

Call for Written Evidence

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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 available, but not my name and 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?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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.
It collects in an equitable manner
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?
Freezing of the Council Tax should be ceased. Elected Local Representatives would then be required to identify priorities, set levels of local taxation, deliver services and in turn be accountable to their electorate. Currently with the freeze Local and Central Government hide behind and blame each other. In addition Central Government sets priorities which may or may not coincide with local priorities.
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?
Local Priorities are too much aligned with Central Government which means they reflect local priorities by chance or not at all. The Council Tax Freeze should be removed
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.
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