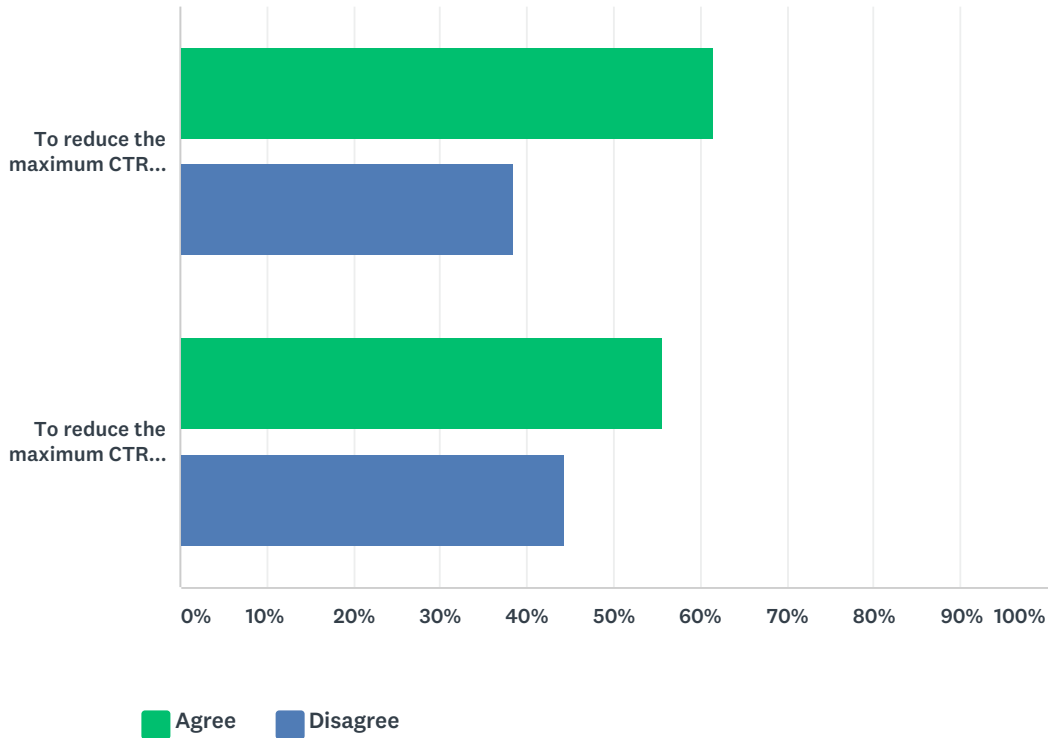


Q1 Currently, the maximum Council Tax Reduction available, for working age residents (who are not classed as severely disabled) is 88% which means that each household pays a minimum of 12% of their bill. This is dependent on a means-test outcome which is very similar to the previous Council Tax Benefit Scheme. Please state if you agree or disagree with the following options being considered:

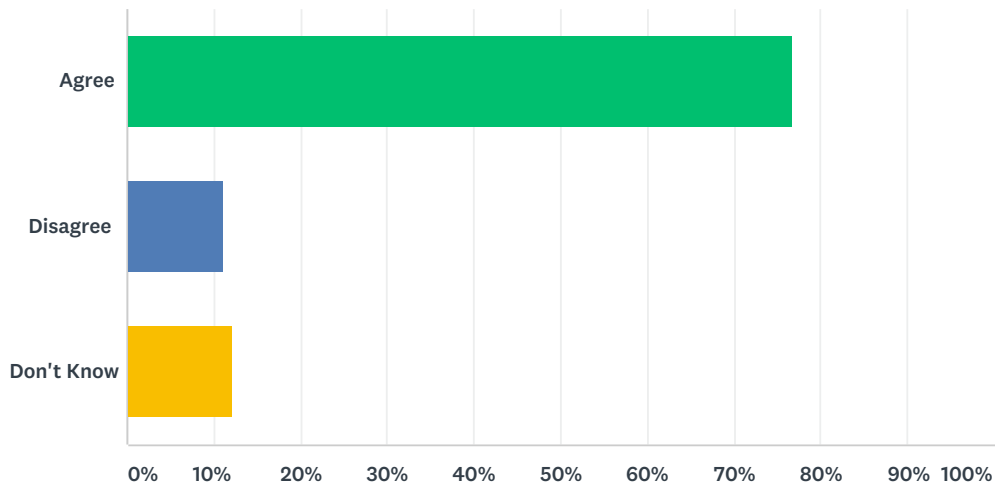
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
To reduce the maximum CTR allowed to 80% (each household pays a minimum of 20% of their bill)	61.50% 123	38.50% 77	200
To reduce the maximum CTR allowed to 84% (each household pays a minimum of 16% of their bill)	55.63% 89	44.38% 71	160

