

Completing the Response Form

This Response Form should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. You will be asked to provide your views on each of the potential options proposed, and also be given the opportunity to write about the impacts that these may have, and any alternatives that the County Council could consider.

Before completing the Response Form, it is strongly advised that you read the Information Pack at www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget, which explains the options available.

Please use a black or blue pen and mark your responses by putting a cross within the appropriate box. If you make a mistake, please fill in the entire box and put a cross in the correct box, as shown below.

Correct response Incorrect response



Alternatively if you have access to the internet then you can complete this Response Form online at:

www.hants.gov.uk/balancingthebudget

Completing the Response Form online ensures that your response is received instantly and securely, and the online form is simple to use on devices such as computers, tablets and smartphones.

Your data

Privacy notice

Hampshire County Council is seeking your views, comments and information about you in order to inform its approach to balancing its budget. The information you provide in this Response Form is being collected for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest in the exercise of official authority vested in the County Council, and for reasons of substantial public interest. We will use the information to understand what people think about, and the perceived impact of, the potential options and to model the views of different groups within Hampshire. All data will remain within the UK/EEA or (European Economic Area), and will only be shared with third parties where they are undertaking data processing on behalf of Hampshire County Council. We will keep your personal information securely for two years, after which it will be deleted or destroyed.

You have some legal rights in respect of the personal information we collect from you. Please see our Data Protection page (www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/strategiesplansandpolicies/dataprotection) for further details. You can contact the County Council's Data Protection Officer at data.protection@hants.gov.uk. If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, you should raise your concern with us in the first instance or directly to the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>.

About your response

Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation, group or business or as a democratically Elected Representative? *(Please choose one option)*

- I am **responding as an individual**
- I am providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**
- I am responding as a **democratically Elected Representative** of a constituency (e.g. as a county, district, borough, parish or town council Member or MP)

If you are **responding as an individual**, please answer the question below and then go to **page 6**.

If you are providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**, please ignore the question below and go to the next page.

If you are responding as a **democratically Elected Representative** of a constituency, please ignore the question below and go to **page 5**.

Do you currently work for any of the following? *(Please select all that apply)*

- Hampshire County Council
- For a business or organisation that provides services for Hampshire County Council
- Neither of these
- Prefer not to say

If you are providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**, please answer the questions on this page and then go to **page 7**.

ⓘ If you are providing the official response of an organisation, group or business, its name may appear in the final report, and the information you provide may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure regimes such as the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide details about the organisation, group or business that you represent:

The name of the organisation, group or business:

The postcode of the organisation, group or business:

Your name:

Your position in the organisation, group or business:

Which of these best describes the function of your organisation, group or business?
(Please choose one option)

- Nursery, school, college or place of education
- Local authority (e.g. county, district, parish, town or borough council)
- Other public sector organisation (e.g. Police, Fire, Health Authority)
- Local business or business representative (e.g. BID)
- Charity, voluntary or local community group
- Other

For 'other' please specify in the box below:

■ **Hampshire County Council *Serving Hampshire* Balancing the Budget Consultation** ■

If you are responding as a **democratically Elected Representative** of a constituency, please answer the questions on this page and then go to **page 7**.

ⓘ If you are responding officially or as a democratically Elected Representative, the name of the constituency you represent may appear in the final report, and the information you provide may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure regimes such as the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Which constituency do you represent? *(Please specify in the box below)*

What is your name? *(Please write in the box below. NB: This will only be used if we need to contact you to validate your response)*

The services that you use from Hampshire County Council

Which of the following services, provided by Hampshire County Council, have you or people in your household used in the last 12 months? (Please select all that apply)

- Services for **older people** (including nursing, home, residential and day care)
- Services for people with a physical **disability, learning disability or mental health need**
- Support for **carers**
- Public health** services (including NHS health checks, alcohol and drug misuse services, and weight management)
- Child social care**, including welfare, fostering and adoption and child protection
- Education and child care** (including in nurseries, mainstream schools, and special schools)
- Home to School transport** provided by the County Council
- Services for children **with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**, such as short breaks or respite services
- Support to young people **not in education, employment or training (NEET)**
- Libraries, discovery centres, and the County Archives**
- Country parks and other outdoor spaces**, including public **Rights of Way**
- School meals**
- Registration** services (births, marriages, and deaths)
- Trading Standards**
- Economic Development** (supporting the local economy)
- Highways** (including street lighting, highways maintenance, footpaths, and cycleways)
- Concessionary bus travel** (such as with the Blue Badge scheme)
- Waste services**, such as Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)
- Services to prevent **flooding** in Hampshire
- Other** services not listed here
- None of these**

For 'other services' please describe:

Section One: Managing the budget

Since 2008, the County Council has been changing the way it works to respond to continuing pressures on local government funding. In total, this has resulted in savings of over £560 million being removed from the budget in the last 13 years. The County Council predicts it will need to find a further £80 million in the next two years, bringing the cumulative recurring amount to £640 million.

