

Birmingham City Council - Budget Consultation 2017+

Introduction

Birmingham City Council's vision for the future is for a city of growth in which every child, citizen and place matters. And, in planning our budget for 2017-18, every view matters.

We need to make big savings as well as big plans because of the unprecedented financial challenges we face. So we want to know if we're making the right choices for you and your family.

The council faces reductions in government grant, an increase in costs and increased demand for services especially for adult social care and care for our children.

Our budget consultation paper sets out the proposals we have come up with to meet this challenge.

This online survey includes questions about:

- Which services are important to you?
- Your views on next year's rate of Council Tax.

You can choose whether to comment on all questions, or just those you select.

Specific groups of service users will also be consulted where appropriate.

Why we are consulting

Consultation is being carried out to ensure the council's decision-makers are fully informed of relevant concerns before any final decisions are made.

Public meetings

There will be two public consultation events:

Tuesday, 13 December 2016, 6.30-7.30pm: The Lighthouse Centre, St Barnabas Church, High Street, Erdington B23 6SY. **To book your place** please link to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-city-council-budget-consultation-2017-at-st-barnabas-erdington-registration-29855030199>

Friday, 13 January 2017, 2.00pm- 3.00pm: Stirchley Baths, 2-4 Bournville Lane, Stirchley B30 2JT. **To book your place** please link to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-city-council-budget-consultation-2017-at-stirchley-baths-registration-29855963992>

For Further information

The Budget Consultation 2017+ document and proposals can be found at:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget17>

You can also fill in this survey online at <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/>

Q1. Firstly, which of the following are you (or the person you are completing this on behalf of).

Please tick all that apply

- I am a resident of Birmingham
- I represent/own a local business
- I represent a charity that covers the Birmingham area
- I represent a community group in Birmingham
- I work for Birmingham City Council
- I am a Birmingham Councillor
- I represent a public sector organisation
- Other - please specify:

Q2. Thinking about some of our key services overall, please rank in order up to five services that you feel are most important to you (1 = most important). Please only choose one service for each rank until you have picked 5 services. Each rank (1 to 5) should only be used once – i.e. do not rank more than one service as ‘1’.

Adult Education provision		Library services	
Business Waste collection		Major public events (e.g. Frankfurt Christmas Market)	
Car parking		Neighbourhood Advice services	
Care and support for families (e.g. Children’s Centres)		Parks and open spaces	
Care and support for older and disabled people		Play facilities for young children	
Care and support for people with mental health issues		Refuse collection – domestic waste and recycling	
Child protection and safeguarding		Road and pavement repairs	
Community safety		Street Cleaning and Litter	
Cultural facilities (e.g. cinemas, museums)		Sports & leisure facilities	
Environmental Health (e.g. Pest Control, Food Hygiene)		Transport planning and management	
Garden waste collection		Youth Services	
Housing provision and repairs		Other - (please specify the service/s below you mean)....	
Improving Birmingham’s economy (e.g. job creation and regeneration)			

Q3a. Our Budget Consultation 2017+ document sets out the detailed savings proposals we need to make and these are grouped under 5 key themes.

For each key theme, please state to what extent you agree or disagree with the proposals.

Please choose one option for each theme only.

Key Theme	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Cross-cutting						

Q3b. If you DISAGREE with any of the individual cross-cutting proposals, please state your reasons. What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Jobs and Skills						
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Q3b. If you DISAGREE with any of the individual jobs and skills proposals, please state your reasons. What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Homes and Neighbourhoods						
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Q3b. If you DISAGREE with any of the individual homes and neighbourhoods proposals, please state your reasons. What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Health and Wellbeing						
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Q3b. If you DISAGREE with any of the individual health and wellbeing proposals, please state your reasons. What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Children						
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Q3b. If you DISAGREE with any of the individual children proposals, please state your reasons. What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Q4. In the future, there may be further opportunities for communities to be more involved in delivering some of our services. This may include social enterprises, partnership arrangements, and the contribution of volunteers and community groups.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
To what extent to you agree or disagree with this? Please choose one option only.						

