

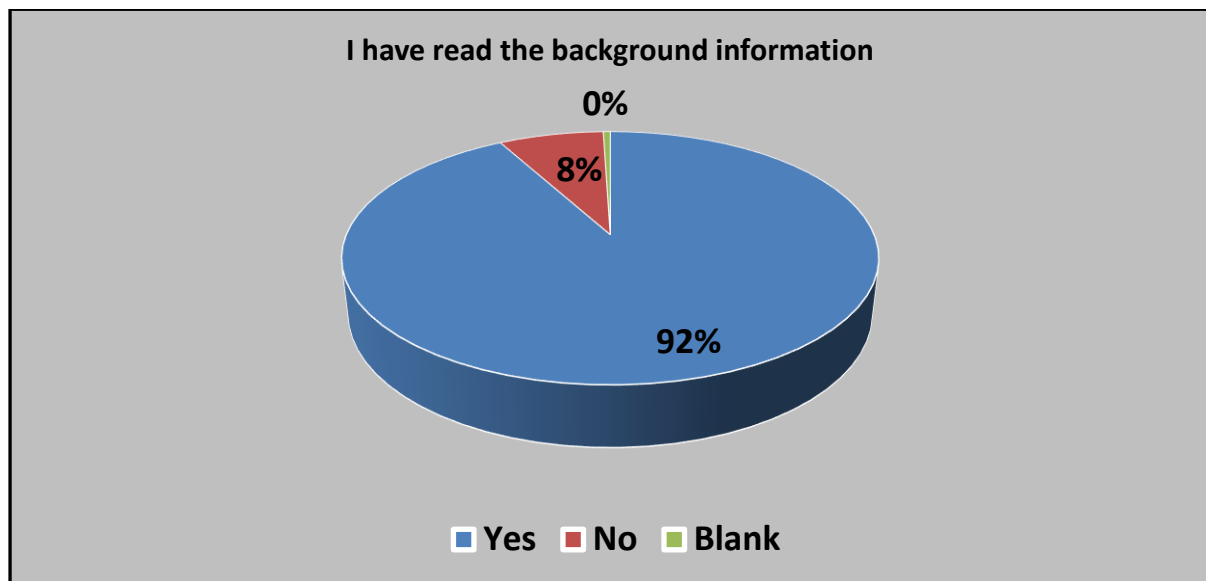
APPENDIX 1

Results from the IWC Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation 2020/21

The above consultation was undertaken between 10 June 2019 and 5 August 2019. On completion, a total of 199 responses had been received. The charts below detail the responses received for each question asked of the participants.

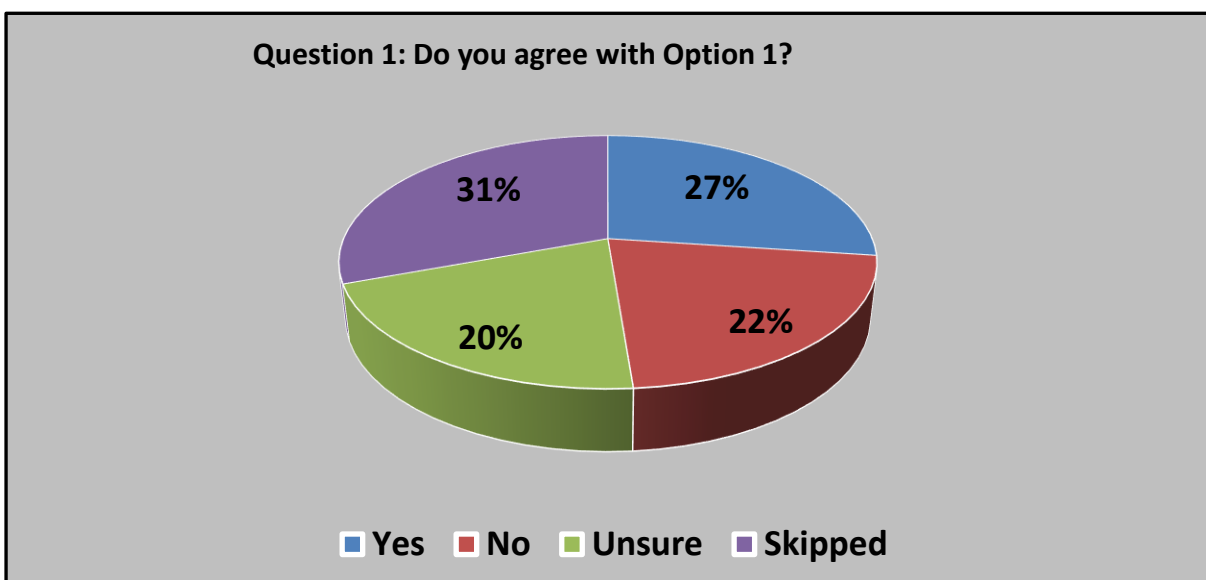
I have read the background information about the Local Council Tax Support scheme.

