which they my be living on(very few are now considered unable to work,even if ill and not wanted by employers).So we should all spend all our income or more!!	1
1) A better policy would be to stop wasting billions bailing out other countries and entering into wars we can not afford. 2) As government policies have got us into this economical mess shouldn't they be made more accountable? I already struggle week after week and this new scheme will just make things worse.	1
Although child benefit is not taken into account at present maybe thought should be given to a limit on a maximum (i.e. 4)so as not to encourage families to just have more children.	1
Although i agree with a cap on the banding of the council tax to band D, i do think there should be a protection for at least 6mths for people who are made redundant to allow them time to get a new job.	1
Apart from its unfair to penalise people on benefits, when those are the people who need it most	1
As a sick/disabled person I think the changes very unfair.I live in a council home that was granted to me due to my permanent conditions as I could no longer live on a council estate due to harassment due to my disabilities. I live in a very small band D property, and feel I will be penalised for living in a property that is off a council estate and is tailored to my illnesses. I am being penalised for being too sick to work.	1
As always, the most disdvantaged will have to pay for corporate greed and incompetence and suffer persecution from a privileged elite far removed from the rigours of ordinary life.	1

As central government is not going to make up the loss 1  
income. The council will have to pass onto the benefit  
claimant the full cost of the local council tax. As happens  
in other countries. Or reduce expenditure. I feel that in the  
current financial climate, council tax cannot be raised  
without a higher rate of residents defaulting on their  
council tax. This will raise the cost of collecting the tax.

As I don't have any savings amount mentioned so I don't 1  
pay tax it's difficult to comment for others, but I have done  
my best

As someone in receipt of benefit, any change at all can 1  
and will, cause extreme stress.

Backdate for a maximum of 3 months Non dep deductions 1  
for Households in receipt of DLA/ATA as the other adult  
should be expected to contribute. Same LCTS for the  
whole of Essex

carry on ripping us off with the gov well done to you all..... 1

Certainly for single persons, the job seekers allowance is 1  
barely sufficient to live on. How can a person be expected  
to make a contribution to council tax with such a low  
income? I can once see people having to resort to high  
interest rate lending, increase in crime, .. etc. Or is it the  
government's intention to starve people back into work?

Charges should be calculated so that the people receiving 1  
the most services paid for by Council tax, actually pay  
more in the first place.

Charging people some Council Tax who are unemployed 1  
and have no savings is unacceptable and will lead to  
homelessness. People cannot manage on £72 per week as  
it is. Please increase the amount of Council Tax charged  
to people in work (if you have to due to Government  
changes in funding).

Consider keeping savings level at present £ 16,000 for all 1  
claimants

could not understand the first two questions. 1

Council tax benefit is a very good scheme and is much 1  
appreciated by those in need.

Council Tax should not be set by the banding of property 1  
value as all local council services are available to all  
residents in the borough with no differentiation

Council tax support should be given to people who 1  
genuinely need the support regardless of their health  
status. Though there are people who take advantage of the  
system by choosing not to work and stay on benefits,  
however we should not undermine the people who are out  
of work and genuinely searching for a new job. The comfort  
of knowing their basic bills can be paid gives them the  
confidence to focus on searching for a new job and  
returning to work as soon as possible.

council taxes are very high for everyone, and I don't 1  
understand why they are so high. reducing the benefits  
make even much harder life for the single mums, or the  
people who are earning only minimum wage, cause  
minimum is only 6 pound

Dave said we were in it together liar? 1

Don't think it should affect people who are disabled 1

Don't assume that all people that are on benefits are not 1  
looking for work or can't be bothered! I have been on DSS  
for a year and half now and have been looking for full time  
work all that time but haven't been lucky! I'm desperate to  
work full time and hate being on DSS but there's not much  
more I can do!

Don't assume that all people that are on benefits don't 1  
want to work because some do...like my daughter.

Everyone should pay towards the council tax. By being 1  
out of work, receiving benefits and not paying any Council  
Tax only adds to the lack of incentive to get a job.

First of all if my benefit does not go up to help with these 1  
changes then I will have to consider cutting back on  
elec/gas or food to pay towards the council tax. If I am  
unable to find a job that will pay me a living wage then I  
don't know how I am going to cope. I realize that every one  
should contribute to the tax but at what cost  
Genuine disabled people should have the full help and 1  
support. people who are unfit for work due to alcohol and  
drug abuse should receive the lesser support as this is a  
self inflicted problem.  
Get more people back to work, people who are fit and able 1  
but just do not want to should be pushed  
HaS somebody that cannot work due to ill health it is very 1  
scary finding extra money from benefit for extra rent and  
council tax because it was not my intention to be on  
benefits, I feel pensioners and chronic sick with illness  
should be treated the same, we like pensioners can't work  
not that we don't want to work  
how on earth can I find money for council tax when my 1  
only source of income is incapacity benefit if I were able to  
work I would only be too happy to pay as I always did prior  
to becoming ill all of this is scaring me to death as I don't  
know how on earth I will manage as I do not now  
How would it affect lone parents? Young parents who are 1  
in full time education and alone? I think they should put in  
account single parents with young kids who can't work and  
are in full time education.  
How would this affect people in the age range 60-65 who 1  
have virtually no chance of finding employment and are  
also disabled????  
I AGREE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK 1  
SHOULD WORK BUT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD  
STOP MAKING CHANGES TO BENEFITS UNTIL MORE  
JOBS BECOME AVAILABLE  
I AGREE THAT PEOPLE WHO CAN WORK SHOULD 1  
WORK BUT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD STOP  
MAKING CHANGES TO THE BENEFITS SYSTEM UNTIL  
THERE ARE LESS PEOPLE UNEMPLOYED, I FOR  
EXAMPLE WORKED FOR 39 YEARS BUT WAS MADE  
REDUNDANT AND I AM NOW FINDING IT VERY HARD  
TO FIND EMPLOYMENT NOT EVERY BODY SHOULD  
BE TARRED WITH THE SAME BRUSH  
  
I already find it difficult paying my rent and council tax 1  
even though I get a discount on both most jobs now are  
only for 16 hours or less  
I am a single mother of three and am concerned it would 1  
affect my already stretched budget  
I am a single mother, I would not be able to pay 25% of 1  
my council tax on income support, child tax credit and  
child benefit, as I just about manage to pay my household  
bills and support and child. I think single mothers should  
get full council tax benefit but be given extra help and  
incentive to work when the child is 2.  
I am a single mum of 2 boys and only work part time, 1  
which is around the boys and feel like I did not put myself  
in this situation. So I feel like I am being punished  
because of it.....Thanks  
I am a socialist and believe in fairness to those less 1  
fortunate

I am baffled as to how the government think people on benefits are supposed to afford council tax AT ALL when they also have to pay 25% or more of their rent as well and face a benefit cap. How are people on jobseekers supposed to manage this out of a paltry £60 a week. Are they going to RAISE benefits in line with this new cost of living? I bet they aren't. And then they cut the police force just as they introduce measures to make the poor poorer and the resulting crime wave can't be coped with. Even the Poll Tax only had benefit claimants paying 10% - which frankly would be manageable but 25% of my council tax bill is over £20 a month, money I just do not have spare. Where do I take it from? My ever expanding shopping bill or do I dump my dog in a rescue because I can't afford to feed her any more? These measure WILL NOT encourage the people it is aimed at to go to work, it will encourage them to steal what they cannot afford and drink more to escape the poverty they are in. What's missing in this country is HOPE, PRIDE and AMBITION and until the government can give people that back they are walking in I am currently unemployed and seeking employment, i took On the full time care of my grandson almost 5 years ago and understand that as from next year i will have to pay towards my rent due to being classed as under occupied, paying council tax on top of that would cripple me financially, i could potentially be worse off by £100.00+ due to these changes. There are no 2 bed properties in my area so re-housing is not an option, what measures are going to be put in place to protect people like me from falling further into poverty through no fault of their own?