Please explain your answer

Q5. The Council is proposing a 1.99% rise in Council Tax in 2017/18, and its plans propose the same increase each year afterwards.

Do you agree with this approach, particularly the proposal for 2017/18?

Please choose one option only.

- Yes
- No (Please specify why below)

Q6. The Government is allowing us to increase council tax by a further 2% in 2017/18 to support the funding of social care (called the “Social Care Precept”). This will mean that the total rise in Council Tax in 2017/18 would be 3.99%. We are proposing to take them up on this offer. Our plans propose the same increase each year until 2019/20.

Do you agree with this, particularly the proposal for 2017/18?

Please choose one option only.

- Yes
- No (Please specify why below)

Q7. Finally, do you have any further comments or suggestions on how the council can deliver services differently to save money?



EQUALITIES MONITORING

Collecting this information will allow us to identify any patterns or trends, particularly ones that show that there might be a potential negative impact on a particular group or groups. We can then investigate the issues further or take action (if appropriate).

If you are completing this on behalf of another individual, please choose the responses that apply to them.

What is your full home postcode? (e.g. B1 1BB)

If you are only responding as an organisation or business, please state the postcode for that organisation.

Age - Which age group applies to you? Please choose one option only.

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| <input type="radio"/> 0-4 | <input type="radio"/> 45-49 |
| <input type="radio"/> 5-9 | <input type="radio"/> 50-54 |
| <input type="radio"/> 10-14 | <input type="radio"/> 55-59 |
| <input type="radio"/> 15-17 | <input type="radio"/> 60-64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 18-19 | <input type="radio"/> 65-69 |
| <input type="radio"/> 20-24 | <input type="radio"/> 70-74 |
| <input type="radio"/> 25-29 | <input type="radio"/> 75-79 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-34 | <input type="radio"/> 80-84 |
| <input type="radio"/> 35-39 | <input type="radio"/> 85+ |
| <input type="radio"/> 40-44 | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |

Sex – What is your sex? Please choose one option only.

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Ethnicity - What is your ethnic group? Please choose one option only.

White:

- English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please specify)...

Mixed/multi ethnic groups:

- White and Black Caribbean/African
- White and Asian
- Any other mixed background (please specify)...

Asian/Asian British:

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Kashmiri
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (please specify)...

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black/African/Caribbean background (please specify)...

Other ethnic group:

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group (please specify)...

- Prefer not to say**

Religion - What is your religion or belief?

- Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Buddhists
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- No Religion
- Prefer not to say
- Any other religion (please specify)...

Sexual Orientation – What is your sexual orientation? Please choose one option only.

- Bisexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Heterosexual or Straight
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Disability – Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last for 12 months or more? Please choose one option only.

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Disability – if yes, do any of these conditions or illness affect you in any of the following areas? (Tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Vision (e.g. blindness or partial sight) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (e.g. deafness or partial hearing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility (e.g. walking short distances or climbing stairs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dexterity (e.g. lifting and carrying and carrying objects, using a keyboard) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning or understanding or concentrating | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamina or breathing or fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socially or behaviourally (e.g. associated with autism, attention deficit disorder or Asperger’s syndrome) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state below if you wish) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | |

If other please specify...

Caring Responsibilities – Do you have caring responsibilities (if yes, please tick all that apply)

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| <input type="radio"/> None | <input type="radio"/> Primary carer of older person/people (65 and over) |
| <input type="radio"/> Primary carer of child/children under 18 | <input type="radio"/> Secondary carer |
| <input type="radio"/> Primary carer of disabled child/children | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="radio"/> Primary carer of disabled adult (18 and over) | |

Thank you for completing the paper version of the consultation.

Please return to one of the events above, the postal address or email address below:
Birmingham City Council, Budget Views, Council House, Room M49, Ground Floor, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB or Email the completed questionnaire to budget-views@birmingham.gov.uk.