

Findings from the Council Tax Support Proposed Amendments 2026/27 CONSULTATION

About the Consultation

The council tax support scheme is a means-tested discount that is dependent on household income and circumstances.

Under certain circumstances, residents may become liable for council tax on more than one property and may only be entitled to claim support for one of those properties. This can cause anxiety and build debt for those who can least afford it.

The proposal is to extend assistance in any of the following circumstances for a limited time.

- They have left their original home through fear of violence, or
- Changes for disabled people are being made in their new home, like a wet bathroom or stairlift, or
- They have moved in the last four weeks and are liable to pay Council Tax for their original home as well as their new one

During December 2025 and January 2026, the proposal to change the council tax support scheme for working-age households was consulted on for a 6 week period.

This was displayed on our Let's Talk Coventry front page, and an email was sent directly to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Responses and Feedback

There were 12 visitors to the page.

6 responses to the survey were received. This is a very small sample, and this must be taken into account when considering decision-making.

All 6 responded as Coventry residents.

Do you agree with the proposed temporary additional support where a resident is made liable for council tax for two homes in the specific situations stated?

| How much do you agree | Strongly agree | Agree | Neutral |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------|---------|
| Number | 3 | 2 | 1 |

A clear majority are in favour of the scheme, none of the respondents disagreed with the proposal; half of those responding (the largest group) strongly agree.

Responses were received from St. Michael's, Westwood, Woodlands and Binley & Willenhall.

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How would you best describe yourself?

| How described | Male | Female | Prefer not to say |
|---------------|------|--------|-------------------|
| Numbers | 2 | 3 | 1 |

Ages of those responding

| Age group | Number |
|-----------|--------|
| 16 – 25 | 1 |
| 26 – 35 | 1 |
| 36 - 45 | 2 |
| 46-55 | 1 |
| 56-65 | 1 |

All respondents are aged between 16 and 65

When asked about whether the respondents consider themselves to have a disability five said they did not, while one said yes.

How would you describe your ethnic background?

| Ethnic Group | Number |
|---|--------|
| White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | 1 |
| White Other | 3 |
| Asian/ Asian British – Indian | 1 |
| Black/ Black British – African | 1 |

Of those responding to this question, two-thirds said they were White one person said they have an Indian background, and the other said they have African heritage.