

### Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

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**Date:** 21 February 2023

**From:** Communications Team

**Subject:** Consultation feedback to Executive Committee

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#### Methodology

The Communications Team were tasked to consult with the public, businesses, on the website, about the budget proposals.

The consultation ran from 16 December 2022 to 25 January 2023 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 21 February has the opportunity to take into account residents' feedback when considering the final budget recommendations from Executive.

#### The survey

**1,036 people responded to 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. Do you agree with the current recommendation to increase council tax by 2.99%, which equates to £5.54 per year for a Band D property, (taking the council tax to £190.71) to help maintain essential services?
2. Do you agree with our proposal to refund £5.54 as a one-off cost of living payment for all those eligible to pay council tax on their main home?
3. Do you agree we should work with others to support climate change initiatives and take action to reduce our carbon footprint?
4. Do you agree we should continue to support housing as a priority, by enabling/building affordable housing and improving poor quality homes.
5. Do you agree we should support the economy and jobs through improving town centres?
6. Do you agree we should be encouraging new business into the area?
7. Do you agree we should invest in schemes that create better transport links into the district?
8. Do you agree we should invest in schemes that promote better health and wellbeing through leisure and recreational spaces?

	Increase council tax	Offer a one-off cost of living payment of £5.54	Support Climate change	Support housing as a priority	Support Economy and jobs	Encouraging businesses into the area	Create better transport links	Promote better health and wellbeing
Strongly Agree	26%	17%	42%	37%	35%	42%	42%	35%
Agree	41%	25%	32%	32%	43%	45%	37%	40%
Neither Agree nor disagree	12%	21%	13%	13%	15%	10%	14%	19%
Disagree	11%	21%	8%	12%	6%	2%	6%	5%
Strongly disagree	10%	16%	5%	6%	1%	1%	1%	1%

9. 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

78% agree

Make more budget savings

35% agree

Reducing the services we provide

8% agree

Increasing council tax further

23% agree