I am currently unemployed through no fault of my own (redundancy) i am sixty years old have tried in vain to find regular permanent work, but, alas no luck, i know my age is a factor and don't try to tell me any different. i want to work and i only find temporary vacancies. there should be a scheme run by government to try and help people of advanced years to find work more easily.

I am disabled and my husband is my full time carer. I am worried about how these changes are going to affect us, as we are both working age.

I am just concerned that people who are of working age and are working but get help because of low wages will probably have to pay of there council tax. What happens if their budget is already fully used up...there is no more to cover an increase in their council tax....where are they supposed to find the extra from. I know I certainly wont be able to.

i am of working age but a full time carer for three people so cannot go out to work. under the new scheme it seems i will be penalised for not working. i think all claims should be assessed by individual circumstances but each claim should be proven.

I AM SORRY BUT I AM UNSURE ABOUT SOME THINGS SO I PUT NOT SURE



I am unemployed and I have made strenuous efforts to find 1  
full time paid work after being an unpaid informal carer to  
my elderly inform parents and disabled sister but my  
efforts have been hindered due to lack of work experience  
and out of date employments skills. Even though I have  
tried several times to get the appropriate training and work  
experience through employment training schemes or  
volunteering but due to being under the age of 25 I am not  
considered a big enough priority to be helped by Jobcentre  
Plus. I am on the government Work Programme and I still I  
am waiting to be placed in a work placement but because  
of the economic climate very few employers are taking  
placements on. I doubt I will be given an extra help to get  
paid work in Thurrock as there is very little full time  
permanent work and they want people with experience and  
fully trained and are not interested in taking anyone on the  
Jobcentre work trial schemes as everytime I apply for  
work, I always mention it in my covering letter.

I am very concerned and worried as to how I will make 1  
ends meet.

I am working, but only receive the n.m.w I do pay towards 1  
my council tax, so just concerned now that i will not be  
able to meet the new increase. I would therefore like to  
know as soon as possible of the change so as to stop me  
from worrying about it.

i as a single mother work full time and on a low income so 1  
cannot work any more hours so the likes of me will loose  
out. What i dont agree is people working and in a council  
property and donot pay council tax i think they should as i  
work with someone in that situation and she is better off  
than me!!!

I believe the wording of this consultation is unfair and does 1  
not give a fair and democratic view to opinions the  
questions do not go far enough? I also have the opinion  
that single parents or couples bringing up disabled  
children on benefits should not bo punished by these unfair  
taxes on the poor we already have a bedroom tax placed  
on us through no fault of our own. WE ARE POOR OUR  
CHILDREN AND FAMILYS ARE GOING TO SUFFER. So  
very unfair.

I can't work due to illness. I can barely exist on the 1  
benefits I currently get. Paying Council Tax contributions  
will drive me to the brink of destitution.

I consider any changes to any benefit system in the 1  
curre3nt situation are wrong for people in this country  
when we keep giving aid to other countries and nations  
who squander it or decide to come and try to live here

I currently get some help towards my council tax due to 1  
low income, this means i'm still paying almost half the  
amount of my council tax. There is no information to show  
how i am going to be affected, it is only showing details of  
how someone who is getting full help. It would be useful if  
there was details for people in my situation.

i disagree with the government,that these changes need to 1  
be installed,once again they hit people with low incomes

I do not agree with the scheme of charging people on 1  
benefits council tax, even if it is a reduced amount. They  
are people who are already living and surviving on less  
than others and to take more of their money away could  
be catastrophic for some families. People who have  
children or houses who are just coping will be pushed out  
of their houses and a greater amount of inequality  
amongst the poor and the rich will become apparent. This  
scheme to save the council money so that you can  
continue to pay your staff to think of silly schemes like  
this instead of trying to cut back in your own office. It is  
especially ridiculous to ask those with disabilities to pay  
as it is often not their own fault that they cannot work... I  
think you need to re-think this idea and think about the  
people you could potentially be sending into the street or  
causing them to starve and rely on other working people.  
i feel i work hard and low paid i should be helped with 1  
council tax benefit after all the government takes too much  
in tax from low paid workers also fares to work should be  
taken into account as well  
I feel it is unfair that some people will be made to pay 1  
towards council tax. Some people have reasons as to why  
they can not work, i.e some single mothers can not work  
due to needing certain hours and the high cost of child  
care. It is unfair that they will be made to pay towards  
council tax as this will effect the living standard of the  
mother and child/ren.  
i feel that disabled and vulnerable people shouldnt be 1  
effected by this. I also feel that if you do not have to pay  
towards council tax you shouldnt as usually their  
circumstances havent changed and will be getting  
penalised  
i feel that if someones needs the help the council should 1  
step in, regardless od what people are earning, because  
the government tax us enough.  
I have a job and I pay my council tax. But to make 1  
unemployed people have to pay for this is an absolute  
disgrace. There is no way people can afford to do this,  
people are going to end up on the street. While people  
high up at the council will get their little bonus and  
expenses sitting around doing nothing. Making all the  
people below them do their work.  
i have a long term illness, and i have one year before i 1  
retire at 65 so i do not agree that i will have to pay council  
tax'  
I have just gone back to work part time after a 10 year fight 1  
with cancer. I get on average £600 a month after tax, I just  
about cover my housing and utility bills with this money,  
and however this doesn't include food, clothing or  
maintenance of my property I have to rely on me 84 year  
mother for help in this. This government reform really isn't  
an incentive to want to work. I survived Cancer form which I  
nearly died to be told that all I have to do is go to work to  
pay everyday living costs. Can you tell me what was the  
point of all my treatment to survive and problems chemo  
has left me was for? I would really like to know the  
answer. Right now every step I take to improve my life the  
government make me take two back. So in the end I might  
as well of died. At least I would not have to worry about  
how to pay my bills.  
i honestly think the changes are drastic and highly 1  
unnecessary. you people just want to punish the poor  
some more. if u reduce the council tax bills, that am sure  
will be a welcome suggestion to residents. u want people  
who barely have money and cant afford the basic elements  
of survival to remove from the meagre benefits and pay the  
very expensive council tax bills. i think its very unfair, and  
u are taking the mickey out of the poor and vulnerable and  
not protecting them. you are making the already difficult  
life even more difficult to live. i think you people need to  
reconsider ur actions.

