

**Appendix B:**

Question	Responses (out of 18)		Comments
Should we keep the current Council Tax Support scheme?	Yes	9	As long as any changes don't change the amount of support these families receive.
	No	7	
	Don't know	2	It is obviously intended to reduce payments to those in need.
Should we allow: discretion not to action UC changes notified by the DWP; to align the earnings disregard with HB; and to make change to the scheme in exceptional circumstances?	Yes	12	You should continue to apply the scheme as is.
	No	6	
	Don't know	0	Continue as is.
			The original scheme.
			In my view, I would not trust the council with the discretion not to action changes supplied by DWP.
			Either significantly decrease the support available, or abolish the Council Tax Support Scheme, to ensure fair payments to all, including those not eligible for universal credit.
			Would need further info on what you would disregard re info from DWP... my wages change monthly so support is up and down I could potentially be penalised if you use a higher income figure long-term.
Should we not change the CTS and meet additional costs from other services?	Yes	7	None
	No	11	
	Don't know	0	

Should we not change the CTS and meet additional costs from savings?	Yes	6	None
	No	12	
	Don't know	0	

Any other comments

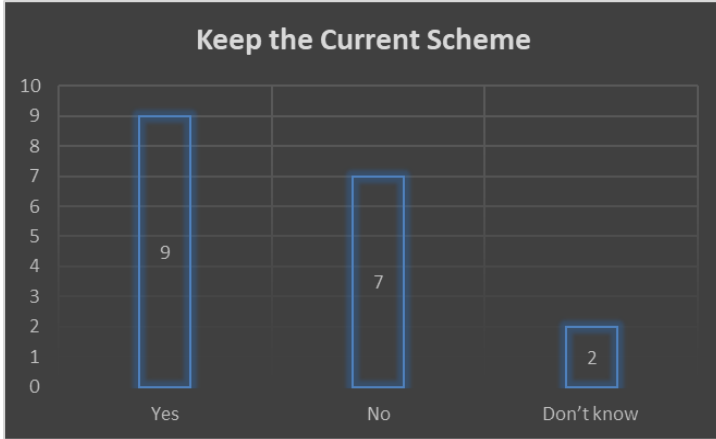
This consultation is great but it would have been better to have made sure it was easier to understand. The wording isn't very user friendly and has been worded by the professionals rather than service users.

The CTS Scheme, albeit means-tested, actively penalizes those who earn higher wages, in order to advantage those on lower incomes.

Abolish the CTS Scheme in order to save money and resources, with the aim of providing better health and educational services across the area.

**Summary:**

A majority of respondents agreed the principle of the current CTS scheme should be kept, but with the proposed changes.



A majority of respondents agreed the proposed changes to the scheme should be implemented instead of covering future costs of the scheme by reducing other services or by utilising savings.