183 respondents indicated that they had read the background information about the Local Council Tax Support scheme, which equates to 92% of participants. 16 participants (8%) either did not read the background information before completing the survey or left this question blank.



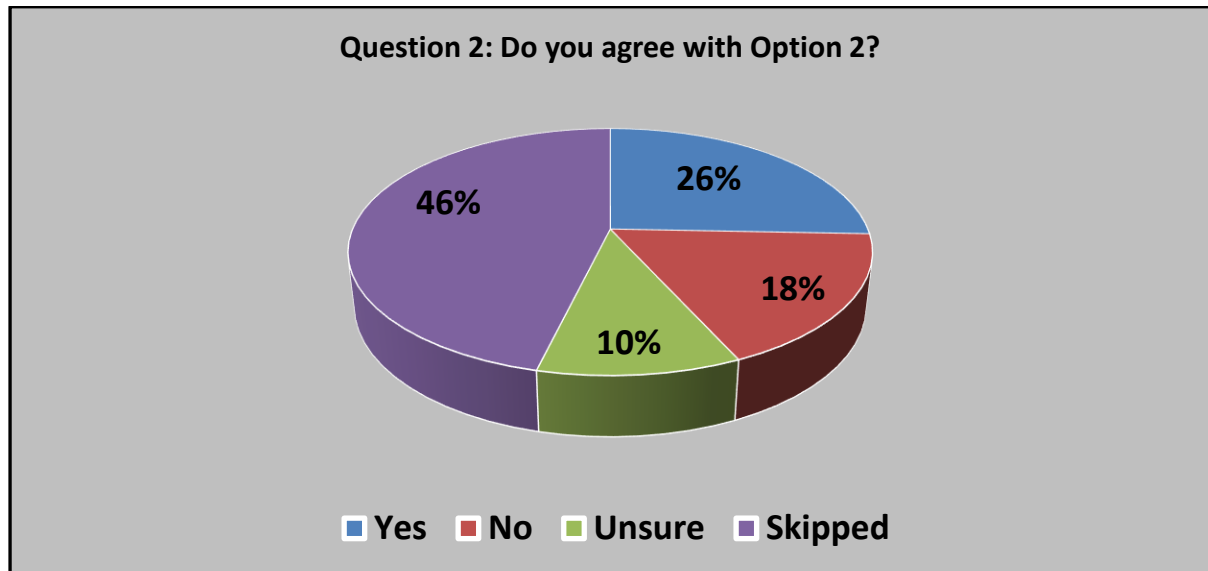
Question 1: Do you agree with Option 1?

54 of the consultation participants (27%) indicated that they agreed with Option 1 – the introduction of an 'income grid' scheme to replace the current scheme for all working age applicants, as proposed by the Isle of Wight Council. 43 participants (22%) did not agree with this option and 41 (20%) of participants responded that they were unsure whether they agree. 61 participants (31%) skipped this question.



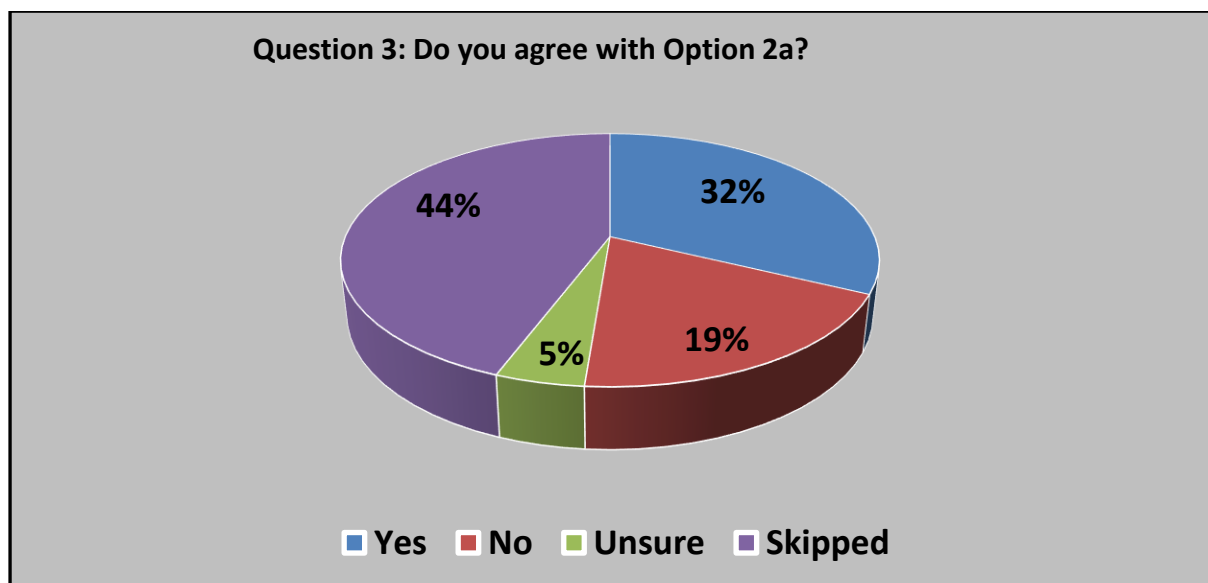
Question 2: Do you agree with Option 2?

