

Council Tax Precept Consultation Results

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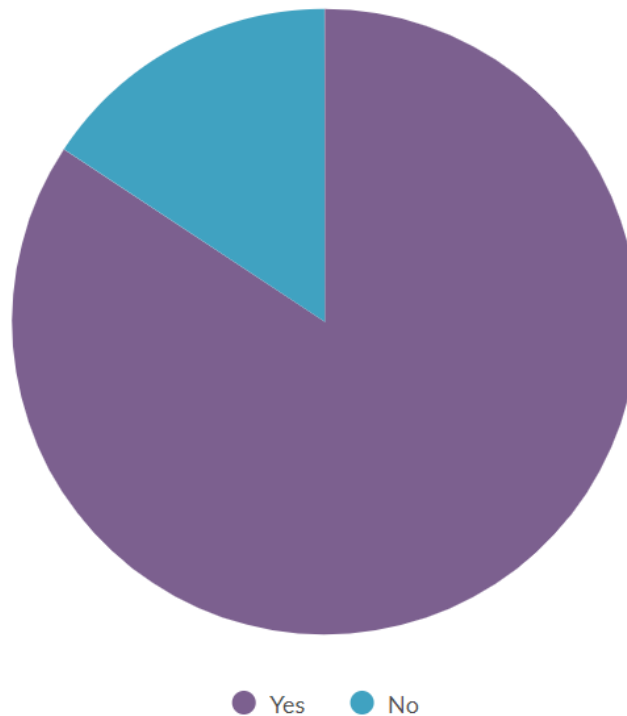
Overall responses via Survey Gizmo

5600

Do you think an extra £12 per year in council tax, for a Band D property, to protect operational policing would be money well spent?

Yes - 84.3% or 4723

No – 15.7% or 877



Participant Demographics

Gender

(a total of 5,534 people responded to this question)

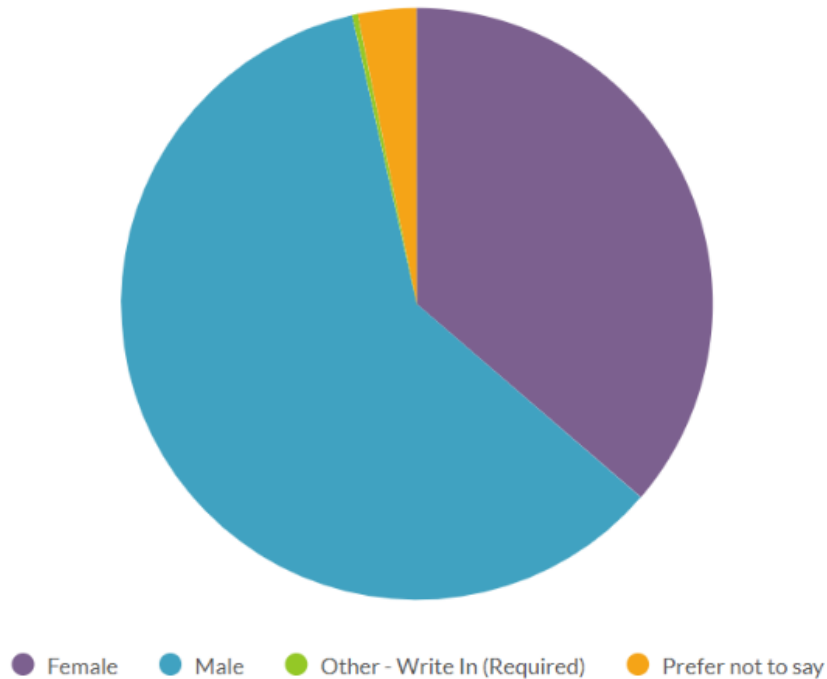
Female – 36.3% or 1946

Male – 60.1% or 3220

Other – 0.3% or 15

Prefer not to say – 3.2% or 173

4. What is your gender?



Ethnicity

(a total of 5341 people responded to this question)

White – English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British – 86.9% or 4640