The financial strategy to date has involved targeting resources on those who need them most (i.e. vulnerable children and adults), planning ahead and securing savings early, which has helped the County Council to invest in new, more efficient ways of working. The careful use of reserves has helped to address gaps in funding and enabled the County Council to meet the cost of additional pressures in demand for some services, such as social care.

Each of the County Council's departments have been required to reduce spending by the same proportion (i.e. find the same percentage spending reduction). In addition, departments have generated additional income to help sustain services and reduce the budget deficit.

For further information about the County Council's financial strategy, please refer to **pages 8-12** of the Information Pack.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the County Council continuing its financial strategy as described? *(Please choose one option)*

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget

Introducing and increasing charges for some services

As outlined on **page 13** of the Information Pack, the County Council already charges for some local services but could consider increasing existing charges or introducing new charges for services that are currently free. Any fees and charges would be aimed at recovering the costs of running the services only and not designed to make a profit.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to cover the costs of running some local services by... *(Please choose one option per row)*

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Increasing existing charges for services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Introducing new charges for services that are currently free	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Lobbying central Government for legislative change

In some circumstances, the options for change are restricted by central Government legislation. The County Council could lobby central Government to allow charging, provide grant funding or enable a different approach to service delivery. Examples of where this could help are outlined below with further detail available on **pages 13-14** of the Information Pack.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the County Council should lobby the Government for legislative change in order to vary the way some services are provided, and enable charging in the following circumstances? (Please choose one option per row)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Allowing means testing/charging for Home to School Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enabling councils to charge residents £1 per visit to use local Household Waste and Recycling Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allowing councils to charge £10 for issuing an Older Person's Bus Pass (which lasts for five years)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Permitting councils to charge 25% of the per journey fare for concessionary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the County Council should lobby the Government for the following changes in order to help maintain current services? (Please choose one option per row)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Additional funding to deliver social care services for adults and children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased central government grant funding for libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Making changes to the charging approach for non-residential social services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Updating the 1964 Public Libraries and Museums Act to enable service modernisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Generating additional income

The County Council also generates other income to fund services and help offset overall costs, as outlined on **page 14** of the Information Pack. This includes: sharing specialist services with or providing them to other organisations, investment in property and the (one-off) sales of its land and assets. Some functions are entirely funded through this type of income, but the County Council is not legally allowed to make a profit.

If you have any further ideas on how the County Council could generate additional income please share these in the box below.

Please do not provide any personal details in your response.

If you require any extra space for your response to this question, please write on an additional page and include it with this Response Form.

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Using the County Council's reserves

The County Council holds reserves to support its Medium-Term Financial Strategy and provide funding to mitigate risks that the County Council faces. Almost 83% of these reserves are already committed to purposes such as building new schools and roads or redesigning services, as illustrated on **pages 14-15** of the Information Pack. Of the remaining 17%, the majority is used to provide options and flexibility in addressing financial challenges (such as the COVID-19 pandemic), to plug gaps in the budget that arise from the two-year cycle of savings programmes, or to help fund the delayed delivery of savings in some departments. The County Council could use more reserves to plug the budget gap but reserves can only be spent once, so this would only provide a temporary fix - and at the expense of the areas listed above.

When considering how the County Council should balance its budget, which of the following statements is closest to your view about how reserves should be used? (Please choose one option)

- I disagree with the County Council's current position - **I think that more reserves should be used** to plug the budget gap
- I agree with the County Council's current position - **I do not think that reserves should be used** to plug the budget gap
- Don't know

Reducing and changing services

The County Council could choose to reduce and change the way services are delivered in order to support future savings. Examples of possible ways that the County Council could do this are set out on **pages 15-36** of the Information Pack.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the County Council should seek to reduce and change services in order to contribute to anticipated savings? (Please choose one option)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neither agree nor disagree | Agree | Strongly agree | Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Increasing Council Tax

Each 1% rise in Council Tax generates in the region of £7 million to support services. For the purposes of financial planning, the County Council has assumed it will be able to increase 'core' Council Tax by up to 2% plus a further 2% for the Adult Social Care precept – a total assumed increase of 3.99% in both 2022/23 and 2023/24 and this has been taken into account when calculating the estimated £80 million budget shortfall. However, the County Council could decide to increase Council Tax by more or less than these levels - although any rise above 3.99% would require a public referendum at a cost of up to £2 million.

