

Rent Level Consultation 2025-26

Questionnaire

East Lothian Council’s 2024/25 rent increase of 7% has helped us to both maintain the Housing Service and invest in existing tenants’ homes. We are on target to maximise our modernisation budget and continue to invest in new housing to meet the needs of our growing population.

Q1. The Council is considering a rent increase of 7% in 2025/26.

Based on the average rent, 7% equates to a rise of £5.75 per week.

This proposed rent increase would allow us to continue to maintain services and target areas of investment such as windows and doors, damp and mould, roofing and render together with other major works.

Please prioritise the services 1 to 5, with 1 being the most important to you and 5 the least important:

Modernisation Programme	
New Build Programme	
Continue to deliver the housing service	
Council house repairs	
Energy efficiency measures	

Q2. If we don’t increase our rents by 7%, we are likely to have to reduce some of the services we provide such as some areas of modernisation and new build.

With this in mind, do you think it is right to increase our rents?

Yes No

Q3. Do you agree with the proposed increase of 7%?

Yes No

Q4. Are you happy with the level of consultation and information you get about the annual rent increase?

Yes No *If no, please tell us why:*

Q5. Do you think the rent you currently pay is good value for money?

Yes No *If no, please tell us why:*

Q6. Do you have any suggestions about how we can improve our housing service?

Equalities Monitoring

All responses are completely confidential and will help ensure we are capturing a wide range of views and meeting the housing needs of our tenants.

Are you:

Male Female Intersex Prefer not to say
16-24 25-34 35-44 45-64 65-74 75+ Prefer not to say

Do you have a health condition or disability which impacts on your day-to-day life?

Yes No Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic origin?

What is your religion or beliefs (if any)?

Which area do you live in?

Dunbar North Berwick Haddington
Prestonpans Musselburgh Tranent

Are you currently:

In work: Part-time Full-time
Retired Studying Currently out of work

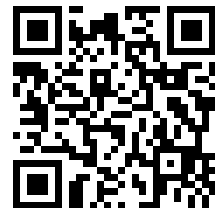
Does your household currently receive benefit to help with your housing costs?

(e.g. Housing Benefit or Universal Credit)

Yes No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Please return it in the prepaid envelope provided to:

East Lothian Council - Service Development Team,
Penston House, Macmerry EH33 1EX



The questionnaire is also available to complete at:
www.eastlothian.gov.uk/rent-consultation or scan the QR code above.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE BY FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2024