

Call for Written Evidence

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

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

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**Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing?** a rural area

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**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?**

*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.**

I think that it would be fairer if appeals against present banding are not time barred particularly in relation to the purchase of a Local Authority property by a sitting tenant. Many council residential properties have much higher council tax bands than they should have.

In my own experience our house is in Band C but all the figures relating to valuation etc placed it in Band A. However as there had been no change of responsible person within the stated time period there was no right of appeal.

Disappointing and very expensive.

**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?**

As a follow on from my previous answer to Question 1. Council Tax Appeals by householders should not be restricted by time etc.

**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?**

In this area I think the council tax has been well organised and used sensibly and fairly.

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**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.

Sending information to Community Councils perhaps?

**PAGE 7: Additional information if you are responding as an individual**

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