

	Question A	Q B Y/N	Question B Comments	C Y/N	Question C Comments	Q D Y/N	Question D Comments	Q E Y/N	Question E Comments	Q F Y/N	Question F Comments	Question G
Aldbourne Parish Council	C. 75% of last years grant.	Yes	All councils should be supported to the same extent.	No		No	The cost would be spread out.	No	Due to no time being allowed to build up sufficient reserves.	No		
Alderbury Parish Council	C. It should stay at the same level as it is currently.	Yes	All councils should be supported to the same extent.	No		No	Alderbury Parish Council would look to spread it over the next 4 years. The council don't want to put the precept up.	No		No		No
All Cannings Parish Council												
Allington Parish Council	C. 25% Grant	No	Pro-rata support for all Parish Councils would be acceptable	Yes	Parish Councils should be independent over a period of 4 years	No	Spread over 3-4 years					There may well be an impact on Parish Councils if the proposed reduction in Precept increases as each year passes
Alton Parish Council												
Alvediston Parish Meeting												
Amesbury Town Council		No	Concentrate on councils where the impact is greatest – considering the impact and the length of time that the grant is required.	Yes	Councillors support the idea of town and parish councils being independent, achieved over 5 years.	No	Councillors would prefer the compensatory increase in Precept to be spread over the next 4 years, minimum, rather than favouring a large increase in 2014-15.		No, the town council would not have sufficient reserves to compensate for a reduction in grant if a precept cap was introduced.	No	There is no plan to reduce the budget over the next four years, due to the continued development in Amesbury (as per the Wiltshire Core Strategy). There is an anticipated 25-30% increase in population over the next 5 years.	Other issues for consideration: The growth of Amesbury and its infrastructure, Funding to support the work of town and parish councils is based on the principle for good governance through federation, with decisions taken at the lowest level possible, with resources to implement decisions allocated to that level.
Ansty Parish Council												
Ashton Keynes Parish Council												
Atworth Parish Council	C. It should continue to be paid in full.	Yes	Money should be equally available to small parishes	Yes	The Parish Council should not be reliant on Wiltshire Council giving a discretionary grant each year. Money spent for the benefit of the Parish should be raised by the Parish. If the grant had to be phased out, it would be preferred that this be done over four years.	Yes	This would have to be done straightaway in the first year 2014-15. There is no certainty that even more money would not be taken away or a cap put in place in the future. Also as the tax base is lower, the Parish would receive less money from now on so there would be a shortfall year on year unless this was collected in the first year.	No	Auditors have recommended a reduction in reserves and this has been complied with. Also money has been taken out as matched funding for village projects.	No	There are still essential projects needed in the village.	Parish Clerk's salary has to be met and this is highly unlikely to decrease. Inflation continues to increase. There are different pressures on the Parish Council each year as well as dealing with unforeseen circumstances.









Calne Town Council	B. The amount of support would need to be agreed well in advance so that there is some certainty when it comes to budgeting. For example, we are embarking upon a 5 year business plan linked to a projected budget. Without knowing what support there is we would have to work on the basis of no support.	Yes	It should be the same support throughout as impact is relative to each council	Yes	Most definitely Yes, town and parish councils are autonomous bodies and as such have to remain independent and not reliant upon a principal authority via the Government for any part of its funding. Town and Parish Councils raise tax from local tax payers and spend it within the community in which it was raised for the community's benefit. To be frank it might be better just to bite the bullet this year and use the revised tax base, at least there will be certainty. We are putting off the inevitable; the uncertainty quite rightly is making some council's nervous about embarking upon worthwhile projects for their community that is so wrong. The uncertainty does nothing to support the Government's Localism Act. As a suggestion any monies which Wiltshire Council receive to support councils could be shared amongst Area Boards who in turn could support their town and parish councils in capital projects through grant funding.	Yes	However, most town and parish council's would more than likely prefer a spread over four years, however certainty about what support is available would be essential to aid project planning and future budget setting.	Yes	But not indefinitely, the action of a cap would have a serious impact on the council's ability to continue to improve and create better services for the community. It would definitely have a detrimental impact in any service devolution talks. We have already started a precept support reserve from underspends in our budget for 2012/2013, so we are trying to forward plan budgets to lessen the impact as far as possible, but its not easy.	No	We certainly want to maintain our services to the community and take on more from Wiltshire Council. Reductions can only mean cuts, and those cuts would be to services which generate pride in our community, i.e. floral displays, Christmas lights and events. That would be so wrong and have such a detrimental impact on the health and wellbeing of the town.	We are fortunate that Wiltshire Council saw fit to pass on the compensation grant. As said before it might be time to bite the bullet and set the precept against the new tax base without any support. This town council is very pro active within its community, leading the way with a Neighbourhood Plan, supporting economic regeneration, thorough our town centre master plan, setting up the town team. A supporter of the Chamber of Commerce with a place on their Committee. We have budget set aside to refurbish buildings adjacent to the town hall for business start up units (this could be a casualty). Invest heavily, with some support from the business community in floral displays, Christmas Lights, Town Events. Manage and run a state of the art sports facility and community hall. Providing activities in a wide range of sports. We have agreed to invest £250,000 into Calne's campus through a Public Works Loan Board
Calne Without Parish Council												
Castle Combe Parish Council	B - subject to answer to QB	No	Those parishes worst affected should receive greater support.		Parish Councils can only be independent of a grant if they are not concurrently prevented from increasing the level of their precept if circumstances require such action. Impossible therefore to answer this question until the issue of potential capping is resolved either way.	Yes	With the implied threat of a cap the option of spreading over a period may not be possible. We would therefore reluctantly need to consider a larger increase in 2014-15 than would otherwise be the case. Our precept has remained largely unchanged for several years but many of our costs are either fixed or inflation driven (e.g. property insurance). The percentage of discretionary costs is low compared with such items despite voluntary freezing of the clerk's salary and other expenses. We are already using reserves and sporadic ancillary income (of which there may be no recurrence) to compensate for the shortfall in precept income against costs.	Yes for a period - see comment	As indicated in response to question D we are already utilising reserves and sporadic non-guaranteed ancillary income to offset precept shortfalls. A statutory cap on our precept now would punish us for being prudent with precept increases in the past. The level of our reserves needs to include contingencies for unbudgeted expenditure on our ownership of listed buildings which are recognised worldwide. The guidance that reserves should be no greater than three times the annual precept takes no account of potential major capital expenditure.	Yes where possible	As previously indicated the percentage of discretionary costs is low in relation to precept income. Savings on revenue outgoings are likely to be marginal. As a result discretionary capital expenditure (e.g. provision of replacement playing field equipment) is likely to suffer. The assumption appears to be that parish councils increase their precept to cover unnecessarily high levels of cost. This is not our experience.	Parishes are increasingly concerned that their work as volunteers with a real interest in the local community is being eroded by remote Central diktats. If Parish Councillors decide to discontinue such voluntary input, costs would increase substantially and local issues would remain unresolved. The talk of greater local empowerment is meaningless without the tools to do the job.



