

Council Tax Support Consultation 2020- have your say

The council is consulting on a change to its council tax support scheme. The scheme offers a means tested reduction in council tax for those on low incomes.

We want to know whether you agree or disagree that the council should reduce the minimum payment for working age claimants of council tax support by 2.5% over two years, so it will reduce by 1.5% in 2020/21 and by a further 1% in 2021/22. If you are of state pension age, you are not affected by the proposal.

Practical example:

A household of two or more people in a Band A property must pay £1,278.50 in council tax. If the household is on income support and can claim the full amount of council tax support, then the amount they currently pay reduces to £223.74.

Under the proposal, assuming no change in the full council tax due for Band A properties, by 2021/22 the household will pay 2.5% less i.e., the amount due will go down by £31.96 to £191.78. It is important to note that the full amount of council tax due is likely to increase from current levels in future years. If council tax rose by, for example, 3% each year, the amount payable where there was maximum eligibility for council tax support would be as follows.

| | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Full bill amount payable (Band A property) | £1,278.50 | £1,316.86 | £1,356.37 |
| Council Tax Support claimant: percentage of bill payable | 17.50% | 16% | 15% |
| Council Tax Support claimant: amount due | £223.74 | £210.70 | £203.46 |

In order to implement the proposal, the cost to the council is estimated to be about £26,000 a year by 2021. However, the cost of this will be met by a Council Tax premium, charged on properties which have been empty long term.

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1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to reduce the minimum payment that must be paid in council tax?

Yes

No

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Please use this box to provide optional comments:

2. Do you currently claim council tax support in the borough of Burnley?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

To help us analyse the results of this survey by the different groups within the borough, we would very much appreciate you providing the following details. Please note these details will ONLY be used for analysis purposes. Individuals are NEVER identifiable in completing this survey.

3. Are you...?

- Male
- Female
- Other (please specify)

4. What best describes your ethnic origin?

- White or White British
- Asian or Asian British
- Black or Black British
- Other (please specify)
- Mixed or multiple heritage
- Chinese

5. In what year were you born? (enter 4-digit birth year; for example, 1976)

The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as: A person has a disability if s/he has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

6. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes

No

7. Are you a primary carer to someone with a long-term physical or mental health issue?

Yes

No

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