



# Our draft budget

What do you think?



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# Introduction



Surrey County Council has written a **draft budget** for next year.

A **budget** is a document that says what we are going to spend money on.



A **draft** budget is a budget that isn't finished yet and might change.



We would like to know what you think about our draft budget.



This will help us decide whether to make changes to it.



Please answer the questions to tell us what you think.

# The draft budget



You can read information about the draft budget here:  
[www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-performance/consultation](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-performance/consultation)



You can read the full draft budget here:  
[mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/s89468/Draft%20Budget%20Cabinet%20Cover%20Report.pdf](http://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/s89468/Draft%20Budget%20Cabinet%20Cover%20Report.pdf)

## Your information



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[www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/your-privacy/corporate-privacy-notice](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/your-privacy/corporate-privacy-notice)

# About you



**Question 1:** Are you answering these questions for yourself, or for an organisation?

I am answering for myself, and I live in Surrey

I am answering for myself, and I do not live in Surrey

I am answering for an organisation in Surrey



**Question 2:** Do you work for any of these organisations?

Surrey County Council

An organisation that does work for Surrey County Council

Neither of these

Prefer not to say



**Question 3:** Which of these Council services have you, or people who live with, used in the last year?

*Please tick all that apply.*



Services for older people, like care homes and day care



Services for disabled people or people with mental health needs



Support for carers



Public health services, like services to help you stop smoking or lose weight



Children's care, like adopting children and keeping children safe



Schools and nurseries



Services to get children to school, like buses



Services for children and young people with **SEND**

**SEND** stands for **S**pecial **E**ducational **N**eeds and **D**isabilities. Children and young people with SEND are aged 0 to 25 and need some extra support to learn and grow.



Support for young people who are not in school, college, university or training, and do not have a job





Libraries



Country parks and other outdoor places that are run by the Council



School meals



Telling the Council about a birth, marriage or death



Trading standards - this is a service that checks that shops and companies work in a fair way



Highways services - these are services that look after paths and roads



Cheap or free travel on buses



Blue badges



Bins



Other services



None of these

If you said 'Other services', please say which here:

# If you are answering for an organisation



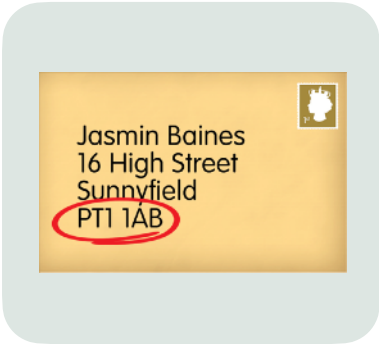
Please only answer these questions if you are answering for an organisation.



If you are not answering for an organisation, please go to page 14.



**Question 4:** What is the name of the organisation?



**Question 5:** What is the postcode of the organisation?



**Question 6:** What is your job at the organisation?



**Question 7:** What type of organisation are you answering for?

- A nursery, school, college, or somewhere people go to learn
- A local council
- An organisation run by the council or government, like the police
- A local company
- An organisation where people work for free to support local people
- Other (please say)

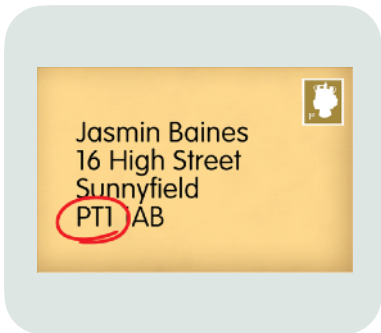
# More about you



These questions will help us see how our services affect different people.



You do not have to answer them.

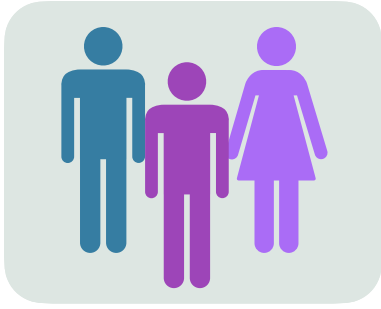


**Question 8:** What is the first part of your postcode? Like, GU21



**Question 9:** How old are you?

- Under 18 years old
- 18 to 24 years old
- 25 to 34 years old
- 35 to 44 years old
- 45 to 64 years old
- 65 to 74 years old
- 75 to 84 years old
- 85 years old or older
- Prefer not to say



**Question 10: What is your gender?**

**Gender** is whether you like to be known as male, female or something else.

Male

Female

Non-binary or other - this means you are not male or female

Prefer not to say





**Question 11:** Do you have any of these disabilities or health conditions?

- Deafness or difficulty hearing
- Blindness or difficulty seeing
- 1 or more health conditions
- 1 or more mental health conditions
- Difficulty moving around
- A health condition to do with your brain
- A learning disability or autism
- None of these
- Prefer not to say

# What you think about the draft budget



**Question 12:** How much do you like or dislike the draft budget?

Like it a lot

Like it a little

Neither like it or dislike it

Dislike it a little

Dislike it a lot





If we do not get more money from the government, Surrey County Council will need to find more money. This could be by:

- Raising council tax.
- Spending less.



**Question 13:** What do you think would be the best way for us to get more money?

- Raising council tax
- Partly by raising council tax and partly by spending less, which will affect services
- Spending less, which will make services worse
- Other (please say)



**Question 14:** What would be good about using this draft budget to decide how to spend our money?



**Question 15:** Are you worried about how the draft budget will affect any of these services?

*Please tick all that apply.*



Adult social care - this is special support for people who need some help with everyday things, like washing and eating



Public health services - this is working with the NHS to help people be healthy



Children, families and learning services



Roads, buses, trains and looking after the countryside and the **environment**

The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air and everything that lives in and on it. For example, plants, animals and fish.



The fire service



Community services - these are services that support local people, like libraries



Supporting local companies



Letting people know about what we are doing, and making sure people can get services



Resources - these are the things that help us work, like computers and looking after Council buildings



Getting money and spending money



None of these



**Question 16:** What worries you about the draft budget?

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their answer to the question.



# For more information



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