Chilmark Parish Council	B	Yes	All Councils should be supported to the same extent	No		No	Look to spread this over a number of years.	No		No	We have trimmed to the bone. Small parishes and rural parishes should receive the same funding as urban parishes.	No
Chilton Foliat Parish Council	B		All Councils should be supported to the same extent			No	Spread this over four years			No		
Chippenham Town Council	C Chippenham Town Council would expect to receive the maximum possible grant funding and as close to 100% as possible	No	Chippenham Town Council would expect to receive the maximum possible grant funding and as close to 100% as possible	No	Chippenham Town Council considers the reduction in grant support as being a reality and not one of choice. It does not support the view that it should be independent of any grant support and not rely on a grant. That said when the reduction occurs the Town Council would like the reduction to be phased in over as many years as possible.	No	Chippenham Town Council feels that this question is being asked prematurely as, in order to offer an informed response it would be beneficial to know the level of grant being issued by Wiltshire Council. That said the Town Council is of the view that although we do not favour a large increase in our precept, if we had no grant available to us then we would seek to increase the precept by a level we feel the community could withstand.	No	The Town Council believes that its reserves are held to cover prudent risk management and potential risks in future years and therefore using reserves to compensate for a reduction in grant is very much a short term panacea.	No	As stated in Wiltshire Council's Core strategy, Chippenham is one of five towns in the County designated to have considerable expansion and growth in future years. The Town Council feels therefore that it needs to develop services and facilities that are commensurate with a town of this size and therefore does not have any plans to reduce its budget in the next four years.	Chippenham Town Council is aware of significant development opportunities that are emerging and are on the outskirts of the Town Boundary. Wiltshire Council needs to recognise the effect such developments will have on Chippenham such as the likely effect on traffic, the High Street (retail offer) and other infrastructure considerations. A Boundary Review should be undertaken in light of this. Chippenham Town Council is keen to work in partnership with Wiltshire council on relevant asset transfer opportunities. If Wiltshire Council is to devolve services and assets (facilities) the clearly this will have a bearing on the Town Council's budget
Chippenham Without Parish Council												
Chirton Parish Council	A. Conock & Chirton rely on the current funding, and would not want to see a reduction	No	How is "impact greatest" defined?	No	Being a small community our budgets are small and therefore impact on the size and number of projects achieved. Smaller rural communities have less and less services, increase in precept will impact lower income families further increasing to the loss and decline of local communities.	No	Would look to compensate some over the next four or so years (see comment in C above)	No		No	Any reduction will be at the cost of reducing or stopping of some activities	







Cricklade Town Council	B Yes	Yes	It is proposed that whatever the percentage reduction in the grant is agreed by Wiltshire Council, that this percentage should be applied to all town and parish councils equally	No	If the grant is withdrawn Wiltshire Council need to be aware that it can't continue to request town and parish councils match fund projects that are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council	No	Cricklade Town Council does not support a large increase in precept in order to cover the loss of a grant		Possibly. In respect of the 2014/15 financial year, this council has sufficient in reserves to compensate for a reduction in grant but it would be increasingly difficult in future years if the cap was set at, say, 2%. Over future years the reserves would become depleted.	No	We have not formally considered this matter yet but the council is committed to improving the services for the community and therefore cannot operate on a reduced budget	1. Cricklade Town Council has concerns that more services are being passed down to the lowest tier of local government without the relevant financial support to assist in delivering effective services.2. Wiltshire Council are expecting parish and town councils to match fund services that were once the sole responsibility of the unitary authority.3. There is clearly an expectation that prediction and cost related to demographic changes (elderly, higher rate of unemployed etc), that have previously directed the amount of funding allocated to Parish and Town council, will not have to be addressed by those councils.
Crudwell Parish Council												
Dauntsey Parish Council	B. As a maximum	Yes	Grant needs to be considered on a likely percentage increase factor rather than purely money	Yes	4 years	Yes	Increase needs to compensate for loss just to have a standstill situation and system can be blamed if effect is made public knowledge immediately	No	Government should state their intentions and give a date that would allow reserves to be built up	No	Parishes are being asked to take on more roles and will need finance to do it	Parish and town councils should not be linked with higher authorities in regards to local spending on local priorities
Devizes Town Council	B.	Yes	The Impact of the legislation impacts on all councils and therefore, All Councils should be treated equally.							No	It anticipates that Devizes Town Council will increase its budget in year one to correct for future losses in Grant and to allow the Council keep any increase below 2% in subsequent years.	There is a concern that that Council Tax Grant is front loaded, with the reduction increasing over subsequent years. Should capping for parish council be introduced, it is likely that this will be from 2015/16 onwards. With this cap in place the reduction in grant maybe to force councils to cut services to prevent a cost of a referendum, event though the in no increase in the Council's budget.
Dilton Marsh Parish Council	C. £2525.96 as for FY2013/2014	Yes	Grant should be paid strictly pro-rata to the grant in FY2013/2014.	N/A	The Council does not believe that there is any loss of independence by being in receipt of a grant.	No	The Council is not in favour of a large increase in the Precept for FY2014/2015.	No		No	The Council has no plans in place at the present time.	

Dinton Parish Council	B	Yes	The smaller parishes are affected in the same way and many can't afford the loss of this in one hit.	Yes	Grant to be phased out gradually	No	large increase, spread over minimum of 2 years.	No		No	Costs increase, Clerk's workload increases therefore budgets can't decrease. Many smaller parishes already work to a tight budget, they don't award large grants and therefore cutting the budget is not an option.	
Donhead St Andrew Parish Council	Withheld response											Please note that this parish council will not be responding to the Council Tax Support Grant consultation. Thank you for the opportunity; however, as no grant was received in 2013/14 and will not be received in 2014/15 at whatever level, it would seem most appropriate that those councils directly affected should be the ones that have the 'say' to avoid any distortion of feeling.
Donhead St Mary Parish Council												
Downton Parish Council	C. Downton Parish Council approved a 20 percent reduction as per the options circulated.	No	Downton Parish Council did not wish to the grant be concentrated on those Councils where the impact is greatest.	Yes (in principle)	Downton Parish Council felt it was fine in principle but was concerned by the Daily Telegraph article subsequently circulated which referred to the capping of Town and Parish Councils and the requirement for a referendum if there's a rise of more than 2 percent. The Parish Council would not be independent if it were capped.	Yes		No	Downton Parish Council has built up reserves to enable it to replace the roof on its Memorial Hall in three years. Once those reserves are spent, there would be insufficient reserves remaining to compensate for a reduction in the grant.	No	With additional delegated services such as the emptying of public bins and the maintenance of bus shelters as two examples, all of which create extra work for the Clerk, Downton Parish Council has no plans to reduce its budget at any time in the foreseeable future.	no
Durnford Parish Council	C. Make up to the equivalent of the shortfall.	Yes	Both Parish Councils are in favour of everyone getting the same proportion. Precepts are very small for both Durnford and Woodford Parish Councils and it would be difficult to repair certain items, i.e. notice boards, playground equipment without the amount of precept at present.	No		Yes		No	See previous comments	No		All equipment deteriorates over time and the price of repairing it increases as said above it would become almost impossible to replace certain items. At present Woodford Parish Council is having to repair the children's playground and this will take up a large portion of this years precept.