I just feel shocked & upset as i feel that yet again we are 1  
being penalised because we are unable to work because  
of a long term illness. At this rate we will all end up  
homeless!!!!

i just worry that is the people like myself that do work but 1  
have sole responsibility for my children that will be affected  
by these changes and not the ones who are truly dodging  
it

i myself on benefits and find when this new tax comes out 1  
i will be worse of than i am now has trying to find work in  
thurrock is very hard

I personally feel that day to day living & the cost of 1  
household bills is expensive for everyone. The majority of  
unemployed people struggle to find work due to unsuitable  
hours, not owning a driving licence or not having the right  
qualifications etc. If these people had to pay more towards  
their council tax as well as rent & other bills i fear we will  
be a country full of people who have ended up in debt just  
to survive on a daily basis. The way the council tax  
scheme is now does work for those who need it. I agree  
that those who are on a high salary or with high savings  
should pay more towards their council tax but that is  
simply because they can afford it.

I think full time carers should get some consideration in 1  
this and people over 60, and those in sheltered housing  
accommodation as they are vulvernable.

I think if not done carefully it could make some of the most 1  
vulnerable people in society far worse off. The system is  
confusing enough for ordinary people without even  
considering people with additional needs.

I think it is absolutely disgusting and should not be 1  
allowed. How on earth are people on benefits that are  
struggling already to find even more money they have not  
got to pay towards this. It is diabolical

i think it should be left as it is i cant work due to ill health 1  
and im only 36 i would love to go to work but cant so why  
should i have to pay any i struggle as it is with 2 kids and  
being a single mum also

I think many people do need help but I do agree with 1  
incentives to help people gain employment where  
possible.

I think more changes should be made about the lower 1  
income group when reaching say 70 plus and be exempt  
from the tax altogether, in this world things never get  
cheaper, every year i get a rise to my state pention, great,  
but alas my poll tax goes up, gas, electric,food petrol, so  
at the end of the day me and thousands of other  
pensioners on the lower income have less and less  
money to buy food and keep ourself walm.

i think only allowing £6,000 in savings is too low i does not 1  
encourage people to put some money away not that there  
is much encouragement in this country to do so due to  
low interest rates and the government taxing everything.  
including pensions.

I think people who are on DLA should be treated the same 1  
as pensioners

i think people whom are ill or disabled should get more 1  
help & support.

i think should help those people who on longer term sick 1  
those who can not afford pay for it

i think single parents should pay less towards council tax 1  
as they would only get one wage coming in if they work  
plus would have to pay out more for childcare being lone  
parent. married people/couples have potential for 2 wages.  
also the banding system should be changed as the least  
amount of rooms only considers floor space not quality of  
property. eg. a new built 2 bed house/fitted kitchen and  
bathroom, modern and upto date should pay more than a  
large 2 bed flat with big rooms but in a run down state/ 30  
year old kitchen/ bathroom crappy walls and ancient  
plumbing. the standard of living should be taken into  
consideration. and if the council want the higher payment  
they should bring the properties up to decent standard.

I think that benefits should be judged on circumstances, 1  
and this with disabilities who choose to work should not  
be penalised for doing so, as this would encourage them  
to stop working and look to get more in benefits. More  
should be done to help those who do work and want to  
work who have a disability, and people who refuse to work  
and help themselves should get less help from benefits

I think that Child Maintenance should be taken into 1  
account, but not Child benefit. I agree that people that  
CAN work, but don't should have to pay the extra over  
people that are not in a position to work - it could work as  
incentive to encourage people back into work if they  
realise that it doesn't pay to sit on benefits.

I think that everyone should be paying towards council 1  
services, and at present the benefits that people receive is  
unbelievable and all income should be taken into account  
(including benefits).

I think that greater consideration should be given to those 1  
who are in rented accommodation and those in council  
accommodation as the level of rent difference is almost  
100%. Someone in private rented may not be able to afford  
the council rates as much as someone who has the  
benefit of council accommodation.

I think that parents with a disabled child who get carers 1  
allowance for caring for their child should also be exempt  
from paying towards council tax if they are on a low  
income. Like the OAP's

i think that people on benefit should not pay council tax as 1  
most people over 50 find it harder to find work and must  
not be prejudiced against because of their age and be  
cause of their age some times people are finding it hard  
who are over fifty to find work and the council does not  
have the right to charge people council tax who are  
claiming benefits as people vary from different reasons why  
they are unable to find work this is just a way of getting  
money from the poor take more money from those who have  
good jobs and do more to catch those people who are  
working and claiming benefits i am over fifty and had  
a heart attack 1 year ago so i am finding it hard to find  
work so please be careful not to put too much stress on  
people that are ill and find out more about people's  
problems

I think that people with the means to pay, should pay! 1

I think that the %'s should be based on earnings and 1  
tiered, based on circumstances such as benefits, wages  
and children. I don't think it should be a flat rate for all as  
25% can seem a lot or not a lot depending on your  
circumstances.

I think that the new welfare reforms are unfair and to some 1  
degree prejudiced. Do you have any idea how much stress  
and panic all these changes have and will make to the  
sick, disabled and vulnerable?

I think that these schemes need to be considered very 1  
carefully as some people are very vulnerable and will find  
this process extremely worrying and will be made to feel  
even more vulnerable and alone and that could lead to  
serious consequences.

I think that this change by the government should not be made because it would leave more people in poverty when there are many other moves that may be made by increasing payments to those with high income's this would not cause any problems.

i think the changes are fine if the same rules are applied for all people

i think the disabled and vulnerable will face financial difficulty with benefit cuts and huge increases in payments for bills .disabled already have higher costs and carers only get 58.45 carer allowance for a 24 hour a day job

i think these questions are quite hard to give a yes \ no answer as everyones circumstances are different. unless a property is much to big for the family, i dont think you should necessary pay if the property you are in is higher than a d band as alot of family properties start from e. also i had job centre medical interviews which showed i was incapable at work, thats not the same as choosing not to. my children suffer as it is with the amount of money i have to survive and dont really get any csa so I struggle now paying for basics and i dont go out or smoke or drink.

i think they should help people long term sick more.

i think they should help those people who need help those unable work or disbaled people they should help more.

i think they should help those who can not afford pay council and help disable people

i think those that lie that they can't work should get there benefits stopped and those that are disabled should also contribute because has a council tax player why should i pay for them

I will be writingn a letter as a person in my own right. My circumstances are different and each person should be judged on their own merit! Putting everyone in one basket with a label is unfair and unjust.

i would like see more help people who on long turn help given more money to help them

i would like them help those people on low imcome and sick and disabled people

i would like them help those people who out work long term

i would like to say they should held those people who can afford it and those can not work at all.

If a person has looked after themselves and managed to put a sum aside for a rainy day, but now find themselves (in the short term)in need of assistance, they should be given a pro-rata benefit sum to be paid back when their circumstances improve.This should not apply to those who spend in excess or deliberately overspend their budget.

If people are on JSA for example and only get £71pw how will they find the extra money to pay council tax - go without food? I feel this is all wrong, perhaps we should look at benefits of immigrants first?

if the government want to raise more money to pay off the deficit,they shoud make sure all the high earners pay all the taxes due to them.STOP PICKING ON THE SICK AND DISABLED!!!!Who's to say who's vulnerable???

If this happens i might have to put my two children in to care as i will not be able to look after them. I already find it hard to pay the bills without another one on top.

