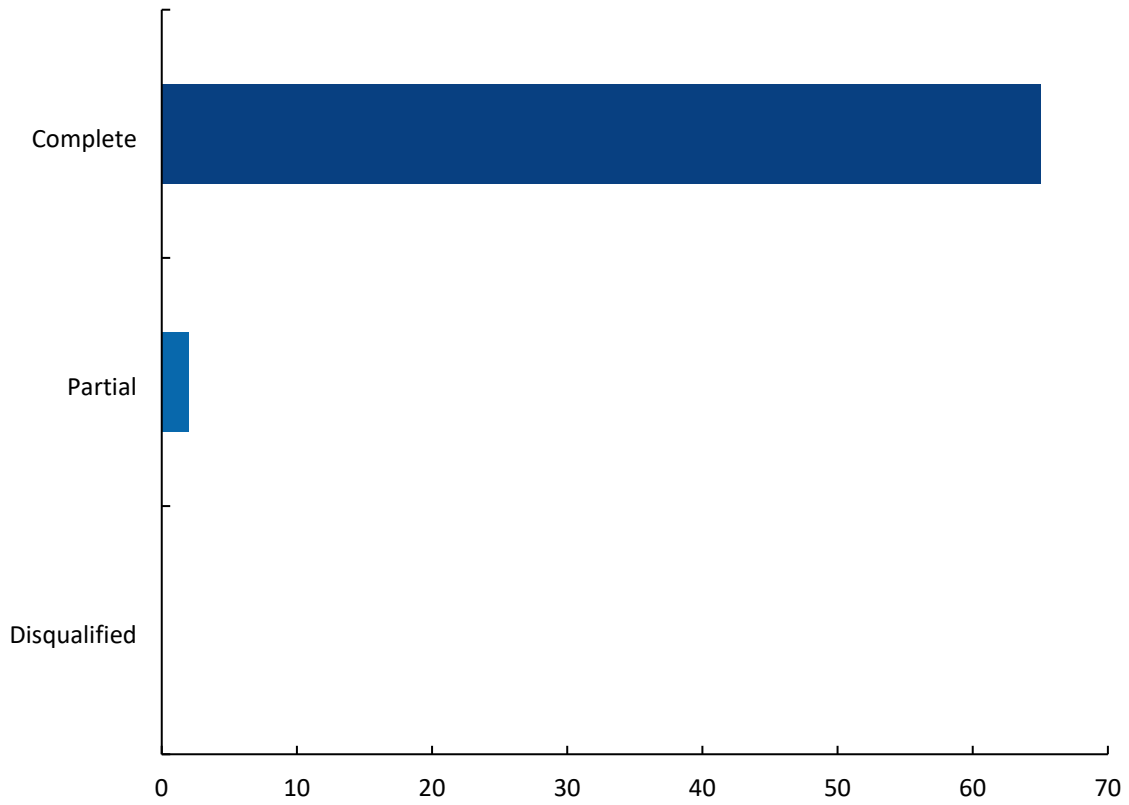


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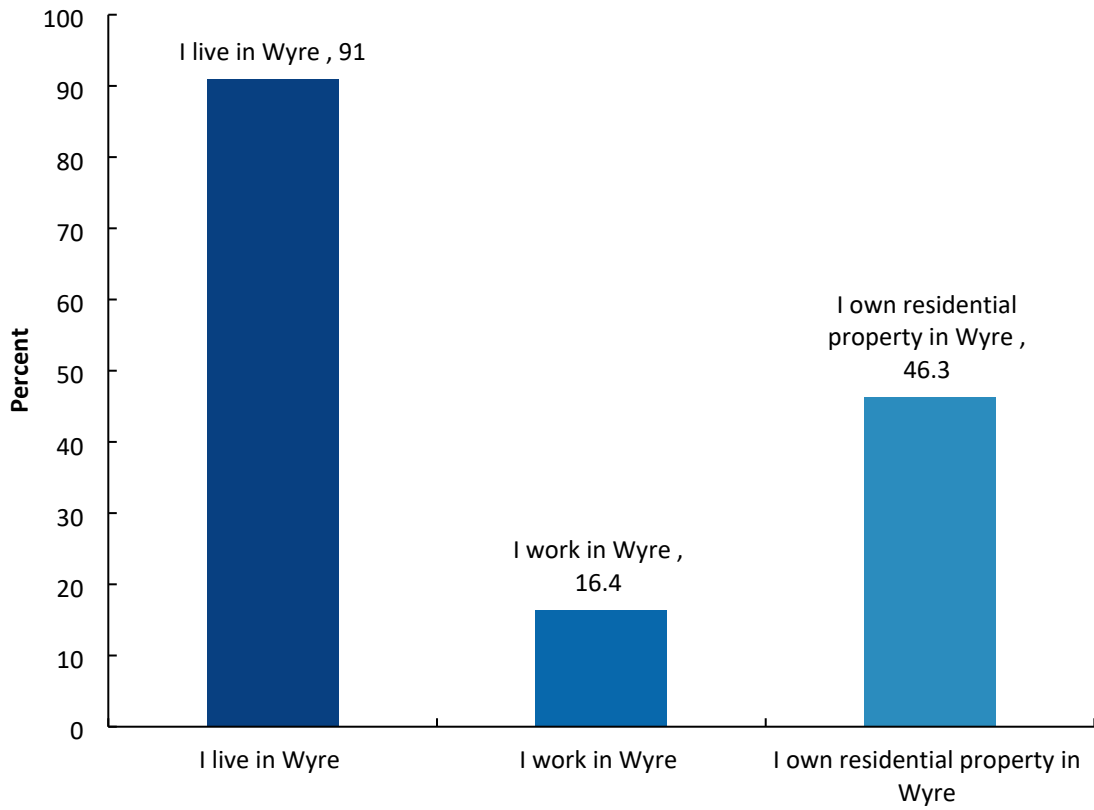
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Response Statistics



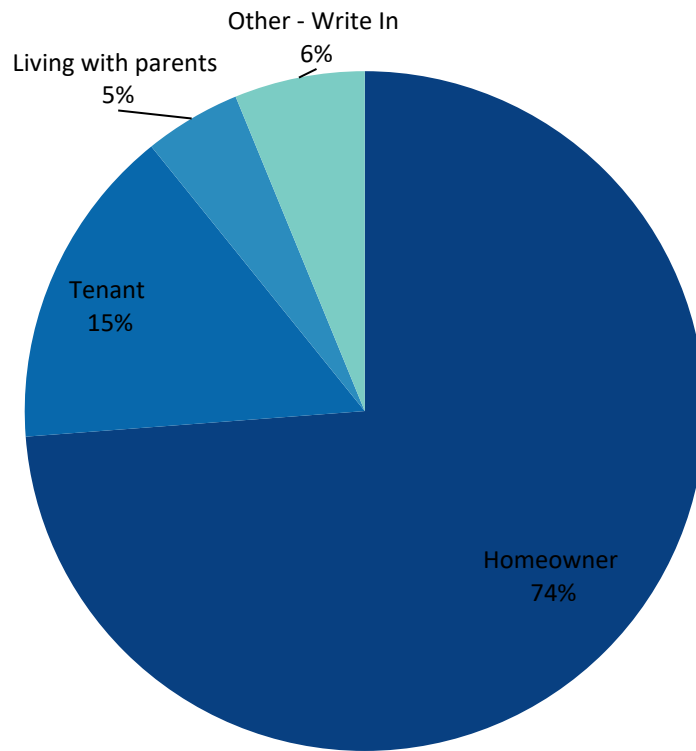
	Count	Percent
Complete	65	97
Partial	2	3
Disqualified	0	0
Totals	67	

1. Please tick all the boxes that apply to you.



Value	Percent	Count
I live in Wyre	91.0%	61
I work in Wyre	16.4%	11
I own residential property in Wyre	46.3%	31