Durrington Town Council	B.Durrington Town Council think this is the fairest option	Yes	All councils whether large or small should be supported to the same extent to be fair	No	If there is money available for councils all councils should receive it			No	All our reserves are earmarked. A cap would be catastrophic for local councils which are having to take on extra functions which Wiltshire Council no longer provide which of course costs money.	No	As said in the last comment we are having to do more and more of the services that Wiltshire Council did provide and so our budget is bound to go up	Just leave local councils alone to do the thing which they do best which is look after the local community. Every penny of the precept is spent in their town/villages and lots of services are done by local people voluntarily. Do not interfere with the way we manage our affairs. Wiltshire would be in a very poor state if it wasn't for these Councillors who work for their villages for no payment. It is only right that if there is a grant available that they should benefit from it.
East Kennett Parish Meeting												
East Knoyle Parish Council												
Easterton Parish Council	B.£1000	No	Balanced against impact	Yes	3/5 years	No	Any adjustments spread	Yes	But reserves are finite	Yes	Economies have been made, but we are still subject to rising costs	
Easton Grey Parish Meeting												
Easton Royal Parish Council												
Ebbesbourne Wake Parish Council												
Edington Parish Council												When my Council considered the situation it had no strong views other than bemusement at how we got into this sorry mess. The strong view that we did have was that on no account should we be subject to capping especially if increases are entirely due to a reduced Council Tax base. In any event Parish Councils usually cover small communities (compared with district and county councils and unitary authorities) where our identity with our electorate is direct and where in the main we do not have beaurocracies that have little or no connection with the people they represent





Ham Parish Council	We do not receive council tax support	No	difficult to answer . If the current spread of Council Tax Support is accurately assessed, then in theory all councils should be supported/reduced pro rata. In practice, however, there made need to be some shading to protect particular services in certain towns/parishes		Ideally the answer should be yes, but there will always be centres of population which provide services – e.g.. Libraries- for the outlying villages and where there are demographic inequalities in Council tax income. In such circumstances it would be equitable to spread the load via Council Tax Support		NOT APPLICABLE as we currently do not receive a grant		AGAIN, not applicable as we receive no grant		We are a very small village with a modest precept of currently £1,500. This is already supplemented by the voluntary generosity of parishioners.	Even parishes with small precepts and little or no Council Tax Support may from time to time face exceptional expenditure, e.g.. Traffic calming measures.. To cover for such eventualities there should be a reserved fund which can be bid for.
Hankerton Parish Council	A. This parish is happy to get no grant. We calculate that our shortfall will only be 94p per Band D household which we are happy to raise as additional precept.	No	the grant should be concentrated where the need is greatest	Yes	and we are happy to get there in one year.	Yes	we would do it in one year, because in our case it would amount to less than £1 extra per year for a Band D household	Yes		No		
Heddington Parish Council												
Heytesbury Imber and Knook Parish Council												
Heywood Parish Council	C Same grant as last year (£268.59)	No	Where the impact is greatest		We remain independent whether or not we receive a grant	No	We do not favour a large increase in the precept in 2014/2015					
Hilmarton Parish Council												
Hilperton Parish Council	C Hilperton Parish Council thinks there should be cover for the full shortfall.	Yes	Hilperton Parish Council thinks that all councils should be supported to the same extent.	No	, Hilperton Parish Council does not support town and parish councils being independent and not relying on a grant.		Hilperton Parish Council cannot pre-judge this and cannot answer this question until its meeting in early January, 2014, when the precept is set.	No			Hilperton Parish Council cannot answer this question until its precept setting meeting in early January, 2014.	
Hindon Parish Council	B	Yes	The smaller parishes are affected in the same way and many can't afford the loss of this in one hit.	Yes	Grant to be phased out gradually	No	large increase, spread over minimum of 2 years	No		No	Costs increase, Clerk's workload increases therefore budgets can't decrease. Many smaller parishes already work to a tight budget, they don't award large grants and therefore cutting the budget is not an option.	
Holt Parish Council	B Reduction of 20%	Yes	Support should be applied consistently across all councils	No	In an ideal world we would prefer to be independent. However, under the "new" rules we would opt for a grant rather that a large rise rates	Yes		No	We are wholly against a cap	No	Holt PC has pared its spend down to a bare minimum – there is little scope for further reductions without causing harm t core services	



Horningsham Parish Council	B Agreed, but ideally would like the grant to be maintained.	Yes		No	Keep the taking the grant for as long as it is available.	No	We would want to spread costs over as long a period as possible and hope that Wiltshire Council look towards reducing the grant over a number of years to reduce the impact and allow Parish Councils to implement a reducing budget plan.	No				Having time to plan for a decreasing budget is especially important to a small parish
Hullavington Parish Council	B	Yes	The grant should not be concentrated on those councils where the impact is greatest	Yes	Over a 3 year period	No	We would look to spread precept increases over the next 4 years.	No	Following comments from our auditors the Parish Council reserves have been kept to a minimum.	No	The budget could only be reduced if essential expenditure was reduced which would be unlikely.	Making a less ambiguous questionnaire!
Idmiston Parish Council												
Keevil Parish Council	B For 2014/15 then taper grant off over next 3 years to end in 2017/18	Yes	There should be equal pain to be fair	Yes	Taper off grant support over next 3 years	No	We would look to spread precept increase over a number of years	No	We do have some reserves that would enable us to cope for several years	Yes	We have reduced our revenue budget already and the scope for further significant reductions is limited	PC's will become more dependent on area board grants to do anything out of the ordinary
Kilmington Parish Council	B. The Parish Council feels it would be reasonable for Wiltshire Council to pass on the grant as reduced by the Settlement Funding Assessment – given Wiltshire Council's estimates, we calculate that for 2014/15 this would be an 18.2% reduction on last year's grant and that for 2015/16 it will be a further 26.8% reduction and for 2016/17 a further 7% reduction and for 2017/18 a further 7% reduction.		The Parish Council feels that all Town & Parish Councils should be supported to the same extent as it ensures that every council, large and small, will receive something, even if it isn't as much as last year.	Yes	In an ideal world Parish & Town Council's should be independent and autonomous with the ability to raise a precept as it sees fit in the knowledge that it is accountable to its electorate. However, with the threat of capping being introduced by the Coalition Government we may no longer have the luxury of being independent. Whilst a grant is still being submitted by the Government, on the understanding (if not legislated) that it should be passed on to fund parish and town councils, then that should be the case. Wiltshire Council should remember that they are expecting Parish & Town Councils to provide or supplement a lot of services that were, prior to the recession and cut backs, not expected of us. Area Board Grants that were previously approved for Parish & Town Councils are now refused on the assumption that they can raise the money through their precept. If we find ourselves in a situation where grant funding is ceased and we are capped, we may not be able to raise money through our precepts		If we receive no grant or a reduced grant we may feel it necessary to increase our precept by a larger percentage than we would like but I think it is unlikely that we would have the luxury of spreading this over the next four year due to the impending threat of capping. Some Parish & Town Councils are advocating large increases for 2014/15 in the probability that capping will be introduced before 2015/16. However, the threat of capping, if not introduced for 2014/15 is likely to be determined by the amount that Parish & Town Council's increase their council tax in 2014/15. In other words, if a large percentage of Parish & Town Councils increase their precepts by large amounts this coming year, then the Coalition Government will almost certainly introduce capping before the 2015/16 tax year.	No	The Council has sufficient reserves to operate, function and carry out its statutory duties. The Parish Councils reserves are realistic and earmarked (set aside for specific purposes and for savings for future protects) as determined by the Audit & Accounting Regulations (see Section 2.26 of Governance & Accountability for Local Councils. A Practitioners Guide 2010 (England). Therefore, capping and a reduction in grant may result in the reduction of services, facilities, grants etc.	No		

