Local Government and Communities Committee

Consideration of the Council Tax (Substitution of Proportion) (Scotland) Order 2016

Submission from Alan Hogarth

This is not the time to be increasing council tax, particularly for pensioners like myself. Interest rates have been drastically cut, pension rates affected by the financial crisis and we are on a low pension. Why should we be punished, where is the 'social justice' for older people who are being financially squeezed? If it is necessary to increase funding for councils perhaps the government’s freeze should be lifted instead of penalising elderly citizens. Alternatively a ‘local income tax’ should be considered, this could be fairer way of getting council funding.

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