

Reference	Are you currently receiving Council Tax Reduction?	Which of the following best describes you?	Type your answer	Do you or someone in your household have a disability or caring responsibilities?	What is your age bracket?	Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	Type your answer	What is your gender?	Type your answer	Do you agree with this approach?	Do you have any further comments to make about this approach?	Do you support this proposal?	Do you have any further comments to make about this proposal?	Do you agree with this method of updating the Universal Credit scheme?	Do you have any further comments to make about this method?	Do you agree with this proposal?	Do you have any further comments to make about this proposal?	Do you agree with removing the additional earned income disregard for Universal Credit claimants?	Do you have any further comments to make about this?	Do you believe the proposed scheme is fair and supports those most in need?	Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme?	Submitted at	Place of residence	
1	No	Resident		No	45-65	Gay man		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes			13/08/25	South Cambridgeshire
2	No	Resident		No	45-65	Other	Female	Female		Strongly agree	Council tax increase is too high for ordinary families	No		No	If one gets a salary increase and the council tax also increases, then people's life will never get better. Council should charge businesses which make big profit not ordinary residents	No		Agree		No			13/08/25	Romsey
3	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		No		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		No			13/08/25	South Cambridgeshire
4	Prefer not to say	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Disagree		Not sure			13/08/25	East Chesterton
5	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes			13/08/25	Castle
6	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree	Those who don't want to take universal credit and still need help should be helped out if they're not taking advantage so yes we need two systems. The council tax should come down in total to help everyone in cambridge which in turn will help every business as people have more money to spend going out for drinks and dinner and shopping.	Yes		Not sure		No		Strongly agree		Not sure		13/08/25	Trumpington	
7	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral	I don't have any knowledge of the reasons given to support a household that does not wish to claim Universal Credit so I cannot provide an informed opinion either way	Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		13/08/25	West Chesterton	
8	No	Resident		No	25-45	Gay man		Male		Disagree	Unnecessarily complex to administer a scheme for people who choose not to claim UC	Yes		Not sure		No		Neutral		Not sure			13/08/25	Petersfield
9	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes			13/08/25	Queen Edith's
10	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		No	i believe we all should be able to make a choose	Agree		Yes	yes look to reduce the council tax for single people who are struggling with large bills	13/08/25	South Cambridgeshire	

11	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Male		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		13/08/25	Trumpington
12	No	Resident		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Agree		No		No	Inflation should be taken into account to avoid penalising those with low incomes.	Yes		Agree		Not sure		13/08/25	East Chesterton
13	Prefer not to say	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Prefer not to say		Female		Disagree		Not sure		Not sure		No		Disagree		Not sure		13/08/25	
14	No	Resident		No	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Neutral		Yes		Not sure		Yes		Agree		Not sure		13/08/25	East Chesterton
15	Prefer not to say	Other	Rough Sleeper	Prefer not to say	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral	I need to know more before I form a conclusive opinion.	Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral	Only if it's beneficial and not detrimental and easily explained to the disadvantaged pensioners.	Not sure	As long as it's beneficial i.e., more in the individuals' pocket, then it is good thing.	13/08/25	Arbury
16	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure	I would welcome a reduction in Council tax for myself. I am applying for social housing.	13/08/25	Arbury
17	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Disagree	If households aren't claiming UC then why do they need support?	Not sure		No	Don't lose out on council tax!	No	Stop the non universal credit schemes	Strongly agree	More fair system by not removing income twice	Not sure		13/08/25	Castle
18	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree	It makes sense to support people in hardship regardless of their UC status.	Yes		No	You should freeze increases from residents, and focus on business rate increases. Many people are struggling enough already.	Yes		Strongly disagree	Why don't you give the disregard to the other groups?	No	Yes. Stop focusing on this. Focus instead on increasing business rates; the businesses in this city have a lot of money and they aren't going anywhere. Turn the screws on business. Use that to offer reductions on tax, as well as invest in the city.	13/08/25	Newnham
19	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Not sure		No		Not sure		Disagree		Not sure		13/08/25	
20	No	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Yes		14/08/25	
21	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Disagree	If people are entitled to Universal credit and choose not to claim they should not have any additional premiums used to calculate their council tax support as they are choosing not to maximise their income entitlement	Yes		Yes		No	Disagree		No	More rigorous scrutiny of claims is needed. Pension credit is often not looked at carefully enough and is open to fraud more so than UC as there are no real checks on changes in household or circumstances.	14/08/25	Castle	
22	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Agree		Yes		14/08/25	Castle