Kington Langley Parish Council	B. £1106	Yes	All councils should be supported to the same extent. We have made strenuous efforts to reduce and control our expenditure and as a result have not increased our precept over the past six years. We would expect this approach to be supported.	Yes	We strongly support the principle. However, this requires Government to allow Councils the freedom to set charges and then be accountable to its local electors. Clandestine (as far as the electorate is concerned) manipulation of the tax base to move costs from central government to Councils is contrary to the spirit of localism. (We believe it is disingenuous to call the outcome an unintended consequence). Given the changes the Government has made we may need grant support for the next 4 years.	No	We would not favour a large increase in precept in 2014-15. We would certainly look to see if we could spread the increase over the next four years. Whilst we would aim to use our reserves to avoid increases for the first two years, increases in the precept in the following two years would then be inevitable. Given the inflexibility which is inherent in a relatively small budget such as ours and the level of our reserves it will inevitably impact very adversely on our already limited services if we do not increase the precept in the second two years.		Our reserves are limited but in the very short run (say two years) we could run these down further to compensate. This would result in generally unacceptably low reserves and therefore adverse audit comment.		Not significantly. We have made cuts and considerable savings over the past five years. After allowing for inflation, we have made reductions worth 18% over this period on a relatively small and therefore relatively inflexible budget. In particular, we made cuts in 2013-14 with the objective of increasing our reserves.	
Kington St Michael Parish Council	B	Yes	As a small council, we would find it difficult to absorb any reduction in the grant. We recognise that we are not alone in this situation, and believe that the most equitable way to deal with the shortfall is to reduce the grant by the settlement funding assessment and support all councils to the same extent.	Yes	Being independent would mean that the Parish Council would be subject to fewer restrictions.	No	We would look to spread this over the next four years	No	As a small parish council, we only precept for what is needed to carry out duties and improvements within the parish.	No	As a small parish council we have no way to reduce our costs in any effective manner.	1. If budgets are squeezed too much at parish council level, we may not be able to maintain the services we currently undertake and have to push them back to up to Wiltshire Council. 2. There is a big redevelopment in Town Close, Kington St Michael, which will span several years. How will the council tax base look in the interim?
Lacock Parish Council												
Landford Parish Council	B		Impossible to give a Y/N response!	Yes	Parish Councils should be independent		Question doesn't make sense – too many clauses	Yes		No		This is worst questionnaire we have ever seen! It contains almost every conceivable design flaw – a perfect textbook example of how not to design questionnaires.



Little Somerford Parish Council	A											
Longbridge Deverill Parish Council												
Luckington Parish Council	B REASONABLE AND FAIR, ESTABLISHED SYSTEM	Yes	Equitable, fair and follows existing precedent. To support some, at the cost of others is not only unfair, it fails to recognise that those with the largest budgets have the most flexibility to respond. Those with smaller budgets have less scope to be flexible. A percentage across the board reduction shares the pain and does not introduce a divisive system.	No	We believe that the continuance of the grant system is beneficial to the cooperative relationship between parishes and the county council.	Yes	We would seek a large increase in 2014-15, as spreading it over subsequent years could lead to problems if a cap were introduced in subsequent years to prevent or control increases. For smaller parishes the loss of the grant is a very significant amount of money, if it has to be compensated by an increase in precept, then to recover the lost monetary value could involve a very substantial precept increase (especially if starting from a low initial point). The amount of additional revenue we would need to raise is NOT vast but the percentage is, e.g. an increase of only 50p approx per week would double the precept and record as a 50% increase.	No	For a number of years auditors have been encouraging parishes to reduce the size of the reserves which they hold, consequently, whilst reserves are adequate for normal circumstances, they are NOT adequate to respond to change of this magnitude. Consequently a cap would have a disproportionately adverse effect on smaller rather than larger councils. Please see previous response	No	As communities follow the principles of Localism, and as funding from other sources is reduced, the demands falling on parish councils are increasing, as are the financial costs of providing local services. There is little scope for trimming services, at a parish level, which has not previously been explored. The low fruit has already been picked, and any further reductions in service will directly affect the quality of life in communities, with consequential community dissatisfaction.	The government has put in place a package to deal sensibly with the precept issue in respect of Police and Fire services, they should do the same with Parish Councils, or at least give them sufficient warning to respond. If the latter, the response should not be centrally controlled by artificial mechanisms such as capping precept rises
Ludgershall Town Council	B	No	- Councils with greater needs should receive the greatest support.	Yes	achieved over 3-4 years	Yes	favour a large increase in precept 2014/2015	Yes	but only in the short -term	No	not at present unless circumstances force it upon us	
Lydiard Millicent Parish Council	B. Grant as per last year if possible.		All Councils should be offered some support where needed, and gently weaned off.		We are not sure.	No	Any increase of precept would need to be spread over next four years		Probably		No none.	
Lydiard Tregoze Parish Council	A Nil	No	It should be dependent on the number on the electoral roll.	Yes	This year is the first that we have received a grant, so we will not miss it.	No	See previous answer.	No		No		
Lyneham and Bradenstoke Parish Council												
Maiden Bradley Parish Council	B. Agreed, but ideally would like the grant to be maintained this year with a suggest three year depreciation 65% this year 35% next then none to allow a 3 year budget to be prepared and introduced alongside the Councils business plan	Yes	All councils should be supported to the same extent Smaller Councils do not have many assets or services to be able to cut to save money	No	We need to keep taking the grant for as long as it is available as it has a great impact. We appreciate that at some point we may lose the grant anyway but need take it as we have not had time to plan such a large decrease in the Parish Councils budget having been trying to increase the extremely small reserves over the last few years carefully as advised by the Auditors.	No	We would want to spread costs over as long a period as possible and hope that Wiltshire Council look towards reducing the grant over a number of years to reduce the impact and allow Parish Councils to implement a reducing budget plan.	No		No		No

Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council	A	No	Concentrated on those Councils where the impact is greatest provided there is demonstrable evidence of attempts to implement efficiencies in their budget.		In general yes, but run down determined on an individual Council basis	No	We would look to spread this over the four years	No		No	No, because our budget is circa £10K with little room for manoeuvre.	Hopefully this response useful, despite the lack of impact of these changes on us
Malmesbury Town Council	C The Town Council recognises the reduction in grant provided by the Coalition but is of the opinion that sufficient money should continue to be given to town and parish councils so as to ensure that they are not disadvantaged by the reduction in the tax base caused by changes in benefit distribution..	No	Town Councils provide more services and facilities for residents and therefore have a higher cost burden than smaller parish councils. Therefore we recommend that Town Councils, such as Malmesbury Town, receive a greater proportion of grant, as this impact on their budgets is greater.	NO	As more services are being localised there is a greater call upon Town and Parish Councils funds than before. Also, this scenario is likely to increase in the future with the Government's move towards localism. Therefore whilst in principle independence from the grant would be the ideal, it is unlikely that many Councils would be able to sustain this state financially with a reduced funding, unless they receive additional compensation in some other form. Accordingly, we do not support independence from the grant in the short term.	No	We would look to spread this over the four years		As a Town Council with a responsibility to look after many community facilities and with ongoing liabilities and other unknown factors such as inflation, we would not wish to guarantee sufficient reserves to compensate over the period until 2018	No	As a Town Council we are always looking to reduce costs and provide best value, but with a responsibility to look after many community facilities and ongoing liabilities which are also subject to inflation and other factors, it is not anticipated that our budget will be reduced in the foreseeable future	As more services are being localised there is a desire for Parish and Town Councils to take ownership and maintenance of facilities, especially parks which devolving without any accompanying funding to cushion the transition. Whilst many Town Councils such as ourselves would prefer to own and maintain play and green parks, they are an unaffordable cost burden. If Wiltshire Council really wishes to divest itself of parks and other facilities, then it is essential that consideration must be given to providing realistic funding to assist Parish Councils to take them on, even if this is short term.
Manningford Parish Council												
Marden Parish Council	B. Up to 30%	No	These responses are from the perspective of a small village – Marden. Inhabitants of small villages use the facilities provided by the larger parishes, e.g., sports centres and libraries. So we think that the grant should be concentrated on those councils where the impact is the greatest	No	See the comments relating to question D.	No	Any increase over 2% would be spread over, say, 4 years to minimise the impact on individual council tax payers.	No	Marden sets a very small precept and has correspondingly low reserves	No	Not really feasible for Marden.	