Of the 199 participants, 51 agreed with Option 2 - the introduction of an 'income grid' scheme with additional factors to replace the current scheme for working age claimants, which equates to 26% of the total number of participants. 35 participants (18%) indicated that they did not agree with Option 2, and 21 did not know whether they agreed, which represents 10%. 92 participants (46%) skipped this question.



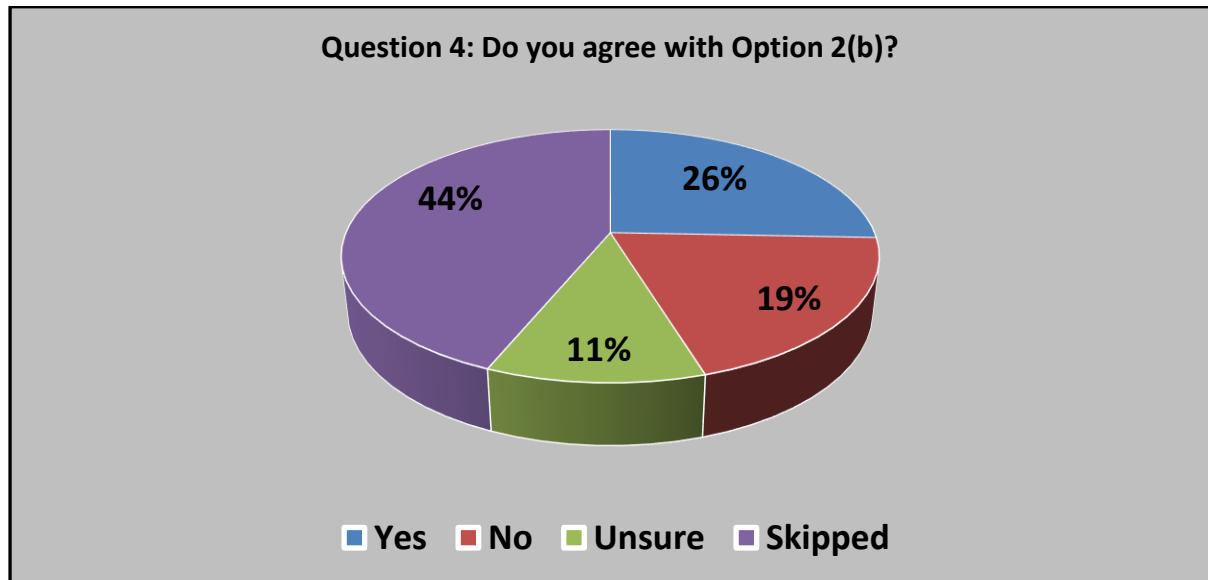
Question 3: Do you agree with Option 2a?

64 participants indicated that they agreed with Option 2a - to disregard Carer's Allowance which is currently taken into account as income, which was 32% of the total. 38 respondents (19%) did not agree with Option 2a, and 9 respondents (5%) did not know whether they agreed. 88 participants skipped this question which represents 44% of the total participants.



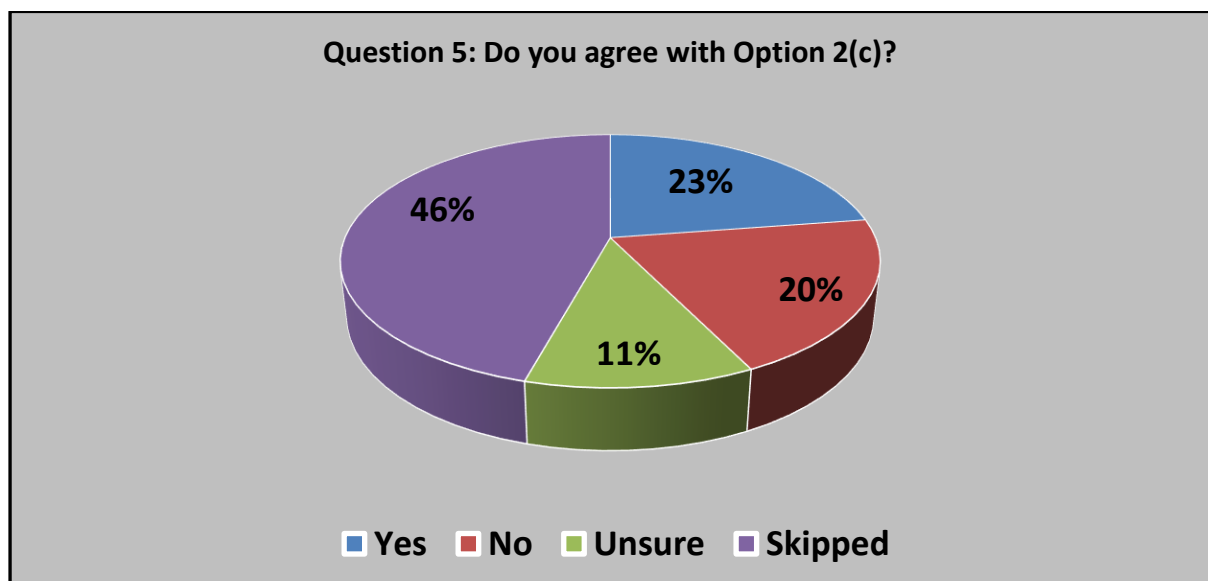
Question 4: Do you agree with Option 2b?