23	No	Resident		No	25-45	Gay woman/lesbian		Female		Agree		Yes	I think I support this, though the wording makes it hard to understand. As I understand it, the proposal is that instead of limiting help by requiring a minimum payment, which can lead to the council having to chase people for payment, the scheme would start from your full liability (100% of your Council Tax bill) before working out how much support you get. Or in other words, you'll consider someone's whole bill when calculating help, not just part of it. If I have understood, then I support this.	Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes	Only that I think the council tax should not be based on property value for tenants, but rather on the amount they pay in rent. I do appreciate that that is not likely to change, but I think the current system is still somewhat unfair.	14/08/25	Petersfield
24	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly disagree	People claiming universal credit still need help.with council tax support. There are many people on uc that cant and wont ever be able to work. We need support just like everyone else. Please don't remove this support.	Not sure		Yes		No		Strongly disagree		Not sure		14/08/25	Cherry Hinton
25	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		14/08/25	Castle
26	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	No	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	Yes	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	Not sure	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	Neutral	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	Not sure	As long as you don't give so called asylum seekers an exemption then I don't really care	14/08/25	
27	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		No	Under 25s can also be liable for Council Tax so should not be excluded from this support.	Not sure		Disagree		Not sure	Second properties should be charged at a higher rate	14/08/25	King's Hedges
28	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		14/08/25	Somewhere else
29	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		No	It's a relatively large sum for people on low incomes to find each month, especially with increases to cost of living	Yes		Disagree		Not sure		15/08/25	King's Hedges
30	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Prefer not to say		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		15/08/25	Petersfield
31	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly disagree		No		No		No		Strongly disagree		No		16/08/25	

	32	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Not sure	Older people work longer these days due to lots of reasons but they are penalised for having to do so. There should be an automatic reduction for people over 65	16/08/25	South Cambridges hire
	33	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Gay woman/lesbian		Female		Strongly agree		Not sure		Yes		No		Agree		No	I am unclear about how this will affect disabled people who receive council tax reductions. As usual, we have been left out of the conversation and our opinions have not been heard.	16/08/25	Castle
	34	Prefer not to say	Resident		Prefer not to say	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure	For those who can afford to pay for housing, they should not be required to pay for Universal Credit.	Neutral		Not sure		16/08/25	
	35	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Not sure		16/08/25	King's Hedges
	36	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Gay man		Male		Strongly agree		No		Yes		Yes		Disagree		Yes		16/08/25	King's Hedges
	37	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Female		Strongly disagree		No		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Not sure		16/08/25	
	38	Yes	Resident		Yes	Under 25	Prefer not to say		Female		Neutral	Needs further explanation and I didn't see a link to explain this anywhere	Not sure		Yes	Important to note it should start from the beginning of the new council tax year to avoid confusing multiple bills and banding changes. Even if the wage increase doesn't come into affect the next paycheque. I get tired of having multiple recalculations a year. It's very confusing	Yes		Neutral	Need to understand it further	No	My biggest issue with it has been for those of us paid 4 weekly we get one month every year which messes everthrng up as by 1 day we are paid twice in an assessment period. Triggering a quadruple in council tax. It's incredible stressful and I get court summons every year. Something needs to be done to recognise this	19/08/25	Arbury
	39	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/ straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		19/08/25	King's Hedges
	40	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Agree		Yes		No		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		19/08/25	Trumpington
	41	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Neutral		Not sure		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	Cherry Hinton