Melksham Town Council	A No given that an element of funding is provided to WC via central government funding to mitigate the effects of localised council tax support, this at least should be passported across to town and parish councils. B. Yes, subject to the response to B below	No	Given the reduction in the tax base demanded by the localised council tax support system that has been introduced, the town and parish councils most affected tend to be those experiencing most deprivation. Perversely the system as introduced therefore has the potential to compromise yet further the services provided to those most in need of support. it follows that any grant awarded should reflect this economic reality and that any grant awarded should be in proportion to the financial impact suffered by the parish council concerned.	Yes Melksham Town Council would prefer to be independent and would wish to return to the situation that existed prior to this punitive localised council tax support mechanism. In reality, given the system that has been introduced, the dependence on a grant is necessary in order to mitigate the increasing on MTC's already stretched financial resources and capability. Whilst the ideal scenario would be to dispense with reliance on a grant with immediate effect, the reality is that a phase out of 4+ years plus would be required to financially plan through the distress that grant withdrawal would create. However if central government funds are provided in the future to promote the delivery of services at a more local level then these should be made available to town and parish councils as appropriate.	Yes - both	The reality is that the size of increase necessary to mitigate the effects of withdrawal of the grant would be overly punitive for the local tax payer and probably untenable. Whilst a large increase in precept is likely to be required this year anyway, the preference would be to phase the financial effect of the withdrawal of a grant over the next 4+ years. However the ability to achieve this will inevitably be compromised by the introduction of any future capping proposals.	No	Whilst reserves could be called upon, the effect would be to create significant financial pressures that would inevitably lead to a dramatic reduction and realignment of the services and facilities provided. This would jeopardise our ability to fund ongoing and future projects to take Melksham forward and would, of course, severely compromise our ability to proactively embrace and progress the localism agenda.	The Town Council recognises the economic pressures that it will face over the next four years and, in that light, is critically analysing its expenditure and income streams as part of an ongoing "root and branch" review. However the Town Council is determined to promote its role at the heart of the community and recognises that, despite the efficiencies that may be achieved, a reduced budget may only be possible through a realignment and reduction of service delivery and facilities provided.	Melksham Town Council has exercised rigorous financial restraint in recent years and, through close financial control and critically examining expenditure and identifying and implementing efficiencies, has successfully managed to freeze its precept requirement in three of the last four years. The fact that Melksham Town Council has the lowest Band D precept of any comparable town in Wiltshire is testament to its desire to minimise the financial burden on the local tax payer and deliver services more cheaply. Melksham Town Council is committed to furthering the localism agenda but feels strongly that its financial independence and ability to provide services at the first tier of local democracy is undermined by the localisation of council tax scheme as introduced. Moreover the Town Council feels that if the Government's ambition is to promote initiative from town
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Melksham Without Parish Council	B. But need to compensate Parish / Town Councils for their loss.	<p>Comment: Councils should be supported to the same extent and this should therefore be in direct relation to their number of electorate; otherwise it all goes to the Towns and rural areas suffer. Last year, it was disproportionately distributed, see examples below. For example: 2013/14 Band D Tax Base after Adjustment for Benefits and Collection Rate for Melksham Town Council was 4,179.74 and for Melksham Without Parish Council was 2,760 and yet, the Town Council received a grant of £56,072.19 and the Parish Council a grant of £2,313.20. This a difference of only 1419.74 tax base but a hugely disproportionate difference in grant of £53,758.99. Looked at another way, for the Town Council £13.41 was given in grant per tax base but the Parish Council only received 84p per tax base. Example: Devizes Town Council had a tax base of 3,738.57 and a grant of £70,212.87 which equates to £18.78 per tax base. Poulshot Parish Council had a tax base of 142.54 and a grant of £454.40 which equates to £3.19 per tax base. Example: Trowbridge Town Council had a tax base of 9,352.50 and a grant of £197,842.68 which equates to £21.15 per tax base. Hilperton Parish Council had a tax base of 1,733.23 and grant of £21,648.04 which equates to £12.49 per tax base. Example: Calne Town Council had a tax base of 5,080.29 and a grant of £157,071.82 which equates to £30.92 per tax base. Calne</p>	Yes The Parish Council supports Town and Parish Councils being independent but not at the expense of losing grant funding. Could a contribution be made to Town and Parish Councils from the Business Rates in their area? Melksham Without Parish Council lost out greatly from the income that used to be funded from this source, as it has a large Industrial Estate at Bowerhill, within its Parish.	Melksham Without Parish Council wish to keep their independence and decide this for themselves. However, as a Council that lost out greatly last year we may look at a large increase this year to make up the loss; likewise if the grant was completely withdrawn.	No	The Parish Council's Reserves are specifically earmarked for projects and not for running costs.	No	The Parish Council has already severely reduced its Budget as a result of the loss last year.	Melksham Without Parish Council request that they are compensated for the loss they sustained last year (£7,451.50). This shortfall had to be cut from the 2013/14 Budget. The Parish Council lost out severely last year, unlike the majority of Town and Parish Councils. They are looking for compensation for the loss of the new houses in the Parish that they did not receive any money for as the grant was based on matching the previous year's Precept that obviously did not take into account the new houses built. From the "Difference between the differences" column in Wiltshire Council' Appendix ii "Wiltshire Council Lobbying on the 2013/14 draft financial settlement - Localisation of Council Tax Support on Parish Councils" document it clearly identifies that some Councils were much worse off than others last year. For our individual Parish Council we lost out completely on any new houses in the Parish that
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Mere Parish Council	B. The Parish Council feels it would be reasonable for Wiltshire Council to pass on the grant as reduced by the Settlement Funding Assessment – given Wiltshire Council's estimates, we calculate that for 2014/15 this would be an 18.2% reduction on last year's grant and that for 2015/16 it will be a further 26.8% reduction and for 2016/17 a further 7% reduction and for 2017/18 a further 7% reduction.	Yes	The Parish Council feels that all Town & Parish Councils should be supported to the same extent as it ensures that every council, large and small, will receive something, even if it isn't as much as last year.	Yes	In an ideal world Parish & Town Council's should be independent and autonomous with the ability to raise a precept as it sees fit in the knowledge that it is accountable to its electorate. However, with the threat of capping being introduced by the Coalition Government we may no longer have the luxury of being independent. Whilst a grant is still being submitted by the Government, on the understanding (if not legislated) that it should be passed on to fund parish and town councils, then that should be the case. Wiltshire Council should remember that they are expecting Parish & Town Councils to provide or supplement a lot of services that were, prior to the recession and cut backs, not expected of us. Here in Mere, we have taken on responsibility for the two car parks in order to stop the introduction of car parking charges. We have taken on responsibility for the public toilets in order to stop them being closed. We have taken on the transfer of two assets (a bowls club and a band hut)	If we receive no grant or a reduced grant we may feel it necessary to increase our precept by a larger percentage than we would like but I think it is unlikely that we would have the luxury of spreading this over the next four year due to the impending threat of capping. Some Parish & Town Councils are advocating large increases for 2014/15 in the probability that capping will be introduced before 2015/16. However, the threat of capping, if not introduced for 2014/15 is likely to be determined by the amount that Parish & Town Council's increase their council tax in 2014/15. In other words, if a large percentage of Parish & Town Councils increase their precepts by large amounts this coming year, then the Coalition Government will almost certainly introduce capping before the 2015/16 tax year.	No	In accordance with Audit Regulations (below), Mere Parish Council's reserves are set aside for specific purposes and for savings for future projects. Therefore, capping and a reduction in grant may result in the reduction of services, facilities, grants etc. (please see answer to 'C' above).	No		
Mildenhall Parish Council											
Milston Parish Meeting									Governance & Accountability for Local Councils: A Practitioners Guide 2010 (England)		
Milton Lilbourne Parish Council									Section 2.25 – As councils have no legal powers to hold revenue reserves other than those for reasonable working capital needs or for specifically earmarked purposes, whenever a council's year-end general reserve is significantly higher than the annual precept, an explanation should be provided to the auditor.		





Purton Parish Council	C. 100%	Yes	It seems fair to distribute the grant to all Parish and Town Councils equally.	Yes	Over 5 years	Yes	With the threat of Parish and Town Councils being capped then yes we would favour increasing the precept to compensate for this loss always assuming the cap did not come in before we could do this.	No	It would pose a serious challenge	No	We hope to be able to provide the same level of service and always strive to provide more, in order to do this we need to maintain our level of income, we try to keep any increases as low as possible.	We appreciate Wiltshire Council is posed with a difficult situation, one of many where money is concerned and through no fault of its own, but the same applied to P & T Councils. P & T Councils are, in the main, small organisations with little room to manoeuvre in terms of staff reduction, many already work from home, with minimal overheads and a good deal of voluntary work, it is difficult to see how some Councils would survive long term with less income. If for example Parish Council's cannot afford to provide necessary IT equipment in the future this will impact on Wiltshire Council in terms of communication and advancing technology, it will also hinder the devolution of services and may well put in jeopardy some services that have already been devolved.
Quidhampton Parish Council	B	Yes	The smaller parishes are affected in the same way and many can't afford the loss of this in one hit.	Yes	Grant to be phased out gradually	No	large increase, spread over minimum of 2 years.	No		No	Costs increase, Clerk's workload increases therefore budgets can't decrease. Many smaller parishes already work to a tight budget, they don't award large grants and therefore cutting the budget is not an option.	
Ramsbury Parish Council	C. Full grant in 2014/15	Yes	We think all should be supported to the same extent	Yes	Provided that there is no cap on the Precept, we would be prepared to see this happen over 5 years	Yes	We have no confidence that any four year has credibility when the rules of the game keep changing. We therefore favour an increase in Precept in 2014/15 to compensate immediately	No	Our reserves have been built up for specific projects in our community and not to compensate for any reduction in funding	No	We believe that our budget reflects a sensible on-going investment into our community. Our budget has effectively stood still for some years	The Coalition has made much of the importance of developing Localism and yet the unintended consequences of changes such as this undermine this stated aim