If unemployed people with no income are charged council tax while being eligible for job seekers allowance, child tax credit and child benefit they will only use the benefits they already receive mentioned here to pay that council tax, therefore to make matters easier why doesn't the council just directly take these people's entitlements to pay for council tax straight from the jobcenter and hmrc, after all that's where the money will end up. 1

If you have a carer you should not be penalised. 1  
if you have a good wage coming in or have savings over £5000.00 yes you should pay more council tax. 1  
If your final commitment is to start off on a trial period with around 10% on Council Tax being asked for then it should help, but for you to ask for 25% will in the long term cause unnecessary worry and possible illness to individuals who are in the process of still looking for employment. Not to put extra work load on the NHS if they are having to worry about where the next pound is coming from. 1

If your only income is benefit payments then you should not have to pay anything towards the Council Tax until you are working and earning again. Taking an amount from Job seekers Allowance plus having to pay water rates also form that set amount would leave a person with little money to live on. If you are earning and in full-time employment, then yes you should pay the full amount but not when you are unemployed for whatever reason. 1

I'm a little scared that I will be made to pay a lot towards the council tax when I don't even have money left by the end of the week. I am looking for work but can only do term time as my son has ADHD and can't be left on his own in the school holidays. 1

I'm glad it won't affect myself at 91, disabled and reliant on my daughter and son-in-law with only my pensions as support. 1

I'm on a low income and would like to work more hours but I have my son living with me, and having to pay extra council tax alongside my rent increase because there are only two of us in our home would make life harder for me. My wages won't go up to cover the extra I will be paying. 1

In the 1950's when my children were born, 1953 and 1956, we were offered the advice to keep our family down to TWO and I did not get any child payment for the first child but got only 8 shillings for the second. My husband and I decided to keep our family down to two. With all these immigrants coming over here with so many children it is costing the Council so much money in Child Benefits, and then there is the problem of finding them a big enough Council house to live in. When I left school at 16 years old my policeman father found me a job starting on the Monday at 9 o'clock. I left school on the Friday and started work on the Monday. I have worked all of my life even going back to work 6 weeks after the birth of my children. I have never asked the Council for a house or anything. This is why I have given these answers. This generation today, thinks that life and the Council owes them a living and money for nothing. I think the reason for the way this country is going downhill is our government is too generous in helping other countries with their problems when we have our own problems to solve. When In the first question you do not give the option of choosing less than 25%. I think there is a real danger that by insisting that unemployed people have to make this level of contribution, you will increase poverty and debt 1

in your letter you suggest that to cover lower benefit we 1  
increase hours or earn more money well my husband  
already works 60 hours and in not likely to get a rise in the  
near future so what do you suggest we do other than  
stretch an already over stretched income

it does not seem right that someone on a very low 1  
income will now be expected to find money to pay towards  
their council tax bill if this means they have to make cuts  
in essential areas such as heating or food.

It is very difficult to sit in judgement on these issues!! hope 1  
that there are ways to appeal!

it seems the government have created this scheme so they 1  
are pushing more people in poverty as most unemployed  
people can just survive with the current help they receive ,if  
the government encouraged employers to not restrict the  
age groups they want to employ then hopefully there be  
less people unemployed.

It's all very well trying to incentivise people back into 1  
employment, but not everyone receiving benefits is  
workshy or lazy, some, believe it or not, have no other  
choice. The fact is that the jobs aren't available and this  
new scheme will be adding pressure to people that are  
already struggling to stay afloat in the current economic  
climate. There are other ways that the government could  
be saving money, but thus far it's been easier to target  
certain groups of people.

its going to cause even more hardship to those already 1  
struggling like myself

its time to have a really fair society if you cannot work 1  
because of real tested incapacity then benefits should be  
maximised if you will not work simply because it does not  
suit your street credibility then benefits should be of a  
minimum or even withheld after a six month or two job offer  
period

Its totally unacceptable that this government are once again 1  
picking on the poor and stopping peoples council by 25%  
or more, when we have no choice in the position we in.

I've got concerns that you're going to take away the single 1  
person discount of 25%.

Just that the questions could have been easier to 1  
understand.

Keep it simple protect those with no money. 1  
LONG TERM DISABELD PEOPLE SHOULD BE EXEMPT 1  
FROM COUNCIL TAX, AS THEY HAVE NO CHOICE IN  
THERE INCOME, THERE INCOME IS DETERMINED BY  
THE BENEFITS AGENCY .

look up the word 'framing' 1

make sure that people get the right benefit and can afford 1  
to pay the council tax as some are on low income

My circumstances are that through no fault of my own, I 1  
had to give up work to become a full time carer. I do not  
see why I should be penalised for this.

My only concern is that people who are unable to work 1  
due to various issues, that can be verified, do not suffer  
from the new rules

my wife works part time, 30 hours a week the maximum 1  
allowed where she works, i am claiming esa allowance,  
which amounts to nothing, all we get from the government  
is £15 per week towards the mortgage, because she gets  
working tax credits, as my wife is on the minimum pay we  
just get by. the esa used to pay all the mortgage for us,  
but since my wife upped her hours from 22 to 30 in order  
to qualify for working tax credits and make our lives a little  
bit more bearable money wise, we have since found out  
that you are not really awarded for working more hours, it's  
just a case of what the government gives with one hand it  
more than takes with other. so there is never an incentive  
to make yourself financially better off, my wife could still  
be working the 22 hours and be in the same position  
financially. i could go on forever, but i wont.

N/a	2
NATIONAL WELFARE REFORM SHOULD BE SCRAPPED DONT TAKE FROM THE POOR TAKE FROM THE RICH The Government lies "There is no alternative." We are told that the only way to reduce the deficit is to cut public services. This is certainly not the case. There are alternatives, but the government chooses to ignore them, highlighting the fact that the cuts are based on ideology, not necessity. One alternative is to clamp down on tax avoidance by corporations and the rich and tax evasion, estimated to cost the state £95bn a year Another is to make the banks pay for free insurance provided to them by the taxpayer: a chief executive at the Bank of England put the cost of this subsidy at £100bn in a single year Either the tax avoided and evaded in a single year or the ongoing taxpayer subsidy to the banking industry could pay for all of the £81bn, four-year cuts programme. "We are all in this together." Since the banking crisis: average pay of FTSE 100 directors has risen 55%, corporation tax has been cut, the government have not delivered on a manifesto pledge to clamp down on tax avoidance, instead cutting staff at HMRC, bank	1
No	22
NO as I think the system works fine as it is.	1
No comment.	1
no comments	1
No comments. Thank you for asking.	1
No not really	1
No, but good luck	1
No.	2
None	3
Not at the moment as I am still trying to get my head around how the sceam Is going to be deployed.	1
not at this time	1
Not at this time,	1
Not really	1
Only that those who are in genuine need shouldn't be made to pay more than they should.	1
pay LCTS only to the needy	1
people in thurrock are already struggling to pay there bills.the cost of living is rising yet wages are not,by introdusing more charges you are increasing the pressure already felt and will only drive people into bigger debts.people already on benefits are given the minimum to live on and yet will be asked to pay towards the council tax, where are they going to magic the money from.,you will drive people further into povery .By changing the current system you are just forcing people into debt by paying an already unfair and too high tax.The people of thurrock do not need more pressure from there local council life is already hard food and fuel costs have risen so high this year now the very roof over our heads is rising with the cost.No changes should be made and further relief should be given to the people that are able to remain employed.	1
People may live in high graded houses, this does not mean they are well off. (Ref: Question 2)	1
People on benefit are given am amount of funding to give them the same income as people who work therefore their entitled to pay the same	1
people on benefits are suffering already ,what with thurrock council bringing in an empty room more rent policy , and sick benefit being slashed we will have no money left to survive .we cant work if we are too ill / and there are no jobs available . is it only us normal folks who can see this is going to cripple us even further than at present .	1
people on low incomes ie: families on less than £16k shouldnt have to pay at all in my opinion.	1
People over 70yearsd old should get more help	1



