

Budget Consultation Response Form



Consultation on Hampshire County Council's Budget for 2024-2026

Introduction

In November 2023, Hampshire County Council will meet to agree a financial strategy for the next two years. Like households across the county, we face financial challenges of a scale that we have never seen before, caused by factors outside of our control. By 2025/26 our forecasts predict an annual budget shortfall of around £132 million – but we are legally required to balance our books.

Everyone in Hampshire uses council services and everyone in Hampshire has a right to have their say on how those services are funded and delivered. You may be affected by what we are proposing or have ideas on alternative approaches we could take. Please help us to understand what our choices may mean for you so that we can take residents' needs into account when considering the way forward.

If you have any queries about this consultation, or need this Response Form in another language or format, please contact the County Council by emailing insight@hants.gov.uk, or calling 0300 555 1375*.

*Calls from a landline will be charged at the local rate, although mobile phone charges may vary.

Completing the Response Form

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

This consultation is open from 12 June until 11:59pm on 23 July 2023.

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.

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.

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

www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation

If you require any extra space for your response to any of the questions, please write on an additional page and include it with this form.

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.

Please be constructive and considerate in your response. All Hampshire County Council staff are entitled to be treated with respect by those they work with or for, and the County Council operates a Zero Tolerance Policy towards harassment, discrimination, bullying and abuse.

This box is for office use only. Please **do not** write in the box.

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 (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 go to **page 4**.

If you are responding as a **democratically Elected Representative** of a constituency, please go to **page 3**.

If you are providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**, please go to **page 3**.

About your response (continued)

If you are providing the **official response of an organisation, group or business**, please answer the two questions below and then go to **page 5**.

ⓘ 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:

Name of the organisation, group or business:	<input type="text"/>
Postcode of the organisation, group or business:	<input type="text"/>
Your name:	<input type="text"/>
Your position in the organisation, group or business:	<input type="text"/>

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

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

For 'other' please specify in the box below:

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

ⓘ 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 County Council services that you use

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)

- Waste services**, such as Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)
- Libraries and discovery centres**
- Country parks** and other **outdoor spaces**, including public **Rights of Way**
- 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)**
- County Archives**
- School meals**
- Registration** services (births, marriages, civil partnerships and deaths)
- Trading Standards**
- Economic Development** (supporting the local economy and Hampshire businesses)
- Highways** (including street lighting, highways maintenance, footpaths, and cycleways)
- Concessionary bus travel** (such as older person's and disabled person's bus pass)
- Services to prevent **flooding** in Hampshire
- Other** services not listed here
- None of these**

For 'other services' please describe

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

Section One: Managing the budget

Hampshire County Council has a strong track record for managing its finances well and has an excellent reputation as a high-performing local authority. Over the last 15 years, we have reduced our spending by around £640 million by adopting a financial strategy with a focus on:

- planning ahead in order to secure savings early and limit the impact of service change or reduction;
- investing in new, more efficient ways of working;
- using reserves carefully to address funding gaps and manage demand pressures;
- generating additional income to help sustain services;
- targeting resources on those who need them most (i.e. vulnerable children and adults); and
- only reducing or changing services when necessary to close the budget gap.

Service cost and demand continues to rise and, unless changes to funding are announced in central Government's 2024 Spending Review, our forecasts indicate that we will need to find £132 million of ongoing savings to balance our budget by 2025/26 whilst continuing to provide services that we have to deliver by law.

After 15 years of savings programmes, asking each directorate to reduce spending by the same proportion (i.e. find the same percentage spending reduction) is no longer viable for some of the statutory service areas. Instead, all services have been asked to consider any savings that could be made, to help us understand if some could save more than others.

For further information about the County Council's funding and financial strategy, please refer to [pages 9 to 12 of the Information Pack](#).

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

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

Introducing and increasing charges for some services

The County Council could seek to cover the costs of some services by asking the people who use them to pay a contribution or increase the amount they already pay. This is a targeted approach, which would only impact people who are directly benefitting from the services (excluding those eligible for free support). Some examples of where we could do this are provided on page 18 of the Information Pack.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [page 18 of the Information Pack](#).

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

The County Council's ability to balance its budget is limited by central Government funding and legislation. In many cases, we have no autonomy to introduce initiatives that could help to support local services.

