Budget consultation 2018+

10 January 2018

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Why are we consulting?

We want to hear your views about how we spend your money to meet the needs of the city

- There are clear challenges for the city
- We have listened to what we have been told and developed a clear long term vision and priorities
- We have a clear long term strategy in place to support the economic growth of the city
- But we will have less money in the future
- This is one of your opportunities to influence that decision making
The challenge
Birmingham continues to wrestle with some deep-seated challenges...

**OBESITY**
- 25% of 10–11 year olds are obese
- National average: 20%

**CHILDREN IN POVERTY**
- 1 in 3 children live in poverty
- 128,000 children (0–15 yr olds) live in the bottom decile households

**NOT SATISFIED**
- 16% of 15 year olds are not satisfied with life

**INFANT MORTALITY**
- 7.9 in Birmingham
- 3.9 in National average

**CYCLING**
- <1% percentage of children who cycle to school

**PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
- 10.8% growth in number of children aged 5–15 over the next 20 years (2017–2037)
- (adults 19yrs+)
- 61.2% in Birmingham
- 64.9% in National

**FUEL POVERTY**
- 17th out of 326 English local authorities, Birmingham ranks 17th for proportion of fuel poor households

**LIFE EXPECTANCY**
- 10.6yrs less for men
- 8.2yrs less for women

**SOCIAL CONTACT**
- >50% More than half of adult carers would like more social contact

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Vision and priorities for Birmingham City Council

OUR VISION:
A city of growth where every child, citizen and place matters

CHILDREN
A great city to grow up in
Make the best of our unique demography and create a safe and secure city for our children and young people to learn and grow.

HOUSING
A great city to live in
Provide housing in a range of types and tenures, to meet the housing needs of all of the current and future citizens of the city.

JOBS & SKILLS
A great city to succeed in
Birmingham will be renowned as an enterprising, innovative and green city.

HEALTH
A great city to grow old in
Helping people become healthier, especially relating to physical activity.
Our financial challenge

30%

- Of controllable spend comes from council tax income
- This goes towards a range of services in line with the Council’s priorities
Our financial challenge

The overwhelming majority of our budget has to be spent on specific services. These include housing, schools and benefits.
Our financial challenge

The rest is our ‘controllable’ budget.

Savings must be made here
We have already reshaped what we do

We have already made savings of around £642m since 2010 as a direct result of Government cuts and spending pressures.

- Pursued new ways of delivering services
- Made better use of our assets
- Reduced the size of our workforce

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We know that we need to find a way of delivering services with less money.

If the Government continues to cut public spending, by 2021/22 we will need to make further savings of £111m.

This is the equivalent of over 13% of our net budget for 2017/18.
The 2018/19 budget consultation

We have assumed an annual increase in Council Tax of 1.99% and we will continue to take the ability to raise a ‘social care precept’ of a further 3% to provide extra funding to meet the costs of social care. The total increase assumed in the consultation is 4.99%

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Making a positive difference every day

Principles for how we’ll operate in the future

1. We’ll put citizens and neighbourhoods at the heart of our decision making – working with our partners to make this happen.

2. We’ll promote the independence of the people who use our services.

3. We’ll use our assets carefully to support growth in areas such as jobs and homes – ensuring that everyone can benefit.

4. We’ll support our decision making with strong evidence and the resources to deliver.

5. We’ll be flexible and agile so we can respond quickly to the changing needs of the city and its citizens.

6. Our values are important to staff and citizens, so we’ll make sure we work to them.

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What happens next?

- **12 Dec 2017**: Publish 2018/19 budget
- **15 Jan 2018**: Consultation closes
- **27 Feb 2018**: Full Council considers budget
- **10 Jan 2018**: Public meeting
- **13 Feb 2018**: Cabinet considers budget
1. Read the proposals: [birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget18](birmingham.gov.uk/brumbudget18)

2. Complete the online survey: [birminghambeheard.org.uk](birminghambeheard.org.uk)

3. Or join the conversation online:
   - Twitter: #BrumBudget18
   - Facebook

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