People over sixty are less likely to gain employment consideration should be given to this. This will also allow the younger generation a greater opportunity under the £25 wage scheme. 1

People should not be penalised for their disabilities which causes them to be unable to work. 1

People that are NOT on Jobseekers allowance, ie incapacity and disabled should not have to pay as they are unable to work. That means they would have to find the money from where exactly? They don't get enough to live on as it is. Why should pensioners be exempt when a lot of them have more money than the people on benefits. It should be means tested to make it fair, a concept this government knows little or nothing about. 1

people who are already struggling will become worse off. 1

PEOPLE WHO EARN MORE SHOULD RECEIVE LESS BENEFITS 1

People who have uncontrollable circumstance should be supported but the people who just keep having kids to get more money and benefits should pay their way towards the bills, I am a single mother not by choice, by my partner dying so I work as much as I can around my 2 children and that's not my fault. You should see what everyone's individual needs are first before making them pay more tax because there's no way I will be able to afford it and nor will a lot of other working single parents. 1

People with unstable jobs should be considered because some who desire to work are unemployed. they take job offer when there is, there are periods they are absolutely jobless while on the same benefit scale. 1

Please leave things as it is. people are suffering you don't know. it is very hard with little childrens. we cannot buy good toys for my kid. and their friends have good, good toys. my childrens cry when I can't buy toys for them. my heart cries. when my childrens cry for good things when other parents can get for their children. please don't cut my benefits 1

Please take into account that Disabled residents are also having other benefits cut or abolished so the amount of money they have to pay any council tax is decreasing. 1

Qn. 1 Council tax levels are too high for people on low incomes. THE AMOUNT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 1% AND 25%. Furthermore, the amount of council tax payable should remain at ZERO for people on low incomes who are living in rented accommodation. Qn.4 I don't think one group should have more than the other. They need different types of support but the same levels of support, the person who is long term ill needs help to manage one the consequences of their illness i.e. low income. The unemployed person needs council tax support also because they also do not have the means to pay. Qn 6 tricky. a family with children has greater expenses, however privileging families with children above those who don't also seems unfair. Qn. 8 As long as there are people who do not have internet access, or who are otherwise disconnected with the council tax benefit tax system, claims should remain back dateable 1

staff should not be trained in fobbing you off when you ring and make a claim I lost several months worth of help because I was misinformed 1

surely this is just making people pay council tax from their benefit money which means they will be worse off 1

The bill states people who are working should be favoured 1  
by the measures. I am currently working 16 hours a week  
on a low wage, and I cannot increase the hours. I cannot  
do a second job as i have health issues (which are not  
severe enough to be claiming disablement benefits) but  
these measures will hit me twice, once with a raise in the  
amount of rent I have to pay and secondly with 25% of the  
council tax which i will have to find. I will be much worse  
off...perhaps I should go onto benefits to be better off.

The changes proposed will put a lot more stress into 1  
already stretched families. The measures labelled as  
"incentives" to work make no difference to low income  
families. The second adult rebate is very important to  
those who have to care for and look after an older relative  
or adult dependent. To strip this away would again cause  
unnecessary hardship. There may be ways of limiting this  
rebate to specific relationships between the two adults  
rather than take it completely away.

The first question on this survey is loaded, giving the 1  
responder no option to answer if they feel that less than  
25% (or none) of the council tax should be paid by the  
recipient of the benefit.

The government is making it harder for those with low 1  
incomes to stay in work. If this amount of help is reduced  
even further and the cost of living continues to rise, will  
end up in further poverty/debt going to work. Being in work  
makes you feel part of society, don't take that  
independency away from those that really need it.

The government should leave those of Pension Credit 1  
Qualifying Age alone, as they have already contributed  
enormously during their working life and should receive  
any form of assistance that they can get.

The increased charges for households that include a 1  
disabled person are quite frankly deplorable and should  
never have been suggested, never mind be implemented.

The local tax support scheme is a good idea. 1

The low wage and unemployed/sick etc will suffer, there 1  
needs to be incentives for people to return to work, say no  
council tax due for 3-6 months, help get them on their feet

The lower a household's income the harder it will be for 1  
them to pay even a small contribution as their income  
tends to be already stretched to the limit. Some people  
cannot work regardless of 'incentives'.

the people who are job less and they even can't survive 1  
properly on the job seekers allowance, where would they  
get the money to pay that 25% proposed council tax ??

The reduction in council tax benefit funding from Central 1  
Government was meant to be 10%. Due to protection for  
pensioners, loss on collection etc the actual reduction in  
income to local authorities will be over 10% and I assume  
this is the reason for the maximum level of council tax  
support in the consultation being 75%. However, I would  
liked to have seen higher levels of support as options in  
the consultation. I understand higher levels of support may  
create a budget pressure but the question should then be  
is it fair to pass the budget pressure caused by pensioner  
protection, non-payers etc on to those least able to afford  
it (i.e. those on benefits).

The scheme may mean some people will find it difficult to 1  
pay but may encourage them to rely less on benefits and  
seek to earn their own income

There should be more council tax bands. It is ridiculous 1  
that someone who owns a house worth £2m pays only  
three times the tax of someone who rents a home worth  
£100k. The poor are subsidising the rich; and tenants are  
subsidising rentiers.

Theres only so much blood you can get from a stone - 1  
Where am I supposed to get another £120 a year to pay  
Council Tax ( as Unemployed)from the £9 a day  
Dole(JSA)that the Gov.t currently give me????!!!!!!  
These changes are going to hurt the most vulnerable 1  
people and drive them further into poverty. It is unfair and  
does not provide those who are unemployed but able to  
work with any incentive to go to work. It penalises those  
who are ill and may have other plenty of other worries into  
finding funds which they may not have and increase their  
worries and possibly impact their condition - thus making  
it harder for them to go back to work. Its a totally irrational  
proposal. Totally against it!  
These changes are not supported, because they are acts 1  
of bringing more frustration to the less privilege.  
These changes are unfair to people who are genuinely 1  
unable to find work and have not support or help.  
these changes will simply make people struggling in 1  
poverty struggle even more. Personally I find it very difficult  
to survive on J.S.A Benefits and having to pay council tax  
aswell as rent, debts, water rates, food, gas, electric,  
travel, fines, child maintenance all on around 50 pound a  
week is simply not possible. Peoples expected out goings  
are far higher than their expected income increasing  
outgoings without increasing income will simply pressure  
and squeeze people more. this may help push some  
people into working. It will most likely also increase  
homelessness and crime.  
These proposed changes will affect the most vulnerable in 1  
the community and currently in the Government's  
proposed welfare reforms, there is no definition for those  
that are classed as most vulnerable. The local scheme  
should protect the long term sick, people with mental  
health and long term debilitating illnesses and those with  
disability. The new local scheme should also protect the  
unemployed actively seeking employment and increase  
the level of income to be protected when working out  
Council tax to £50 instead of £25 to provide greater  
incentives to work.  
theu should help one can not work at all and those need 1  
help  
They are unfair to people who have got no savings, no help 1  
and no support.  
think should those need the help who can afford it. 1  
think they should help the people who can afford council 1  
tax those on low imcome  
think they should help those who can not afford pay 1  
council. those on low imcome  
think they should help those who on low imcome and 1  
those long term sick and disable people  
This may result in severe hardship for some people, the 1  
cost of energy is rising every year and this is just another  
nail in the coffin. There will be more people living below the  
poverty line because of these changes. Close tax  
loopholes for the wealthy and use money to benefit the  
most vulnerable in our society  
This type of questioneer should not be expected to be 1  
completed by an 85 year old person , living on their own  
This will affect me & my family a lot to the point were I 1  
might have to put my two children in to care as I won't  
have the money to look after them properly. I am already  
finding things hard with the rise in house hold costs  
eg:food,clothes,electric & gas.  
This will affect me alot if you make me pay Council Tax, 1  
Which would come from my weekly food money and bills!  
NOT ACCEPTABLE  
those people can not afford council they should give more 1  
help pay forward it  
what about disabled people 1  
What about working age carers? I'm a carer for some-one 1  
with severe disabilities, what would happen if I had to go to  
work?

