

## **Birmingham City Council - Budget Consultation 2018+**

We have a Vision for Birmingham to make it a city of inclusive growth where the opportunities and benefits of progress and investment are felt by all.

Since 2010 the Council has had to make cuts of over £642m and we know that we need to go further if we are to tackle the challenges facing the public sector. We face huge decisions, but there are also opportunities for us to look at how we can better deliver our services to suit the changing needs of our citizens. Your views really do matter when we make these tough decisions.

Our budget consultation document sets out how we plan to tackle the challenges facing the council and where we will focus the budget we have in order to continue to make a positive difference.

We want to hear your views on our latest budget – 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 meeting**

There will be a public consultation event on **Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018, 6-8pm** at Council House Banqueting Suite, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB.

To book your place please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-city-council-budget-consultation-2018-public-meeting-tickets-41221929902>

### **Further information**

The Budget Consultation 2018+ document and proposals can be found at:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget18>

**This consultation closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

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

**Question 1. 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:

**Question 2. 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)			

Our Budget Consultation 2018+ document sets out the detailed savings proposals we need to make and these are grouped under 6 directorates. For each directorate, please answer the following questions.

### Adult Social Care and Health Directorate

**Question 3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Adult Social Care and Health directorate? Please tick one only.**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 4. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Adult Social Care and Health directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?**

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### Children & Young People Directorate

**Question 5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Children & Young People directorate? Please tick one only.**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 6. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Children & Young People directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?**

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**Place Directorate**

<b>Question 7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Place directorate? Please tick one only.</b>					
<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>Question 8. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Place directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?</b>

**Economy Directorate**

<b>Question 9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Economy directorate? Please tick one only.</b>					
<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>Question 10. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Economy directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?</b>

**Strategic Services Directorate**

<b>Question 11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Strategic Services directorate? Please tick one only.</b>					
<b>Strongly agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neither agree or disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 12. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Strategic Services directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?**

### Corporate Directorate

**Question 13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposals in the Corporate directorate? Please tick one only.**

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 14. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the Corporate directorate? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?**

### Council Tax and Social Care Precept

**Question 15. The Council is proposing a 1.99% rise in Council Tax in 2018/19, and its plans propose the same increase each year afterwards.**

**Do you agree with this approach, particularly the proposal for 2018/19?**

**Please tick one option only.**

- Yes
- No

**If no, please specify why:**

**Question 16. The Government is allowing us to increase council tax by a further 3% in 2018/19 to support the funding of social care (called the “Social Care Precept”). This will mean that the total rise in Council Tax in 2018/19 would be 4.99%. We are proposing to take them up on this offer.**

**Do you agree with this? Please choose one option only.**

- Yes
- No

**If no, please specify why:**

**Question 17. Finally, do you have any further comments or suggestions on how the council can deliver services differently to save money?**

**Please specify here:**

## 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.

**Postcode:**

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

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

**Ethnicity - What is your ethnic group? Please tick 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?**

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

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

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

**Disability – if you answered yes above, do any of these conditions or illness affect you in any of the following areas? Tick all that apply.**

<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 specify below if you wish: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	

**Caring Responsibilities – Do you have caring responsibilities? If yes, tick all that apply.**

<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: **Birmingham City Council, Budget Views, Council House, Room M49, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB.**

Or email the completed questionnaire to [budget.views@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:budget.views@birmingham.gov.uk).