

Appendix 2 – Literal responses

The LCTS reduced the support for the Parishes and town councils which in effect has raised the cost of living for all parishes & wards, to continue to provide the same level of service in years to come we must consider the future and unpredictable market in which we source our suppliers goods and services. in order to stay in good cash flow control.

Saffron Walden Town Clerk Response:

A response was considered at the Town Council's Full Council meeting on 10th September 2018 and is recorded under Minute Reference FC481-18. At this meeting it was agreed that the Council was unable to complete the on-line survey and the Town Council's response to this consultation is as follows:

“Resolved: not to provide responses to the individual questions as per the consultation but to respond noting that the Town Council believed the consultation to be invalid as it is inherently flawed. The survey is seeking to ask qualitative questions quantitatively which would only seek to identify services which could be reduced or ceased. There is no opportunity within the responses to weight the value of an individual service other than weighting it against another which would suggest a form of hierarchy of needs. The Town Council does not wish to participate in a survey which may seek to cut back or reduce services.

Council further asked for clarification regarding the figures shown on the back page of the consultation which advises that 9% of council tax goes to UDC, 72% to ECC with the balance to Essex Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner and the town/parish council. Council wished to be informed of the percentage payable to the Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner.”