

# Appendix 3

## Summary of Responses to Consultation

QUESTION  HASTINGS BC	RESPONSES			COMMENTS  50 comments maximum for each question
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	
Do you agree the council should reduce the amount it pays out in CTR in order to help with the funding shortfall?	34.98%	42.59%	22.43%	<i>“people are already struggling....”</i> <i>“why not increase the taxes with large household incomes.....”</i> <i>“increase tax for those who can afford it....”</i>
Do you agree that we should increase the taper when calculating how much CTR a working age resident should get?	29.91%	<b>52.23%</b>	17.86%	<i>“this would result in making the working poor, poorer.....”</i> <i>“discourages people to try and earn more.....”</i> <i>“we shouldn’t be making things harder for the poorest.....”</i>
Do you agree that we should bring in a flat-rate non-dependant deduction of £5.00 per week?	50.46%	34.40%	15.14%	<i>“if we are forced to do this, then seems less punitive approach.....”</i> <i>“this would save your admin team time and make it easier for the claimant.....”</i> <i>“this sounds fair.....”</i>
Do you agree that we should restrict the maximum amount of CTR to a Band D property?	53.52%	31.46%	15.02%	<i>“yes people in higher banded properties should be restricted.....”</i> <i>“if they can afford to live in Band E+ properties, they shouldn’t need handouts....”</i> <i>“one of the better suggestions....”</i>
Do you agree that we should introduce a flat-rate disregard of £17.50 for all earners?	32.68%	<b>54.63%</b>	12.68%	<i>“this is extremely unfair on single parents.....”</i> <i>“this penalises lone parent households.....”</i> <i>“single parents need all the help they can get.....”</i>
Do you agree that we should remove the family premium for working age households with children?	33.50%	49.26%	17.24%	<i>“this seems a disincentive.....”</i> <i>“having children is a choice.....”</i> <i>“if the household is working, they can afford to lose a few pounds.....”</i>
Do you agree that we should introduce the 2 child restriction?	48.76%	39.30%	11.94%	<i>“yes this is in line with tax credits.....”</i> <i>“if you have children, you should pay for them.....”</i> <i>“I think the number should be 3.....”</i>