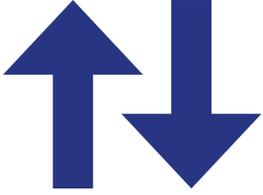


# Local council tax support consultation

## Why are we consulting?



We are looking to make changes. This may mean the amount of support you receive for your council tax may go up or down.



We would like you to tell us what you think of these changes, and which option you would prefer.



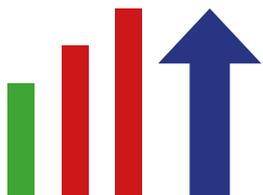
There are five options. We have also looked at other ideas;



It may be useful for you to ask a friend or relative to help explain them.

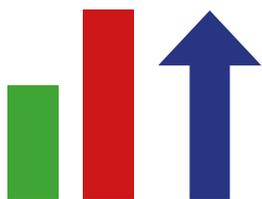
## The options

**Option 1** – Increase the maximum level of support from 65 per cent to 70 per cent.



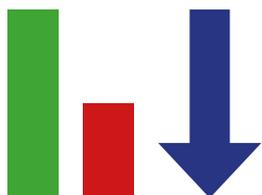
The biggest reduction you can get off your council tax is 65 per cent. This option means we would change this to 70 per cent.

**Option 2** – Increase the earnings disregard to £30 per week



If you or your partner work, we currently ignore £25 per week from your earnings within your total income. This option means we would ignore £30 per week instead.

**Option 3** – Decrease the non-dependent reduction rate to £1 per week



If you have another adult living with you who is not your partner, we currently take off £2 per week from your weekly entitlement. This option means we would take off £1 per week instead.

**Option 4** – Disregard local welfare payments as income



Special welfare payments are made to some people who host Ukrainian refugees in their property. This option means we would not count this payment as their income.

**Option 5** – Disregard emergency benefit increases



If government increases the amount of your benefit part way through a year due to an emergency situation, this option means that your Local Council Tax Support would not change.



You can have your say on our consultation by visiting [www.iow.gov.uk/lcts](http://www.iow.gov.uk/lcts)



If you need a paper version of the survey, please ask us to send you one in the post.

Our phone number is: 01983 823950.