Of the 199 participants, 51 agreed with Option 2b which represents 26%, and 39 (19%) did not agree with this option - to remove the current earnings disregards and replace them with a standard £25 disregard irrespective of a person’s circumstances. 22 respondents stated they did not know whether they agreed with Option 2b, which equates to 11%, 87 participants (44%) skipped this question.



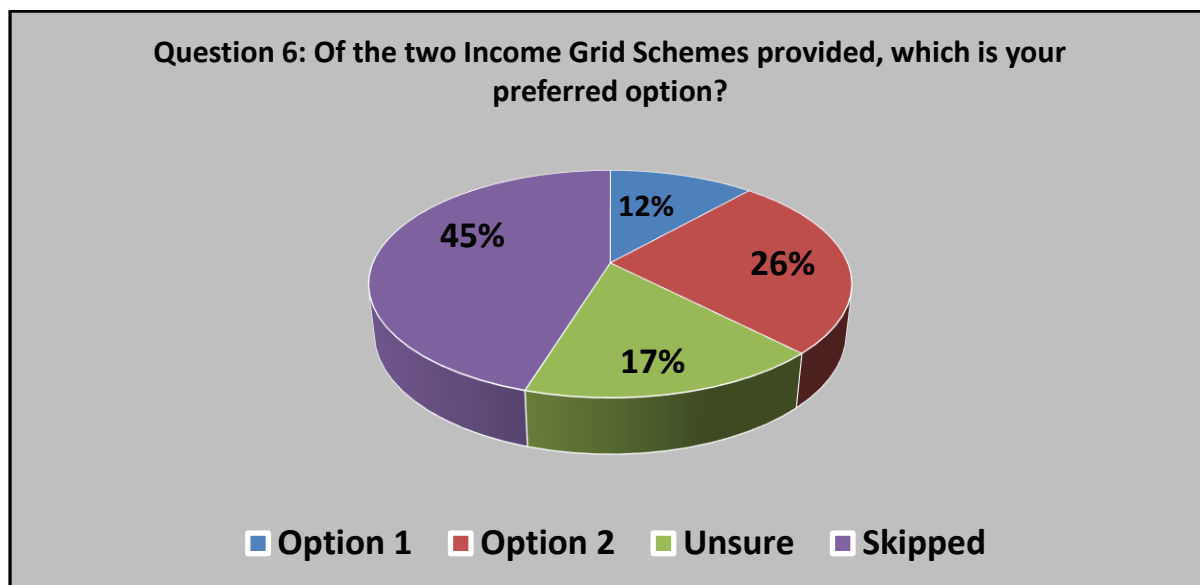
Question 5: Do you agree with Option 2c?

Option 2c proposes to remove the current Non-Dependant Deduction rates and replace them with a standard deduction of £2 per week for each non-dependant living in the household. 45 participants (23%) agreed with this option and 40 indicated they did not agree which represents 20% of the total respondents. 23 participants (11%) did not know whether they agreed with this option, and 91 respondents (46%) skipped this question.



