

Appendix 1B - Town and Parish Council Consultation responses to LCTS scheme 2017/18 options

Town & Parish Council	Comments
Newport	At a meeting of Newport Parish Council held on 11th September it was resolved that Newport Parish Council rejects any changes to the current scheme and could not give support to any amendments.
Ventnor	<p>The Town Council's resolution in Minute 104/17 of its meeting of 11 September states: It was proposed by Councillor Stewart Blackmore, seconded by Councillor Billy Hill and unanimously resolved that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) none of the options set out in the consultation be supported; and ii) the Isle of Wight Council be informed that, notwithstanding its predicted Budget deficit for 2018/19, savings that affect only residents on low incomes are unacceptable.
Bembridge	<p>Bembridge Parish Council fully appreciates the difficult situation the Isle of Wight Council is facing with budget cuts and ongoing austerity measures being passed down from Central Government.</p> <p>However the Council Tax reduction scheme is in place to assist those most in need and therefore we disagree with the approach to reduce the support any further from the scheme for 2018/19.</p> <p>The Parish Councillors may wish to respond to the detailed survey on an individual basis as it proves difficult to gain a consensus for every single option</p>
Shanklin	<p>At last week's Town Council meeting members discussed the consultation. Members understand the need the reduce the cost of the scheme but do want to see residents disadvantaged, and feel there needs to be a safety net in place for those most in need</p>

Niton and Whitwell Parish Council

With regard to the consultation and the attached letter from Mr John Metcalfe, Niton and Whitwell Parish Council has resolved that it is not in favour of any further reduction of support for the scheme

Calbourne Parish Council

1. I have read the background information about the council tax reduction scheme.
Yes ☐
2. Should the council keep the current council tax reduction scheme?
(Should it continue to reduce council tax for eligible claimants in the way and to the extent that it does at the moment?)
Yes ☐
3. If yes, please provide suggestions of how the Isle of Wight Council could reduce other services to contribute towards the £19m shortfall over the next three years.
The Isle of Wight artificially limits second homes. These should be taxed at the MAXIMUM allowed by Government
4. If no, what changes to the current scheme would you suggest? None
5. Do you agree, or disagree with the principle of reducing the maximum level of CTR support from 80% to either 75% or 70%?

Yes, agree to 75% Yes, agree to 70% ☐
6. If you disagree with option 1, what alternative would you propose?
SEE ANSWER 3
7. Do you agree with option 2?

☐ Yes, agree

8. Do you agree, or disagree with the principle to set a minimum level of CTR support at £2 or £4 per week?

Yes, agree – £2 per week Yes, agree – £4 per week

10. If you disagree with option 3, what alternative would you propose?

See Answer 3

11. Do you agree, or disagree with the principle to round up non- dependant deduction levels to the nearest £1 or £2?

Yes, agree to nearest £1 Yes, agree to nearest £2

12. If you disagree with option 4, what alternative would you propose?

See answer 3

13. Do you agree, or disagree with the principle of bereavement benefit changes?

Yes, agree No, disagree ☐ Don't know

14. If you disagree with option 5, what alternative would you propose?

15. Do you agree, or disagree that there should be an increase level of council tax?

Yes, agree ☐ No, disagree Don't know

16. Why do you agree, or disagree that there should be an increase level of council tax?

Calbourne Parish Council does not want a referendum but the Council thinks that the higher priced properties should not finish at Band H.
There should be more Bands above H to cover the higher valued Island properties.

17. Do you agree, or disagree we should find savings from cutting other council services?

☐ Yes, agree No, disagree Don't know

18. Why do you agree, or disagree we should find savings from cutting other council services?

Suggest the following:-

- ☐ Cuts in Corporate Items
- ☐ Cuts in supporting Tourism the industry should pay it is no longer a Council Service
- ☐ All Department Heads should be working on their 2018-19 Council Budget from a true Zero Base and not just adding a % its surprising what can be saved and there are no hidden pots.

19. If the council were to choose these alternative options to make savings, what would be your order of preference? (Please select the option you would most prefer to happen)

Option 1: Increase level of council tax Option 2: Reduce funding available for other council services

Both of the above options will apply as money is needed for Social Care