42	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	25-45	Prefer not to say		Female		Agree	I am very grateful to be in receipt of the CT reduction for UC claimants at the moment. However as a self-employed person with a fluctuating income, I find that it is very unpredictable how much I pay each month. The notification letters are complex and don't tell me directly how much will be taken from my account at the next DD. I would like to be able to overpay and put my account in credit some months, to make the payments more regular, and I would like to just know, at a glance, how much the DD will be.	Not sure		Not sure	It is not clear how this compares to what is done at present.	Not sure		Agree		Not sure	This survey did not explain the changes very clearly, so your results could easily not represent people's actual views.	21/08/25	Castle
43	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Agree		Not sure		21/08/25	Somewhere else
44	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		21/08/25	West Chesterton
45	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Agree		Yes		21/08/25	Cherry Hinton
46	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Strongly agree		Yes		21/08/25	
47	Yes	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes	Just that we are on disability reduction of 25% council tax relief	Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	East Chesterton
48	Yes	Other	One person household	Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Strongly disagree	Non UC recipient does not mean you don't need the reduction	Not sure	Don't understand	No	Living cost rises also	No	Transparency!!! Shame on you and these proposals	Strongly disagree	A trick question. Just give to pensioners more to make it fair!!! This is a leading question	No	Do not take from people already poor and trick them into agreeing via this biased consultation. Very disappointed	21/08/25	Romsey
49	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes	I strongly support this proposal.	Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes	None	21/08/25	Somewhere else
50	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Strongly agree		Not sure		21/08/25	King's Hedges
51	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Disagree	The current scheme works well. I am unsure how separating the schemes would help people when it just adds to confusion	Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Agree		Not sure		21/08/25	Trumpington

52	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure	I don't really understand the explanation, are the net earnings the UC award? Is this monthly as the UC is paid monthly? Does this mean if you get a higher rate of UC due to inability to work that you have to pay a higher contribution to CT? If that is what you are saying I disagree as the higher level of award is given to those in the greatest need.	Not sure	Don't really understand what this means in practice.	Strongly agree		Yes		21/08/25	Cherry Hinton
53	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		21/08/25	Cherry Hinton
54	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Yes		Not sure	Increases any changes should take account of benefit rates. If benefit rate does not increase online with loving wage percentage increase then this should be considered so that benefit recipients are not disproportionately affected .	Not sure		Agree		Not sure		21/08/25	Arbury
55	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly disagree		Yes		21/08/25	
56	Prefer not to say	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Male		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	
57	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Not sure	I personally believe that a Swiss Cantonal model of council tax, charged as a percentage of income, would be better than the model we have now. It also ensures an equal economic impact across the wealth distribution (for the most part). You could work out what the economic impact (as a percentage) the current rate of council tax is on the average Cambridgeshire salary. Then use that percentage as the fixed rate across the county. If you're looking to save money, which I assume you are, the very first thing you should be doing is trying to find ways to limit the size and scope of local government. Automating desk jobs, reducing the size of the workforce, and streamlining processes. Why no one ever seem to do this is totally insane to me. It's like Westminster: you can tell we are run by political ideologues because they simply cannot fathom reducing the size of government as an option. Don't make the same asinine mistakes they do, otherwise you'll just impoverish the entire city.	Not sure	I didn't even know you could claim for support with council tax if you are on limited amounts of universal credit. I have been going hungry to pay my council tax! I'm going to have to query this because I work but I have to supplement my full time salary with UC, and if I'm reading this right, that means I should be able to claim a contribution towards my council tax?	No	Why would you not publish useful information. That makes no sense.	Neutral	I don't understand I'm afraid, so I can't answer	Not sure	Cambridge. Yet, despite working a job that in 1995 would have guaranteed me an upper-middle class standard of living, I struggle to find enough food to get me through the month. There has not been one month yet that I haven't run out of food. Some months I've gone almost a week with absolutely nothing to eat. If you increase my council tax, (or my rent for that matter) I'm just not sure what there is left that I can do. I don't understand what is wrong with everyone with any power. Why don't you see the blindingly obvious? You cannot tax your way to prosperity. I mean, this is something we've known for well over 100 years by this point. We're almost as expensive as Switzerland, with a standard of living fast approaching that of Estonia. It's absolutely ridiculous. If you wanted to, you could make Cambridge the most competitive and affluent city in the country. All it would take is to drop all this left wing nonsense that's permeated every aspect of western civilisation over the last 25 years, and go back to basic common sense. You can employ companies that will go through the entire council and give you recommendations on what to cut and who to get rid of. The entire British empire was run with 15,000 civil servants. Today, nearly six million people work for government. I'm sure the state of affairs is almost as kafkaesque on the local level as well. It's not rocket science, just turn off BBC Radio 4 and stop doing stupid stuff. If you raise taxes, the quality of life of everyone in this city will fall. I'm sure you'll choose to ignore me though, with your Bachelors degrees and Che Guevara t-shirts, and quietly plunder an ever-greater number of people into abject poverty.	21/08/25	Arbury
58	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		No		No		Agree		No	ANNEX PROPERTIES SHOULD BE COUNCIL TAX EXEMPT FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS	21/08/25	Coleridge