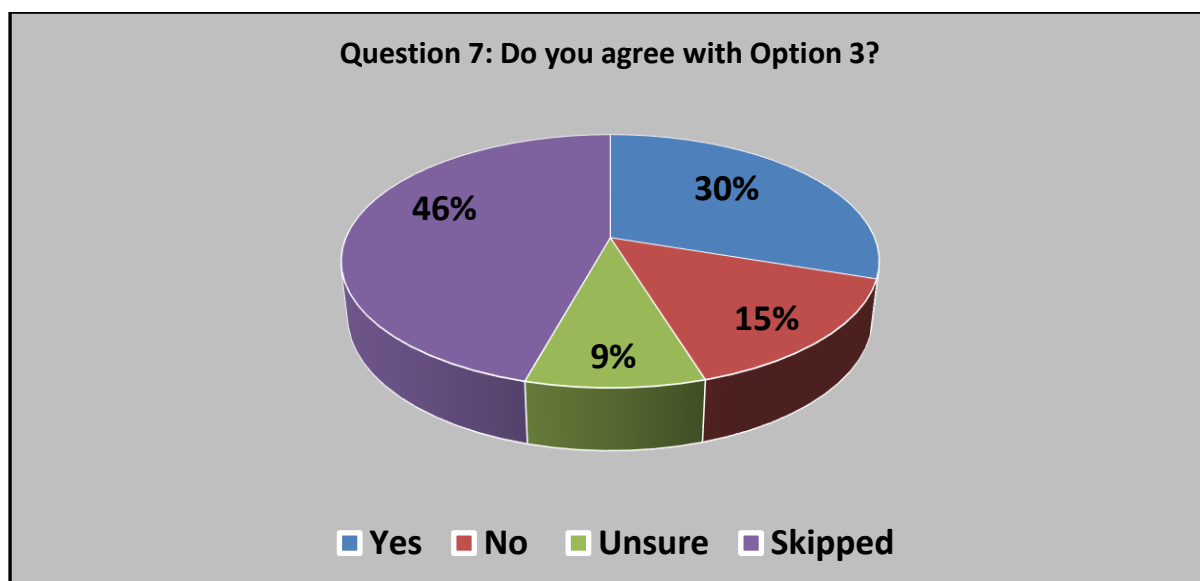
Question 6: Of the two 'income grid' schemes provided, which is your preferred option?

Of the 199 participants, 23 respondents indicated that they preferred Option 1 which corresponds to 12%. Option 2 was the preferred option for 52 participants which amounts to 26% of the total, and 34 respondents (17%) did not know which their preferred option was. 90 participants (45%) skipped this question.



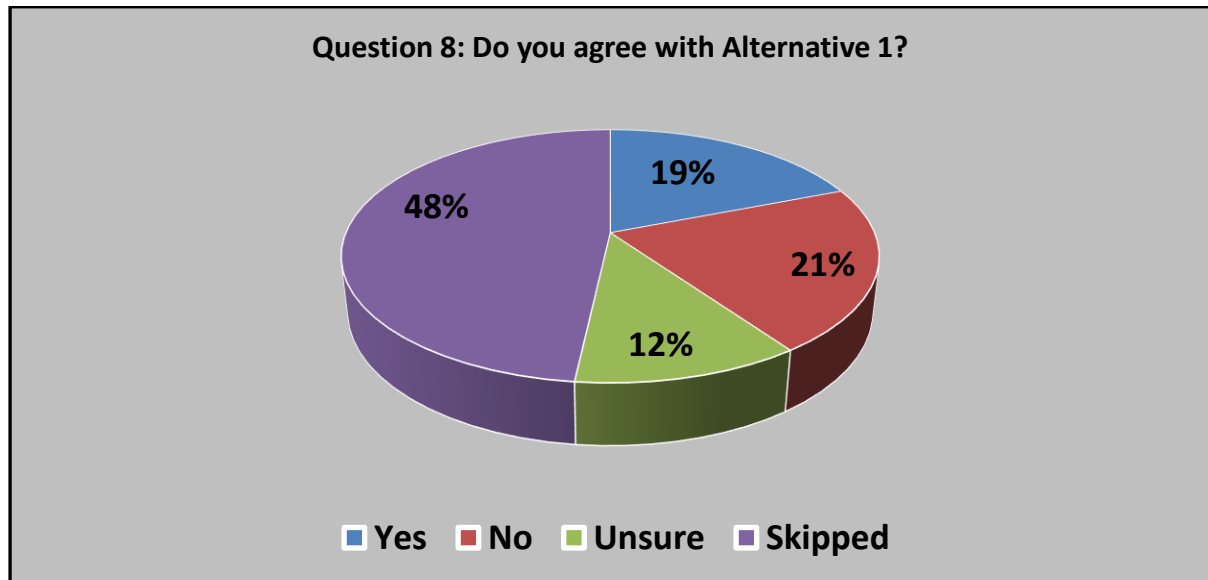
Question 7: Do you agree with Option 3?

60 contributors (30%) agreed with Option 3 which proposed to disregard any payment made under Infected Blood and Thalidomide Regulations in full, whereas 30 participants did not agree with this option which equates to 15% of the total number. There were 18 respondents (9%) who did not know whether they agreed with Option 3, and 91 participants skipped this question which totalled 46%.



