

Budget Consultation

Over the next 4 years **the Council will have to make savings of around £30m due to anticipated reduction in government funding, and cost pressures.** These are as follows:

- Decreases in government funding £9 million
- Increase in staff pay (below inflation) £6 million
- Increase in costs of suppliers (e.g. care homes) £5million
- Increase in the cost of borrowings to fund growth in capital expenditure £4 million
- Increase in rates of environmental taxes (eg landfill tax) £1 million
- Increasing fuel costs £1.6 million
- Increase in the demand for services to the elderly £1.6 million
- Maintenance of council buildings £2 million

Please answer the questions over the following pages to give your views on spending priorities. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and your responses will help to shape budgets over the coming years.

You can complete the survey online if you prefer, at bit.ly/mcpbudget

If you have any questions about the consultation, if you need help completing the survey, or have questions on the Panel generally, please call Craigforth on **freephone 0800 027 2245** or email survey@craigforth.co.uk

The Council's Spending Priorities

Q1 Council services are listed below, alongside the budget spent by the Council on those services. Please consider these and then answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

		Net spend
Economy & Environment	1 Economic development	£1.5m
	2 Harbours	£0.2m
	3 Planning & building standards	£0.0m (charges cover costs)
	4 Trading standards	£0.6m
	5 Environmental health	£1.4m
	6 Flood prevention measures	£0.5m
	7 Roads - maintenance & safety	£4.5m
	8 Public transport	£0.7m
	9 Waste & recycling	£6.0m
Culture	10 Arts development	£0.1m
	11 Libraries	£1.8m
	12 Museums	£0.2m
Leisure	13 Sports development	£0.2m
	14 Swimming pools & Leisure centres	£2.4m
	15 Parks & open spaces	£1.9m
Learning	16 Additional support needs for children and young people	£12.4m
	17 Adult support, classes, community centres	£0.9m
	18 Music instruction service	£0.3m
	19 Pre-school/nurseries	£3.3m
	20 Primary schools	£21.4m
	21 Secondary schools	£26.1m
Social care	22 Criminal & youth justice	£0.2m
	23 Day care for other adults	£2.0m
	24 Drug & alcohol services	£0.2m
	25 Fostering & adoption services	£3.7m
	26 Housing & homelessness support	£2.0m
	27 Services to children & families	£8.6m
	28 Care for the elderly	£28.0m
	29 Supporting vulnerable & disabled adults	£4.0m

If you had to choose 5 areas for service reductions, which would you choose?

Write numbers in the boxes below in order of priority, 1st being the one you would reduce first. (eg for economic development write in "1")

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

And if you could protect 5 areas from service reductions, which would you choose?

Write numbers in the boxes below in order of priority, 1st being the one you would most want to protect.

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th

The Police & Fire & Rescue Services Roles and Priorities

Q2 Police and Fire & Rescue services are listed below. Please consider these and then answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

Police	1	Community focus (how we engage with communities, and how we respond to issues such as antisocial behaviour and violence)
	2	Road casualty reduction
	3	Public protection
	4	Serious & organised crime and drugs
	5	National security
	6	Police reform (ensuring a smooth transition towards a Single Police Service for Scotland)
Fire & Rescue	7	Road traffic collisions
	8	Accidental house fires
	9	False alarms from automatic fire alarm signals

If you had to choose 3 areas for service reductions, which would you choose?

Write numbers in the boxes below in order of priority, 1st being the one you would reduce first. (eg for accidental house fires write in "8")

1st

2nd

3rd

And if you could protect 3 areas from service reductions, which would you choose?

Write numbers in the boxes below in order of priority, 1st being the one you would most want to protect.

1st

2nd

3rd

Any Other Comments?

Q3 Do you have any other comments you would like to make about the topics covered in the survey?

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

Please return your completed questionnaire in the reply envelope provided – NO STAMP IS NEEDED

ANY QUESTIONS?

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