

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHANGES TO COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

Harrow Council is proposing to make changes to its Council Tax Support scheme.

After reading the consultation booklet, please answer the questions in this leaflet so you can help shape the new scheme.

Return to us at:

Harrow Council, PO Box 730, Civic Centre,
Harrow, HA1 2DU or complete online at
www.harrow.gov.uk/ctsconsultation

29 July-22 September 2019



To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

1. An income banded scheme should be introduced into Harrow's Council Tax Support scheme

- Strongly Agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

2. The income bands should be set so more help is given to those with lower incomes than those with higher incomes

- Strongly Agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why

3. In the box below please give any other comments you have about the level you think the bands should be set at and comments about the household groups that are included in the proposed banded scheme?

4. While we have proposed to use gross earned income to calculate entitlement, we could use net earned income instead. This would allow us to take into account deductions for tax, national insurance and some pension contributions. Do you agree that we should use net earned income instead of gross?

- Strongly Agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Don't know

If you have said you tend to disagree, or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

5. The number of non-dependant deductions should be reduced from five different deductions according to income, to one single deduction regardless of income at a rate of £7.00 a week

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

6. The Universal Credit notification issued to the Council by the Department for Work and Pensions should be treated as a claim for Council Tax Support

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

7. For working age people, it is proposed that only those in receipt of Universal Credit should be eligible for Council Tax Support

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

8. Transitional protection should be offered to those in receipt of Universal Credit and Council Tax Support in Harrow as at 31 March 2020 who will see a reduction of 10% or more to their Council Tax Support entitlement.

Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Neither agree nor disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tend to disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

9. The rate of transitional protection offered to those set out in the proposed scheme should be at 50% of the reduction in Council Tax Support as at 1st April 2020 for the first year

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| Strongly Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tend to agree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tend to disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you have said you tend to disagree or strongly disagree, please tell us why and what you think we could do instead

10. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about these proposals or any alternative options you would like us to consider?

11. If you think the proposals will affect particular groups or individuals more than others, please give your view on this below stating what you think the impacts will be and how you think we may address these

Other comments

Do you have any other comments about the proposals or information in the consultation document?

About you

Does your name appear on the Council Tax Bill for your household?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Does your household receive Council Tax Benefit?

- | | |
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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Don't know | <input type="checkbox"/> |

EQUALITIES MONITORING

Please help us know more about who is responding by filling in the questions below.

Please indicate your age group

Under 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-54	<input type="checkbox"/>
55-64	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 65	<input type="checkbox"/>

How would you describe your ethnic origin?

White British/Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
White other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black or Black British	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Asian or South Asian British	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Asian or Asian British	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed race	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other ethnic group	<input type="checkbox"/>

What is your religion or belief?

No religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu	<input type="checkbox"/>
Muslim	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agnostic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jain	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are your day-to-day activities significantly limited because of a health problem or disability?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
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What gender are you?

Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual/Straight	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian/Gay woman	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gay man	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pagan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Atheist	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sikh	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Thank you for taking part