59	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Agree		Not sure	Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Yes	Thank you for your support circumstances at present.	21/08/25	East Cambridges hire
60	Yes	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Neutral		No	Not sure	Those on benefits must be taken into consideration	Yes		Agree		Not sure		21/08/25	South Cambridges hire
61	No	Landlord or housing provider		No	25-45	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes	Yes	Can you have more income brackets for people show earn about £2500 a month? Maybe to also consider extra allowance for more income if people are carers (for disabled children and or adults). These people will likely have limitations on how much they can work and so their earning potential is not as others. Yet they still have to contribute the same amount.	Not sure	No idea what this means.	Agree		Yes		21/08/25	
62	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/ straight		Male		Agree		Yes	Not sure		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	East Chesterton
63	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	45-65	Heterosexual/ straight		Female		Agree		Yes	No	Simplicity and Predictability 🏠: Linking income bands directly to the National Living Wage (NLW) provides a clear, transparent, and predictable mechanism for annual increases. Households and local authorities would know exactly how support levels will change, simplifying financial planning and administration. Keeps Pace with Income 📈: The proposal ensures that council tax support keeps pace with the earnings of the lowest-paid workers. As the NLW increases, so does the level of support, preventing a situation where low-income households are forced to pay more council tax despite their earnings only rising by a small amount. Administrative Efficiency ⚙️: This method automates the process of updating income bands and contribution levels. Instead of a new calculation or a lengthy review each year, the change is a simple percentage increase, reducing the administrative burden on the council. Arguments Against the Proposal 🚫 Disregards Inflation and Cost of Living 📊: The primary flaw is that the NLW is not solely linked to inflation. While it aims to reflect the median wage, it doesn't always keep pace with the actual cost of living, particularly housing, food, and energy costs. If inflation outpaces the NLW increase, low-income households could see their real-term financial situation worsen, despite their council tax support going up. Not a Holistic Approach ✖️: The proposal only considers one factor: the NLW. A more comprehensive approach would also consider other economic indicators like the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and regional variations in the cost of living. A 3% increase might be appropriate in one area but insufficient in a high-cost urban area. Potential for Inequity 🏡: The NLW is a single national figure. The cost of living varies	Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		Cherry Hinton	
64	Yes	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Heterosexual/ straight		Male		Agree		Yes	Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes	THECOUNCIL TAX IS AN UNNECESSARY BURDEN. BRITAIN IS RICH ENOUGH FOR THIS TAX. PLEASE CANCEL IT.	21/08/25	Trumpingto n