where is the consideration of the rise in cost of living for those on low or now income. these proposals will hinder in many ways families and individuals on benefits. Also there is no consideration in the levy charged for council tax. The rate it is charged at now was in the housing boom of 2001 in my case, the property is worth atleast a third less now. This scheme is whole unfair and will cause more harm than good. It will not encourage but force people to take jobs that may split families and will in the majority of cases clog up the justice system with non payments and re appraisals of the banding of said properties, all in all an idiotic idea!

Whether a person is employed or unemployed should have no bearing on their entitlement to Council Tax Benefit. It should be based on need. A lot of unemployed people would like to work but are unable to find a job. Also a lot of people who work in low income jobs would like to move into better paying jobs but are unable to. The current recession is a major contributing factor to the above. Responsibility for this lies with banks and governments for failing to control banks.

With reference to question 1 - those on job seekers allowance (single and without dependents) believe receive only £65 per week to pay for all their outgoings (food, utilities etc.) as well having to deduct water rates from their allowance, which could leave as little as £53 to cover for food etc. Therefore, in my opinion should receive 100% Council Tax Benefit.

With the Government cutting the amount of benefit we receive to try to force us into work when I've been declared unfit to work and now this change in council tax benefit I will no longer be able to stay in my home. I think this scheme has is being targeted at the wrong people which are the disabled and vulnerable and should be aimed at the fit who are able to work and choose not to and also the people who choose to have children so as not to work.

yes i have if unemployed council tax should not be payed the government should sort it out some people who want to work can not find work

yes i think it is totally discuting that this government are taking away the help that the local council give generally to those that need help either between jobs or on long term illness, I am unfortunately unable to work at present due to my current and past situation which has been brought on by ill health, Due to government cut backs that have already hit me and lots like me in my possition, I now find not only do i have to put one weeks money out of my E.S.A. Weekly payments towards my rent to make up the short fall, But i am now quite possibly going to have to pay even more money out of that income as well, At this rate we wont have any money to pay for the generall things like food, water, Ellectrick, gas, T.V. liecence, Insurances, house hold items, to cook or clean with, bedding, cloths, and so on and so on, when will someone realise we cannot live on thin air please can someone tell us how if you keep cutting our money, I might just add that i have worked for 42 years of my life and payed my taxes, national insurance and so on why should people like us have to suffer we have payed for our yes think it is very wrong to target the people with disabilities who can not work and dont stand a chance of finding work. in the current job market

Yet again, the Government are targeting the most vulnerable people in society in the name of cuts. Every penny of any benefit paid to an unemployed person is precious and it is already a struggle so to reduce the amount that they would have to live on by charging them Council Tax radically, detrimentally affects their ability to survive.

You are making no consideration for those of working age 1  
 who can only work a low number of hours for reasons of  
 long term chronic illness and as a result have a low income.  
 They have no opportunity to earn more  
 You should subsidise people as little as possible. 1

**Resident or organisation**

**This single response question was answered by 413 respondents**

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Resident	413	100

**Postcode**

**This post code response question was answered by 360 respondents**

Response	Number of Respondents
RM19 1NB	1
cm3 1py	1
RM14 3RT	1
rm15 4al	1
Rm15 4ba	1
RM15 4EA	1
Rm15 4hr	2
rm15 4jb	1
RM15 4LB	1
rm15 4ns	1
rm15 4nu	1
rm15 4nx	1
RM15 4SR	1
rm15 4th	1
Rm15 4tt	2
rm15 5ad	1
RM15 5AF	1
RM15 5BA	1
rm15 5bp	1
RM15 5BS	1
RM15 5BT	1
RM15 5BZ	1
rm15 5da	1
rm15 5dd	1
rm15 5dh	16
rm15 5ds	1
rm15 5dw	1
RM15 5EP	1
RM15 5ES	1
RM15 5HN	1
RM15 5HP	1
rm15 5hq	1
RM15 5HU	1
RM15 5JA	1
RM15 5JH	1
RM15 5JQ	1
RM15 5JU	1
RM15 5JX	1
rm15 5jy	1
rm15 5jz	1
RM15 5LW	1
RM15 5NH	1
RM15 5PA	1
rm15 5pe	2
rm15 5pf	1
RM15 5PJ	1
rm15 5py	1
RM15 5PZ	1
RM15 5QN	1
rm15 5qq	1
rm15 5qt	1
RM15 5QU	1
RM15 5QW	1
RM15 5RJ	1
RM15 5RN	1

rm15 5xd	1
rm15 6aa	1
RM15 6AR	1
rm15 6au	1
rm15 6ba	1
RM15 6DS	1
rm15 6eb	1
rm15 6jf	1
RM15 6JG	1
rm15 6jq	1
RM15 6NR	1
RM15 6NW	1
RM15 6PF	3
RM15 6PX	1
rm15 6qr	1
rm15 6sl	1
RM16 2AN	1
RM16 2DZ	1
RM16 2EB	1
rm16 2eh	1
RM16 2GY	1
RM16 2JA	1
RM16 2JT	1
Rm16 2nu	1
RM16 2PL	1
rm16 2pu	1
RM16 2QD	1
RM16 2QL	1
RM16 2QP	1
Rm16 2rs	1
RM16 2SR	1
RM16 2TL	1
RM16 2TT	1
Rm16 2ua	1
RM16 2UJ	1
RM16 3AA	1
RM16 3DQ	1
rm16 3nj	1
RM16 4BA	1
rm16 4bs	2
rm16 4bu	1
rm16 4db	1
RM16 4DD	1
rm16 4ds	2
rm16 4hd	1
RM16 4HP	1
Rm16 4je	1
RM16 4LF	1
RM16 4NJ	1
rm16 4np	1
RM16 4PA	1
rm16 4pb	1
rm16 4pl	1
RM16 4PN	1
rm16 4qt	1
RM16 4RT	1
Rm16 4tq	1
rm16 4xp	1
rm16 5un	1
rm16 6aq	1
rm16 6az	4
rm16 6bs	2
RM16 6DG	1
rm16 6ed	1
rm16 6ej	1
rm16 6gg	1
rm16 6nj	1
RM16 6NZ	1
rm16 6pg	1
RM16 6PH	1
RM16 6PN	1
RM16 6PS	1