2. Assuming that you are a resident of the borough, are you a:

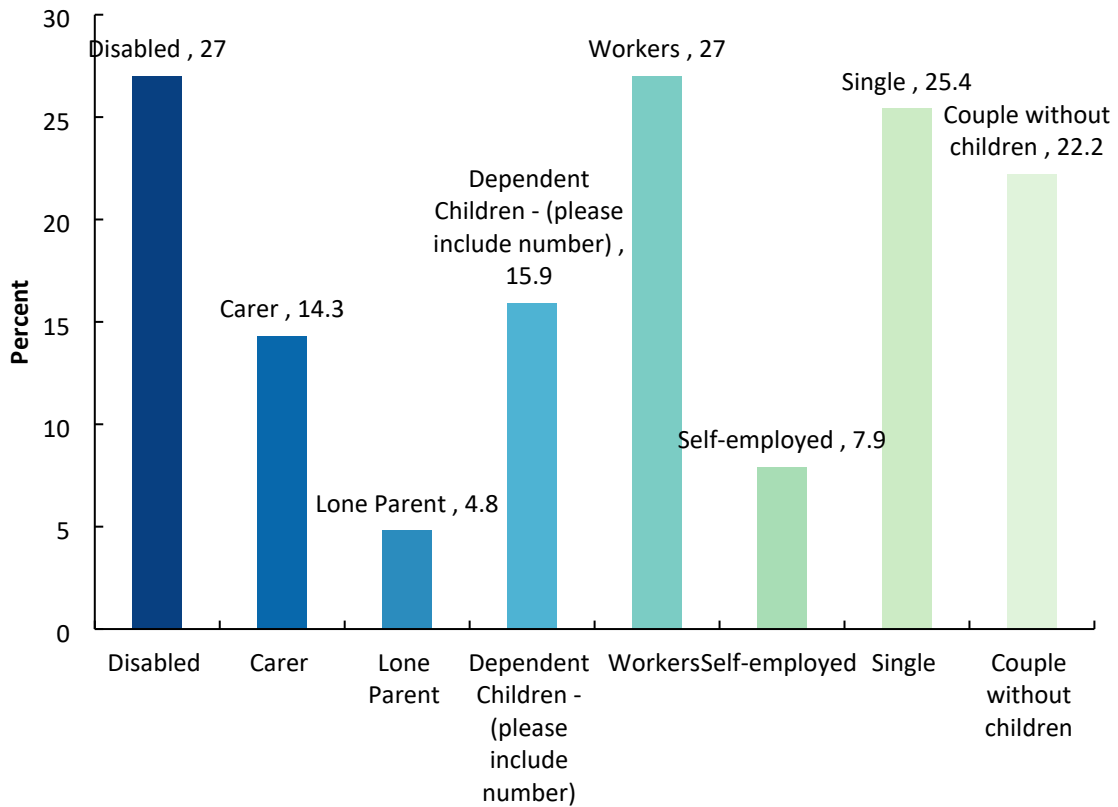


Value	Percent	Count
Homeowner	73.8%	48
Tenant	15.4%	10
Living with parents	4.6%	3
Other - Write In	6.2%	4
	Totals	65

