

Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Supplementary agenda no 2

A meeting of the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held on:

Date: 8 October 2015

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Civic Room - Level 2, Gun Wharf, Chatham ME4 4TR

Items

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This updated Appendix 3 to the report sets out the responses to date from the public consultation being undertaken.

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Localising Support for Council Tax – an update on consultation

1. Consultation Outline

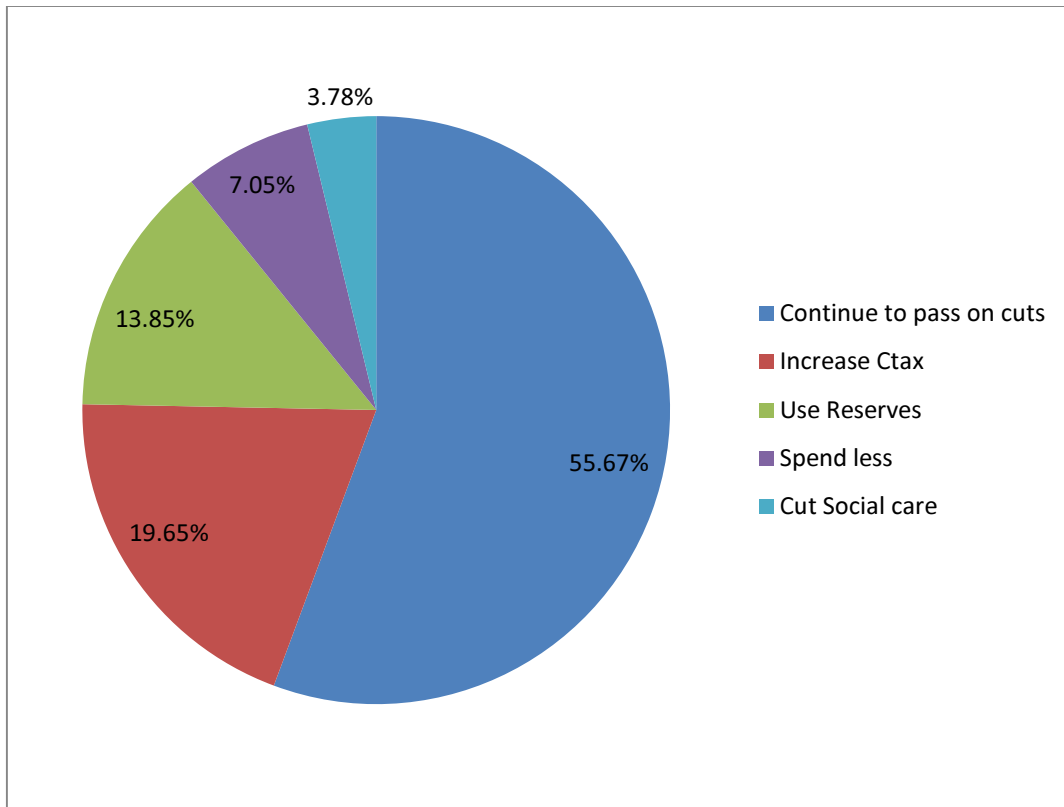
Activity	Distribution	Notes
Web pages	Medway.gov.uk/ctssurvey	Completed and set live 8 September. Up to date content which covers topic and has a link to an online survey; Carousel item; Reference on home page
Posters & Flyers	Key council venues and outlets	Completed w/e 11 September
Direct Mail	Letter to 2400 current council taxpayers not in receipt of CTRS & 600 CTRS claimants	Landed on doormats w/e 18 September
Partner Views	E-mail to housing associations, welfare & advice organisations, support groups	Completed w/e 18 September
Just 4 You	Medway Council staff	Homepage link carousel updated 30 September
BS O&S Committee		8 October 2015

2. Response rate to date (as at 5 October 2015)

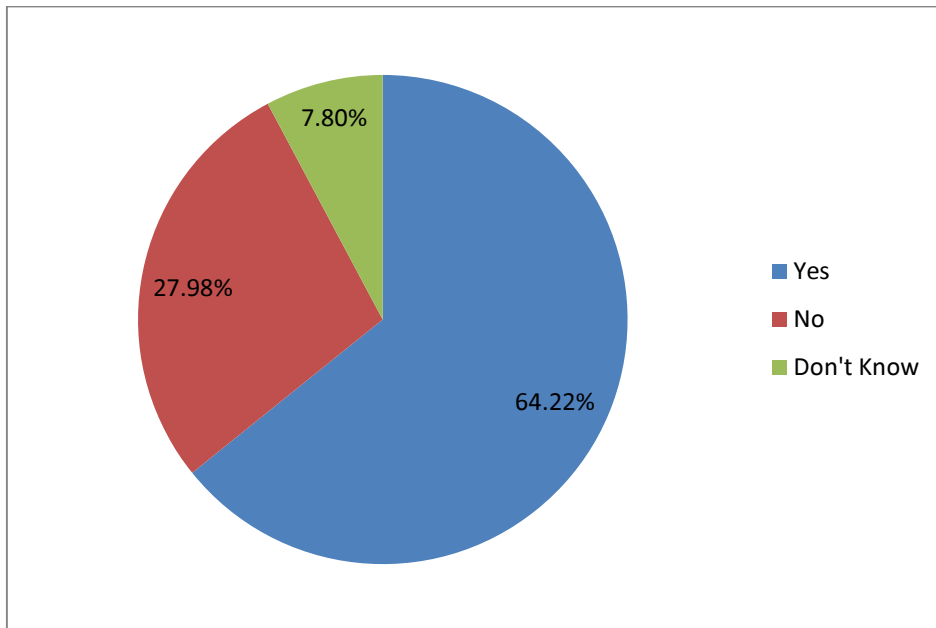
- 377 replies in paper format
- 39 replies through website
- 26% of respondents consider themselves as having a long-term illness, health problem or disability limiting their daily activity

