

Dear David

I appreciate this response is past the deadline but wanted to let you that Nicola Allen has reviewed the documentation. She felt that the changes are reasonable and that the information and impact on us was clear. Please could you advise whether you still require us to complete the survey?

Many thanks

Lucinda

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**From:** HINES Lucinda 54933

**Sent:** 26 September 2019 16:47

**To:** David Good [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: North Devon Council CTR Scheme 20/21 Consultation

Dear both

Many thanks for your e-mail. My apologies for not replying sooner. I have had a long period of annual leave. I have passed your e-mail onto Nicola Allen, our S151 officer for consideration. I would be grateful if you could include Nicola into future e-mails. Her address is

If you have any further queries please come back to me.

Kind regards

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**Sent:** 09 September 2019 11:18

**To:** HINES Lucinda 54933 [REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: North Devon Council CTR Scheme 20/21 Consultation

Hi Commissioner Hines

Please find attached regarding our CTR Consultation for our proposed scheme for 20/21

Regards

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Dear David

### **North Devon Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2020/21**

Thank you for your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> September in which you outlined how North Devon Council is looking to amend its Council Tax Reduction scheme from April 2020 by implementing an 'income banded grid' scheme and making other changes that will simplify the scheme.

Jon Triggs in his e-mail clarified that *"...depending on final scheme the options modelled vary and there is a potential small additional cost of between £50k-£100k depending on which model adopted...."*

However, he mentioned that the proposed changes would help improve collection rates *"...thus not impacting the current collection fund position materially overall and hopefully improve it further..."*

I understand that the consultation involves a number of proposals with varying costs which could affect the council tax base. Only when the consultation is completed and the results are analysed, will you be able to inform preceptors of the expected costs of the new scheme.

Unfortunately, without knowing the impact on the council tax base, the County Council can only comment that council tax is its largest source of income and is essential to help finance the provision of services to vulnerable people in Devon. Consequently, it is important that the council tax base is protected, and additional costs are kept to a minimum.

Yours sincerely

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