

<b>Appendix 2</b>					
Do you agree with H&F's proposal to absorb the cost? - Agree with proposal?	Please explain your view on the council's decision to absorb the cost. - Views on Council Tax Benefits Changes	Do you pay council tax to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham? - Do you pay CT?	Do you receive Council Tax benefit? - Receive CTB?	What is your age group? - Age	Are you...(please tick all that apply) - CTB Category
Yes	it allows for a smooth transition	No	No	Not Answered	Employed
No	While I totally support the idea that pensioners and the disabled in receipt of CTS should not have to bear the cost of the change, it seems unfair that ordinary Council Tax payers are, in effect, being asked to bear it for people who are not working and, in many cases, have no intention of working. (of which there must be many among the 14,500 people who are not pensioners). Is there no way of ascertaining who these claimants are, and ensuring that their CTS is reduced by 10%? I realise, of course, that the admin costs related to this may be disproportionate, but could it be worth a look? The Government's reduction in CTS is meant to encourage those disinclined to work to change their attitudes; perhaps a better mind than mine can find a way of carrying this through without penalising the low-earners who are, at least, working.	Yes	No	Over 60	A pensioner, Employed
Yes	At a time of general reduction in Welfare Support and increased taxes i.e. VAT effects the least well of proportionally more than the wealthy. Any additional financial burden is likely to push more further into poverty and of course chasing outstanding sums owed, as well as the distress caused, may end up costing the council more in administration and legal fees.	Yes	Yes	18-60	Disabled
Yes	It is preferable to making people live below the bread line if they are genuine and have lived in H and F for a long time.	Yes	No	Over 60	A pensioner
No	The council tax collected by the council should not become a substitute for government benefits funding.	Yes	No	18-60	Employed
No	This is putting pressure on the funds available to the community to offset the reduction in funding.	Yes	Yes	18-60	A student
Yes	it doesn't sound fair for the ones that are less well off. also the council may not be trusted with this pot of money	Yes	Yes	18-60	A student
Yes	Centrepont strongly supports Hammersmith and Fulham's proposal to absorb the cost of cuts to Council Tax Benefit. Young people currently in receipt of Council Tax Benefit would seriously struggle to meet any shortfall if support was reduced, particularly as they tend to be on lower incomes than older groups. Young people are entitled to lower rates of benefits than over 25s, and many in the private rented sector already to have to make top ups to their housing benefit as they are only entitled to the shared accommodation rate. Due to this, many already struggling to meet basic costs such as food and utilities, so requiring them to make council tax payments too could have pushed them into serious debt and put them at risk of eviction and homelessness. We therefore warmly welcome H&F's proposal to absorb these costs rather than pass them on to vulnerable individuals.	No	No	18-60	Employed
Yes	When are you going to evict Abu Hamzas' wife ?	No	No	18-60	Employed
No	I feel that council tax support should be reduced	Yes	No	18-60	Employed
Yes	If the claimants are legitimate, they should not be financially penalised.	Yes	No	18-60	Employed