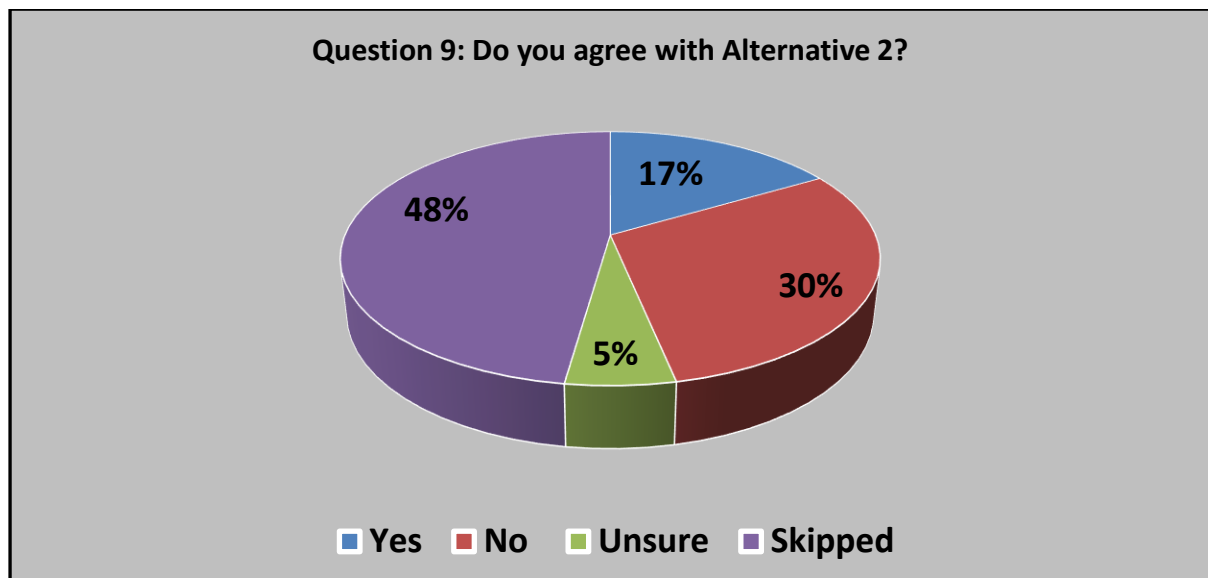
Question 8: Do you agree with Alternative 1?

Alternative 1 proposed to keep the scheme as it is currently. Of the 199 participants, 38 agreed with Alternative 1 which represented 19% of the total number of respondents. 42 (21%) stated that they disagreed with Alternative 1, and 23 respondents (12%) indicated that they did not know whether they agreed with this alternative. 96 contributors skipped this question, which equates to 48% of the total number of participants.



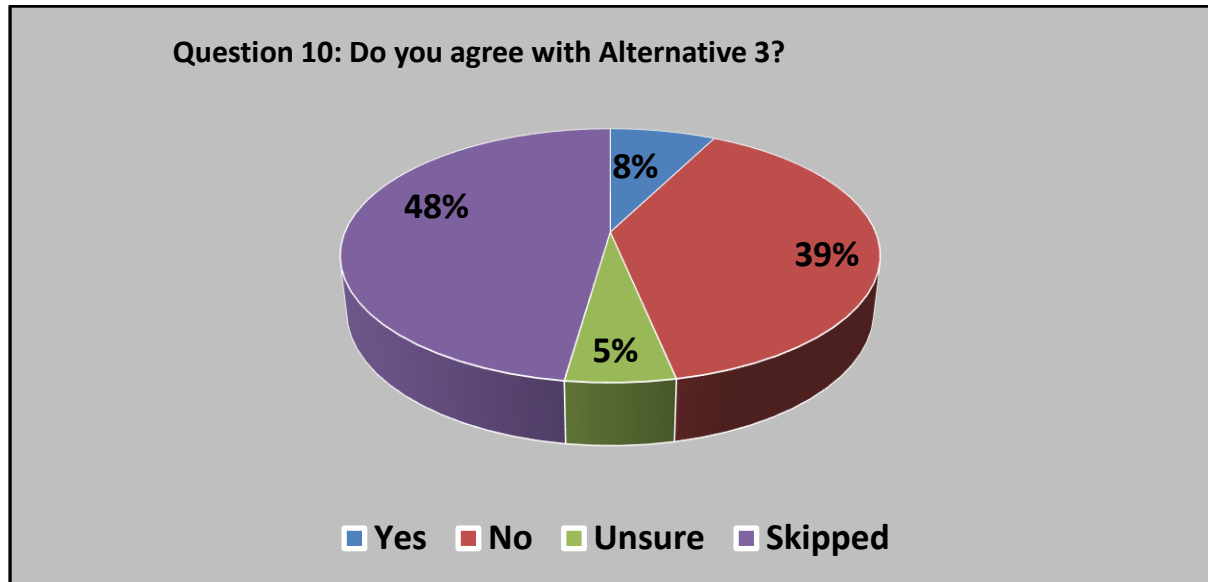
Question 9: Do you agree with Alternative 2?

33 respondents (17%) indicated that they agreed with Alternative 2 – reducing the maximum level of support to 60 per cent or 65 per cent, whereas 60 contributors (30%) disagreed. 11 participants (5%) did not know whether they agreed with this alternative, and 95 participants skipped this question which relates to 48% of the total.