65	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Agree		Yes	This seems wise.	Yes		Not sure	It seems important that this non UC discount does not exceed the UC discount, so people don't avoid claiming it so they can keep higher council tax discounts.	Disagree	I am not sure as workers contribute so much and especially for those on low wages or with caring responsibilities they can end up with a lot of extra costs through working with no financial reward	Yes		21/08/25	
66	Prefer not to say	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		No		No		Not sure		Strongly disagree		Not sure		21/08/25	Arbury
67	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Yes		21/08/25	East Cambridges hire
68	Yes	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Prefer not to say		Other	I only recognise sex not gender	Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	
69	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		No		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	Arbury
70	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Female		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		21/08/25	Arbury
71	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Neutral		Yes		Not sure		Yes		Neutral		Yes		21/08/25	Arbury
72	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	
73	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	Arbury
74	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Agree	I can't, the language box is in the way	Yes		Not sure		No	Not if it penalises people	Neutral		No	There are some who are carers or who have other responsibilities or financial responsibilities, that are not currently recognised by the DWP. Perhaps the council could assist with this and then reduce the council tax as well.	21/08/25	Queen Edith's
75	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		No		21/08/25	East Cambridges hire
76	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Bisexual		Other	non-binary	Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		21/08/25	Petersfield
77	No	Resident		Prefer not to say	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Agree	It should aim to ensure that recipients of both schemes receive the equivalent support.	Yes		Yes		Yes		Disagree	This is the first I have heard that UC excludes travel and clothing costs! Are you sure it's not being taken off UC claimants another way, e.g. different taper rates?	Yes	Ensure that the overall household income is taken into account in an equivalent way for UC and non-UC households.	21/08/25	Romsey
78	No	Resident		No	Under 25	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	Arbury
79	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		21/08/25	Cherry Hinton

80	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Neutral	As a single person, I am on full job-seeking Universal Credit, I receive Single Persons Discount and reduction also. this suits my financial needs currently.	Not sure	You need to make it easy to understand what it means financially. People need positive incentives to motivate them to want to work, anything that effects finances negatively deters unemployed job seekers from truly wanting a job and they will just do what they have to so as to keep getting their income supported otherwise.	Not sure	If i was using the a.i i would ask the A.Ito explain it to me like I was 9. Make it simple to understand.	Not sure		Strongly disagree	It disincentivise s people from trying to work part time while on Universal Credit, if I understand it correctly. it seems you would charge them more, so why would they want a job If they lose more money?	Not sure	Make it so you don't deduct anything from part time workers on Universal Credit. Otherwise they might not want to keep working.	22/08/25	
81	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Disagree		Yes		22/08/25	Coleridge
82	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		No		Strongly agree		Yes		22/08/25	Abbey
83	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		No		No		Not sure		Agree		Not sure	Yes I think these bands is incorrect	22/08/25	Arbury
84	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes	People who do not work and claim Universal Credit as their income should not pay Council Tax.	Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Yes	I don't work due to an ongoing gynaecological health condition and get Council Tax Reduction. I don't really understand this survey.	22/08/25	Petersfield
85	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		22/08/25	Trumpington
86	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		23/08/25	Trumpington
87	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		23/08/25	Arbury
88	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure	It's not clear as you haven't provided a contrast with current figures - so this survey fails to be transparent and support informed decisions	Yes		Strongly disagree		No		23/08/25	Arbury
89	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Female		Neutral		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		25/08/25	Cherry Hinton
90	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		25/08/25	
91	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Not sure		25/08/25	Abbey

104	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Female		Neutral	I currently receive UC but still have been charged the full amount of council tax. I think that needs to change.	Not sure	I think there would need to be specific lived experience examples to be able to comment on this. My experience is I am still charged the full amount, even though I receive UC	No	Cost of living is outstripping any very minor increases in UC or other benefits/wages. It's just taking away more from those who already have less	Not sure	Nope	Neutral	Not sure what you mean so can't comment on this	No	Take into consideration the constantly increasing cost of living, particularly impacting lower earners or those who can't work. My bills are currently way more than any slight annual increase in salary and UC, which means I'm actually not benefitting from this at all. I expect many others are in the same position.	03/09/25	King's Hedges
105	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Disagree		Yes	Proposed Council Tax Reduction Scheme For sure its very good an idea and help for single family with child, some one just part time to work then need to looking after child single mother or father. And help the disabled. It can help us feel less anxious.	07/09/25	West Chesterton
106	No	Representative of a community or voluntary organisation		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Neutral		Yes		No	It would be better to link it to the % increase of UC	No	The % increase should be linked to the UC increase	Agree	I agree, but only if the other bandings increase are linked with UC % increase - see previous questions	Not sure		09/09/25	Castle
107	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Disagree		Yes		10/09/25	
108	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Yes		10/09/25	East Chesterton
109	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Disagree		Not sure		Not sure		Yes		Agree		Not sure		10/09/25	Cherry Hinton
110	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		No		No		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		12/09/25	South Cambridgeshire
111	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes	I am pleased that the Council are retaining the existing scheme (more or less) as it's fair and reasonably equitable.	13/09/25	Petersfield
112	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		15/09/25	
113	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Disagree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		15/09/25	Arbury

