Thanks for agreeing to take part in this consultation.

This consultation is anonymous but the results will be publicly available, including the answers to the free text (open) questions. So please don't include any personal or confidential information.

This consultation closes at 9am on 12 January 2015. If you have any questions, contact Jo Buchan, by email or by phone on 01275 885 116.

We have a Council Tax Reduction Scheme to help people on low incomes pay their Council Tax. This Scheme needs to be reviewed annually and agreed by North Somerset’s Full Council, in this case by 31 January 2015.

To make sure that our Council Tax Reduction Scheme remains affordable to the council we are looking to limit the amount of financial support available.

We propose that the Scheme for the next financial year (2015/16) is based on the applicable amount used in the eligibility calculation for working age up-rated at the same prescribed rate used for pensioners.

Do you see any negative consequences of keeping this principle as the basis of the 2015/16 scheme?

Q1

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
Can you say what negative consequences you have in mind and, ideally, suggest any actions we can take to lessen those consequences?

Q1a

We want to make sure residents are not disadvantaged by this proposal because of their:
• age
• sex
• disability
• ethnicity...

...or other 'protected characteristic' (as defined in the Equality Act 2010)?

Is there anything you think we should include in the scheme to ensure that you or (if an organisation) your service users are not disadvantaged because of any 'protected characteristic'?

Also, consider other aspects of identity which are not protected characteristics, like parenthood or single-parenthood.

Q2

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

We will consider all the feedback we receive when finalising our council tax support scheme.

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