Other - Write In	Count
Living with son	1

Partner	1
Private Rent	1
Totals	3

3. Which of the descriptions below best describes your circumstances?

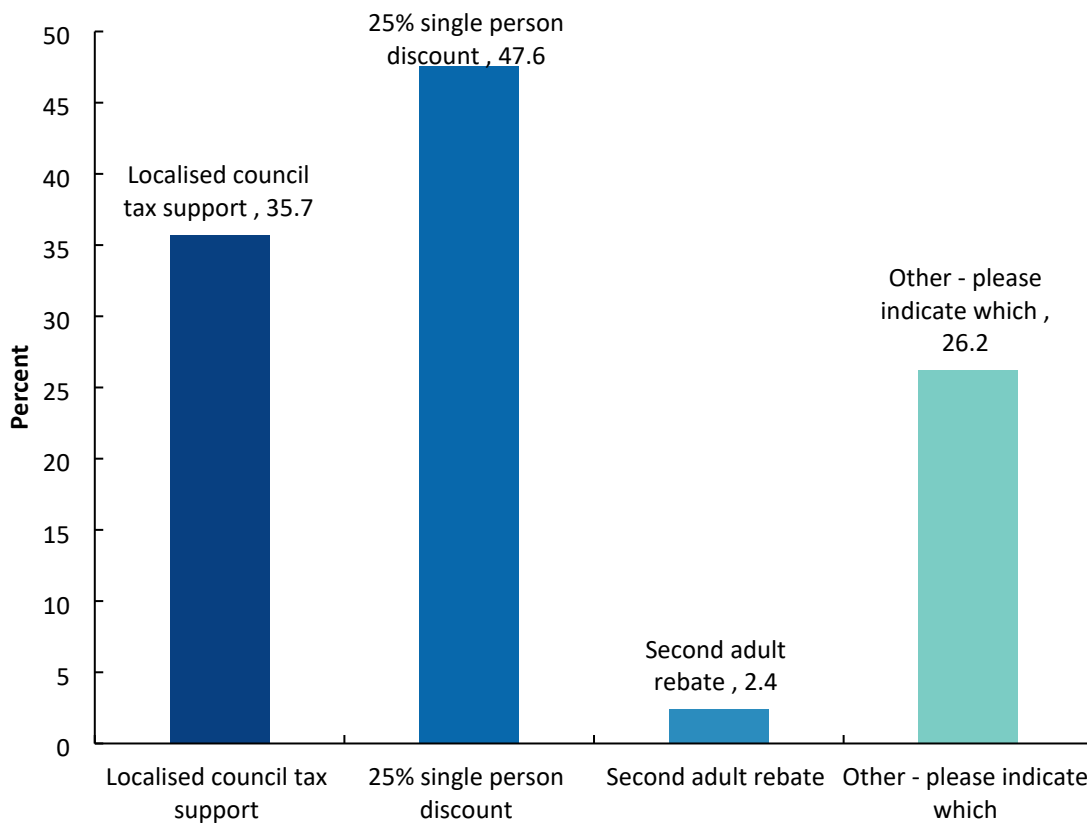


Value	Percent	Count
Disabled	27.0%	17
Carer	14.3%	9
Lone Parent	4.8%	3
Dependent Children - (please include number)	15.9%	10
Workers	27.0%	17
Self-employed	7.9%	5
Single	25.4%	16

Couple without children	22.2%	14
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Dependent Children - (please include number)	Count
1	6
2	3
0	1
Totals	10