Redlynch Parish Council	C.Require 100% of our existing grant	Yes	All councils should be supported to the same extent.	No		No	We need the annual grant.	No	Due to current projects there are ear marked reserves and general reserves in place.	No	How are Parish councils expected to cope with less money when everything is going up? More and more is being delegated to Parish Councils which means expenditure is increasing at the goodwill of our Parishioners.	
Roundway Parish Council		Yes	The question is 'either' / 'or' therefore Yes / No is ambiguous and not appropriate. We feel all council should be supported to the same extent.	No			The question is 'either' / 'or' therefore Yes / No is ambiguous and not appropriate. To answer, in one lump sum in year 1	No		No	As of today, no plans	
Rowde Parish Council												
Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council	Although the Town Council has not yet had an opportunity to consider this matter formally, I believe that the view of most members is to encourage Wiltshire Council to be as generous as possible in making its grant towards Parish and Town Councils.		It would seem to be fairest to treat all Councils in the same manner as last year, ie all councils receiving some grant no matter how small, to do otherwise will appear decisive.	Yes	The Town Council has always supported the concept of being independent and wishes to return to this situation. It also understands however that this might best be achieved over a two or three year period to avoid large scale rises in precept in a single year.		The Council will need to look at its options but is likely to try a resolve the difficulty in the shortest time possible.		The real issue is not about the reserves. Whilst RWB has very healthy reserves, to use these is not sustainable if the revenue spend is continually exceeding the income. In the long run the Council must either increase the level of precept, or reduce its level of services.		No, the Council has maintained its level of precept for the past six years and was hoping to do so for the four years of this administration. This would be challenging enough given the effects of inflation but this additional strain, in our case about 9%, increases that challenge.	
Rushall Parish Council	C. No reduction in Grant as this is an issue between County Council and the Treasury.	Yes	The large Councils where the grant is concentrated have larger reserves and more opportunity to offset any shortfall. Small parishes have no reserves and have small precepts with little, or no opportunity to manage a reduction.	Yes	4 years, i.e.: by 2018/19.	Yes	We would have to increase by at least 18.2% and with the probability of a cap in subsequent years would have to compound the increase to offset the loss in the next 3 years to 2017/18.	No	We are a small Parish with a small percept and no reserves.	No	We have planned projects where the Parish Council has to contribute for shared funding otherwise the projects will not proceed.	

Salisbury City Council	B SCC recognises and greatly appreciates the support that Wiltshire Council has given to Wiltshire parishes to date. We also recognise that other pressures on WC's budget mean that this cannot continue 'as is' indefinitely. A progressive reduction in line with the reduction in the grant made to WC would clearly be the most reasonable outcome, so a phased reduction in grant would be preferred, ideally commencing with 20% in 2014/15.	Yes	Given the number and diversity of parishes within the WC area it would be administratively burdensome and unfair on WC to expect WC to assess the impact on individual parishes and make choices between them. So SCC considers that all parishes should be supported to the same extent.	Independence is a misnomer in this context, as parishes have no control over many aspects of collection of their precept or the determination of liability to pay it. They will never have such control. Whilst it has previously been in the background, parishes have always been dependent on central government funding to pay the precepts of those in receipt of various benefits. SCC would not give up receipt of any grant simply for the sake of independence. If grants are available our duty to our citizens means that we should accept them. However, SCC recognises that grants are unlikely to be available in the long term and will adapt to cope with their loss. A phased reduction over 3 to 5 years, in line with the anticipated reduction in central government funding, would be preferable.	As SCC has no controlling group it is not possible to state now whether SCC would favour a larger one-off increase or a phased adaptation. However the leader of SCC at this stage would prefer a single significant increase in 2014/15 to fully address this and other issues	In cash terms, yes, as a cap would not threaten SCC's solvency, but dealing with the issues combined would require significant changes to the capital programme and/or possible closure of services	No	The council elected in May 2013 has not yet set a budget for 2014/15 or beyond, but indications to date are that it is not expected that it will plan any overall reduction in its spending.	Salisbury City Council has recently written to WC requesting that a Community Governance Review be undertaken for the City. WC are aware that many of the larger settlements in Wiltshire have not had reviews for a considerable number of years and there are now a large number of very obvious anomalies, especially around Salisbury. A possible outcome of a review for Salisbury, if the most obvious anomalies were corrected, would be for the City tax base to increase back to the levels in place prior to the support grant re-assessment and would go a long way to resolving any grant shortfall for SCC (although possibly exacerbating the problem for neighbouring parishes), as well as ensuring that everybody directly connected to a settlement pays the same amount toward the services and facilities provided by that settlement.		
Savernake Parish Council	B. This would not be a problem if on the flip side it was made easier to access commercial revenue streams, bus shelter advertising, web site advertising, affiliation to name but a few		a "means" controlled approach would seem fair and appropriate.	Yes	Where a council can sustain, and demonstrate so, a revenue sufficient to support its activities it should be encouraged to do so. Phasing over 5 years would seem appropriate	Yes	drip feeding would seem more appropriate.	Yes	short term (3 or 4 years) yes, with additional revenue streams we could accommodate any cap long term	Yes	on the basis of taking advantage of other streams









Trowbridge Town Council	Having considered the three detailed options circulated on 22nd October which identified the impact on parish and town councils of a 20% cut, a 35% cut and a 100% cut, I respond on behalf of Trowbridge Town Council as follows: Trowbridge Town Council would be very happy if Wiltshire Council were able to deliver a level of grant support which reflected a cut compared to the grant paid in 2013/14 of only 20%, but appreciates that this potentially leaves a steeper hill to climb in future years, assuming that the grant will disappear completely in the future. Without some certainty as to what the grant levels would be in subsequent years over say a five year period with annual cash reductions of a similar amount to a 20% cut in the first year, then this would appear to be a less than sustainable option. Trowbridge Town Council		Trowbridge Town Council considers that whilst it may be justifiable to concentrate support on those councils where the impact is greatest, the overall effect of withdrawing grant from those parish and town councils with low levels of Council Tax Benefit claimants in the past would not significantly increase the level of support available to those with high level of past claimants nor would it significantly ease the burden for Wiltshire Council.	See above answer to Q A. Trowbridge Town Council would support a return to the financial independence parish and town councils benefited from for 119 years, but need the gradient of change to be managed over a period of years. Three years would seem appropriate, given the knowledge of future budgets we do and don't possess and the challenges we face during this council term of office up to 2017.		Trowbridge Town Council will be considering a number of options, which will include a larger increase in 2014/15, but no decision has been taken yet and will not be taken until we know the grant which will be paid by Wiltshire Council.	No		No		As Wiltshire Council are already aware, in many parts of the county, particularly surrounding some of our larger towns and cities, the parish boundaries do not reflect community identity and are long overdue a Community Governance Review (CGR). Further certainty regarding the future opportunities and challenges would be offered if Wiltshire Council were to complete a CGR and implement any changes prior to 2017. Say Wiltshire Council were to reduce the grants in 2015/16 by the same cash reduction as a 35% cut in 2014/15 (i.e. a year on year cut of 50%) and then withdrew the grant in 2016/17. This would be a greater cut than the anticipated level of cut in the SFA and would therefore enable Wiltshire Council to consider directing some additional funding to support asset and service transfer and partnerships with Town and Parish Councils in those areas. This would be a
Upavon Parish Council	B Most likely within estimated revisions C. Possible if (b.) cannot deliver -comment relevant for 2014/15 only	Yes	We agree with support to the same extent, so that any subsequent revisions upwards do not then perpetually distort future funding arrangements, however we are unsighted as to the specific effects for individual parish and town areas.	Yes		A large increase now is preferred, followed by incremental adjustments in subsequent years.	No	Our parish does not have sufficient reserves.	No	For several years our parish has kept its precept at a standard rate. It is also active in raising third sector funding for any capital project it proposes. It is our intention to keep our present expenditure at the current levels, irrespective of inflation.	Encouraging the sharing of services between parish councils where possible and/or appropriate.



