

Appendix C

Budget Consultation 2019 – 2023

Central Government funding to Havering has reduced by over £29 million since 2014/15 and we are anticipating a further loss of the remaining £7 million in general Government grant over the next two years. From 2021/22 we don't expect Havering to be in receipt of any general Government grant. Over the same period, and into the future, we are seeing Havering's population rising which is causing cost pressures.

Since 2014 the Council has had to make reductions of over £77m and we know that we need to go further if we are to tackle the challenges facing the public sector. We face huge decisions, but there are also opportunities for us to look at how we can better deliver our services to suit the changing needs of our citizens. Your views really do matter when we make these tough decisions.

Our budget consultation document sets out how we plan to tackle the challenges facing the Council and where we will focus the budget we have in order to continue to make a positive difference.

We want to hear your views on our draft proposals for our 4 year financial strategy.

You can choose whether to comment on all questions, or just those you select.

Why we are consulting

Consultation is being carried out to ensure the Council's decision makers are fully informed of relevant concerns before any final decisions are made. This is a high level consultation on the overall budget. In some areas, more detailed consultation will follow later.

Further information

The Budget Consultation 2019 – 2023 document and proposals can be found at various locations around the borough including libraries and the town hall

The consultation closes on 30th September 2018.

You can also fill in this survey online at www.havering.gov.uk

Question 1. Firstly, which of the following are you (or the person you are completing this on behalf of). Please tick all that apply

- ☐ I am a resident of Havering
- ☐ I represent/own a local business
- ☐ I represent a charity that covers the Havering area
- ☐ I represent a community group in Havering
- ☐ I work for Havering Council
- ☐ I am a Councillor
- ☐ I represent a public sector organisation
- ☐ Other – please specify

Question 2. Thinking about some of our key services overall, please rank in order up to five services that you feel are most important to you (1 = most important). Please only choose one service for each rank until you have picked five services. Each rank (1 to 5) should only be used once - ie do not rank more than one Service as 1.

Care and support for families (eg Children's Centres)		Major public events (eg Christmas events, Havering show)	
Care and support for older and disabled people		Parks and open spaces	
Care and support for people with mental health issues		Planning	
Child protection and safeguarding		Public Health	
Community Safety		Refuse collection – domestic waste and recycling	
Cultural facilities (eg theatres and arts centres)		Road and pavement repairs	
Environmental Health (eg Pest Control, Food hygiene)		Street cleaning and litter	
Garden waste collection		Sports & leisure facilities	
Housing		Youth Services	
Improving Havering's economy (eg job creation and regeneration)		Other – (please specify the service/s below).....	
Library services			

Our Budget Consultation 2019-2023 document sets out the detailed proposals and these are grouped under 3 themes. For each theme, please answer the following questions:

Reductions in services and income changes

[illegible]

<p>Question 4. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the reductions in services and changes in income theme? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?</p>

Transformation - Doing things differently

[illegible]

<p>Question 6. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the transformation theme - doing things differently? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?</p>

Priority areas for investment

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Question 8. What are your reasons for disagreeing with any individual proposals under the priority areas for investment? What impact do you think this would have on you and your family?

Council Tax

Question 9. The Council is able to increase council tax by 2% in 2019/20 only for Adult Social Care pressures to support vulnerable adults and older people. Do you think the Council should implement this increase?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please specify why:

Question 10. The Government allows us to increase council tax by the Retail Price Index (RPI) each year.

Do you recognise that the pressures the Council are under may require an RPI increase in council tax?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, please specify why:

Question 11. Finally, do you have any further comments or suggestions on how the Council can deliver services differently to save money?

Please specify here:

