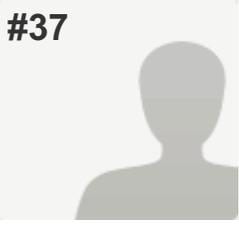


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**Q2: Would you be happy to be approached by the Commission for further discussion about your submission?** Yes

**Q3: Do you consider yourself or your organisation as from or representing?** an area with both urban and rural parts

**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

<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>

<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>It cannot be fair as our son earns more money than me and pays only circa £70 a month council tax in the same council area as us and we pay over £200 a month. Why is it assumed that as our house is larger that we have a larger disposable income and should pay more council tax than he does? We have a larger mortgage debt so that seems to entitle us to pay more council tax. It makes no sense and is just a simple system to catch whoever lives in a particular house.</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>Either a local income tax or a system whereby the money is collected as part of the tax system generally.</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>Surveys online on priorities like this one</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>Contact public sector workers eg north ayrshire employees all have email addresses through survey monkey to get their views on council tax changes. This survey was hard to find unless I went through the bbs news article on it. Not many people will find it easily unless they go through that link. An unfortunate situation. Do the same with trade unions and moneysavingexpert website they have millions of followers ie any well known well accessed website.</p>