If Council Tax were increased by **1.99%** the County Council would need to save **£94.1m** by 2023/24.

If Council Tax were increased by **3.99%** (the level assumed in the budget forecast) the County Council would need to save **£80.0m** by 2023/24.

To avoid the need to make any savings, the County Council would need to increase Council Tax by **15.30%**. This level of increase is **not proposed** by the County Council.

For further information about other changes to Council Tax, please refer to **pages 37-40** of the Information Pack.

Which Council Tax band are you in? *(Please choose one option)*

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band A | <input type="checkbox"/> Band E | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band B | <input type="checkbox"/> Band F | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band C | <input type="checkbox"/> Band G | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band D | <input type="checkbox"/> Band H | |

For a Council Tax **Band D** property, the following rises would apply 2022/23:

1.99% rise = £26.87 increase per year

2.99% rise = £40.38 increase per year

3.99% rise = £53.91 increase per year (This is assumed in the budget forecast)

10% rise = £135.05 increase per year (a referendum would be required)

15.30% rise = £206.59 increase per year (a referendum would be required)

Please indicate which of the following three options is your first, second, and third preference for the next two years by ticking one box for each option: *(Please choose one option per column)*

	First choice	Second choice	Third choice
To raise Council Tax by less than 3.99% per year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To raise Council Tax by 3.99% per year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To raise Council Tax by more than 3.99% per year (which would require a referendum)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire

Changing the structure of local government in Hampshire from a two-tier to a one-tier system could generate savings of at least £40 million as outlined on **page 41** of the Information Pack, although these would take several years to be fully realised. In November 2016, the County Council committed to the two-tier system of local government in Hampshire and to avoiding re-organisation, if possible. This position was contingent on external factors, in particular: the decisions or actions of other parts of central and local Government; and the financial pressures facing the Council, noting the proven significant dividend to be achieved through a unitary county.

To what extent do you agree that the County Council should explore further the possibility of changing local government structures in Hampshire? *(Please choose one option)*

Strongly disagree

Disagree

Neither agree nor disagree

Agree

Strongly agree

Don't know

Section Three: Reviewing the main options

You have now read through the main options available to the County Council for balancing its budget.

Please rank each of the following options for balancing the County Council's budget by order of preference: *(Please choose one option per row)*

	First choice	Second choice	Third choice	Fourth choice	Fifth choice	Sixth choice	Seventh choice
Introducing and increasing charges for some services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lobbying central Government for legislative change	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Generating additional income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Using the County Council's reserves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing and changing services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing Council Tax	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing local government arrangements in Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section Four: Impacts

Please describe what, if any, impact the County Council's options for balancing its budget could have on you (or your constituency, organisation, group or business). Please summarise your comments in the box below.

Please do not provide any personal details in your response.

If you require any extra space for your response to this question, please write on an additional page and include it with this Response Form.

To help us better understand the impacts you are describing, and share this feedback with the relevant services at the County Council, please answer the following in relation to this feedback:

Please indicate below if the impacts you have mentioned above relate to any of the following characteristics or issues: *(Please select all that apply)*

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Age | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy and/or maternity | <input type="checkbox"/> Poverty |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Race | <input type="checkbox"/> Rurality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage and/or civil partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> None of these |

Do any of the impacts you have mentioned relate to any of the following service areas? *(Please select all that apply)*

- Adults' Health and Care** *(Including services for older people, adults with disabilities, carers, and public health)*
- Children's Services** *(Including child social care, education, home-to-school transport, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and support for young people not in employment, education or training (NEET))*
- Corporate Services** *(Including central support services such as Finance, IT and HR; legal and democratic support; and communicating to, and engaging with, residents)*
- Culture, Communities and Business Services** *(Including libraries, discovery centres and archives, country parks and outdoor areas, Rights of Way, school meals, registration services, Trading Standards, and emergency planning)*
- Economy, Transport and Environment** *(Including economic development, transport, highways, street lighting, traffic management, minerals and waste planning, flood risk management, and environmental protection)*
- Don't know**
- None of these**