114	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree	Need to help people who do not claim universal credit but just above cut off point. Expensive to live in Cambridge	Not sure		Yes		Not sure		Agree		Not sure	Definitely want to see this made available to non working family credit people. Need a cambridge allowance for lower earners to keep up with their bills.	15/09/25	
115	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		16/09/25	Coleridge
116	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		17/09/25	West Chesterton
117	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree	Attempt to help Universal Credit Claimant back to a working life	No	Not Applicable	Yes		No	All data must be mde available to the public	Agree		Yes		20/09/25	West Chesterton
118	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Prefer not to say		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		22/09/25	
119	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Strongly agree		Not sure		23/09/25	Cherry Hinton
120	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Other	I refuse to engage in this trans mafia rubbish. let me do the survey without this crap.	Male		Neutral		No	people that do not declare their earnings claim will be rewarded for their tax evasion by getting discounts they do not deserve , at everybody else's expense.	No	the scale is too long. smaller discount for fewer people would be more sensible.	Not sure		Agree		No	The council should go back to working five proper days work a week for the money we pay them. The amount of money wasted on political hair brained schemes and massive pension contributions for council staff could lower council tax for everybody, unemployed (supposedly) and employed alike.	24/09/25	Cherry Hinton
121	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Gay man		Male		Strongly agree		No	everyone should make some contribution to council services however small	Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes	most residents should pay something	24/09/25	Trumpington
122	No	Resident		No	45-65	Gay man		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		25/09/25	West Chesterton
123	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		25/09/25	Coleridge
124	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Not sure		No		No		Neutral		Yes		25/09/25	

125	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		No		Strongly agree		No	For married pensioners over 70 years old on JOINT fixed incomes, say below £25k per household, I think there should be a reduction in council tax, say 25% per household. The cost of living crisis is hugely affecting this income bracket. In effect, this would mean they only pay the single person council tax	27/09/25	
126	No	Resident		No	45-65	Prefer not to say		Male		Agree		No		No		No		Strongly agree		No		27/09/25	Romsey
127	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Agree		Yes		29/09/25	South Cambridges hire
128	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly disagree	A council shutting public facilities for taxpayers due to unaffordability should not be offering extra discounts. Everyone should pay their share if they live in the city.	No	If reductions have to be made they should be only partial - it should not be expected that those that do not earn and save get a free pass in life	No		No	RPI uprates should be used in line with other government debts,	Strongly agree	Remove earnings disregard entirely. It's wholly unethical that people claiming charitable support from taxpayers who work (and have costs to do so) should be claiming increases in that support due to the costs of their own work.	No	The council should focus only on it's core functions. Collecting all council tax due and delivering solid core services for taxpayers, and stop trying to play house with communist ideas.	30/09/25	King's Hedges
129	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		01/10/25	Somewhere else
130	No	Other	Employer of Cambridge residents	No	45-65	Gay man		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Not sure		01/10/25	Market
131	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Prefer not to say		Agree		Yes		Yes		No		Agree		Not sure		01/10/25	Abbey
132	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		No		Neutral		Yes	50%	01/10/25	Arbury
133	Prefer not to say	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		02/10/25	
134	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure	I too the survey because I firmly believe that Council Tax is too for Oldies like me, and that more valuable properties should be more highly taxed - and wanted to be able to say this. Thanks	02/10/25	
135	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Disagree		Not sure		02/10/25	Romsey

