

BUDGET CONSULTATION RESPONSES

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1	It's ridiculous to be increasing council tax during this time when people have less money due to the pandemic the council should be looking at savings made during the pandemic and looking for more savings building an efficient council for the 21st century	If the capital program needs to be reduced in order to reduce the council tax then it should be until other efficiencies can be found	Absolutely disgusted at the proposition	
2			Now is not the time to be increasing people bills people are struggling enough at this time. Council tax bills should be frozen for 12 months at least to get us through this pandemic	
3	Overall the strategy should be commended with the zero budget review approach. There could be greater scope for each team to become cost neutral by offering expertise and services to the private sector.	I am strongly opposed to CCTV in parks. If you are filming my children I want to know who is looking at the data and where it is kept. How long will it be kept and what is the actual benefit? Quite frankly it gives me the heebee geebees!	Fine	A good start
4	Poor, basic unimaginable low fruit picking exercise	Poor, basic unimaginable low fruit picking exercise	Poor, basic unimaginable low fruit picking exercise. Council tax has already increased with the underhand separation of green bin charges which shortly will be increased again.	Poor, basic unimaginable low fruit picking exercise
5	Seems prudent. I support the report.	Seems prudent. I support the report.	I would support an increase beyond that currently proposed to deliver local services.	I do not agree that street cleaning budgets should be reduced without clear mitigation. Littering is a real problem both in urban areas and on roadside verges. Community action might be suitable, but increased fines for littering might also be a contributor.

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6			<p>I do not support this. Year on year rises have taken place. The council service is not effective and full of waste & inefficiency. Cctv is listed for investment when it is not required as it does not lead to less crime or increased detections. Use this money as savings to reduce the burden to tax payers.</p> <p>Planning is a joke with more and more houses being built for short term s106 funds (if you ever use it rather than give back to developers). They pay a fraction towards infrastructure so council tax eventually goes up. The short election cycle suits this short term budget setting.</p> <p>You have increased green bin charges for part year already and charges at recycling centres and wonder why fly tipping is rife costing more than the savings to clean up.</p> <p>The imbalance of funds towards Harborough Town or Kibworth is evident every year yet all the higher council tax paying bands in the villages subsidise this.</p> <p>I could go on. You purposely provide wordy reports and free text boxes to put off the public who have busy day jobs and family commitments to respond. So you can have token engagement and push this through.</p> <p>Cut services and jobs to balance the books and exec pay cuts. There is little more you could remove from villages in the district you have forgotten about.</p>	
7	Needs more emphasis on keeping Council tax increases either at zero or a less than 3% increase	None	Keep any increase to less than 3%	None

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8	it misses the key need for transformational change. The Fairer Funding Campaign seems to have produced no real outcome and both District and County are showing substantial financial pressure. Now is the time to be open to change, to drop the protectionist agenda and really focus on maximising financial resources to best meet.ng thee needs of residents. This can only mean a single county authority. The additional benefits this can bring if well-,managed are: the introduction of best practice from the various District authorities and greater clarity for the service user who, under the current arrangements, is often bounced between District and County - particularly when things have gone wrong and one authority is attempting to shift blame to the other. Unedifying and wasteful. It's time for change.	See Q1	See Q1	See Q1
9	I feel in the current climate the council should be looking to cut staff liquidate some of its assets and keep the already very high council tax contributions as they are. The private sector are having to cut staff to survive and the public sector should do the same.	I would be amazed if the council was capable of meeting the proposals.	Should definitely not be raising the already massive council tax bill. Suggest you retire off the staff not putting in the effort . The COVID virus has been a good excuse for some to sit at home. In the private sector they wouldnâ€™t get away with it. Expecting the public to pay more is unjust .	No view
10	Despite having degree level education I found the report unreadable! This is typical of an organisation that has to consult but really don't want to.	As above.	As expected.	No indication that Council will address issues of climate change, especially relating to the natural environment.