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**13 February 2013**

The following supplementary information is attached for consideration and is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter pursuant to Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

- 5 THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2013/14 - INCLUDING THE SETTING OF FEES & CHARGES (Pages 1 - 2)**

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# **REPORT SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY**

**Subject Heading:**

**THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET  
2013/14**

**This report supplements the main report to this meeting on the Council's Budget 2013/14.**

## **Public consultation**

Between Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February, the public were invited to comment on the budget proposals and priorities and answer four questions:

1. Do you agree that Council Tax should be frozen next year, by making the sorts of changes outlined above?
2. Do you agree with these priorities? If not what would you change?
3. Can you think of any ways we can be working more closely with local people to improve services and reduce costs?
4. Do you have any other comments about our budget proposals?

Owing to the tight timescale, the consultation was web-based. (A full survey on local priorities and satisfaction with services, called 'Your Council, Your Say' will be undertaken in March, allowing local people to respond through online or paper questionnaires.)

The Council received 161 responses to the consultation.

In answer to question 1: 139 respondents answered 'yes', 22 answered 'no'

Of 108 responses received to question 2 - 88 indicated broad support of the priorities as set out in the consultation, with the most specific support shown for road and pavement repairs, initiatives to make Havering cleaner, crime reduction and parks.

In response to question three, 21 respondents called for more/improved consultation, seven respondents suggested that local people could get involved in tackling litter and seven suggested other uses for volunteers.

Among general comments made in response to question four, ten respondents offered their appreciation for the Council's efforts.