Q2 Currently, the maximum Council Tax Reduction available, for vulnerable working age residents (who are eligible for the severe disability premium) is 95% which means that each household pays a minimum of 5% of their bill. With changes to Universal Credit allowances, some of this group may lose their entitlement to the severe disability premium, but receive some transitional protection in their Universal Credit. To ensure that the scheme continues to support vulnerable, disabled residents, the Council is proposing a change to the criteria for this group to include claimants who receive any transitional protection regarding the loss of premiums under Universal credit. Do you agree or disagree that the criteria for the vulnerable group should be reviewed in order to ensure that those currently in the vulnerable group do not lose out when they migrate to Universal Credit?

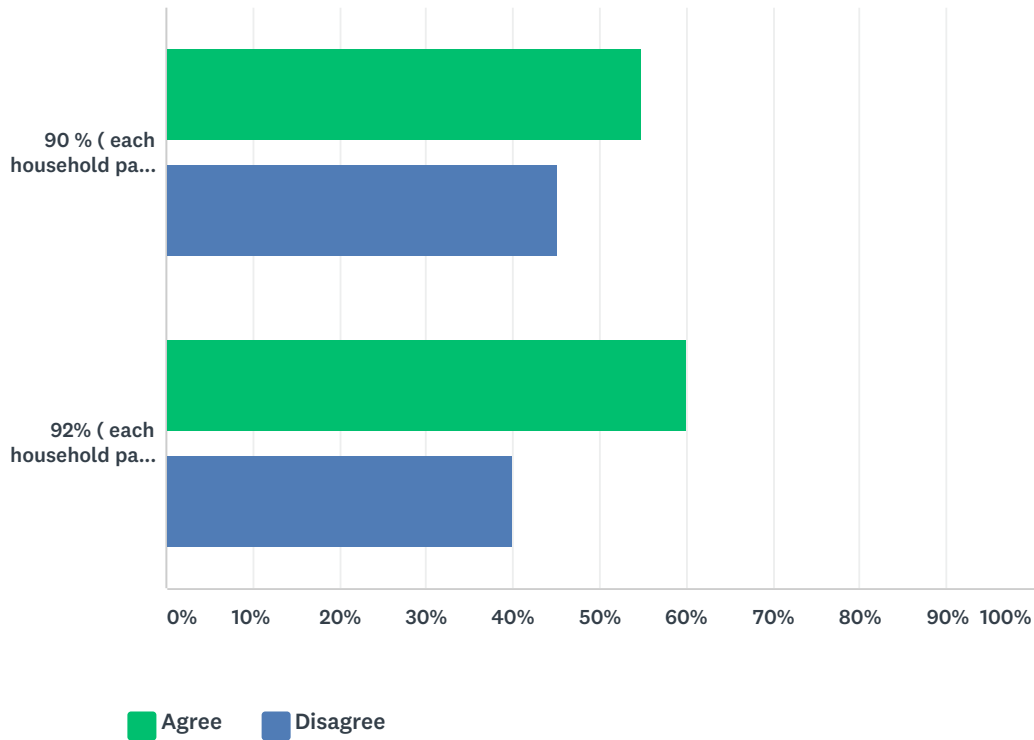
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	76.74%	165
Disagree	11.16%	24
Don't Know	12.09%	26
TOTAL		215

Q3 Please state if you agree or disagree with the following other options being considered for the vulnerable group; To reduce the maximum Council Tax Reduction allowed (currently 95%) to:

