

Tamworth Borough Council

Budget Consultation 2016/17

Background

As part of a regular annual process the Council reviews its Council Tax and Charges Strategy for the development of the budget. This process ensures that funding is put into areas of highest priority. An important element of this process is to understand the views of residents, tenants, businesses, and local voluntary groups on what these priorities are.

Overview

Consultation on the key issues affecting the 2016/17 budget consultation will be carried out through three surveys;

- A residents survey – on line and postal, promoted using social networking/media sites and through email contact databases
- A business survey – on line, promoted through business social networking sites and business email contact databases
- A voluntary and community sector survey – on line, promoted through email contact databases at the CVS

Time Table

Planning	from 1 st June 2015,
Postal survey posted (Residents)	from 31 st July 2015,
Online survey (Residents)	launched 1 st August 2015,
Online survey (Businesses)	launched 1 st August 2015,
Online survey (V&CS)	launched 1 st August 2015,
Surveys closes and taken offline	14 th September 2015,
Analyse data and write report	26 th September 2015,
Report at Corporate Management Team	5 th October 2015
Report signed off in Democratic Services	13 th October 2015
Budget Consultation report at Cabinet	22 nd October 2015

Objectives

- Identify important priorities to target for savings
- Advise on acceptable levels of fees, charges and council tax

A small budget has been set aside within the Corporate Consultation budget to undertake this work.

Tamworth Listens

In addition, the activity scheduled for ‘Tamworth Listens’ includes:

Tamworth Listens Question Time Event	TBA
Tamworth Listens Report at State of Borough Debate	TBA

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