



50+ Forum Survey

Council Tax Premiums on Long Term Empty Dwellings (houses, flats etc.) and/or Second Homes

The following demographic questions are asked within the survey so that we can find out the views of people with different characteristics, such as those listed in the Equality Act 2010.

Your responses cannot be traced back to you as an individual.

1) Are you responding as an...

Individual

Town & Community Council

Business

Other Organisation or Group

2) If responding as a business, town or community council, or other organisation or group, please write its name here.

3) What is your ethnic group?

White

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

Mixed / multiple ethnic groups

Other ethnic group

Asian / Asian British

Prefer not to say

4) What is your age group?

Under 16

55 - 64

16 - 24

65 - 74

25 - 34

75 - 84

35 - 44

85+

45 - 54

Prefer not to say

5) What is your gender?

Female

Male

Prefer not to say

6) Is your gender the same now as when assigned at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

7) What is your partnership status

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Single | <input type="radio"/> Widowed |
| <input type="radio"/> Married | <input type="radio"/> Civil Partner |
| <input type="radio"/> Cohabiting | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Separated | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="radio"/> Divorced | |

8) The Equality Act 2010 states that a person has a disability for the purposes of this Act if he/she has or has had '*a physical or mental impairment which has had a substantial and long term adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day to day activities*'.

Long term has been defined as meaning having lasted 12 months or is likely to last at least 12 months

Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

9) Do you provide regular, unpaid, substantive care for a relative, friend or neighbour who is unable to manage at home without help because of sickness, age or disability?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

10) Do you hold a religion or belief?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

If yes, please specify

11) What is your sexual orientation?

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Heterosexual | <input type="radio"/> Gay |
| <input type="radio"/> Bisexual | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Lesbian | |

12) Which is your preferred language?

- Welsh English Other

Please specify

13) What is your total household income?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than £10,000 | <input type="radio"/> £40,000 - £49,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> £10,000 - £19,999 | <input type="radio"/> £50,000 - £59,999 |
| <input type="radio"/> £20,000 - £29,999 | <input type="radio"/> More than £60,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> £30,000 - £39,999 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

14) Do you currently own a second home in Carmarthenshire on which you pay Council Tax?

- Yes
 No

15) Do you currently own a vacant dwelling in Carmarthenshire on which you pay 50% Council Tax?

- Yes
 No

16) Are you currently seeking affordable housing in Carmarthenshire ?

- Yes
 No

17) What impact do you think that the introduction of a Council Tax premium in Carmarthenshire on long term empty dwellings would have on the supply of:

	Very Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very Negative
Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>				
Private rented accommodation	<input type="radio"/>				
House Prices	<input type="radio"/>				
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>				
The Welsh language	<input type="radio"/>				

Please tell us why you think that would be the case:

18) What impact do you think that the introduction of a Council Tax premium in Carmarthenshire on second homes would have on the supply of:

	Very Positive	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Very Negative
Affordable housing	<input type="radio"/>				
Private rented accommodation	<input type="radio"/>				
House Prices	<input type="radio"/>				
Tourism	<input type="radio"/>				
The Welsh language	<input type="radio"/>				

Please tell us why you think that would be the case:

19) The Welsh Government is encouraging councils to use any additional income generated by Council Tax Premiums to help meet local housing needs. If Council Tax Premiums were introduced in Carmarthenshire how do you think the additional income should be spent?

	Agree Strongly	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Disagree Strongly
To support the Council Services	<input type="radio"/>				
To bringing more second homes or long term empty dwellings, back into permanent use for local residents	<input type="radio"/>				
Some other specific purpose(s) Please specify	<input type="radio"/>				

20) Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with a Council Tax premium being charged on:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Long term empty dwellings in Carmarthenshire	<input type="radio"/>				
Second homes in Carmarthenshire	<input type="radio"/>				

21) Please indicate what would be the most appropriate Council Tax premium in Carmarthenshire for long term empty dwellings. (Any premium would be in addition to the 50% charged currently)

%

22) Please indicate what would be the most appropriate Council Tax premium in Carmarthenshire for second homes. (Any premium would be in addition to the 100% charged currently)

%

23) Please include any additional comments that you would like to make in relation to Council Tax Premiums.

Community Resilience

24) What's good about your community?

25) What would make your community stronger?

Information Technology

26) Which internet access do you have at home?

Broadband

Superfast Broadband

None

27) Who supplies your broadband service?

BT

Sky

Spectrum Internet

Talk Talk

Virgin

Other

If other, please specify:

28) Would you be interested in having superfast broadband to your home if there was help with the cost of this?

Yes

No

29) Which type of device do you access the internet on?

Smartphone

Ipad

Computer

Tablet

Laptop

Smart TV

30) Do you have access to any of these services online? **(please tick all that apply)**

Obtaining information from the council

Obtaining Insurance quotes

Obtaining information on Pensions

Ordering food shopping

Comparing energy prices

Other household shopping

Obtaining information on Benefits

Finding Holidays

Obtaining help from Social Services

Paying Car Tax

Ordering Prescription

Booking cinema/theatre tickets

Making appointments with GP

Search for local events

Making bank payments

Other (please specify)

Other (please specify):

31) Have you used any of the following in the last 4 weeks?

	Daily	Weekly	Occasionally
Text Message	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skype	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BBCiplayer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freeview TV Channel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Netflix	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amazon Prime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

32) What is the average amount of time you spend on the internet per week?

- 1-4hrs 5-9hrs 10-14hrs 15-20hrs 20hrs+

33) If you need help using technology or the internet, where do you go for help?

- Grandchildren Computer classes None
 Children Local Library
 Neighbour/Friend Try to find answer myself

34) If we provided training, would you be willing to help other forum members develop skills to use the internet?

- Yes No