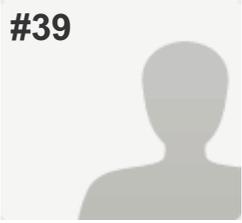


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PAGE 2: RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Q1:

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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?** an area with both urban and rural parts

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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.**

It is totally unfair as it takes no account of the earnings that go into a residence.  
A home with one earner or no earners pays the same amount in Council Tax as a neighbouring property where there may be two or three or more earners.  
The Poll Tax got a bad name but was fairer in principle than the present system.

**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?**

Local income tax with a fixed percentage taken from that collected through HMRC income tax or paid on the same basis  
with State pensions and every kind of benefit included as income.  
Every single individual should contribute something  
then every single individual would have an interest in finding out how the money was spent,  
e.g. on Councillor's expenses and pot hole rairs.

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**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?

No, there is no real accountability.

Local elections receive very little interest because most people are even more sceptical and cynical about local councillors than they are MPs and MSPs.

As MPs expenses are more closely scrutinised than in the past,so councillor's allowances and expenses should receive much more scrutiny.

**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.

On-line newsletters or things put in local libraries, but not involving local councillors who are mostly perceived as corrupt and self-serving