3. Respondents views (as at 5 October 2015)

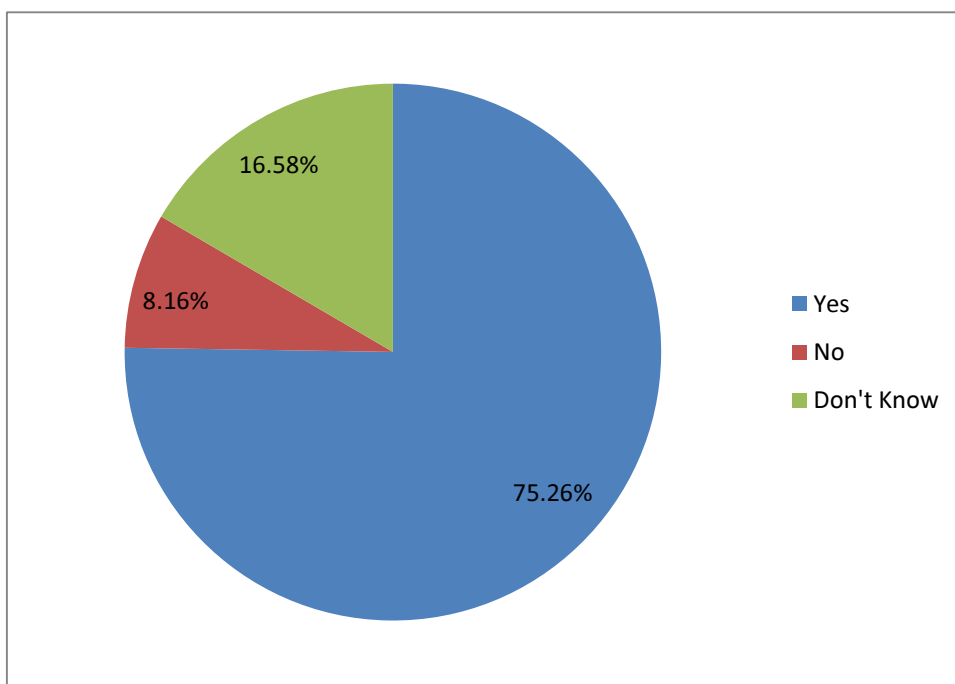
Q1 Thinking about the proposals for the 2016-17 Council Tax Reduction Scheme which option should the Council choose to deal with the reduced funding from Government? **397 replies**



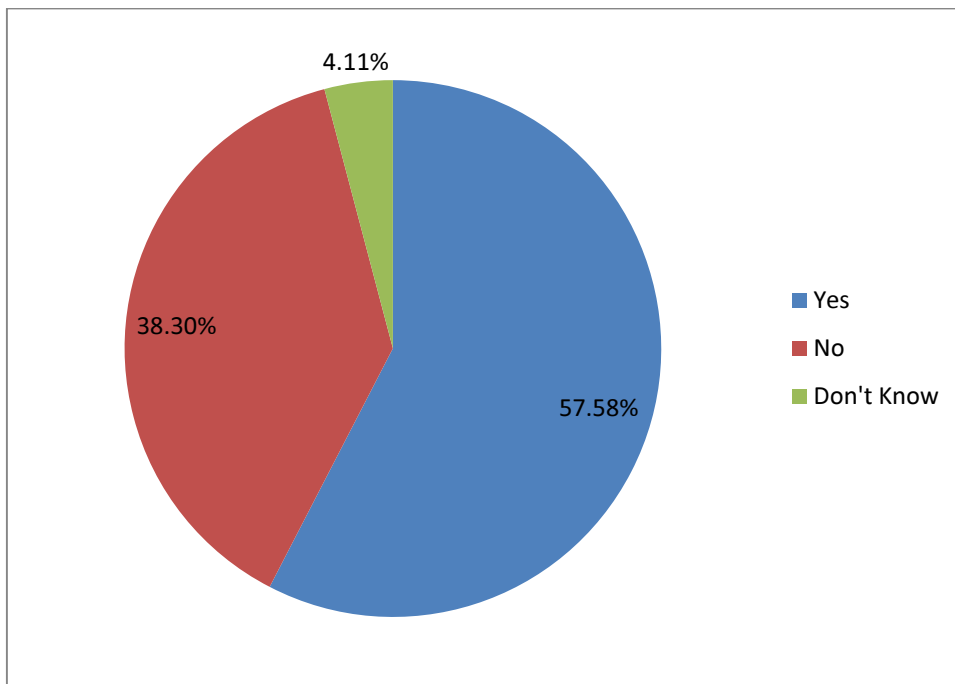
Q1a Do you think it is right to change the maximum amount of council tax reduction that may be awarded? **218 replies**



Q2 Do you think it is right that the earnings of an employed person should be attributed over the period they were earned? **380 replies**



Q3 Do you think it is right to extend the assistance available to people during their transition to work? **389 replies**



Q4 56.2% respondents male, 40.2% female, 3.6% preferred not to say.

Q5 Respondents by age

16-24	11 2.9%
25-34	25 6.6%
35-44	55 14.6%
45-54	67 17.8%
55-64	87 23.1%
65-74	75 19.9%
75 and over	57 15.1%