

Executive Committee 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015

LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT CONSULTATION RESPONSES

**APPENDIX C**

Individual responses to the consultation

Response Number	Comment
C.1	<p data-bbox="507 651 576 680">Hello</p> <p data-bbox="507 723 1406 1039">I am appalled that that there are plans to increase the council tax contribution. Families claiming working tax credits are about to be hit hard by the government. Sadly they are claiming to offset this loss by increasing the national minimum wage. However, for many working families the minimum wage increase will not effect them as they are earn slightly above this. These individuals are hit by austerity through lack of an inflation pay rise, removal of tax credits and now the local government wants to push the knife in a little further. Those being hit are mostly single parent families and this should not be the case.</p> <p data-bbox="507 1081 1398 1254">These actions will push more children into poverty and will force more parents to give up working simply because it no longer becomes financially viable for them. Isn't it time to hit those with more expendable income than they know what to do with rather than once again hurting those whom are trying to keep their head above the water line?</p> <p data-bbox="507 1296 1353 1431">Aside from the obvious points I have made, should it not also be a question of how this is to be enforced? All of a sudden, people cannot afford to pay; do the council employ more people to carry out enforcement ergo costing the tax payer more money?</p> <p data-bbox="507 1473 1401 1574">This is a terribly thought out reform and it is time that the local council put working families and those with nothing first? Asking for a percentage of nothing can only result in one answer.</p> <p data-bbox="507 1617 608 1646">Regards</p> <p data-bbox="507 1688 687 1718">Mrs A Turnbull</p>