

Summary of Budget Consultation

APPENDIX 11

The public consultation was run from 17th January 2023 to 6th February 2023 via HDC's website, the responses received were as follows:

CONSULTATION QUESTION	RESPONSE 1	RESPONSE 2	RESPONSE 3	RESPONSE 4	RESPONSE 5	RESPONSE 6	RESPONSE 7
What is your postcode	LE17 5AH	Le79ya	LE17 5NE	LE8 0PU	Le16 7pb	LE16 9PB	LE167DL
How did you find out about this consultation	Twitter	Local press	Council website	Council website	Facebook	Radio	Facebook
Your views on the overall budget strategy approach	Made no sense to me. Full of jargon/acronyms		Very difficult to access and not clear	Need to cut further back in all non essential areas	Really not impressed	Too vague	
Having read the budget proposal report please tell us your views on the proposed Capital Programme Paragraph 334 onwards and Appendix 4	As above		too much paperwork ,should be more condensed for general public use	Excessive	Council just do as they wish	Not impressed	
Please tell us your views on the proposal to increase the Harborough District Council element of Council Tax for 202122	If you want to carry out genuine consultation you need to provide meaningful information.	I refuse to pay more money for worse services.		Too much	Absolutely shocking people are struggling financially they don't need an increase in council tax. Plus the fact the green bin will also be increasing!!!	Disagree, too much money wasted prior to 2023 though overspend und unnessasary projects with too much secrecy!	
Please tell us your views on the number of initiatives delivered by the Council this year shown in paragraph 24 onwards	Parlous financial position means collectively we should be driving quickly towards single tier Leicestershire authority			Should concentrate on schemes supporting mandatory powers rather than discretionary	I have seen nothing	Questionable in these difficult times	
Please tell us your views on the proposal to provide up to 20k from the Community Fund to support activities for the Kings Coronation	Not appropriate in current financial situation			No view	Don't agree	No do not spend money that many people may disagree with. Do not make what is another inforced tax	At a time when the council and many members of the local community are struggling with inflation and a cost of living crisis, along with recovery from a pandemic, I find it difficult to see how expenditure of £20k of council funds (ultimately paid for through taxation) on "activities for the King's Coronation" can in any way be justified. These funds would be much better spent on supporting local residents in the most need during this time.  Those in the community who wish to celebrate the coronation are perfectly able to fund this through their own private funds.  It is worth bearing in mind that a recent survey showed that a minority of people in UK support a monarchy, so this funding from all taxpayers would be for the benefit of a minority in the district. In order for such funding to be fair, there would need to be an equal amount provided to
Please can you tell us how old you are at the time of completing this consultation	45 to 59 years	25 to 29 years		I do not wish to declare my age	45 to 59 years	65 and over	45 to 59 years
Are you	Male	Female	Female	Prefer not to say	Female	Male	Male
Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more	No	Yes	No	Prefer not to say	Prefer not to say	No	No
How would you describe your ethnic origin	Mixed / multiple ethnic group	White - White British / White Other		I prefer not to say	I prefer not to say	White - White British / White Other	White - White British / White Other