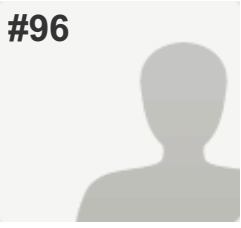


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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

**Q1: Please tell us a little about yourself**

**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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<p><b>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?</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p><b>Q8: Which of the following best describes your organisation?</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p><b>Q9: Please provide a short description of the main purpose of your organisation.</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

PAGE 6: TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>Present system is totally unfair; should be based on value of property and re-assessed regularly eg every 5 years. elderly people on a small fixed income, living in large expensive family homes. should have some form of rebate available.</p>	
<p><b>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?</b></p>	
<p>A tourist tax should be introduced; this will not deter visitors to Edinburgh but will help to ameliorate the effect that thousand of visitors has in our city; Other capitals and cities have this and it is not a problem for the visitor. A small percentage of residents benefit from the tourist trade - a lot more suffer from lack of street cleaning for exmple, during the tourist season as staff are focussed on the city centre.</p>	
<p><b>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?</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>