

CTR Consultation – comments

<p>1. “Stop wasting money and stop charging people anything if they are eligible. I am sure though you will use the withdrawal of funding to increase what you make the vulnerable pay”</p>
<p>2. “What difference will it make? There’ll only ever be one winner and it won’t be the council taxpayer”</p>
<p>3. “Bassetlaw district is one of the highest chargeable council tax in the U.K. I agree that the lower income households should be able to pay a lower tax band and if the Government is to pay less funding so where will the shortfall come from? Let’s see, households above the threshold will again pay more on their council tax for bad roads and uneven pavements etc.”</p>
<p>4. “Lets hope so. People shouldn’t be in properties if they can’t afford them”</p>
<p>5. “Nearly 8 million quid. That’s about the amount Bassetlaw lost in the Icelandic bank crisis isn’t it? Now our Councils are investing their pensions in fracking, whilst professionals say it’s a bad idea but the politicians are giving it the green light. Talk about a crisis looming and a conflict of interest”</p>
<p>6. “What a fantastic idea. Let’s remove money from unemployed and disabled so that able-bodied and employed people can spend more on their mobile phones”</p>
<p>7. I heard that many properties are held back from sale for financial gain. Such action increases the Housing shortfall and stops new owners from paying Council tax in full. So why not discontinue the empty property discounts unless the property is made available to the council for short term housing.</p>
<p>8. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the proposals for Council tax Reduction. Agreed to q4 provided transitional protection is granted where appropriate ie, the review of criteria goes ahead.</p>

<p>9. Income disregards. These benefits should cease when child reaches 15yrs old as they are able to contribute to family income by getting a Saturday job.</p>
<p>10. I think I would come into income band 4 or 5. I would be willing to have my discount reduced to 20% if it means that the money saved by myself and others is used to improve care services for the elderly, e.g care in the home and provision of care homes. At present I need neither but others do and are not adequately provided for.</p>
<p>11. As a receiver of "Council tax Reduction" in Bassetlaw, I received the invite to fill out online consultation which I found very confusing and stressful. I for one cannot afford to continue living where I do. I am hoping that there will continue to be some kind of reduction. Being physically disabled I'm in the support group of ESA. It's stressful enough having to deal with ESA and PIP departments of the DWP without having to worry about if I can still afford to live where I do in 6 months time. I appreciate that everyone has to face cut backs, but targeting the disabled, who are already having to live on a shoestring & plan forward so to afford a bread loaf mid week is scraping the bottom of the barrel.</p>
<p>12. Agreed to max 20% contribution. Gradually to be increased to 30% in next 2 years. Also income band 2 should be 75% and 3 should be 50%.</p>
<p>13. Q8- Don't know. This is specialised knowledge- although BDC have fulfilled their obligation to consult- I suggest most of us are laymen when it comes to this area of expertise. The only decision that could be made was to slightly increase the level of contribution claimants are making Q3.1 Q4.3 in order to try and spread the task of making some savings to fit into the reducing budget.</p>
<p>14. Q8- Band 4 and 5 should not exist as on higher rate of pay than O.A.P</p>
<p>15. As a BDC Council Tax payer, who works full time (both my partner and I), the cost of living, including rising Council tax, is going up each year much more than our wages. When the council considers it's</p>

Council Tax rise this year, please also consider us families who pay everything and the struggles we also have, to make ends meet.