

Summary of Responses to New LCTS Scheme Public Consultation (Total 74)	
Response Area	Summary
Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vast majority placed most importance on protecting those on the lowest incomes and extra funding for Welfare Support • Less importance placed on everyone paying some Council Tax and aligning scheme with Universal Credits
Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68% agree with a cost neutral scheme (19% Don't know) • 42% agree with a simpler scheme (27% Don't know)
Policy content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% agree on most support for those on low incomes (3% Don't know) • 80% agree with extra funding for Welfare Support provision (7% Don't know) • 53% agree moving to an income banded scheme (17% Don't know) • 35% agree with the proposed income band levels (28% Don't know) • 44% agree with increase in bands for multi-person households and families (27% Don't know) • 39% agree with a maximum level of support for working age (11% Don't know) • 50% agree with the proposed maximum level of support (8% Don't know)
Income and capital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 39% agree with including UC housing cost element as income (16% Don't know) • 81% agree with disregarding DLA and PIP as income (4% Don't know) • 51% agree with a minimum income level for self-employed (25% Don't know) • 49% agree with reducing the savings limit to £6,000 (4% Don't know)
Respondents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 92% are residents of B&NES • 74% are current LCTS recipients; 63% on other benefits • 28% are working, 44% are permanently sick or have a disability • 81% are between 35 and 64 years old • 60% have a disability or a member of the household has a disability

Summary of Written Comments	
Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written response from CAB Director Gill Whitehead praised the proposed scheme specifically increased help for the lowest incomes and increased funding to Welfare Support, valuing the excellent service they provide • A thread in the written comments is that respondents are disagreeing that everyone must pay something; including those with disabilities • There is also concern that having to seek help from Welfare Support is demeaning • There is a comment suggesting that self-employed people may not always be capable of earning the 'living wage' • There is also a comment suggesting that households with multiple children should have benefits capped lower than the current rate
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main thread is that other funding should come from the richest people • Increased funding from tourism • Charges for Libraries • Reduction in major developments • Other income streams such as parking fines
Policy content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few suggestions of lowest band starting at £199 • Mainly comments on hardship caused by band percentages • Some suggesting a return to 100% as the maximum discount

