

Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

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| Date: | 27 February 2024 |
| From: | Communications Team |
| Subject: | Consultation feedback to Executive Committee |

Methodology

The Communications Team were tasked to consult with the public, businesses, on the website, about the budget proposals. The consultation ran from 20th December 2023 to 2nd February 2024 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 27th February has the opportunity to take into account residents' feedback when considering the final budget recommendations from Executive.

The survey

870 people responded to the survey.

The following budget questions were put to Teignbridge residents:

1. Do you agree with the current recommendation to increase council tax by 2.99%, which equates to £5.70 per year for a Band D property, (taking the council tax to £196.41) to help maintain essential services?
2. Please rank in priority order, those non statutory services that you think are important (1 top priority – 7 least important).
3. Do you agree we should continue to focus our remaining budget on supporting our priorities of affordable housing, tackling climate change, and supporting good quality jobs and local economy?
4. Is there anything else we should be prioritising?
5. To Balance the Council's budget in the future, please indicate which of these measures we should be considering? – residents could tick more than one option.

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| Q1 | Increase council Tax. | |
| | Yes | No |
| | 76% agree | 24% |
| Q2 | Ranking in priority order. | |
| | Open space e.g., Country Park | Ranked 1 st Top priority |
| | Leisure centres and swimming pools | Ranked 2 nd |
| | Beaches & resorts | Ranked 3 rd |
| | Toilets | Ranked 4 th |
| | Play parks | Ranked 5 th |
| | Community Transport | Ranked 6 th |
| | Markets | Ranked 7 th Least important |
| Q3 | Continue supporting priorities- affordable housing, tackling climate change, and supporting good quality jobs and the local economy. | |
| | Yes | No |
| | 64% agree | 36% |

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| Q4 | See comments below | |
| Q5 | Other measures to consider. | |
| | Increasing Council Tax | 46% |
| Residents could tick more than one measure. | Making more budget savings | 44% |
| | Generate more income through charging for services | 41% |
| | Reducing the discretionary services, we provide | 33% |

Q4 Comments – Is there anything else we should be prioritising:

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| Leisure Health wellbeing Sport | 35 Comments (Many about preserving swimming pools and leisure centres) |
| Road Repair Potholes | 25 Comments |
| Climate | 11 Comments (Not all in favour of climate initiatives) |
| Affordable Housing | 15 Comments (Homes for local people, accommodation above shops etc). |

Other comments:

Transport and Speed limits, Council tax, Infrastructure, Youth, Rural / village investment, Planning enforcement, better waste collection, Childrens services, Police ASB, NHS, Tourist Tax, Dentists, Public Transport, Cycle Paths, Cultural events, Drains, Local Food Production, Pavement repairs, Toilets, Dog Fouling, Support for local business and Economy.