

APPENDIX 2

QUESTION	RESPONSES			COMMENTS
HASTINGS BC	93			
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW	
Should current scheme continue?	48.75%	41.25%	10.00%	<i>"Hastings is deprived town and we do not have money to pay council tax"</i>
Should every working age person make a minimum payment?	93.94%	6.06%	0.00%	<i>"Only fair that everyone contributes"</i>
If yes, at what level of minimum payment:				<i>"may be 5%....."</i>
10%	24.24%			
15%	36.36%			
20%	33.33%			
Don't know	6.06%			
Should the capital limit be reduced from £16,000 to £6,000	50.00%	47.06%	2.94%	<i>"If you have savings of £6k you can afford to pay council tax"</i> <i>"Should be encouraging people to have some savings, not penalising them"</i>
Should we introduce a minimum income floor for self-employed?	55.88%	26.47%	17.65%	<i>"definitely"</i> <i>"running a business is difficult enough"</i>
Other options:				
• Increase council tax	37.93%	58.62%	3.45%	<i>"council tax rates are high enough....."</i>
• Savings from other council services	35.59%	54.24%	10.17%	<i>"not all council services are mandatory....."</i>
• Use council's reserves	37.29%	52.54%	10.17%	<i>"are the council's reserves advertised?....."</i>
Should the council maintain an Exceptional Hardship Fund?	63.93%	26.23%	9.84%	<i>"this would be a wise move"</i> <i>"who would foot the bill, other taxpayers?"</i>