136	Yes	Resident		No	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Strongly disagree	As far as I understand it, part of this scheme would abolish the Second Person rebate (where if all but one person living in the house are exempt eg are students, that one person would be entirely responsible for council tax). This is ludicrous. Cambridge has a huge population of young people - many of them students, and also a lot of young professionals. Some of those young professionals are paid well, especially those who commute to London, however not all are. As a young researcher working in a scientific lab I was paid £25K a year for the 3 years after I graduated. This is for a specialised job which required at minimum a Bachelor's degree, and preferably also a Master's degree. Many young people now live in large house shares, as this is the only way they can afford to live in Cambridge. Therefore it is very common to have many young people, a mixture of students and working people, in the same house. A house share may be a high council tax band - C or D - and then it is entirely possible that in theory the entire responsibility for council tax would rely on one person. I think more care needs to be taken when considering scrapping the Second Person Rebate. Cambridge is a hub for science, however that science requires people, often young graduates. If the rent keeps going up, as it has been, and then any council tax reductions are removed, it is going to be difficult to make living in Cambridge unachievable for many young scientists.	Not sure		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure	As far as I understand it, part of this scheme would abolish the Second Person rebate (where if all but one person living in the house are exempt eg are students, that one person would be entirely responsible for council tax). This is ludicrous. Cambridge has a huge population of young people - many of them students, and also a lot of young professionals. Some of those young professionals are paid well, especially those who commute to London, however not all are. As a young researcher working in a scientific lab I was paid £25K a year for the 3 years after I graduated. This is for a specialised job which required at minimum a Bachelor's degree, and preferably also a Master's degree. Many young people now live in large house shares, as this is the only way they can afford to live in Cambridge. Therefore it is very common to have many young people, a mixture of students and working people, in the same house. A house share may be a high council tax band - C or D - and then it is entirely possible that in theory the entire responsibility for council tax would rely on one person. I think more care needs to be taken when considering scrapping the Second Person Rebate. Cambridge is a hub for science, however that science requires people, often young graduates. If the rent keeps going up, as it has been, and then any council tax reductions are removed, it is going to be difficult to make living in Cambridge unachievable for many young scientists.	03/10/25	Petersfield
137	No	Resident		No	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure	Would like to see a range of case studies to gauge the effects	03/10/25	
138	Yes	Resident		No	Over 65	Prefer not to say		Male		Disagree	This survey is confusing	No	Again confusing. What about sole Occupier discount?	Not sure	What does this mean for pensioners that fall between claiming universal credit and low income ?	No	Do not understand what you meant. Is this deliberately meant to confuse?	Neutral	This again is so obtuse. Can not you explain this in simple English that can be understood by everyone?	Not sure	It makes little sense to me as a well educated person. Who thought of this survey? Is it intended to confuse and bamboozle?	04/10/25	
139	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Neutral		Yes		04/10/25	Cherry Hinton
140	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Female		Neutral	I have no idea what this means. Its very ambiguous as usual.	No	No. Again ambiguous.	No	WOW	No	Really!	Neutral	Again what does it really mean. Try making sense.	No	Plain English and transparency throughout the council would be a good start.	04/10/25	East Chesterton
141	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Neutral		Not sure		Yes		Not sure		Strongly agree		Yes		04/10/25	Queen Edith's
142	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		No		No		No		Strongly agree		Not sure		04/10/25	King's Hedges
143	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		No		No		No		Neutral		No		04/10/25	Cherry Hinton
144	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Neutral		Not sure	I am not clear on this.	Not sure		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure	I cannot pay anymore than what I'm paying now. thank you.	06/10/25	
145	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure		Agree		Not sure		06/10/25	Romsey
146	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Female		Agree		Not sure		Not sure		No		Strongly agree		Not sure		07/10/25	Coleridge
147	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree	The council tax should look at net income as in what you have left each month and not the gross income. Somethings have to be paid. Special diet, mortgage, credit cards etc. The council should also fix the potholes in the roads	Yes		Not sure		Not sure	Stop hurting people and affecting their lives	Neutral		Not sure	Help people and stop ticking boxes	08/10/25	Castle
148	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Female		Agree		Yes		No		Not sure		Agree		Not sure		08/10/25	Somewhere else

