

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? a rural 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?

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 do not think it is at all fair. It is a property tax, not based on ability to pay. As a pensioner couple on a fixed income we pay as much as local families with 5 working adults.

The system would be fairer as a local income tax based entirely on ability to pay. Assistance should be available for families on low incomes as is current practice now.

The valuation of properties is neither up to date nor does it take into account personal circumstances.

Pensioners living alone on low fixed incomes can find paying council tax difficult especially if they have lived in a family home for many years

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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?

I am not sure I have the answer to this question. In areas of deprivation I presume the needs of communities are greater than the budget available. Funding to local councils should be based on local need rather than simply on available funds.

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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.

Respondent skipped this question

AGE 7: Additional information if you are responding as an individual

Call for Written Evidence

Q23: What is your ethnic group? Choose one section from A to F, then select one box which best describes your ethnic background or group

A WHITE	B MIXED OR MULTIPLE	C ASIAN, ASIAN SCOTTISH OR ASIAN BRITISH	D AFRICAN	E CARIBBEAN OR BLACK	F OTHER ETHNIC ORIGIN
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What is your ethnic group?

Other
British