RM16 6PT	1
RM16 6QJ	1
RM16 6QT	1
rm16 6rw	1
rm16 6ry	1
rm16 6rz	1
RM16 6UT	1
RM16 6YL	1
RM17 5AD	1
rm17 5an	1
rm17 5ap	1
rm17 5ba	1
rm17 5ef	1
RM17 5HA	1
RM17 5HE	1
RM17 5JB	2
rm17 5nr	1
RM17 5QT	1
RM17 5RS	1
rm17 5sh	1
RM17 5SX	1
rm17 5th	1
rm17 5tl	1
RM17 5XY	1
RM17 5YQ	1
RM17 5YR	1
rm17 5ys	1
RM17 6AF	1
RM17 6BB	1
RM17 6BL	1
rm17 6bp	1
RM17 6BU	1
RM17 6DF	1
rm17 6dg	1
rm17 6ds	1
RM17 6EA	1
RM17 6EQ	2
RM17 6ES	1
RM17 6EX	1
RM17 6HD	2
RM17 6HY	1
rm17 6lb	1
Rm17 6ld	1
RM17 6LP	3
RM17 6LR	1
RM17 6LZ	1
rm17 6pg	1
RM17 6PP	1
RM17 6PQ	1
rm17 6px	1
rm17 6pz	1
rm17 6qb	1
rm17 6qz	1
RM17 6RA	1
RM17 6RL	1
RM17 6RP	1
rm17 6rw	1
rm17 6rx	1
RM17 6SD	1
RM17 6SG	2
rm17 6sn	1
rm17 6uh	1
rm17 6xd	1
rm17 8ax	1
RM18 7BD	2
RM18 7BE	1
RM18 7BG	1
rm18 7bh	1
Rm18 7bw	1
RM18 7DB	1
rm18 7pr	1
RM18 7RB	1

RM18 7RD	1
RM18 7RH	1
RM18 7RS	1
RM18 7SP	1
RM18 7SS	1
RM18 8AP	1
RM18 8BA	1
rm18 8dp	1
rm18 8du	1
RM18 8EE	1
RM18 8ej	1
RM18 8EL	1
RM18 8EW	1
rm18 8hb	1
rm18 8hf	1
RM18 8JD	1
RM18 8JQ	2
rm18 8jr	2
RM18 8JS	2
RM18 8LR	1
RM18 8ND	2
RM18 8PB	1
rm18 8rb	1
RM18 8RF	1
rm18 8rx	1
rm18 8sg	1
RM18 8SH	1
RM18 8SJ	1
RM18 8SX	1
RM18 8XB	1
rm18 8xd	1
RM18 8XH	1
RM18 8XP	1
rm18 8xr	1
rm18 8yh	1
rm19 1gl	1
rm19 1gr	1
RM19 1GS	1
rm19 1ll	1
RM19 1NH	1
RM19 1NW	1
RM19 1PJ	1
rm19 1pt	1
RM19 1QJ	1
rm19 1qq	1
RM19 1QW	1
rm19 1qx	1
RM19 1RQ	1
RM19 1SP	1
Rm19 1TH	1
rm19 1tj	1
RM19 1TZ	1
RM19 1ZU	1
RM19 1ZX	1
RM20 2ZF	1
RM20 3AF	1
RM20 3AJ	1
RM20 3AN	1
RM20 3JG	2
rm20 4aa	1
RM20 4AG	1
RM20 4AS	1
RM20 4YE	1
RM20 4YH	1
rm20 4yj	1
RM20 4YZ	1
ss17 0aj	1
ss17 0bu	2
ss17 0dx	1
SS17 0EF	1
SS17 0EJ	1
SS17 0EW	1



ss17 Oja	1
SS17 OJN	1
SS17 OJR	1
SS17 OLA	1
ss17 Olp	1
ss17 Opb	2
ss17 OPT	1
SS17 OQP	1
ss17 Ore	1
SS17 ORP	1
ss17 Orw	1
SS17 OSH	1
SS17 OSS	1
ss17 7at	1
ss17 7au	1
SS17 7BY	1
ss17 7ef	2
SS17 7EL	1
ss17 7ha	3
SS17 7HP	1
ss17 7jt	1
ss17 7la	1
SS17 7LB	1
SS17 7PU	1
SS17 7QE	1
SS17 7QF	1
SS17 7QR	1
SS17 7RH	3
SS17 7SN	1
SS17 8BN	1
ss17 8bp	1
SS17 8ED	1
SS17 8EE	1
SS17 8HN	1
ss17 8jt	1
SS17 8LS	1
SS17 8RB	1
SS17 9AR	1
Ss17 9ax	1
SS17 9EB	1
ss17 9ed	1
ss17 9jb	1
SS18 8RF	1
sw17 8pd	1

**Does you or your partner receive Council Tax Benefit?**

This single response question was answered by 382 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	304	79.58
No	70	18.32
Don't know	8	2.09

**Please tick the description below that best describes your household**

This multiple response question was answered by 380 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
A family with one or two dependent children	58	15.26
A family with three or more children	12	3.16
A lone parent household	68	17.89
A carer	28	7.37
A household with full and/or part time workers	51	13.42
A household that includes someone who is disabled	114	30
A single person household or a couple without children	116	30.53
None of the above	38	10
Don't know	6	1.58

**Are you a service personnel or ex-service personnel?**

This single response question was answered by 380 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	22	5.79
No	352	92.63
Don't know	6	1.58

#### Are you a war widow?

This single response question was answered by 377 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	2	0.53
No	375	99.47

#### Age

This single response question was answered by 378 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
18 - 24	11	2.91
25 - 44	118	31.22
45 - 59	115	30.42
60 or over	123	32.54
Prefer not to say	11	2.91

#### Disability

This single response question was answered by 375 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Yes	136	36.27
No	239	63.73

#### Disability 2

This single response question was answered by 138 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents	Percentage of Respondents
Visual impairment	4	2.9
Speech impairment	1	0.72
Hearing impairment	1	0.72
Mobility (a wheelchair user)	11	7.97
Mobility (not a wheelchair user)	30	21.74
Mental health condition	15	10.87
Long term medical condition	65	47.1
Learning disability	3	2.17
Other	8	5.8

#### Disability other

This open response question was answered by 8 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents
arthritis spine	1
diabetic auto immune disease	1
Fibro Myalgia	1
I am partially sighted (registered) I have long term medical conditions: i.e. diabetes, kidney failure, and weigh 28 stones all of which cause mobility issues	1
i am ticking this box because i believe there is more than one problems i suffer from, epilepsy, mobility without a wheelchair severe back problems are just some	1
i have multiple sclerosis	1
Mobility (not a wheelchair user) mental health condition and long term medical condition.	1
Wheelchair user with long term medical condition	1

#### Where did you hear about this consultation?

This open response question was answered by 343 respondents

Response	Number of Respondents
Through the letter sent to my person from the council.	1