White – Irish – 1.1% or 61

White – Gypsy or Traveller – 0.1% or 5

White – any other background – 3.4% or 183

Mixed – White and black Caribbean – 0.1% or 6

Mixed – White and Black African – 0.1% or 6

Mixed – White and Asian – 0.2% or 11

Mixed – Any other Mixed ethnic group – 0.1% or 8

Asian or Asian British – Indian – 1% or 51

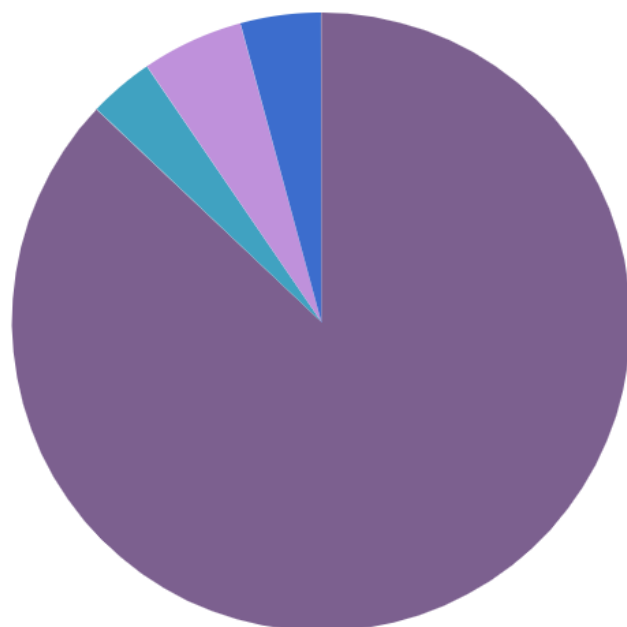
Asian or Asian British – Pakistani – 0.3% or 16

Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi – 0.0% or 1

Asian or Asian British – Any other Asian background – 0.1% or 7

Black or Black British – African – 0.1% or 7
Black or Black British – Caribbean – 0.1% or 6
Black or Black British – any other Black British – 0.0% or 2
Arab – 0.0% or 2
Chinese – 0.2% or 11
Any other ethnic group – 0.7% or 35
Prefer not to say – 5.3% or 283

5. What is your ethnic group?



● White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British ● White - Any other white background ● Prefer not to say ● All Others

Age

(a total of 5327 people responded to this question)

18 to 24 years old – 0.8% or 45

25 to 34 years old – 4.9% or 259

35 to 44 years old – 11.2% or 595

45 to 54 years old – 16.2% or 865

55 to 64 years old – 20% or 1068

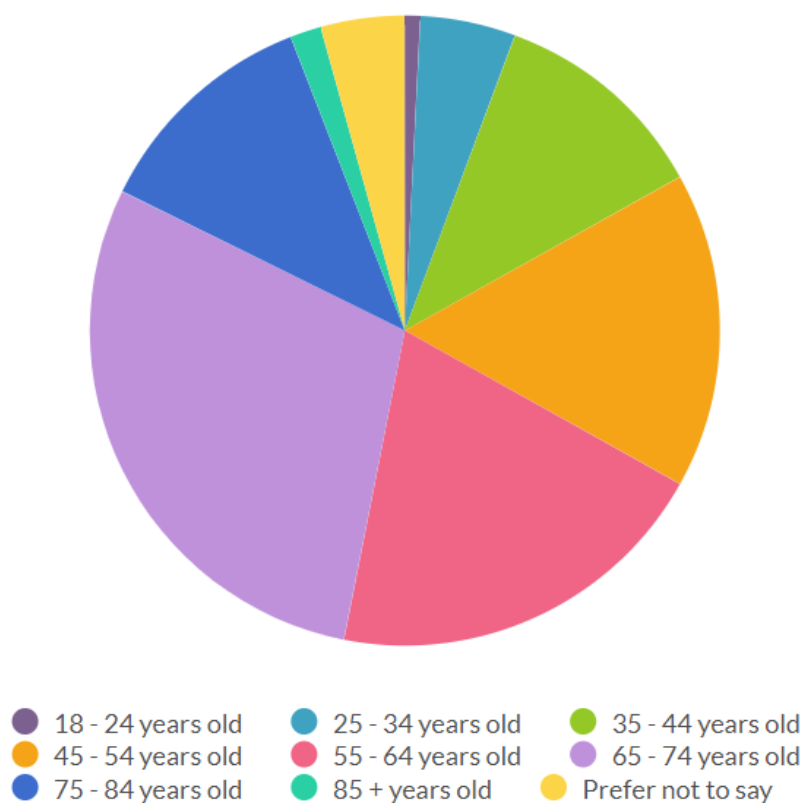
65 to 74 years old – 29.2% or 1,553

75 to 84 years old - 11.8% or 628

85 + years – 1.6% or 86

Prefer not to say – 4.3% or 228

6. What is your age?



Disability

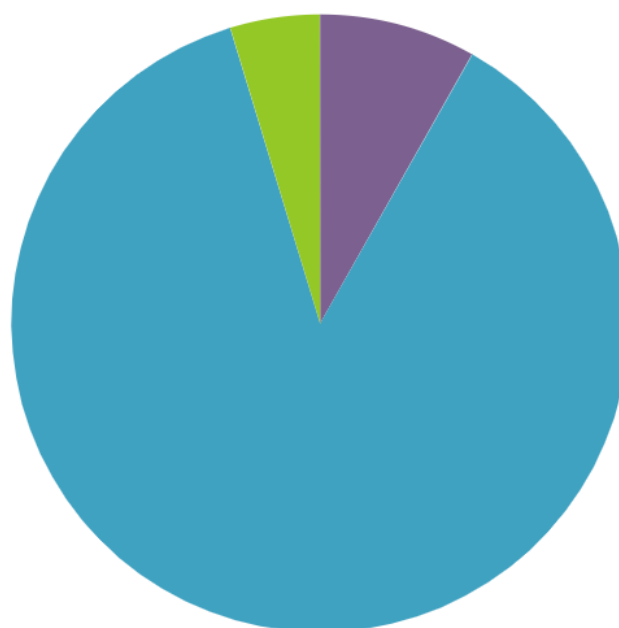
(total of 5324 people responded to this question)

Yes – 8.2% or 439

No – 87.1% or 4637

Prefer not to say – 4.7% or 248

7. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?



