

The problems with the acceptability of the new rating system highlight the need to return to the previous system. In the event that this sensible course of action is not taken, I wish to state which proposals I would find more acceptable and which I would find least accessible.

Not acceptable

Local income tax

local sales tax

rates on derelict or vacant property

Green taxes

poll tax

road charging

separate water charges based on the value of the property (metered water charges with no standing charge are the only means of achieving the EU objective of using less water)

Would consider

banding of rates (like English council tax)

Minimum payment levels with maximum payments as a multiple of the minimum

Single occupancy discount