Lobbying can be used to help persuade central Government to alter the way in which local government is funded, the amount of money that is granted, and to allow councils to make local changes that would help to balance the budget.

Examples of where this could help are outlined below with further detail available on page 14 of the Information Pack. However, lobbying takes time, and there is no guarantee of success.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [pages 13 to 15 of the Information Pack](#).

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the County Council should lobby the Government for legislative change in the following areas in order to help maintain local services? (Please choose one option per row)	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Change the underlying funding model for county councils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase government funding to pay for growth in social care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cap profit margins for providers of children's homes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National consistency in the approach to residential placement fees for children's social care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
National rules on engagement of agency resource to support children's social work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Review the range of statutory functions that must currently be carried out by qualified children's social workers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow a move to locally devised policies and means testing for Home to School Transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allow a deferred payment option for adults' domiciliary (home) care provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Enable local circumstances to be taken into account when determining adult social care provision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply a small charge for concessionary travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charge a fee for issuing an Older Person's Bus Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Charge a nominal fee for using household waste recycling centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase funding for highway maintenance and major road and structural repairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater Council Tax setting freedoms	<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 is allowed to generate some commercial income to fund services and help offset overall service costs, for example by offering support to schools and renting surplus property. We also provide a range of professional, specialist and technical traded services to other public sector and charitable organisations, more details of which can be seen on page 16 of the Information Pack. This income is not-for-profit and is used to fund services and help offset overall service costs.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [page 16 of the Information Pack](#).

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

Using the County Council's reserves

Over the years, the County Council has set aside funding in reserve (currently amounting to around £883 million), which is needed for service investment, to help meet funding shortfalls and to address any unexpected financial risks, as outlined on page 15 of the Information Pack.

Most of the money (£760 million) is committed to specific purposes, for example to cover costs of insurance, making services more modern and efficient, and building new schools or roads. Of the remaining £123 million, £99 million has already been set aside to temporarily bridge the budget gap for 2023/24 and 2024/25, in line with the approach recommended by central Government.

This leaves us with just £24 million of currently uncommitted reserves by 2025/26 which would not be enough to meet the expected funding shortfall. We could use other committed reserves at this point but: it would only provide a temporary fix, planned service improvements would need to be re-prioritised or cancelled; and the County Council would be left vulnerable to further unexpected financial pressures.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [page 15 of the Information Pack](#).

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 think that more reserves should be used to plug the budget gap
- I do **not** think that reserves should be used to plug the budget gap
- Don't know

Section Two: Options for balancing the budget (continued)

Reducing and changing services

Not everything that we currently do is required of us by law, and there is some discretion as to how we deliver mandatory services. This means that we could seek to reduce the budget gap by providing some services differently, or at a more basic level.

Some examples of how we could do this are outlined from page 18 of the Information Pack to help you consider whether, in principle, service changes and/or reductions should form part of our approach and what the impact of these might be.

There is space provided later in this Response Form if you would like to tell us what service change or reduction could mean for you.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [pages 18 to 36 of the Information Pack](#).

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the County Council should seek to...? (Please choose one option)

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Don't know
Reduce services in order to contribute to anticipated savings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change services in order to contribute to anticipated savings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Increasing Council Tax

Central Government has decided that Council Tax can rise by up to 4.99% in 2023/24 and 2024/25, 2% of which must be spent on adult social care services. When considering other funding, it has presumed that all local authorities will put up their Council Tax by this amount.

However, the County Council could still decide to keep Council Tax at a lower level, or to hold a public referendum (vote) to raise it beyond 4.99%, as detailed on page 36 of the Information Pack.

Lower Council Tax would mean households pay less, but would increase the pressure for service charging, change or reduction. Higher Council Tax would place a significant extra burden on household finances but would reduce the pressure for services to change.

Appendix A shows how the amount you pay could change at different levels of Council Tax.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [pages 36 to 37 of the Information Pack](#).

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

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

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 4.99% per year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To raise Council Tax by 4.99% per year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
To raise Council Tax by more than 4.99% 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 to a system with a single authority that is responsible for all council services could achieve annual savings of at least £40 million, although realising this would be complex and take several years as explained on page 38 of the Information Pack.