Section Five: Further comments

If you have any further comments or suggestions as to how the County Council could balance its budget, please summarise these beside the relevant service areas below. Please do not provide any personal details in your response

Adults' Health and Care

(Including services for older people, adults with disabilities, carers, and public health)

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Children's Services

(Including child social care, education, home-to-school transport, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and support for young people not in employment, education or training (NEET))

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Corporate Services

(Including central support services such as Finance, IT and HR; legal and democratic support; and communicating to, and engaging with, residents)

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Culture, Communities and Business Services

(Including libraries, discovery centres and archives, country parks and outdoor areas, Rights of Way, school meals, registration services, Trading Standards, and emergency planning)

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Economy, Transport and Environment

(Including economic development, transport, highways, street lighting, traffic management, minerals and waste planning, flood risk management, and environmental protection)

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If you have any general comments or suggestions as to how the County Council could balance its budget which are not specific to any services then please summarise these in the box below. Please do not provide any personal details in your response.

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If you require any extra space for any of the questions on this page, please write on an additional page and include it with this Response Form, indicating to which service areas the comments apply.

Section Six: About you

Please answer this section if you are **responding to this consultation as an individual**.

If you are providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**, or **responding as a democratically Elected Representative of a constituency**, please go to the last page of this document without answering this section.

Hampshire County Council is committed to improving its services, eliminating unlawful discrimination and promoting equality of opportunity for all people. **The following questions are optional** but we would be grateful if you could answer to help us understand the views of, and potential impacts on, different types of people within Hampshire.

Please provide your postcode:

Providing your postcode is optional. It would help us to understand the impact of proposed changes if you could provide at least the first five digits of your postcode. If you do provide your full postcode it is possible that in rural areas this might identify your property. By providing your postcode you are consenting to the County Council using this information to analyse the response to the consultation from different areas, to understand how views differ by area and to help model data for different types of respondent.

What was your age on your last birthday? *(Please choose one option)*

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35 to 44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65 to 74 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16 to 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 75 to 84 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25 to 34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 to 64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 85 or over | |

Which of the following best describes your gender? *(Please choose one option)*

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|---------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to self-describe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

If you prefer to self-describe, please specify in the box below:

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last at least 12 months? *(Please choose one option)*

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|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a little | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, a lot | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|

Are there any children or young people under the age of 16 living in your household (including yourself)? *(Please choose all that apply)*

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - aged 0-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - aged 12-15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - aged 5-8 | <input type="checkbox"/> No - none up to the age of 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes - aged 9-11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

Section Six: About you (continued)

What is your ethnic group? *(Please choose one option)*

White ethnic groups

- English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish, British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background (please specify below)

Asian or Asian British ethnic groups

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Nepalese
- Chinese
- Any other Asian background (please specify below)

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British ethnic groups

- British
- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black background (please specify below)

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed background (please specify below)

Other ethnic group ethnic groups

- Arab
- Any other ethnic background (please specify below)

For 'other', please specify below:

What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions? *(Please choose one option)*

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Up to £10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £50,001 to £60,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £100,001 or over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £10,001 to £20,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £60,001 to £70,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £20,001 to £30,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £70,001 to £80,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £30,001 to £40,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £80,001 to £90,000 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> £40,001 to £50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> £90,001 to £100,000 | |

And finally...

To help us improve access to future consultations, please tell us where you first heard about this consultation: *(Please choose one option)*

- On social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc)
- Online (please specify where below)
- In a public space (e.g. library, civic centre)
- Via an email or letter sent to you
- On a consultation poster or leaflet
- In a resident's newsletter (e.g. printed or e-newsletter) (please specify where below)
- Through my employer
- By word of mouth
- Reported in the press (e.g. radio, newspaper) (please specify where below)
- Other (please specify where below)

Please specify where you heard about the consultation below:

Thank you for your response. Your feedback will help inform the decisions to be made by Hampshire County Council on the approach to balancing its budget up to 2024. If you know anyone else who would be interested in participating then please let them know of this consultation.

This consultation will close at 11:59 on 18 July 2021.

Please return your Response Form in the business reply envelope provided **to arrive no later than 18 July 2021**. If you do not have a business reply envelope, please return to **Freeport HAMPSHIRE**, writing **IEU FM09** on the back. You do not need to use a stamp.