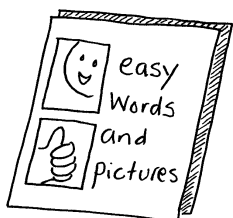


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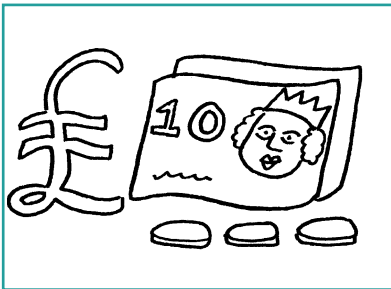
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# What is this document?

This is a short version of the Budget Consultation 2017+ document. It is about the spending challenges faced by Birmingham City Council in 2017 and beyond.

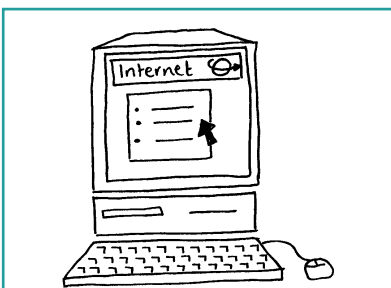
It contains information on:



- What is happening with the money Birmingham City Council gets for the services it provides.
- How Birmingham City Council has saved money so far.

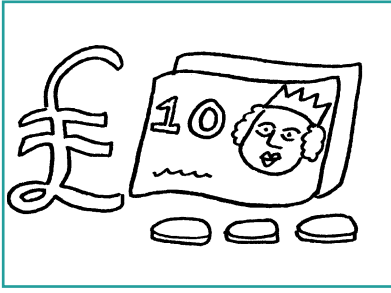


- The ideas Birmingham City Council has on how to spend the money.
- How you can share your ideas with us.



If you would like to read the full document, you can do this by going online at:

**[www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget17](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget17)**



## What is happening with the council's money?

- Birmingham City Council has big money problems.
- It takes a lot of money to run the council.
- Most of this comes from the Government. But the Government is going to give us less money next year (from 1 April 2017).
- This means we will have less to spend.
- Lots of other councils have the same problem.

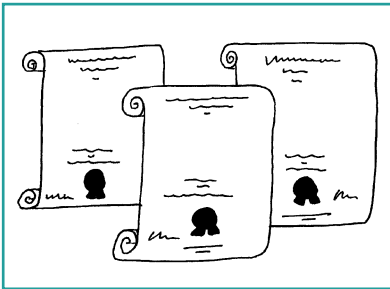


## How has the council saved money so far?

We have saved lots of money in the past few years.

- We have fewer staff working for us now.
- We charge for some things we do.
- We have changed the way we do some things to save money.

### **But we need to save more!**



It is against the law for us to spend more money than we have. We also want to protect services for people in need.

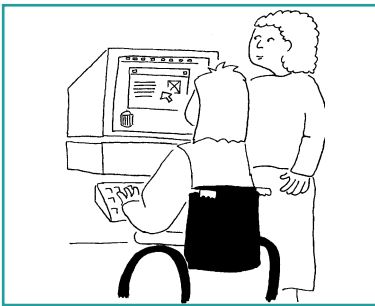


# Our ideas for saving money

We have thought about how to run services with less money. You can see our ideas on this webpage:

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There are lots of ideas. This is because we need to save a lot of money. We have suggested changes in five areas:



- Cross cutting – this means things used across the whole council like computers.

- Jobs and skills – this includes car parking and buses and trains.



- Homes and neighbourhoods – this includes bin collection and council homes.

- Health and wellbeing – this includes support for people with disabilities, day centres and social care.

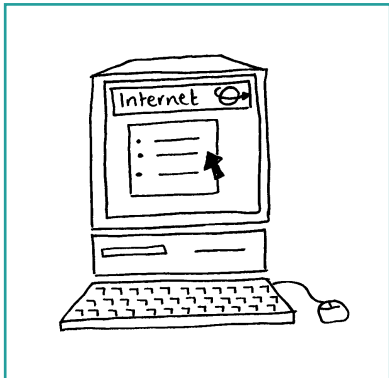
- Children – this includes homes for children with disabilities and the Early Help scheme for children with problems and their families.



## What do you think?

We want to know what people living in Birmingham think of our ideas for saving money.

This is how you can tell us what you think.



- Go to the webpage **[www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget17](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget17)** and click on the highlighted words 'filling in a short survey' where you can answer a few questions.

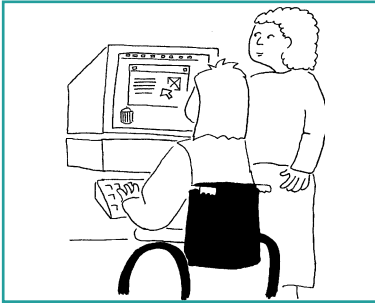
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- You could tell someone else what you think. Then ask them to tell us.



## More information

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