

Summary of Responses

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Approach to Budget Setting

As Government grant reductions begin to have a financial impact our approach to balancing the budget needs to change if services are to be maintained. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these approaches?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maintain all services but offer less					
Reduce or stop delivery of less important services					
Increase charges for services we provide					
Trading our building works, engineering, waste collection and vehicle repair services					
Increase council tax by the maximum level permitted (1.99% per year)					
Put more services online					

Work with local councils and other organisations



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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

The Council's capital investment programme over the next four years totals £225 million. Some of the more significant schemes are detailed below. To what extent you agree or disagree with these schemes?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Purchase of housing for homeless families £5.0million					
Covered market refurbishment £1.6million					
Refurbishment of the Museum of Oxford at Town Hall £2.6million					
Pedestrianisation of Queen Street contribution £0.5million					
Refurbishment of Community Centres £2.6million					

Investing in a council housing company, to build new homes for local people £61.0million	<input type="text"/>
Additional spaces at Seacourt Park and Ride, to raise income and provide more parking options £3.4million	<input type="text"/>
New facility to sort waste for recycling and reduce cost	<input type="text"/>
Council dwelling kitchen/ bathrooms and electrical replacement, funded out of tenants' rents £24.0,million	<input type="text"/>
Environmental improvements to estates, funded out of tenants' rents £3.6million	<input type="text"/>
Regeneration of central Blackbird Leys, including a new community centre , funded out of tenants' rents £5.4million	<input type="text"/>

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REVENUE BUDGET FINANCED FROM COUNCIL TAX

In our revenue budget, we have little room for new investment. However, we propose to do the following and would welcome your views:

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	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maintain our spend on supporting homeless families and citizens that are less well off					
More resources into fraud investigation					
Continue to fund Blue Bin recycling education schemes					
Support for policing where reduced police numbers are having the biggest impact					
Investment in management of canal and river areas					
Increase resources in Planning Services, to ensure planning applications are processed more quickly					
Continue with Council apprenticeship programme					
Continue to give concessions for council services for those on low incomes					
Continue to pay staff the Oxford Living Wage of at least £9.69 per					

hour and require contractors to do the same

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FEES AND CHARGES

Financial Strategy does propose to increase some **fees and charges** over the next four years. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following specific proposals, which will enable us to preserve core front-line services:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Leisure activities, membership and use of sports facilities a proposed increases ranging from 2% to 4%	<input type="text"/>				
Pest Control increases range up to £10, to reflect actual costs	<input type="text"/>				
Cemeteries increases range from 1.0% to 2.5%	<input type="text"/>				
Garages - £0.65 per week increase across the board.	<input type="text"/>				
Garden Waste collection – increase of £2 per year	<input type="text"/>				

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Council's proposal to freeze park and ride charges and increase car parking charges in the centre and suburban car parks?

Strongly agree		38% (15)
Agree		30% (12)
Neutral		8% (3)
Disagree		5% (2)
Strongly disagree		20% (8)



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COUNCIL TAX

Income generated from Council Tax is used to pay for all services except those related to the management and maintenance of council dwellings. It covers, for example, street cleansing, refuse collection and park maintenance.

We propose to increase Council Tax by 1.99% (City Council's recommendation). This is equivalent to an extra £5.77 per year for each band D tax payer, and helps us to protect frontline services. The alternative would be to freeze council tax and cut services.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with our proposal to increase council tax by 1.99% per year (an equivalent to £5.77 per year for each band D taxpayer) in order to avoid service cuts?

Strongly agree		48% (19)
Agree		25% (10)

Neutral		5% (2)
Disagree		5% (2)
Strongly disagree		18% (7)

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COUNCIL HOUSING

Over the coming years of the Medium Term Financial Strategy we will build and acquire an additional 500 new homes, ensure that our existing homes are properly maintained (including meeting the new “Oxford Standard”), improve the environment on our estates (though the “Great Estates” programme), improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and provide particular support to the regeneration of central Blackbird Leys and Barton.

In what order should the council prioritise the following with 1 being your most important priority and 5 being your least important priority.

	1	2	3	4	5
Building and acquiring new council homes					
Maintaining the quality of existing council homes					
Investing to improve the environment on council estates					
Improving energy efficiency of existing council homes					

Targeted estate regeneration e.g Blackbird Leys and Barton



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Are you an Oxford City Council housing tenant?

Yes		2% (1)
No		98% (40)

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OTHER COMMENTS

Are there any other comments that you would like to make on Oxford City Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-22 and Consultation Budget 2018 -19? (Max. 5000 characters)

This question has been answered 13 times.