

Council Tax Reduction Scheme – survey results

The following analyses looks at the key questions by respondent type to see if there are any marked variations in the answers to questions from those who are either in receipt of benefits or who are disabled both of which could materially affect the way in which such questions are answered. As the number in these two categories is very much in the minority when compared with the population as a whole all of which were invited to comment it is important that the voice of these sub groups is heard.

Cross analyses by respondent type Q1 V Q9

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	How are you answering this survey?			
		As a resident of Wiltshire	Are you or someone in your household a person who is on the Council Tax Reduction scheme	As an organisation that represents users who are affected by the scheme	As an interested party
Base	925	88.8%	5.2%	3.8%	2.3%
		821	48	35	21
Q9. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the Family Premium for all new working age applicants?					
Yes	518	91.3%	3.3%	2.9%	2.5%
	56.0%	57.6%	35.4%	42.9%	61.9%
No	270	83.0%	9.3%	5.9%	1.9%
	29.2%	27.3%	52.1%	45.7%	23.8%
Don't know	137	90.5%	4.4%	2.9%	2.2%
	14.8%	15.1%	12.5%	11.4%	14.3%

Conclusions: There is a marked variation in result – overall 56% agree with the proposal to remove **the Family premium for new applicants**, however for those already on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme this level of agreement drops to 35%, whilst amongst organisations who are said to represent users affected by the scheme the level of agreement is also lower at 43%

Cross analyses by respondent type Q1 V Q10

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	How are you answering this survey?			
		As a resident of Wiltshire	Are you or someone in your household a person who is on the Council Tax Reduction scheme	As an organisation that represents users who are affected by the scheme	As an interested party
Base	926	88.7%	5.2%	3.9%	2.3%
		821	48	36	21
Q10. Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the capital limit to £10,000 for protected people?					
Yes	641	89.1%	4.5%	4.5%	1.9%
	69.2%	69.5%	60.4%	80.6%	57.1%
No	230	87.8%	5.7%	2.6%	3.9%
	24.8%	24.6%	27.1%	16.7%	42.9%
Don't know	55	87.3%	10.9%	1.8%	-
	5.9%	5.8%	12.5%	2.8%	-

Conclusions: There is some variation in result – overall 70% agree with the proposal to, **reduce the capital limit to £10,000 for protected people?** however for those already on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme this level of agreement drops to 60%, whilst amongst organisations who are said to represent users affected by the scheme the level of agreement is much higher at 81%

Cross analyses by respondent type Q1 V Q11

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	How are you answering this survey?			
		As a resident of Wiltshire	Are you or someone in your household a person who is on the Council Tax Reduction scheme	As an organisation that represents users who are affected by the scheme	As an interested party
Base	926	88.8%	5.1%	3.9%	2.3%
		822	47	36	21
Q11. Do you agree with the proposal to limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Reduction to a maximum of 2?					
Yes	686	89.9%	3.9%	3.9%	2.2%
	74.1%	75.1%	57.4%	75.0%	71.4%
No	204	86.3%	8.3%	3.9%	1.5%
	22.0%	21.4%	36.2%	22.2%	14.3%
Don't know	36	80.6%	8.3%	2.8%	8.3%
	3.9%	3.5%	6.4%	2.8%	14.3%

Conclusions: There is marked variation in the result – overall 75% agree with the proposal to, **limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Reduction to a maximum of 2**, however, for those already on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme this level of agreement drops to 57%, whilst amongst organisations who are said to represent users affected by the scheme the level of agreement is matches the overall response.

Cross analyses by respondent type Q1 V Q12

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	How are you answering this survey?			
		As a resident of Wiltshire	Are you or someone in your household a person who is on the Council Tax Reduction scheme	As an organisation that represents users who are affected by the scheme	As an interested party
Base	926	88.7%	5.2%	3.9%	2.3%
		821	48	36	21
Q12. Do you agree with the proposal not to change the amount of Council Tax Reduction an applicant is awarded if the amount they are entitled to changes by one pound a week or less?					
Yes	826	89.1%	4.5%	4.1%	2.3%
	89.2%	89.6%	77.1%	94.4%	90.5%
No	67	82.1%	11.9%	3.0%	3.0%
	7.2%	6.7%	16.7%	5.6%	9.5%
Don't know	33	90.9%	9.1%	-	-
	3.6%	3.7%	6.3%	-	-

Conclusions: There is much less variation in the result – overall 90% agree with the proposal **not to change the amount of Council Tax Reduction an applicant is awarded if the amount they are entitled to changes by one pound a week or less**, however, for those already on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme this level of agreement drops to 77%, (although still in the majority agreeing) whilst amongst organisations who are said to represent users affected by the scheme the level of agreement is higher than the overall response.

