

QUESTION 4

If you have any other suggestions that you would like to make or comments about the rent level consultation, then please write them in the box below:

Thank you for completing the rent consultation survey, please add your name and address below and you will be entered into our free prize draw to win an iPad.

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Please now return your completed survey form to us in the prepaid envelope provided by Friday 9th January 2015.

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RENT CONSULTATION
QUESTIONNAIRE

2015/16



As outlined in the accompanying letter rent levels in East Lothian are low compared to other local authorities and neighbouring Councils. We are keen to deliver the highest level of service standards that we can afford to our tenants in East Lothian and feel that the time is right to consider a higher level of rent increase beyond the recent 4.3% we have applied in recent years in line with the existing approved Council budget.

We therefore want to hear your views on this and our proposed options for this year's rent increase. Please take a few minutes to complete this form.

QUESTION 1

A 4.3% increase (average weekly increase of £2.34 per week) will allow us to increase capital expenditure by up to 14% allowing a limited advance of the modernisation and upgrading programme. Do you agree that the Council should take the opportunity to raise rent levels to further increase our investment in housing beyond the 14%?

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YES

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NO

If you answered, Yes please consider the following options for rent increases and tick the option you prefer.

QUESTION 2

Please consider the following options for rent increases and tick the option that you prefer.

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OPTION 1

Average weekly increase of £2.72
(5% rent increase)

- Improving service standards
- Increasing capital expenditure by up to 28% to advance the modernisation and upgrading programme and to increase potential investment in housing.

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OPTION 2

Average weekly increase of £2.99
(5.5% rent increase)

- Improving service standards
- Increasing capital expenditure by up to 34% to advance the modernisation and upgrading programme and to increase potential investment in housing.

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OPTION 3

Average weekly increase of £3.26
(6% rent increase)

- Improving service standards
- Increasing capital expenditure by up to 45% to advance the modernisation and upgrading programme and to increase potential investment in housing.

QUESTION 3

What are your spending priorities?

Please tick all that apply:

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Bathroom upgrade

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Kitchen upgrade

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Improved energy efficiency

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Improved repairs service

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Provide more council houses

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Other? (Please specify in the box below)