



## Council Tax Support Consultation 2022- have your say

The government has given local councils like Burnley Council the power to set their own council tax support policy. The Government did this to:

- Give local councils a greater stake in the economic future of their local area,
- Give local councils the opportunity to reform the system of support for working age claimants,
- Reinforce local control over Council Tax, and
- Give local councils a financial stake in the provision of support for Council Tax.

There are currently 9,869 households claiming Council Tax Support in Burnley; 2,936 (30%) are pensioners and 6,933 (70%) are working age. Pensioners are protected under government legislation and continue to receive Council Tax Support at the same level as they did under the Council Tax Benefit rules, up to a maximum of 100%.

Working age claimants previously on full Council Tax Benefit currently receive up to a maximum of 85% subsidy on their bill and are being asked to pay a minimum of between £161 for a single person and £215 per year for a standard bill for a Band A property (15%). Information held confirms that 71% of taxpayers in this category are paying their Council Tax on time with the remainder collected through our normal recovery processes over a longer period.

The Council is seeking public opinion on providing a temporary increase in the level of subsidy provided to working age claimants, from a maximum of 85% to a maximum of 100%, for the 2023/24 financial year. It is proposed that the level of subsidy returns to a maximum of 85% from 2024/25.

[The report to the council's Executive provides further information and can be downloaded here. \(will open in new window\).](#)

Your feedback is anonymous.

1. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to provide a temporary increase in the level of subsidy provided to working age claimants, from a maximum of 85% to a maximum of 100%, for the 2023/24 financial year. The level of subsidy will then returns to a maximum of 85% from 2024/25.

- Yes- I agree
- No- I disagree

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