4. Do you claim any of the following council tax discounts/exemptions (please tick all that apply)?

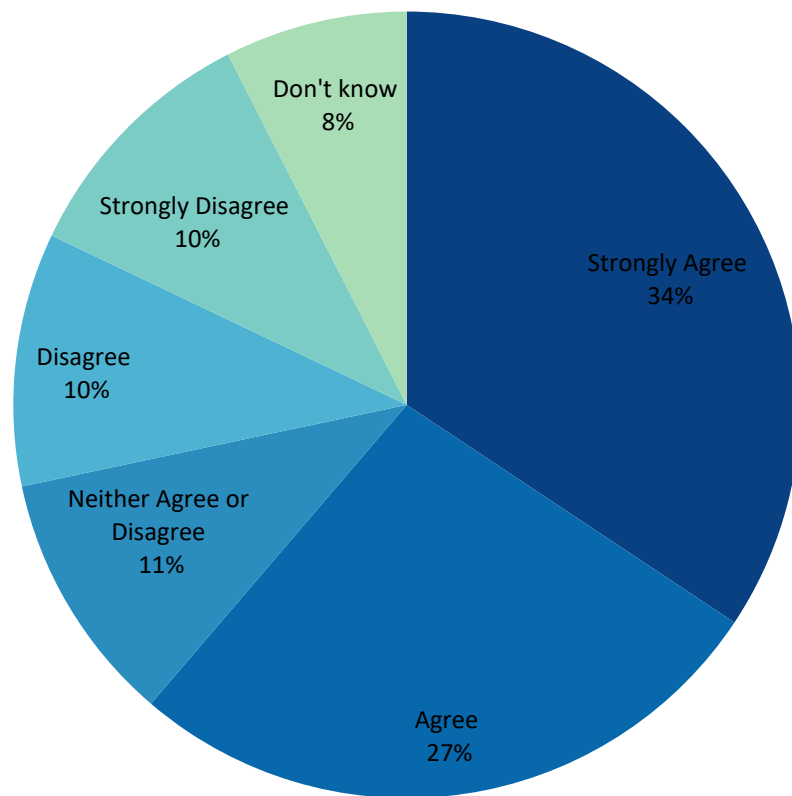


Value	Percent	Count
Localised council tax support	35.7%	15
25% single person discount	47.6%	20
Second adult rebate	2.4%	1
Other - please indicate which	26.2%	11

Other - please indicate which	Count
None	5

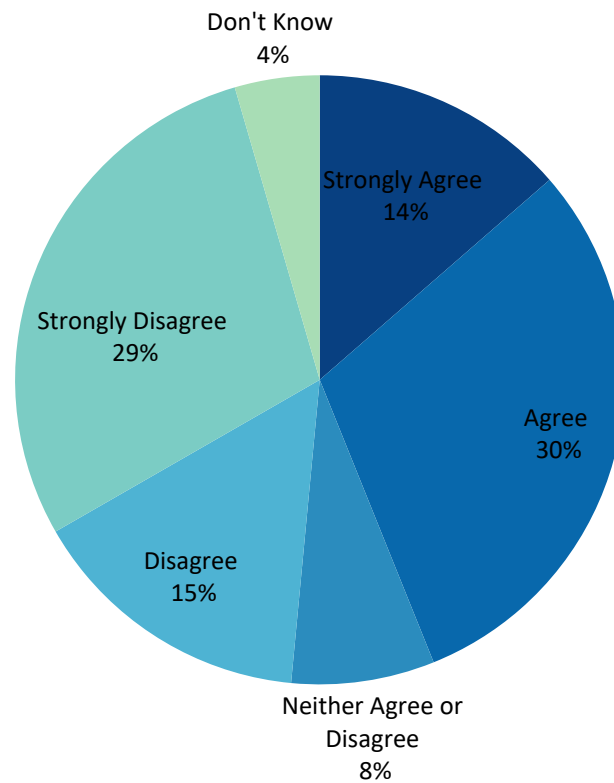
Disabled rebate	1
Disabled reduction.	1
Don't know	1
NONE OF THE ABOVE	1
Nothing	1
Single pensioner discount	1
Totals	11

5. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the 8.5% minimum contribution requirement?



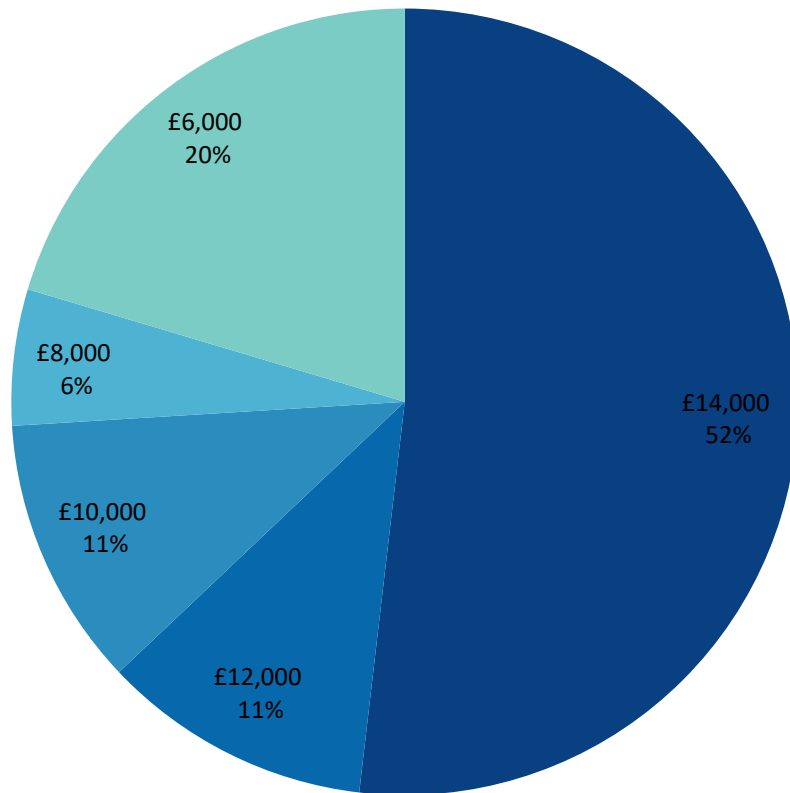
Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	34.3%	23
Agree	26.9%	18
Neither Agree or Disagree	10.4%	7
Disagree	10.4%	7
Strongly Disagree	10.4%	7
Don't know	7.5%	5
	Totals	67