West Knoyle Parish Council	B. The Parish Council feels it would be reasonable for Wiltshire Council to pass on the grant as reduced by the Settlement Funding Assessment – given Wiltshire Council's estimates, we calculate that for 2014/15 this would be an 18.2% reduction on last year's grant and that for 2015/16 it will be a further 26.8% reduction and for 2016/17 a further 7% reduction and for 2017/18 a further 7% reduction.	Yes	The Parish Council feels that all Town & Parish Councils should be supported to the same extent as it ensures that every council, large and small, will receive something, even if it isn't as much as last year.	Yes	In an ideal world Parish & Town Council's should be independent and autonomous with the ability to raise a precept as it sees fit in the knowledge that it is accountable to its electorate. However, with the threat of capping being introduced by the Coalition Government we may no longer have the luxury of being independent. Whilst a grant is still being submitted by the Government, on the understanding (if not legislated) that it should be passed on to fund parish and town councils, then that should be the case. Wiltshire Council should remember that they are expecting Parish & Town Councils to provide or supplement a lot of services that were, prior to the recession and cut backs, not expected of us. Area Board Grants that were previously approved for Parish & Town Councils are now refused on the assumption that they can raise the money through their precept. If we find ourselves in a situation where grant funding is ceased and we are capped, we may not be able to raise money through our precepts.	No	If we receive no grant or a reduced grant we may feel it necessary to increase our precept by a larger percentage than we would like but I think it is unlikely that we would have the luxury of spreading this over the next four year due to the impending threat of capping. Some Parish & Town Councils are advocating large increases for 2014/15 in the probability that capping will be introduced before 2015/16. However, the threat of capping, if not introduced for 2014/15 is likely to be determined by the amount that Parish & Town Council's increase their council tax in 2014/15. In other words, if a large percentage of Parish & Town Councils increase their precepts by large amounts this coming year, then the Coalition Government will almost certainly introduce capping before the 2015/16 tax year.	No	In accordance with Audit Regulations, West Knoyle Parish Council has reserves set aside for specific purposes and for savings for future projects. Therefore, capping and a reduction in grant may result in the reduction of services, facilities, grants etc.	No		
West Lavington Parish Council	C. a 20% year on year reduction to eventually nil	Yes - all to same extent		Yes	Yes, the Council does not want to be reliant, but the implications of withdrawal need to be managed also. 4/5 years to nil would soften the burden.	No	Spread over as long a period as possible	Yes		Yes		
West Tisbury Parish Council												
Westbury Town Council	C. £49,225 as for 2013/2014	Yes	Grant should be paid strictly pro-rata to the grant in 2013/2014.		The Council does not believe there is any loss of independence if in receipt of a grant.	No	The Council is not in favour of a large increase in Precept for 2014/2015.	No		No	The Council has no plans in place at the present time.	
Westwood Parish Council												
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Whiteparish Parish Council	B. By 20%	Yes	The same extent	No	If it had to – it should be achieved over 10 years.	No	Not favour a large increase - gradual increase over 4 years would be preferable	Yes	At present, but that may not be the case on the future.	No		

Wilcot and Huish Parish Council	A. Nil would be reasonable for us since the loss is small. For other councils we understand this will not be the case and so would only support a nil grant for those Parish councils where the effect is negligible	No		Yes	Four years, for us it makes little difference but for larger Parishes and Town Councils it will have a significant, detrimental effect on their communities for it to be reduced to quickly, in the long run this also has a negative effect on small rural communities like ours as well.	No	however our loss is very small and so we would not require a large increase in precept to compensate	No		No	It is small enough as it is, and we must cover the costs of our Clerk and administration, so to reduce it further would leave us very constrained indeed	
Wilsford cum Lake Parish Meeting												
Wilton Town Council	C The Town Council thinks that 25% would be reasonable	Yes	A. The Town Council was unanimous in stating that the grant should be spread out, and that all councils should be supported to the same extent.	Yes	A. The Town Council agreed that the Town Council should become independent again, and that this should be achieved over a period of 4 years.	No	No to a large increase in precept for 2014/15, yes to spreading the increase over the next four years	No	A. the Town Council has only the statutory minimum reserves.	No	The Town Council has no plans to increase or decrease its budget.	
Wingfield Parish Council	C. £195.94 as for FY2013/2014	Yes	Grant should be paid strictly pro-rata to the grant in FY2013/2014.	N/A	The Council does not believe that there is any loss of independence by being in receipt of a grant	No	The Council is not in favour of a large increase in the Precept for FY2014/2015.	No		No	The Council has no plans in place at the present time.	No further issues.
Winsley Parish Council												
Winterbourne Parish Council	A											
Winterbourne Stoke Parish Council	A	No	The practical impact on small parishes of small reductions in what are already small grants and precepts is very large, there should be a sliding scale in levels of support. The guiding principle should be equality of facilities and access to facilities for all and not cash equivalence per capita - which will always be skewed towards the larger parishes.	No	The practical impact on small parishes of small reductions in what are already small grants and precepts is very large, there should be a sliding scale in levels of support. The guiding principle should be equality of facilities and access to facilities for all and not cash equivalence per capita - which will always be skewed towards the larger parishes. Those parishes most sensitive to small financial changes in real terms are affected more than the larger parishes. There should be headroom to allow all parishes to apply for additional funding on the basis of extraordinary need.							



Zeals Parish Council	C. There is a basic "cost of democracy" which all councils' must bear. We would suggest that a minimum sum is guaranteed to all councils – say £750. Larger councils can more easily make up the shortfall through their precepts and other activities.	No	There should be a minimum base level of support for all councils with amounts above this dependent on adverse impact of the changes.	We are a small Council and would find it difficult to fund ourselves entirely from the reduced precept.	Yes	A large increase in 2014 – 2015 as we can lay the blame clearly on central government.		Only for a limited period.	Our budget is already extremely low; it would be very hard to reduce it further.	No
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