

Call for Written Evidence

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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Q1: Please tell us a little about yourself

Forename Alan
Surname Morrison
Title (e.g. Mr/Ms/Mrs/Miss/Dr) Mr
Address 1:

Q2: Would you be happy to be approached by the Commission for further discussion about your submission? Yes

Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing? an urban area

Q4: I am responding as an: An individual

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Q5: You have indicated that you are responding as an individual. Do you agree to your response being made available to the public on the Commission's web site? Yes

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Q6: If you have agreed to your response being made available to the public, please tell us if we may also make your name and address available.

Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

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Q7: You have indicated that you are responding on behalf of an organisation. The name and address of your organisation will be made public on the Commission's web site. Are you content for your response to also be made available?

Respondent skipped this question

Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 6: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Q10: CURRENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL TAX: To what extent does the current system of council tax deliver a fair and effective system of local taxation in Scotland? Are there any features of the current system that you wish to see retained or changed? Please illustrate your answer with any examples from your own experience.

Everybody in Scotland has a choice of which level of purchase they want e.g. buy a loaf at £1 or one at £1.50. This all depends on their level of income they have. The council tax takes no consideration of income. Everybody has to pay the same council tax, in whichever band they are in, irrespective of their income. Many people who are now retired, have had a large dip in their income. They don't have the money they had whilst working. So to pay for the council tax, something has to go. Do they eat less, do they heat less, or do they downsize from a house which was a family home for many decades? Also, the only council services they use now that they are elderly, is to have their bins emptied and the street light switched on.

Q11: REFORM OF LOCAL TAXATION: Are there alternatives to the current system of council tax that you think would help to reform local taxation in Scotland? What are the main features of these, and why do you think they would deliver improvement? Do you have any examples of why this is the case?

After people retire, they should pay perhaps only 50 - 75 % of the council tax band in which they are in.

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Q12: LOCAL PRIORITIES: How well do you think that communities' local priorities are accounted for in the way that local taxation operates at the moment? If there is room for improvement, how should things change? Do you have any ideas or examples about how this could improve people's lives?

Council tax should first of all be spent on the basics, Get them right before spending money on art or grants . After the streets are cleaned up to a vastly higher standard than they are at present , particularly here in Glasgow, after the pavements and roads are improved, then if there is money left over, spend it on the arts of grants.

Q13: FURTHER INFORMATION: We would like to keep the conversation going. Please tell us about any events, networks or other ways in which we could help achieve this.

Don't know