

## MHP – November 2017 Pre-Budget

Methodology: ComRes surveyed 2,052 British adults aged 18+ between 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 15th-16th November 2017

Absolutes/col percents

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Unweighted base	2051	1014	1037	259	308	275	378	300	531	567	653	831	575	566	387	523	272	816
Weighted base	2051	1001	1050	230	353	330	365	301	472	582	695	774	549	572	422	508	308	874
Britain should invest more in public services even if it means paying more in tax	1375 67%	654 65%	722 69%	145 63%	212 60%	207 63%	245 67% <sup>d</sup>	219 73% <sup>CDE</sup>	347 74% <sup>CDEF</sup>	357 61%	452 65%	566 73% <sup>IJ</sup>	363 66%	391 68%	272 64%	350 69%	205 67%	537 62%
Britain does not need to spend more to fund investment in public services	676 33%	347 35%	329 31%	85 37% <sup>GH</sup>	140 40% <sup>fGH</sup>	123 37% <sup>GH</sup>	120 33% <sup>h</sup>	83 27%	125 26%	225 39% <sup>K</sup>	243 35% <sup>K</sup>	207 27%	186 34%	181 32%	150 36%	158 31%	103 33%	336 38%

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Britain does not need to spend more to fund investment in public services	676 33%	66 37%gm	40 39%fgIM	569 32%	30 35%	69 29%	48 28%	61 33%	42 27%	64 32%	97 36% m	111 39%FGIM	47 26%

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The UK Government generally spends taxpayers' money wisely	448 22%	241 24%B	207 20%	63 27% dG	71 20%	70 21%	78 21%	54 18%	113 24% g	134 23%	148 21%	166 21%	137 25% O	141 25% O	90 21% o	81 16%	66 21%	201 23%
I don't think the UK Government generally spends taxpayers' money wisely	1603 78%	760 76%	843 80%A	167 73%	281 80% c	260 79%	287 79%	248 82% Ch	360 76%	448 77%	547 79%	607 79%	412 75%	431 75%	332 79%	427 84% LMn	242 79%	673 77%

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I don't think the UK Government generally spends taxpayers' money wisely	1603 78%	149 83%FH	89 87%DFHIK	1365 77%	69 80%	169 72%	135 78%	130 70%	116 76%	162 82%FH	209 77%	228 80%FH	146 81%FH

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I would be prepared to pay more taxes to increase spending on public services	1039 51%	536 54%B	503 48%	120 52%E	168 48%E	115 35%	189 52%E	175 58%DE	272 58%DE	288 49%j	304 44%	447 58%IJ	295 54%o	291 51%	213 50%	240 47%	155 50%	405 46%
I would not be prepared to pay more taxes to increase spending on public services	1012 49%	465 46%	547 52%A	110 48%	185 52%GH	215 65%CD	176 FGH48%	127 42%	200 42%	295 51%K	391 56%iK	327 42%	254 46%	280 49%	209 50%	268 53%l	153 50%	468 54%

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It is primarily the responsibility of Government to ensure UK citizens have sufficient resources 'from the cradle to the grave'	982 48%	470 47%	512 49%	129 56%FH	189 54%FH	173 53%FH	164 45%H	168 56%FH	158 33%	318 55%jK	338 49%K	326 42%	227 41%	273 48%L	205 49%L	276 54%LM	158 51%	411 47%
It is up to individuals to make provision for their own welfare rather than being up to the Government to do it for them	1069 52%	531 53%	538 51%	101 44%	164 46%	157 47%	201 55%CD	133 44%G	315 67%CD	264 45%EF	357 51%i	448 58%IJ	322 59%MNO	299 52%O	217 51%	232 46%	150 49%	462 53%

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I expect taxes to rise as we exit the European Union	1423 69%	666 67%	757 72%A	169 74%fH	258 73%fH	235 71%h	243 67%	214 71%h	304 64%	427 73%K	478 69%	518 67%	384 70%	391 68%	293 69%	355 70%	205 67%	613 70%
I expect taxes to fall as we exit the European Union.	628 31%	334 33%B	293 28%	61 26%	94 27%	95 29%	122 33%cd	88 29%	168 36%CDeg	155 27%	217 31%	256 33%l	165 30%	181 32%	129 31%	153 30%	103 33%	261 30%

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