Cross analyses by respondent type Q1 V Q13

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	How are you answering this survey?			
		As a resident of Wiltshire	Are you or someone in your household a person who is on the Council Tax Reduction scheme	As an organisation that represents users who are affected by the scheme	As an interested party
Base	927	88.8%	5.2%	3.8%	2.3%
		823	48	35	21
Q13. Do you agree with the proposal to restrict the type of applicants that are considered protected?					
Yes	597	91.1%	2.8%	3.7%	2.3%
	64.4%	66.1%	35.4%	62.9%	66.7%
No	254	84.3%	9.8%	4.7%	1.2%
	27.4%	26.0%	52.1%	34.3%	14.3%
Don't know	76	85.5%	7.9%	1.3%	5.3%
	8.2%	7.9%	12.5%	2.9%	19.0%

Conclusions: There is a significant variation in the result – overall 66% agree with the proposal **to restrict the type of applicants that are considered protected**, however, for those already on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme this level of agreement drops to only 35%, (changing the result to one not in favour of the option within this group) whilst amongst organisations who are said to represent users affected by the scheme the level of agreement is close to the overall response.

Cross analyses by respondent type Q6 V Q9

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	Do you agree with the proposal to remove the Family Premium for all new working age applicants?		
		Yes	No	Don't know
Base	904	56.5%	28.7%	14.8%
		511	259	134
Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?				
Yes	118	49.2%	28.8%	22.0%
	13.1%	11.4%	13.1%	19.4%
No	786	57.6%	28.6%	13.7%
	86.9%	88.6%	86.9%	80.6%

Conclusions: There is slightly less support for this amongst those who consider themselves disabled

Cross analyses by respondent type Q6 V Q10

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	Do you agree with the proposal to reduce the capital limit to £10,000 for protected people?		
		Yes	No	Don't know
Base	905	69.3%	24.8%	6.0%
		627	224	54
Do you consider yourself to be				

disabled in any way?					
Yes	118	59.3%	34.7%	5.9%	
	13.0%	11.2%	18.3%	13.0%	
No	787	70.8%	23.3%	6.0%	
	87.0%	88.8%	81.7%	87.0%	

Conclusions: There is slightly less support for this amongst those who consider themselves disabled

Cross analyses by respondent type Q6 V Q11

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Do you agree with the proposal to limit the number of dependent children within the calculation for Council Tax Reduction to a maximum of 2?			
	Total	Yes	No	Don't know
Base	905	74.1%	22.0%	3.9%
		671	199	35
Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?				
Yes	119	68.1%	26.9%	5.0%
	13.1%	12.1%	16.1%	17.1%
No	786	75.1%	21.2%	3.7%
	86.9%	87.9%	83.9%	82.9%

Conclusions: There is slightly less support for this amongst those who consider themselves disabled

Cross analyses by respondent type Q6 V Q12

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	Do you agree with the proposal not to change the amount of Council Tax Reduction an applicant is awarded if the amount they are entitled to changes by one pound a week or less?		
		Yes	No	Don't know
Base	905	89.3%	7.2%	3.5%
		808	65	32
Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?				
Yes	119	79.8%	10.9%	9.2%
	13.1%	11.8%	20.0%	34.4%
No	786	90.7%	6.6%	2.7%
	86.9%	88.2%	80.0%	65.6%

Conclusions: There is slightly less support for this amongst those who consider themselves disabled

Cross analyses by respondent type Q6 V Q13

Analysis % Break % Respondents	Total	Do you agree with the proposal to restrict the type of applicants that are considered protected?		
		Yes	No	Don't know
Base	906	64.9%	26.8%	8.3%

		588	243	75
Do you consider yourself to be disabled in any way?				
Yes	118	53.4%	41.5%	5.1%
	13.0%	10.7%	20.2%	8.0%
No	788	66.6%	24.6%	8.8%
	87.0%	89.3%	79.8%	92.0%

Conclusions: There is much less support for this amongst those who consider themselves disabled