

Summary of Budget Consultation

APPENDIX 3

The public consultation was run from 11th January 2022 to 6th February 2022 via HDC's website, the responses received were as follows:

Question	Response 1	Response 2
<i>What is your postcode?:</i>	Market Harborough	Kibworth Beauchamp
<i>How did you find out about this consultation?:</i>	Other	Instagram
<i>Having read the budget proposal report, please tell us your views on the overall budget strategy/approach detailed in the report.:</i>	Not being a financial expert, I have found it really hard to form a judgement! Maybe It would be helpful to have had summary document setting out the key decisions that have been made, and how they impact on residents. As far as I can see, you seem to be managing a very difficult financial in a satisfactory way	There is a need to keep the impact on Council Tax payers to the absolute minimum.
<i>Having read the budget proposal report, please tell us your views on the proposed Capital Programme (Paragraph 3.34 onwards and Appendix 4).:</i>	Seems OK	Make sure the revenue impact on the proposals is minimal
<i>Please tell us your views on the proposal to increase the Harborough District Council element of Council Tax for 2022/23?:</i>	I can see that this is inevitable, but it would be useful to know how families on low incomes will be supported, especially with the expected cost of living increases. Have increased numbers of potential 'non payments' been built into the budget?	Any increase should be below the maximum allowed. This would be a very positive Public Relations action
<i>Please tell us your views on the proposals incorporated into the budget related to Budget Challenge 25 (the Council's efficiency programme), Other Service savings and Budget Principles changes (included page 6 onwards) and summarised in Table 2.:</i>	No comment - I can see that such things need to be done, but I am unable to assess whether HDC are choosing to do the right things at service level.	No comment
<i>Please can you tell us how old you are at the time of completing this consultation?:</i>	60 to 64 years	Prefer not to say
<i>Are you: Male/Female/Prefer not to say</i>	Female	Prefer not to say
<i>Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?:</i>	No	Prefer not to say
<i>How would you describe your ethnic origin?:</i>	White - White British / White Other	I prefer not to say