6. How strongly do you agree/disagree with the proposal to reduce the upper capital limit?



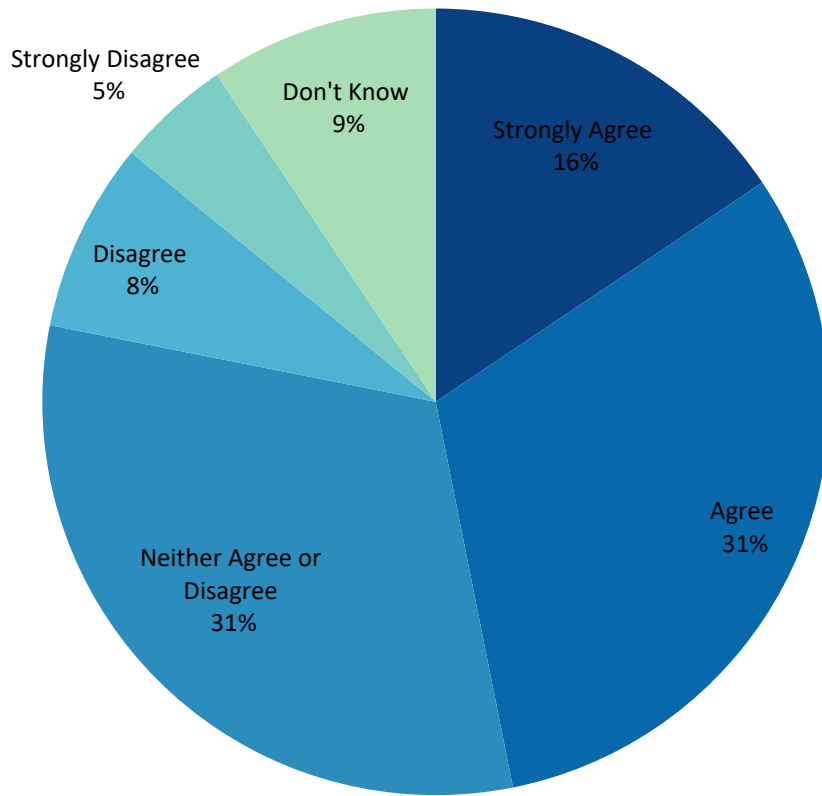
Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	13.6%	9
Agree	30.3%	20
Neither Agree or Disagree	7.6%	5
Disagree	15.2%	10
Strongly Disagree	28.8%	19
Don't Know	4.5%	3
	Totals	66

7. If the upper capital limit were to be reduced, what level do you think it should be reduced to?



Value	Percent	Count
£14,000	51.9%	28
£12,000	11.1%	6
£10,000	11.1%	6
£8,000	5.6%	3
£6,000	20.4%	11
	Totals	54

8. How strongly do you support the proposal to use a minimum self-employed income in order to calculate entitlement to LCTS?