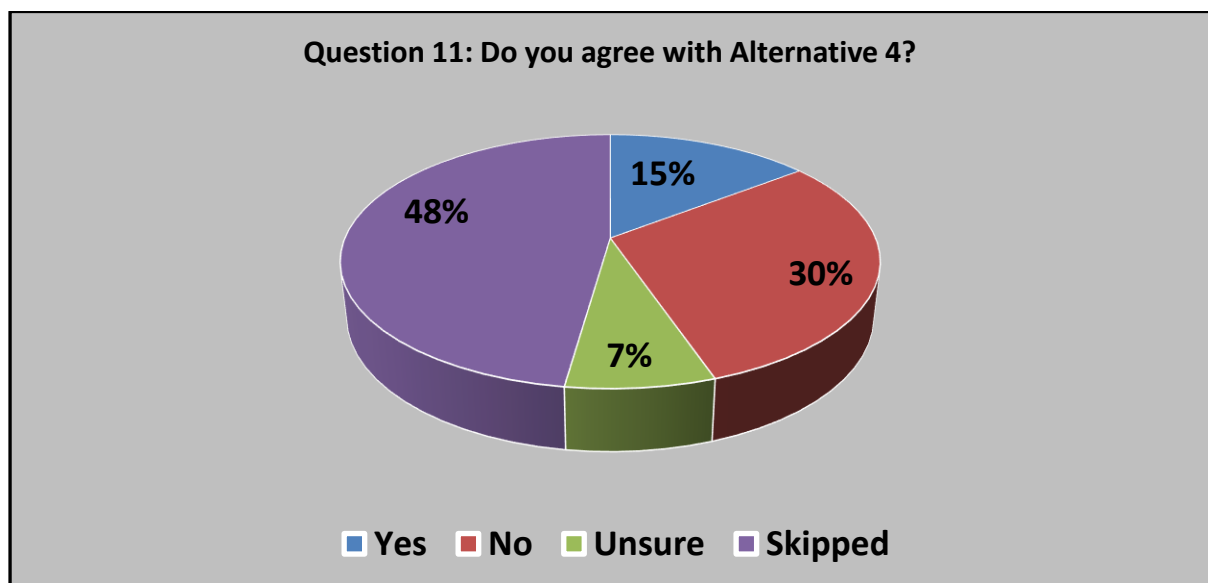
Question 10: Do you agree with Alternative 3?

Alternative 3 detailed increasing the level of Council Tax. Of the 199 respondents, 15 stated that they agreed with this alternative which represents 8% of the total participants. 78 participants (39%) did not agree with Alternative 3, 11 (5%) did not know whether they agreed, and 95 respondents (48%) skipped this question.



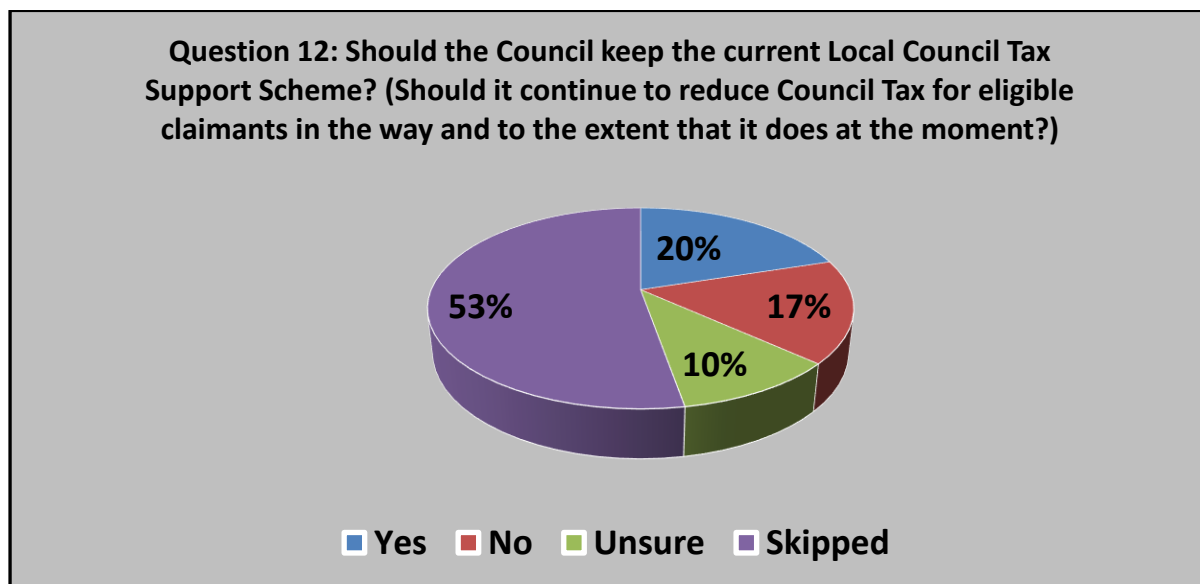
Question 11: Do you agree with Alternative 4?

