

What are
your views?

Have your say
by
22 September

OUR BUDGET SURVEY

You can complete this survey online at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/budgetsurvey2020 or complete this form and submit it to survey return boxes in our Community Hubs. Alternatively, you can post your completed survey to:

BudgetSurvey 2020,
East Dunbartonshire Council HQ
12 Strathkelvin Place
Kirkintilloch G66 1TJ

by the closing date of 22 September.

1. PRIORITIES

I agree with the 11 priority areas identified in 'Working together with the people of East Dunbartonshire, Prioritising our Services, Prioritising our Resources'.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are there any priorities that you think should be included that are not?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, what are these?

Please rank these service areas in priority order for you:

(1 being your highest priority – 11 being your lowest priority)

☐ Education and Employability

☐ Neighbourhood, streetscene & greenspace

☐ Health & Social Care

☐ Sustainable economic growth

☐ Roads & Transportation

☐ Finance

☐ Housing

☐ EDLC Trust

☐ Communities

☐ Customer Services

☐ Town Centres

Our commitments within these service areas are defined in this budget consultation document.

Do you agree with these commitments?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please list any commitments you do not agree with:

Please list any commitments you think should be added:

What would you stop doing to fund these additional commitments?:

Comments: Please include any other comments you have about our priorities and commitments.

2. EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE LEISURE AND CULTURE TRUST (EDLC Trust)

Our EDLC Trust priorities include replacing the Allander Leisure Centre, our pitch upgrade programme and increasing access to our cultural and heritage resources. The Trust also has to reduce its operating costs in a challenging budget environment and must consider service efficiencies.

Do you agree with these commitments?

☐

Yes

☐

No

The number of libraries the Trust operates are under review as numbers of visitors and how they use the library has changed over the years.

Which of these options would you prefer to deliver efficiencies?

☐

Focus on centralised library and heritage resources in each locality (Bearsden, Bishopbriggs, Kirkintilloch, Lennoxton & Milngavie) and close small libraries

☐

Retain all libraries (main and small) but further reduce the opening hours across all libraries, alternating when they are open

☐

Other

If other, please describe:

Comments: Please include any other comments in relation to the EDLC Trust and any priorities you feel have not been identified

3. CHARGES

Fees and charges are an important source of income to the Council when balancing the budget. If additional income can be generated, it would reduce the level of savings required.

Please indicate your views on the level of increase in charges you think we should consider for 2020/21.

- ☐ A 4% increase in all fees and charges
- ☐ More than 4% increase in all fees and charges
- ☐ Less than 4% increase in all fees and charges

Are there any services that the Council does not yet charge for that you think charges should be introduced? Please list:

Are there any services that the Council currently charges for that you think these charges should be reduced or removed? Please list:

Comments: Please include any other comments you have in relation to fees and charges

4. COUNCIL TAX

In 2018/19 the Scottish Government allowed councils to raise Council Tax levels by up to 3% following a nine year Council Tax freeze. In 2019/20, Council were able to raise Council Tax by up to 4.79%. East Dunbartonshire Council raised Council Tax by 3% in 2018/19 and by 3.95% in 2019/20.

Given that the funding gap for delivering Council services identifies continued savings required for 2020/21, with a requirement to find an additional £31.8 million in savings over the coming four years, increasing Council Tax levels is one way of helping to bridge the gap.

A 3% increase in Council Tax will raise an additional £1.9 million.

For 2020/21 which of the following do you agree with:

- ☐ A 3% increase in Council Tax
- ☐ Less than 3% increase in Council Tax
- ☐ More than 3% increase in Council

Comments: Please provide any other comments you have in relation to Council Tax

ABOUT YOU – PLEASE COMPLETE THE DETAILS BELOW

Please note: **Your response to this survey is anonymous** and the data you provide is confidential. Individuals cannot be identified from the information provided, but we use this information to evaluate the demographic profile of those that participate.

I am responding as

☐ Individual ☐ Employee ☐ Behalf of Group/Organisation

If Employee, what service do you work in?

If Group/Organisation, which is it called?

Gender identity

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to say

If individual or employee, please complete the following:

Age range ☐ Under 18 ☐ 18-30 ☐ 31-50 ☐ 51-70 ☐ 71+

Nearest Town/Village

Do you consider yourself to have a disability

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you consider you have a disability, please indicate if you have any of the following

☐ Learning disability ☐ Mental Health condition ☐ Other
☐ Longstanding illness ☐ Physical impairment ☐ Prefer not to say

Do you have caring or parenting responsibilities for a child/children or anyone else (e.g. family member, neighbour etc)

☐ Yes (child/children u18) ☐ Yes other (over 18) ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

☐ White ☐ Black ☐ Asian ☐ Mixed
☐ Other Ethnic group

Thank you for taking the time to complete our budget survey.

The findings will inform our budget planning for 2020 and beyond.

Other formats and translation

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or on CD and can be translated into other community languages. Please contact the Council's Communications Team at:

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