

Tamworth Borough Council 2014/15 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 2014/15 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 July 2013,
Postal survey (Residents)	posted 31 st July 2013,
Online survey (Residents)	launched 13 th August 2013,
Online survey (Businesses)	launched 13 th August 2013,
Online survey (V&CS)	launched 19 th August 2013,
Surveys taken offline	27 th September 2013,
Analyse data and write report	10 th October 2013,
Report signed off in Democratic Services	15 th October 2013
Budget Consultation report at Cabinet	24 th October 2013

Objectives

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

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:

Business event	Late September 2013,
Education Event	1 st October 2013,
Tamworth Listens Question Time Event	16 th October 2013,
Tamworth Listens Report at State of Borough Debate	TBA

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