

## Tamworth Borough Council 2016 Budget Consultation

### Background

As part of a regular annual process Tamworth Borough 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 2017/18 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 <sup>st</sup> June 2016,
Postal survey posted (Residents)	from 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2016,
Online survey (Residents)	launched 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2016,
Online survey (Businesses)	launched 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2016,
Online survey (V&CS)	launched 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2016,
Surveys closes and taken offline	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2016,
Report at Corporate Management Team	17 <sup>th</sup> October 2016,
Report signed off in Democratic Services	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016,
Budget Consultation report at Cabinet	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

### Objectives

- Identify important priorities to target for savings,
- Advise on acceptable levels of fees, charges and council tax,
- Obtain views on the revised corporate priorities.

A small budget has been set a side 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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