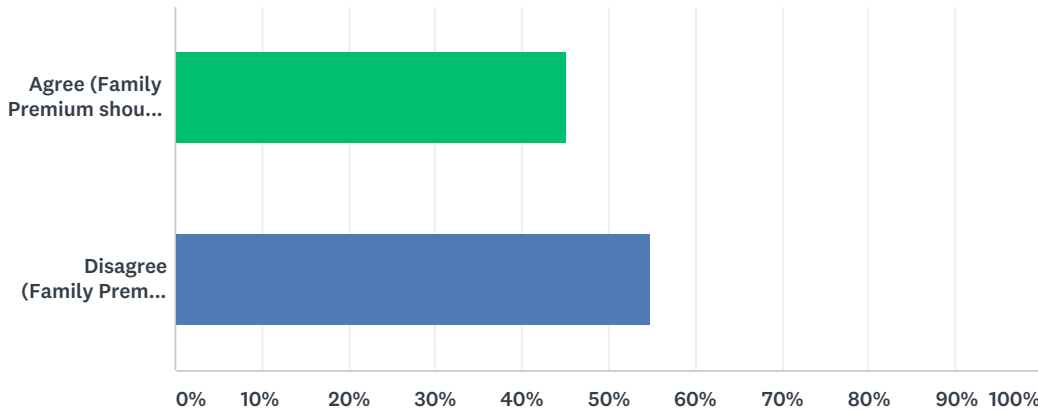
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	AGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
90 % (each household pays a minimum of 10% of their bill)	54.89% 101	45.11% 83	184
92% (each household pays a minimum of 8% of their bill)	60.14% 89	39.86% 59	148

Q4 The Government previously allowed an extra allowance for families with children called a Family Premium. The Government has ended this Family Premium in Housing Benefit and other benefits including Universal Credit but the Council has kept it as part of the CTR scheme. This is worth up to an extra £3.49 per week in the calculation of Council Tax Reduction. Please state if you agree or disagree that this extra Family Premium should remain within the CTR scheme?

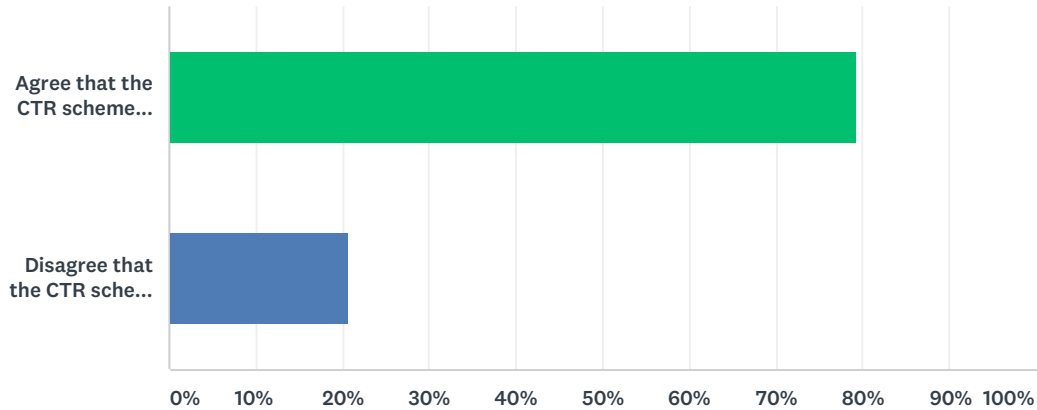
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree (Family Premium should be kept in the CTR Scheme)	45.15%	93
Disagree (Family Premium should be removed in line with other benefits)	54.85%	113
TOTAL		206

Q5 In Housing Benefit and CTR, both child benefit and child maintenance is fully disregarded when income is totalled up to work out entitlement. Do you agree or disagree that the CTR scheme should still fully disregard this income for families?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree that the CTR scheme should still fully disregard this income for families	79.21%	80
Disagree that the CTR scheme should still fully disregard this income for families	20.79%	21
TOTAL		101

Q6 If you disagree, please indicate what percentage of these benefits you think should be disregarded