Value	Percent	Count
Strongly Agree	15.6%	10
Agree	31.3%	20
Neither Agree or Disagree	31.3%	20
Disagree	7.8%	5
Strongly Disagree	4.7%	3
Don't Know	9.4%	6
	Totals	64

9. Are there any other comments you would like to make regarding our proposed changes to the LCTS scheme?

ResponseID	Response
5	No help for disabled people who do not have adapted property. Life is a struggle
10	Everyone should pay something, people not working sometimes use more services than those working and not claiming. Plus some families on UC have £2-3K a month coming in. The cap shouldn't be moved, keep it as £16K
14	Looks like the self employed will be penalised.
15	I am the only person working in the household my husband is disabled and unable to work. We both have disabilities, will the new LCTS scheme help us.
19	It doesn't pay to save. If I spent every penny I earned and drank away my wages, I'd be in a better place to receive LCT. As it is prior to being laid off this month, I've scrimped and saved every penny for the hard times ahead. As a result I can pay my Council tax at full rate with little chance of getting a job of any value at 60 years of age.
22	#1. Polling via Internet. Many residents are house bound and don't have access to Libraries etc #2. Since there is no desire to have existing services cut or abolished [Pruning maybe] Particularly policing. The current budget has to be retained. These proposals will make a deficit. That suggested,

	<p>can only be maintained by Increasing taxation of such as those in the Top band and Incomes of over £40k pa.</p>
23	<p>Regardless of how much a working family earn everyone if affected by the cost of living crisis, by reducing what the lower earners are paying does this mean everyone outside of this bracket are going to be forced to pay more. My family own a business and have paid a colossal amount in business rates for many years watching other businesses that are way more profitable paying nothing. If every business in the Wyre paid rates other businesses that pay now would pay less and this could help them stay afloat. Things need to change otherwise we are going to end up with even more derelict buildings</p>
27	<p>People living on Universal Credit and other such benefits qualify across the board for all sorts of things where anyone struggling on the edge of the limit has no help at all and struggles with everything and gets no help. It does not weigh in favour of getting people out to work or looking after their own homes. Anyone who tries has no help</p>
28	<p>The savings threshold has been £16000 for many years now. It should not be lowered even further, as it has never been adjusted over time to reflect the rising cost of living over the years, it no longer reflects a fair amount of what a household claiming the allowance might be allowed to keep as a cushion for emergencies.</p>
35	<p>No</p>

37	It should cover people on DLA and EESA
52	<p>Removing the 8.5% deduction, which is age discriminatory, would be no bad thing, but limiting the number of people who can claim support due to lower savings thresholds is perverse in a cost of living crisis, where people need savings to help pay for energy costs and (no doubt) vastly increased council tax bills next year. If anything, savings thresholds should be increased to take into account their loss of value due to inflation. Any reduction in savings allowances would be completely regressive and unacceptable.</p>
54	<p>People on Universal Credit are allowed £16,000 savings; how will Wyre's proposed change affect this? By disqualifying some UC claimants? Or by allowing them to have higher savings than someone not claiming UC, which would be discriminatory? £16,000 is a nationally recognised figure across many benefits that Wyre should not be seeking to change.</p>
59	<p>For self employed claimants use their self-assessment tax returns. These are always completed as it is a requirement and it is an accurate account of their income. The questionnaire is not sufficient proof. Plenty of contractors outside IR35 make more than £4,000 a week working less than 35 hours</p>
60	<p>What effect would this have on the income the Council has available? What do other councils do to ease lower income claimant problems?</p>

61	Make it as easy as possible for people with additional needs to be able to take part in the consultation.
63	We have not claimed LCTS Scheme and don't know whether it comes through automatically. Regards
66	No
70	N/A
71	N/A
72	N/A
73	N/A
74	N/A
75	Just to say found first para (re LCTA 8%) too complicated. You are close to this. Can any future surveys be tested on Joe public please. Simpler language - Bullet points - Easier to read. I had to ask someone to explain the workings of the reduction to make sure I understood what is being said - example good. Thank you.
76	Anything that makes it simpler would be great.
77	None
78	LCTS not clear had to reread several times. No options for retired people or people not on benefits their views MUST be taken into account.

79	None
80	N/A