29 contributors stated that they agreed with Alternative 4, to find savings from reducing or cutting other council services, which equates to 15% of the total participants. 60 participants (30%) indicated that they did not agree with this alternative and 15 (7%) did not know if they agreed. 95 participants skipped this question which represents 48% of the total.



Question 12: Should the Council keep the current Local Council Tax Support scheme? (Should it continue to reduce council tax for eligible claimants in the way and to the extent that it does at the moment?)

Of the 199 participants, 40 replied 'Yes' to this question which represents 20% of the total respondents. 33 participants (17%) replied 'No' to this question, and 21 did not know whether the Council should keep the current Local Council Tax Support scheme, which equates to 10% of the total. 105 contributors (53%) did not respond to this question.



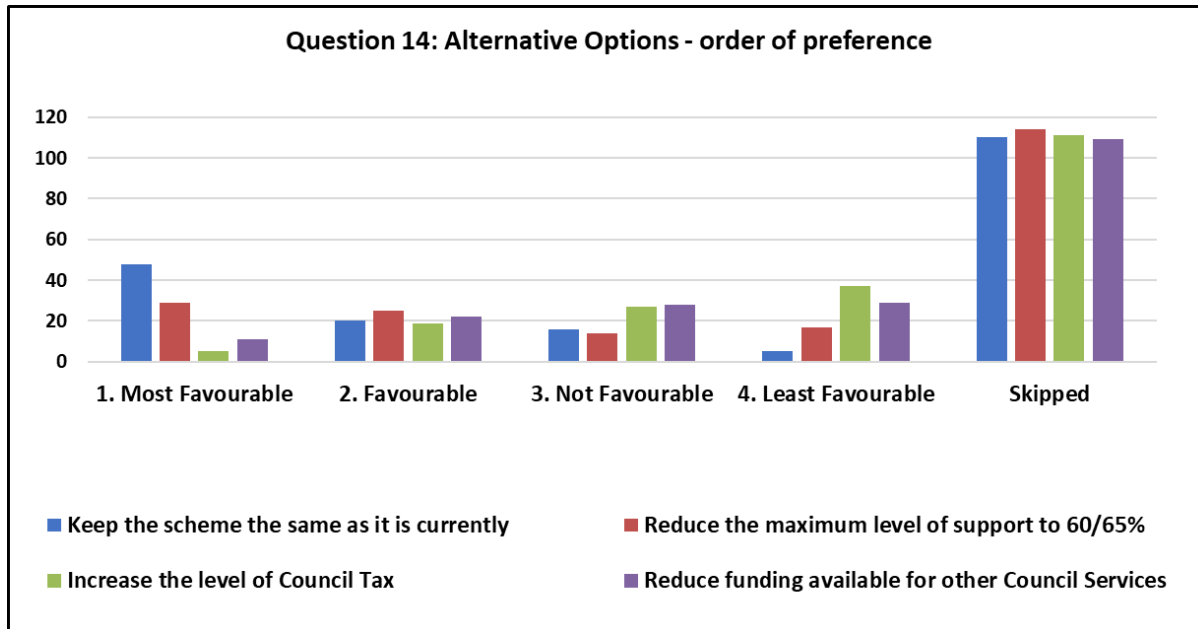
Question 13: If 'Yes', how would we meet the administration costs this would create as a result?

Of the 40 participants who replied 'Yes' to the previous question, 37 provided comments on this question. The range of comments can be found in full in Appendix 1a.

Question 14: If the Council were to choose these alternative options to make savings, what would be your order of preference? (please rank in order of preference, where 1 is the option that you would most prefer and 4 is the least, please enter a number in each box.)

The table and graph below detail the alternative options which the participants of the consultation found the most and least favourable, ranking from 1-4 where 1 is the alternative most preferred. The table shows that 48 out of 199 participants (24%) stated their most preferred alternative was to keep the scheme as it is currently, and 37 respondents (19%) stated their least preferred alternative was to increase the level of Council Tax.

Order of preference	Keep the scheme the same as it is currently	Reduce the maximum level of support to 60/65%	Increase the level of Council Tax	Reduce funding available for other Council Services
1.	48	29	5	11
2.	20	25	19	22
3.	16	14	27	28
4.	5	17	37	29
Skipped	110	114	111	109



Question 15: If you have any further comments to make regarding the Local Council Tax Support scheme that you haven't had the opportunity to raise elsewhere, please use the space below.

Of the 199 participants, 36 provided further comments on this question. The range of comments can be found in full in Appendix 1a.

Question 16: Are you, or someone in your household, getting Local Council Tax Support at this time?

Of the total 199 respondents, 44 answered 'Yes' to this question which represents 22%, and 46 participants (23%) answered 'No'. 3 participants (2%) did not know whether they are getting Local Council Tax Support at this time, and 106 respondents (53%) skipped this question.