A Letter	2
a letter by the council	1
a letter from my council	1
A letter from the council.	1
A letter from Thurrock Council	5
a letter from Thurrock Council.	1
A letter from you.	1
A letter sent by you	1
A letter sent from the council.	1
A letter the council sent me.	1
A letter through my front door.	1
a letter through the post	2
A letter was sent to me	1
A letter was sent to me by post.	1
A letter was sent to me by the benefits section of Thurrock Council	1
although i am a Thurrock resident i also work for Serco at Thurrock Council and i was told about the new scheme at a meeting.	1
Bola Amako Benefits Section Manager	1
by a letter i received	1
By email from Thurrock council	1
by letter	8
BY LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME FROM THURROCK COUNCIL	1
By letter and on the Thurrock website.	1
by letter from council	1
By letter from TBC	1
By letter from the Council	3
by letter from the t.b.c.	1
by letter from thurrock council	4
By letter from Thurrock Council	1
BY LETTER IN POST	1
By letter in the post	1
By letter that was send to me by you	1
By letter.	2
By mail.	2
by mail-shot from tbc	1
By personal letter.	1
by post	9
By post as a council house occupier	1
By Post to my home address...	1
bY YOUR LETTER 15/8/12	1
Correspondence date 11 August 2012 which was sent to me.	1
Council circular	1
council had written to me yerstday	1
council letter. your letter also stated we are a working age household which WE ARE NOT	1
council send me letter	1
Councillor	1
Direct letter sent by authority	1
Direct mail	1
direct mail from council	1
E Mail; insight	1
Email notification	1
From a letter dent by the Council	1
from a letter sent by the local Council	1
FROM A LETTER THE COUNCIL SENT ME	1
From a letter.	1
from council send me letter other day	1
from letter which you send to me	1
from reading the local paper.	1
From the council website	1

From the letter I got. I shall have to pay almost £30 out of 1  
my benefits a month which are going to be reduced by £60  
a week when universal credit comes in as one of my  
benefits is being completely cancelled with no  
replacement and I shall have to fight to get PIP too. (PS I  
am not and never have been anywhere near and nor am I  
entitled to, nor should I be entitled to, £26k a year as this  
is what people think the welfare reform bill is about. Really  
it is about pushing people like me - who worked for years,  
worked myself into the ground as a teacher, and can no  
longer work, and find life hard work - into poverty. Is that  
right in one of the richest countries in the world?)

from the letter sent	1
From the letter sent to me by the council which states that mine is a "working age" household although we are state age pensioners will we be forced back to work to pay more tax	1
from thurrock council	1
From work	1
got a letter in the post	1
got letter from council.	1
government letter	1
had letter from council	2
had letter in post	1
I am signed up for the consultation notifications, but check the site regularly, as survey's aren't always e-mailed.	1
I got a letter	1
I got a letter from the council about this consultation	1
i got a letter through my door.	1
i got letter from council	1
I receive a letter through the post.	1
I received a letter about it from Thurrock Council	1
I received a letter from the civic offices in Grays.	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council	4
I received a letter from Thurrock Council regarding changes.	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council the other day.	1
I received a letter from Thurrock Council.	1
I received a letter from yourselves in the post.	1
I received a letter informing me of the changes.	1
I received a letter through the post from the council.	1
I received a letter through the post regarding the Local Council Tax Support Scheme - Consultqation survey.	1
I received a letter.	1
I was sent a letter	1
I was sent a letter from Thurrock Council due to the proposed changes having a direct effect on my circumstances.	1
In a letter from the Council.	1
in a letter from thurrock council	1
In a letter from Thurrock Council.	1
In a letter sent to us by Thurrock Council, dated 13 August 2012.	1
in the thurrock gazette	1
In writing from the council.	1
IT WAS SENT TO ME IN THE POST	1
letter	25
Letter by post	1
letter addressed to me	1
Letter addressed to myself from Bola Amako Benefits Section Manager	1
Letter delivered to my house	1
letter for LCTS from Thurrock Council	1
letter from cfouncil	1
Letter from council	18
Letter from Council & BBC News	1
Letter from council and local paper	1
letter from council yerstday	1
Letter from council	2
letter from T B C	1

letter from tbc	3
Letter from TBC.	1
Letter from the council	12
Letter from the ouncil.	1
letter from thurrock council	15
Letter from Thurrock Council Benefits	1
LETTER FROM THURROCK COUNCIL DATED 16th AUGUST 2012	1
Letter from Thurrock council through the post.	1
Letter from Thurrock Council.	1
Letter in post	3
letter in post	1
letter in post from council	1
letter in the post	4
letter post	2
letter received	1
letter received from council	1
Letter received from council.	1
letter received from yourselves	1
letter sent through the post	1
LETTER SENT TO ME	1
letter sent to me by bola amako	1
Letter through my door	1
Letter through post	2
letter through post from the council	1
letter through the post	2
Letter through the post form Thurrock Council.	1
Letter through the post from Thurrock Council.	1
Letter through the post.	1
Letter through the post.	1
letter via mail	1
Local paper	2
mail	1
Mail from the Council	1
mail shot	1
MAIL SHOT DATED 14TH AUGUST	1
mail shot from thurrock council	1
Meeting at Council Chambers August 09 and also on the Council web site /consultations	1
My Employer	1
my friend received a letter about it	1
on the internet	1
On the piece of paper which had been scarred by the disgusting information written on it. If this ends up going through i wont be suprised if those affected will cause a very big fuss. Meaning the excutives of the council may not be able to enjoy their caviar lunches at the top of the eiffel tower.	1
On Thurrock Council's website	1
On Thurrock Council's website.	1
On your web site.	1
online	1
post	6
post through door	1
postal	1
received a letter	1
received a letter !	1
Received a letter by post	1
received a letter from thurrock council	3
Received a letter from Thurrock Council.	1
Received a letter through the post.	1
received letter in post	1
recieved a letter	1
recieved a letter from Thurrock Council	1
RECIVED A LETTER FROM THURROCK COUNCIL!	1
Royal Mail	1
SAW IT ONLINE	1
SENT A LETTER	2
Sent letter from council	1
Standard Mailed out TBC letter	1
TBC Letter.	1
tenant letter	1

The Council sent a letter to me.	1
the Thurrock council website.	1
This morning when I received a letter telling me that I will have to start paying anywhere from 10-16% of my council tax with money that we just don't have (imagine my surprise when I started this survey and saw 25-30% as the actual amount expected!).	1
threw the letter i recieved from the council	1
Through a letter from the Council Office	1
through post	1
Through receiving a letter this morning from Thurrock Council.	1
through the post	4
through the post and it is already distressing me i am trying to get better and i would not be able to afford to pay any tax while unemployed	1
through the post from Thurrock council	1
Thurrock council letter	1
thurrock council	5
thurrock Council letter	2
Thurrock Council letter received by post.	1
Thurrock Council sent a letter	1
Thurrock council site.	1
Thurrock Council website	2
thurrock council's website	1
Thurrock Council's website - very good.	1
Thurrock Gazette	2
Thurrock website	3
Twitter	1
via a letter sent to me on 15.08.12	1
Via letter recieved in post	1
Via letter.	1
via postal notifier from benefits section Thurrock council	1
via the council website	1
Via the Thurrock.gov website	1
was sent a letter	1
was sent letter	1
web site	1
Written to by Thurrock council	1
You contacted me by mail.	1
you posted it to me	1
You sent me a letter dated 13th August 2012	1
YOU SENT ME A LETTER THROUGH THE POST	1
your letter	1
Your letter dated 13th August which I was absolutely apalled at	1
your selves	1
your thurrock	1

























