For further information about this proposal, please refer to [page 38 of the Information Pack](#).

To what extent do you agree or disagree 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	Eighth 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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changing services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Section Four: What our proposals could mean for you

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

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adults' Health and Care: Encompassing social care for people aged over 18 years old such as residential and nursing care; day care and respite facilities, services for people with a learning disability, physical disability, or mental health needs; support for carers and for people to maintain their independence; and Public Health services. | <input type="checkbox"/> Hampshire 2050: Delivering strategies and policies to support the Authority's priorities for skills and economy, strategic transport, rural communities, nature recovery, partnerships, minerals and waste policy, climate change, broadband, Hampshire Cultural Trust, spatial planning, and land and asset management. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Services: Primarily services supporting children and young people, including early years education/ childcare; child protection; children in care; fostering; adoption; support for children and families with learning difficulties and/or disabilities; schools' improvement, admissions, places planning and school meals; support to pupils not in education, employment or training; libraries and home-to-school transport. | <input type="checkbox"/> Universal Services: Public facing services, accessible to all, such as: outdoor centres, country parks and public Rights of Way; registration of citizenship, births, marriages and deaths; Trading Standards; building and maintenance of roads, footways and cycleways; street lighting; traffic management and road safety; household waste disposal and recycling centres; planning control; flood risk management; public community transport subsidies; and facilities management. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Services: Central support services such as Finance, IT and HR; legal and democratic support; and communicating to, and engaging with, residents and planning for emergencies. | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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Children's Services

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Corporate Services

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Universal Services

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Hampshire 2050

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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 your response to the above questions, please write on an additional page and include it with this Response Form

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 page 15 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 may feel sensitive but we would be grateful if you could answer as it is important that we understand the views of, and potential impacts on, different types of people within Hampshire.

Please provide your postcode:

If you do not wish to provide your postcode, please write in the name of the local authority that you pay your council tax to.

 *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:

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? (Please choose one option)

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and they reduce my day-to-day activities a lot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, but they do not reduce my day-to-day activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and they reduce my day-to-day activities a little | |

Section Six: About you (continued)

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

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

Asian or Asian British ethnic groups

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

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British ethnic groups

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

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups ethnic groups

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

White ethnic groups

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

Other ethnic group

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

For 'other', please specify below

We recognise that questions about income may feel very sensitive, but within a budget consultation it is important that the Council can understand how views and impacts may vary amongst groups of people with differing financial circumstances.

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

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|---|--|--|
| <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...

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)
- Hampshire County Council website
- Via an email or letter sent to you
- In a resident's newsletter (e.g. Your Hampshire or e-newsletter)
- Through my employer
- By word of mouth
- Reported in the news (e.g. TV, radio, newspaper)
- At a bus stop
- In a library
- At a country park or outdoor centre
- Other

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 it's budget up to 2026.

This consultation will close at **11:59 pm on 23 July 2023.**

Please return your Response Form in the business reply envelope provided **to arrive no later than 23 July 2023.**

If you do not have a business reply envelope, please put your completed Response Form in another envelope and address to **Freepost HAMPSHIRE**, writing **P&O, I&EU, FM09** on the back. You do not need to use a stamp.

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Appendix A

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on <u>Band A</u> Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £24.34
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £48.58
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £73.01
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £97.35
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £213.19

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on <u>Band B</u> Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £28.40
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £56.68
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £85.18
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £113.58
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £248.73

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on <u>Band C</u> Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £32.45
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £64.77
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £97.35
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £129.80
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £284.26

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on <u>Band D</u> Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £36.51
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £72.87
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £109.52
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £146.03
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £319.79

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on Band E Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £44.62
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £89.06
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £133.86
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £178.48
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £390.85

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on Band F Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £52.74
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £105.26
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £158.20
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £210.93
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £461.92

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on Band G Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £60.85
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £121.45
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £182.53
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £243.38
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £532.98

Percentage increase in Council Tax	Impact on Band H Council Tax (annual bill)
0%	No change
2.50%	+ £73.02
4.99% (assumed in budget forecasts)	+ £145.74
7.5% (a referendum would be required)	+ £219.04
10% (a referendum would be required)	+ £292.06
21.90% (a referendum would be required)	+ £639.58