149	No	Resident		Yes	45-65	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Agree	Ot seems fair to include those on low wages but not in receipt of UC in a reduction scheme	Not sure	I dont quite understand the proposal	Yes		Not sure		Neutral		Not sure		10/10/25	Coleridge
150	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral		Yes		No	Raising by inflation would seem more sensible, the Minimum/Living wage is quite a political/artificial figure that could be frozen or change a lot.	Yes		Agree		Not sure	Generally looks overly generous, especially when council finances are stretched. I'm surprised to see people earning £2k per month don't need to pay the full council tax.	11/10/25	
151	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes	Council tax is huge value for money - people under appreciate this.	Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		14/10/25	Queen Edith's
152	Yes	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Disagree		Yes		No		No		Disagree		No		14/10/25	South Cambridgeshire
153	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Strongly agree		Yes		14/10/25	
154	No	Resident		No	25-45	Bisexual		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Not sure		Disagree		Yes		14/10/25	Arbury
155	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Neutral	Without more context on why households may not wish to claim UC, I do not want to take a strong position here	Yes		No	I agree with updating in line with the national living wage as a reference point. However: (1) I would like to see more context on overall budgeting within these amounts, and if the combination of council tax contributions is practical. (2) I would like to see avoidance of the cliff-edge effects (earn 1p more, and lose 7.50 GBP if I understand correctly?)	Not sure	I do not understand the current scheme so cannot comment in detail. Using CPI concerns me because it may under-represent the inflation people see in practice. Conversely, CPI may become negative, and reductions may not be intended	Neutral	I would encourage the council to set out a policy aim separate from the details of the implementation. For instance, if the aim is that the pensioner scheme, non-UC scheme, and UC scheme should provide broadly similar contributions to people in broadly similar financial circumstances.	Not sure		14/10/25	Queen Edith's
156	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Disagree		Not sure		No		No		Strongly disagree		No		15/10/25	
157	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Prefer not to say		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		No		Strongly agree		No	You should waste less of our tax, and that would be a better approach to reduce bills for everyone	18/10/25	Romsey
158	Yes	Landlord or housing provider		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Not sure		Yes		Not sure		Agree		Not sure		22/10/25	
159	Yes	Resident		Yes	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes	The wording used is difficult to understand	Not sure	I don't understand the question	No		Disagree		Not sure		23/10/25	Petersfield
160	No	Resident		Yes	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes		Agree		Yes		23/10/25	

161	No	Resident		No	25-45	Prefer not to say		Female		Agree		No		Yes		Yes	Neutral		Yes		27/10/25	Trumpington
162	No	Resident		No	Under 25	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Strongly agree		Yes		29/10/25	
163	No	Resident		No	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Strongly agree		Yes		30/10/25	
164	No	Resident		Yes	25-45	Prefer not to say		Male		Strongly agree	Reduction for those not claiming benefits sounds good, as I have no rights for any benefits, while struggling financially	Not sure		Not sure		Not sure	Disagree		Not sure	I am already paying to my landlord 1400, other bills, tv licence etc, there is no money for food , I do need to have this tax reduced.	30/10/25	
165	No	Resident		No	25-45	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Strongly agree		Yes		30/10/25	Abbey
166	Yes	Resident		Yes	45-65	Heterosexual/straight		Female		Agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Neutral		Yes	Continue discounted band for homes accommodating a disabled person	31/10/25	West Chesterton
167	Yes	Resident		Prefer not to say	Over 65	Heterosexual/straight		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Not sure		Not sure	Neutral		Not sure		31/10/25	
168	No	Resident		No	25-45	Bisexual		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Neutral		Yes		31/10/25	Queen Edith's
169	No	Resident		No	25-45	Gay man		Male		Strongly agree		Yes		Yes		Yes	Strongly agree		Yes		31/10/25	