

Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

Date:	22nd February 2021
From:	Communications Team
Subject:	Consultation feedback to Executive Committee

Methodology

The Communications Team were tasked to consult with the council's Residents' Panel 'Talking Teignbridge', and on the website, about the budget proposals assisted by staff from the Housing department.

The consultation ran from 23rd December 2020 to 2nd February 2021 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 22nd February has the opportunity to take into account residents' feedback when considering the final budget recommendations from Executive.

The survey

The following budget questions were put to Teignbridge residents:

Please say how strongly you agree, or disagree, with the Council's proposals to:

1. Continue to increase council tax to help maintain essential services. The current recommendation is a 2.85% increase, (£5 per year, for a Band D property taking the council tax to £180.17 for the year).
2. Back business and improve town centres.
3. Invest in infrastructure for employment, education, transport links, sports and open spaces.
4. Continue to support housing as a priority by enabling affordable housing, improving poor quality homes and tackling homelessness and rough sleeping
5. Continue to reduce our carbon footprint and promote energy efficiencies throughout the local area for both businesses and homes

The table below shows a detailed breakdown of the results.

	Increase council tax	Back business & improve town centres	Invest in infrastructure	Support housing	Reduce carbon footprint
Strongly Agree	25%	23%	29%	31%	31%
Agree	41%	42%	42%	30%	34%
Neither Agree nor disagree	13%	18%	17%	19%	23%
Disagree	9%	12%	9%	12%	8%
Strongly disagree	12%	5%	3%	8%	4%

6. To balance the council's budget in the future, which of these would you expect us to consider? You can tick more than one.

Generating more income to re-invest in council services	70% agree
Make more budget savings	45% agree
Reducing the services we provide	13% agree
Increasing council tax further	31% agree
Increasing fees and charges	29% agree

