



Money Matters: Have your say on Buckinghamshire Council's spending priorities for 2023/24

Open date: 12 October 2022

Close date: 20 November 2022

We want to know which services you think we should be prioritising in our budget for next year, and what you think about our outline plans for how we're suggesting next year's budget should be spent.

We are working hard on spending plans for next year. With a really challenging economic climate, with rising energy costs, interest rates and inflation, it's more essential than ever that you tell us how you want your money to be spent.

The costs involved in providing our services have risen sharply due to higher inflation. This makes setting the budget and balancing the books extremely challenging this year.

You have an important role to play in the budget-setting process as we need to determine how you want your council tax spent. In considering your response, take time to reflect on the wider needs of the whole of Buckinghamshire in addition to the specific priorities for yourself, your family, your immediate community, your business or your organisation.

How the council is funded

The money we receive from council tax covers 82% of the cost of providing all Buckinghamshire Council's services – from paying for care packages for adults who need it, to providing emergency accommodation for homeless people and vulnerable children, as well as the essential services everyone relies on like bin collections, road repairs and keeping streets and open spaces clean and safe.

The other 18% of the council's budget is funded by money from business rates, the New Homes Bonus and other grants.

It's also important to note that the funding for the running of our schools is not set or controlled by the council. This goes directly to schools from government as part of the Dedicated Schools Grant.

How your money is spent

All councils have a legal duty to limit their spending to the income they receive each year. So, our budget must balance.

The vast majority of our budget each year needs to be spent on the services we are required by law to provide, such as social care for adults and children. This is known as statutory spend.

The current spending breakdown for the year 2022/23 is:

- Adult Social Care (including Public Health) - £164,514,000
- Children's Social Care - £74,930,000
- Roads & Transportation - £55,332,000
- Waste & Recycling - £24,278,000
- Education (excluding the Dedicated Schools Grant) - £14,753,000
- ICT (Information Communication Technology) - £13,656,000
- Legal and Democratic Services - £12,158,000
- Business Operations - £11,147,000
- Finance - £8,789,000
- Other corporate services - £7,879,000
- Localities & Partnerships - £7,582,000
- Planning - £6,202,000
- Culture & Leisure - £4,927,000
- Human Resources - £4,681,000
- Regulatory Services - £3,600,000
- Economic Regeneration & Strategic Infrastructure - £3,404,000
- Housing - £3,370,000
- Street Cleaning - £2,587,000
- Environment - £1,844,000

This adds up to a total spend of £425,633,000 for 2022/23.

We are proposing to allocate the 2023/24 budget in a similar way.

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- Complete the online survey at [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/money-matters-consultation)
- Complete, and return, the printed version of the survey below. You can:
 - Email it to consultations@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
 - Post it to **Money Matters Consultation**, Business Intelligence Team, Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, HP20 1UA
 - Take it to one of our Council Access Points

You can pick up a paper copy of the survey in one of our Council Access Points, including libraries.

If you have any questions about this activity, please email us at consultations@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please tell us your views by midnight on Sunday 20 November 2022.

What happens next

We will consider all the feedback we receive and use the findings to help us develop the draft budget further.

A detailed draft budget will be published in early 2023 for further feedback and scrutiny. It will then be finalised and agreed in February 2023.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Money Matters Consultation - Print survey

1. Which services would you prioritise for council funding?

You can select up to 5 services, in no particular order.

Please tick (✓) one option per column

	1	2	3	4	5
Care and support services for older people and vulnerable adults	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parking such as car parks, street parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community safety such as working with other organisations to tackle anti-social behaviour, violence and hate crime	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Culture and tourism such as museums, country parks and archaeology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Educational services such as childcare, pre-school, school admissions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental health services such as food hygiene inspections and air quality monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing such as finding a home, tenancy issues, homelessness issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Library services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local regeneration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining parks, open spaces, playing fields and the countryside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining Rights of Way	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining street furniture including signs, benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pavement maintenance including footpaths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning services such as advice, enforcement, development plans, planning applications, building control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Protecting the environment such as development of green spaces, renewable energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Health services such as smoking cessation, drug/alcohol services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road infrastructure and planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Road maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services and support for children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Services to attract and support local businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sport and leisure services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Street cleaning services including servicing public litter bins, dog bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trading standards such as advice for businesses, product recalls, fraud / scams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste management such as fly-tipping prosecutions and recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Which services would you not prioritise for council funding?

You can select up to 5 services, in no particular order.

Please tick (✓) one option per column

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Waste collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste management such as fly-tipping prosecutions and recycling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Proposed budget allocation for 2023 to 2024

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with how we propose to allocate Buckinghamshire Council's budget for 2023 to 2024?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- I don't know

4. How easy to understand was the following information?

Please tick (✓) one option for each statement

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Not very easy	Not at all easy	I don't know
How the council is funded	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
How the council spends its money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Not very easy	Not at all easy	I don't know
What statutory spend is	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The financial challenges the council faces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. If you have any other comments about the proposed budget allocation for 2023 to 2024, please tell us them here:

About you

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal information.

6. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I live in Buckinghamshire
- I work in Buckinghamshire
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

7. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Local media (newspaper, radio or TV)
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Nextdoor
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Buckinghamshire Council newsletter
- From Buckinghamshire Council staff
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Poster
- Word of mouth
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council or Town Committee
- Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisation
- Other (please give details below):

8. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (**Go to question 10**)
- On behalf of an organisation

On behalf of an organisation

9. Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

End of survey for organisations

About you

10. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

11. What is your age?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

12. Are you:

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

13. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long-term health condition(s)?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long-term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long-term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

14. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below

- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

15. Are there any children aged under 18 in your household?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different households.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

16. What is your employment status?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different employment statuses.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Employed full-time
- Employed part-time
- Self-employed full-time or part-time
- Unemployed
- Retired
- Carer
- Student

- Looking after the family or home
- Long-term illness or condition that prevents you from working
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please give details below):

17.If you would like to receive email updates about the progress of Buckinghamshire Council’s budget for 2023 to 2024, please provide your email address:

By providing us with your email address, you are consenting to us contacting you about the progress of Buckinghamshire Council’s budget for 2023 to 2024 only.

End of consultation survey

Thank you for completing the survey.

Please return your completed survey by **Sunday 20 November 2022**. You can:

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