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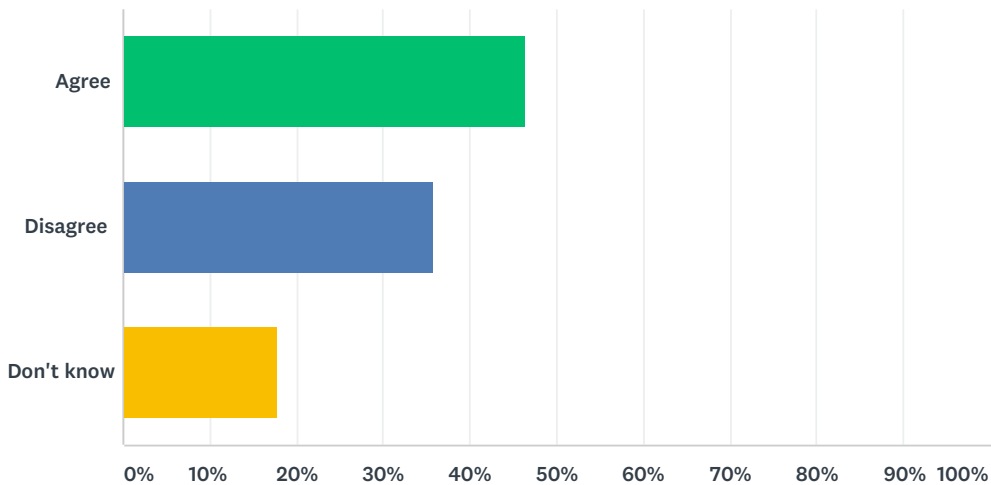
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Child Maintenance - Please enter % you think should be disregarded	95.65%	22
Child Benefit - Please enter % you think should be disregarded	100.00%	23

Q7 One proposal is a discount scheme based on household type. This would award a flat rate percentage discount to those households in receipt of Universal Credit (UC), Tax Credits(TC), Jobseekers Allowance(JSA), Income Support(IS) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA). Each rate awarded would be based on the household type. The current vulnerable group (severely disabled) would automatically be placed in band 1. Those households with a resident, adult non-dependent may have a further reduction in support. Band

Household type	% CTR Discount (Illustrative)	Estimated number of households
Vulnerable - severely disabled(with Severe Disability Premium or Transitional protection of this premium in UC)	92%	832
Household with dependent children and receiving maximum UC,TC,JSA,IS or ESA	84%	1216
Households with no children receiving maximum UC,TC,JSA,IS or ESA	80%	1370
All other households with dependent children, not on maximum UC,TC,JSA,IS or ESA	55%	576
All other households with no children, not on maximum UC,TC,JSA,IS or ESA	50%	184

Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to introduce a similar discount scheme?

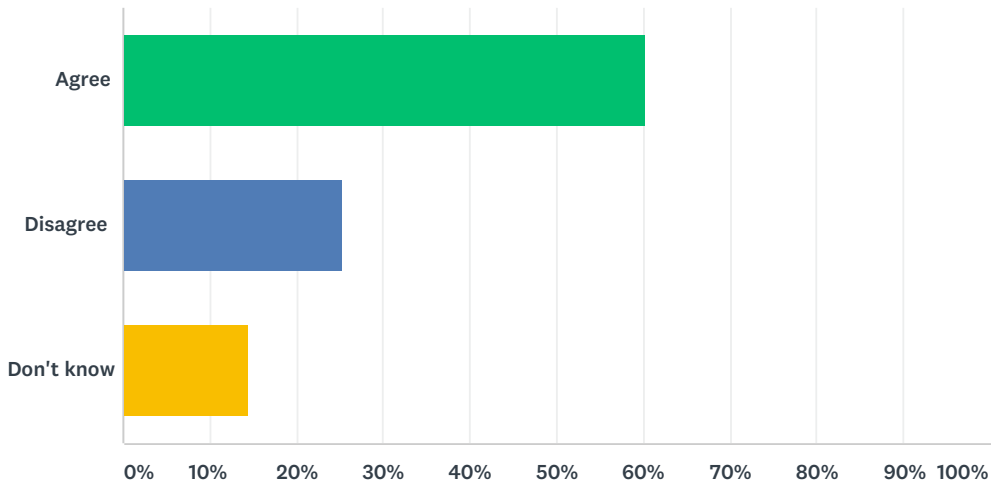
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	46.43%	91
Disagree	35.71%	70
Don't know	17.86%	35
TOTAL		196

Q8 The second proposal being considered is still a means-tested scheme but which places claimants into Income bands and awards a flat rate of CTR according to the income band they fall into. Those households with a resident, adult non-dependent may have a further reduction in support. An example of this may be; Income Band Income between; Estimated number of households % CTR Discount(Illustrative) 1 £0 to £120 per week 3702 87% 2 £120.01 to £175 per week 129 65% 3 £175.01 to £250 per week 126 45% 4 £250.01 to £325 per week 119 30% 5 £325.01 to £400 per week 94 20% Do you agree or disagree that the Council should consider implementing an income-banded CTR scheme

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	60.20%	121
Disagree	25.37%	51
Don't know	14.43%	29
TOTAL		201