

Tamworth Borough Council 2013/2014 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 2013/2014 budget consultation will be carried out through an online survey and a drop in event.

There will be three online surveys. A survey that is tailored for Businesses, a full survey aimed at Residents and a survey that is tailored for the Voluntary and Community Sector (V&CS). The online residents survey will be promoted using social networking/media sites and through email contact databases. The business survey will be promoted through business social networking sites and business email contact databases. The voluntary and community sector survey will be promoted through email contact databases.

The drop in session will be consistent, asking the same question set as the survey but allowing for a dialogue between the public and Cabinet members.

Time Table

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| Planning | from 1 st July 2012 |
| Online survey (Residents) | launched 1st September 2012 |
| Online survey (Businesses) | launched 1st September 2012 |
| Online survey (V&CS) | launched 1st September 2012 |
| Surveys taken offline | 28 th September 2012 |
| Drop in session | 29 th September 2012 |
| Report | To Demo Services by 8 th October 2012 |

Objectives

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

The drop in session and surveys will be run in-house by Charlotte Green with support from the Performance and Corporate relations team.

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

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