● Yes ● No ● Prefer not to say

Local Authority Area

(total of 5319 people responded to this question)

Aylesbury Vale – 8.1% or 429

Bracknell Forest – 4% or 211

Cherwell – 5.5% or 292

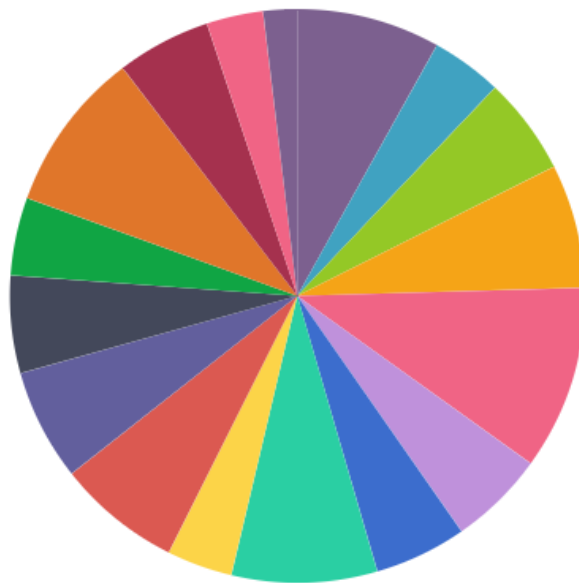
Chiltern – 7% or 371

Milton Keynes – 10.4% or 555

Oxford – 5.4% or 285

Reading – 5.2% or 274
 Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead – 8.2% or 438
 Slough – 1.9% or 103
 South Bucks – 3.7% or 195
 South Oxfordshire – 7% or 371
 Vale of White Horse – 6.3% or 334
 West Berkshire – 5.5% or 293
 West Oxfordshire – 4.4% or 233
 Wokingham – 9.1% or 484
 Wycombe – 5.3% or 283
 Not sure – 3.2% or 168 (88 of these people are not from the Thames Valley)

8. Which Local Authority area in the Thames Valley do you live or own a business in?



- Aylesbury Vale
- Bracknell Forest
- Cherwell
- Chlittern
- Milton Keynes
- Oxford
- Reading
- Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
- South Bucks
- South Oxfordshire
- Vale of the White Horse
- West Berkshire
- West Oxfordshire
- Wokingham
- Wycombe
- Not sure - Please state your nearest town or village (Required)
- All Others

Participants who answered no to an increase

2. Why do you feel this wouldn't be money well spent?



This question included an open text box response. For ease of review the responses have been sorted into the below broad categories with the number of people who suggested this option:

Thames Valley Police should manage on existing budget and/or make further savings or review their spending priorities – 244

Additional funding should be provided by government through income tax or savings made elsewhere at national level - 144

Not satisfied with current service provided by police and/or don't want to provide additional funding and still get the same service – 111

Council tax is already too high and/ or cannot afford to pay more – 102

Not clear on the benefits / wouldn't benefit their area and/ or is not clear it would benefit local or operational policing – 94

Do not agree that council tax is a fair way to charge residents of the Thames Valley and/or should be a flat rate - 24

The amount requested isn't enough and should be more – 15

Police and Crime Commissioner role should be abolished – 14

3. What would you propose as an alternative annual increase that you believe is justified and will enable Thames Valley Police to do their job effectively?



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None – 274

No suggestion on figure and/ or suggestion on where savings could be made – 241

Government should fund increase – 124

Flat rate charge across all households or individuals – 23

Rate of inflation – 21

Would need to be assured it would improve service and/or go into local policing – 18

Reduce current council tax levels – 17

50p to £11 increase – 15

Double the proposed increase or higher – 12

Half the proposed increase – 10

A 0.1% to 3% increase – 10

£5 per annum increase – 10

Income tax increase – 9

Between £12 to £24 increase – 9

Charge higher council tax bands more – 5

Charge those who get a higher level of service from police more/ those areas with higher crime rates – 5

Charge criminals for the time taken to investigate and/ or seize their assets – 5

Paid for by local authority and/or optional contribution from Parish Council – 4

Bring back poll tax – 3

Payment by results – 1

Gradual increase – 1