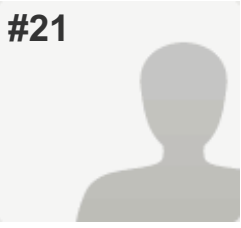


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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Q1: Please tell us a little about yourself

Name of Organisation (if appropriate)

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?

don't know / not applicable

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.

The present system is very unfair as people's houses do not reflect their finances.

Since the coalition removed the right to complete payment of council tax for the most vulnerable the poorest people have become poorer

I think the whole system needs to be changed to one based on a local income/land tax.

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 stated above, I think that the fairest solution is a local income tax as ability to pay is paramount.

A few people own huge tracts of Scotland - why should they not be taxed on it?

I understand that the council tax on Buckingham Palace is less than on a modest Scottish house. Can this be fair?

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?

Why not set aside a proportion of local taxes and ask people how it should be spent?

The referendum has done a lot for local democracy. Public meetings can be held at which people can decide how a proportion of tax might be spent to improve their local area. For instance with local communal orchards and other local food-growing initiatives.

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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.

Twitter, obviously.