

Consultation response pro-forma

A review of local authorities' relative needs and resources: **Technical consultation**

If you are responding to this consultation by email, please reply using this questionnaire pro-forma, which should be read alongside the consultation document.

You should save the pro-forma on your own device, from which you can complete the survey at your own pace, and submit by email when you are ready.

There are 16 questions in this form (some with sub-questions). You do not have to answer every question should you not wish to. The comment boxes will expand as you type, should you need more space.

Should you wish to attach further evidence or supporting information, you may attach and send this via email, along with the pro-forma.

Consultation response pro-formas should be returned by email to:

NeedsAndResources@communities.gov.uk

Alternatively if you wish to respond in writing, the relevant contact details can be found on page 5 of the main consultation document.

Your opinions are valuable to us. Thank you for taking the time to read the consultation document and respond.

Your Details (Required details are marked with an asterisk (*))

Full Name*

Organisation*

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Postcode*

Country

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Phone Number

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Are the views expressed on this form an official response from a:

Combined Authority

Fire and Rescue Authority

Greater London Authority

London Borough

Metropolitan District

Parish or Town Council

Shire County

Shire District

Unitary Authority

Local Authority Association or Special Interest Group

Other Local Authority Grouping

Local Authority Officer

Local Authority Councillor

Member of Parliament

Other Representative Group

Business

Business Organisation

Valuation Organisation

Voluntary Organisation

Member of the Public

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Relative needs

Question 1

Do you have views at this stage, or evidence not previously shared with us, relating to the proposed structure of the relative needs assessment set out in this section?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please specify

Question 2

What are your views on the best approach to a Fire and Rescue Services funding formula and why?

No comment

Please specify

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Question 3

What are your views on the best approach to Home to School Transport and Concessionary Travel?

No comment

Please specify

Question 4

What are your views on the proposed approach to the Area Cost Adjustment?

No comment

Please specify

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Relative resources

Question 5

Do you agree that the Government should continue to take account of non-discretionary council tax discounts and exemptions (e.g. single person discount and student exemptions) and the income forgone due to the pensioner-age element of local council tax support, in the measure of the council tax base?

Yes

No

Don't know

If so, how should we do this?

Question 6

Do you agree that an assumptions-based approach to measuring the impact of discretionary discounts and exemptions should be made when measuring the council tax base?

Yes

No

Don't know

If so, how should we do this?

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Question 7(a)

Do you agree that the Government should take account of the income forgone due to local council tax support for working age people?

Yes

No

Don't know

Question 7(b)

What are your views on how this should be determined?

No comment

Please specify

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Question 8(a)

Do you agree that the Government should take a notional approach to council tax levels in the resources adjustment?

Yes

No

Don't know

Question 8(b)

What are your views on how this should be determined?

No comment

Please specify

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Question 9

What are your views on how the Government should determine the measure of council tax collection rate in the resources adjustment?

No comment

Please specify

Question 10

Do you have views on how the Government should determine the allocation of council tax between each tier and/or fire and rescue authorities in multi-tier areas?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please specify

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Question 11

Do you agree that the Government should apply a single measure of council tax resource fixed over the period between resets for the purposes of a resources adjustment in multi-year settlement funding allocations?

Yes

No

Don't know

Additional comments

Question 12

Do you agree that surplus sales, fees and charges should not be taken into account when assessing local authorities' relative resources adjustment?

Yes

No

Don't know

Additional comments

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Question 13

If the Government was minded to do so, do you have a view on the basis on which surplus parking income should be taken into account?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please specify

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Transitional arrangements

Question 14(a)

Do you agree with the proposed transition principles?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please specify

Question 14(b)

Should any other principles be considered by the Government in designing of transitional arrangements?

No comment

Please specify

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Question 15

Do you have views on how the baseline should be constructed for the purposes of transition?

Yes

No

Don't know

Please specify

Question 16

Do you have any comments at this stage on the potential impact of the proposals outlined in this consultation document on persons who share a protected characteristic? Please provide evidence to support your comments.

No comment

Please specify