

PRESS RELEASE

The Taxation Review [Special] Committee has conducted an island-wide research project to assess the views of residents of Sark on future taxation issues.

'The Committee would like to use this opportunity to thank the public for their very positive participation in the consultation process. Whilst the questionnaire was not a referendum on taxation methods it has provided the Committee with some very clear steers on which areas to investigate further and bring forward for further consultation.'

Kevin Delaney, Chairperson of the Taxation Review [Special] Committee.

The participation was structured around 12 key questions, based on a Likert Scale, which is a rating system that allows respondents to express a range of opinions with five response options.

The Committee was pleasantly pleased to receive 248 replies from respondents to the questionnaire, as they had hoped for a minimum of 200 responses to make sure the survey was statistically robust.

- Analysis was conducted by the Sark Civil Service members and graphically displayed in the charts attached. The charts clearly show where the residents had either agreed or disagreed with the question.
- The Committee is extremely grateful for the volume of additional comments that had been submitted by the respondents. The amount submitted shows the passion and level of interest in creating a fairer tax system for Sark. All these comments will also be analysed, and we have scanned and stored in Teams Folders for the Committee to scrutinise these responses, and they will form part of the second stage of the investigation into future tax consultations.

The Committee has determined that the number of focus groups will be between six and eight subgroupings, to ensure that we obtain a wide spread of interest throughout our community. A provisional list was developed; as illustrated below:

- Hospitality – Accommodation
- Hospitality – Food & Retail
- Retire on Sark (economically inactive)
- Retired to Sark (economically inactive)
- Agriculture & Fisheries
- Work from home

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