

View Points - Have Your Say!

Budget Consultation 2019-20 onwards

This survey can be completed online at: www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/budget-consultation

To have money to spend on services each year the Council has to tax residents or increase fees for the services it provides. If it decides to spend more on a service, or group of services, it may have to increase the amount it takes from people in tax or charge more to service users. Sometimes the Council must also increase tax even if it does not spend more, due to external pressures such as the significant reduction in core cash from Central Government - there has been a 74 per cent reduction to the Borough Council from core Government cash between 2010 and 2018, which represents a reduction of £6.1m.

We would be grateful if you would respond to the following questions, which will provide valuable feedback to inform our future spending plans and ensure that we continue to provide services that are value for money to residents:

Please note that East Staffordshire Borough Council is not responsible for the following services:

- pot holes
- policing
- hospitals
- the NHS
- social care
- highways
- schools or academies

Please consider this when answering the questions.

Question 1: Do you live within the Borough?

Yes		No	
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Question 2: What is your post code?

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Question 3: Which of the following do you think should be the most important priority for the council when making spending decisions? Please tick one box.

Seeking to increase the size of the local economy	
Spending monies on communities and neighbourhoods	
Ensuring that monies are spent wisely	

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Question 4: What is the single most important thing the Council could do differently to improve the quality of life for your local community?

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Question 5: Which of these council services are the most important to you?

Please tick up to five boxes.

Street cleaning	
Off street Parking	
Arts development	
Parks, playgrounds and open spaces	
Closed Circuit Television coverage of Burton and Uttoxeter	
Food Safety – Café, takeaway and restaurant inspections	
Indoor leisure Centres	
Licensing – taxis, public houses etc.	
Brewhouse theatre	
Outdoor leisure facilities	
Refuse collection	
Market hall (Burton)	
Town centre regeneration	
Recycling facilities	
Outdoor markets	
Benefit claim processing - timely and accurate	
Communication of tourism	
Planning and building control	
Other (please specify below)	

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Question 6: Out of the following services which the Council is not required by law to provide would you most like to see protected:

(please tick up to two boxes)

Closed circuit television coverage of Burton and Uttoxeter	
Outdoor leisure facilities	
Arts development	
Neighbourhood grant funding programme	
Brewhouse theatre	
Mayoral activities	
Indoor leisure centres	
Outdoor markets	
Communication of tourism	
Sports development	
Market hall (Burton)	
Town centre regeneration	

Question 7: When making decisions about spending plans for next year, and beyond should the Council... (please tick one box only)

Protect services, even if this means it will need to increase council tax and charges to service users because of central funding reductions?	
Reduce levels of service to make sure council tax rises and fee increases for service users are kept to a minimum?	
Do not increase council tax or charges for service users, but instead look to reduce service levels towards a core statutory offer (i.e. excluding those listed in question 4 above).	

Question 8: Are there any particular service areas where you feel East Staffordshire should not reduce their funding?

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Question 9: Which service areas should the council seek to generate additional income from service users in order to help balance the budget:

(please tick up to two boxes)

Recycling / Refuse Collection	
Off street parking	
Leisure facilities	
Brewhouse and Arts Development	
Open Spaces	
Cemeteries	

Question 10: Is there anything else you think the council should consider a priority when setting the budget?

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Equalities Monitoring Questions

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We are committed to tackling inequality and ensuring our services and policies are effective, fair and do not discriminate. To help us monitor this we need to know who uses our services. These questions are voluntary. The information you provide is for monitoring purposes only, will be kept confidential and only used to check that all groups of people access and use our services and that we do not discriminate

Question 11: Are you male or female?	
Male	
Female	
Prefer not to say	

Question 12: Which age bracket do you fall into?	
Under 18	
19 to 30	
31 to 40	
41 to 50	
51 to 60	
61 to 70	
Over 70	
Prefer not to say	

Question 13: Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? (Long-standing means anything that has troubled you over a period of time or that is likely to affect you over a period of time).	
Yes, limited a lot	
Yes, limited a little	
No	
Prefer not to say	

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Question 14: What is your ethnic group? Please tick one box	
White: English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	<input type="checkbox"/>
White Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	<input type="checkbox"/>
White: Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White & Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White & Black African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White & Asian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Bangladeshi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black: African	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black: Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/>
Black: Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Arab	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Other ethnic background	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prefer not to say	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other Ethnic Group (please specify below)</i>	

Question 15: What is your religion or belief? Please tick one box	
No religion	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	
Buddhist	
Hindu	
Jewish	
Muslim	
Sikh	
Prefer not to say	
<i>Other Religion or Belief (please specify below)</i>	

Question 16: What is your sexual orientation? Please tick one box	
Bisexual	
Gay man	
Gay woman/lesbian	
Heterosexual/Straight	
Prefer not to say	
<i>Other (please specify below)</i>	

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please complete and return this survey by 14th October 2018 to:

- Burton Town Hall
- Burton Customer Service Centre
- Uttoxeter Customer Service Centre
- Shobnall Leisure Complex
- Meadowside Leisure Centre
- Uttoxeter Leisure Centre

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