

Draft Budget Survey Questions

Overview

The Council is setting its budget for 2023/24 and has set out plans for £1,095.6m (just over £1bn) of spending.

Information on the draft budget can be found at

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/finance-and-performance/consultation>.

We would like your views on the draft budget.

Alongside other considerations, your answers will feed into the decision making for the 2023/24 budget.

The full draft budget report can be found at

<https://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/s89468/Draft%20Budget%20Cabinet%20Cover%20Report.pdf>.

This consultation closes on 19/12/2022. Please email your completed response to research@surreycc.gov.uk.

Thank you for your support and participation.

Data protection and accessibility

By completing the following questionnaire, you're consenting for Surrey County Council (SCC) to process and store your information for the purpose of informing the Budget 2023/24, in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

If we have consent to use your personal data, you may have the right to remove it at any time. If you would like to remove consent, please contact us at the following email

address: contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk For more information on how we process your data please see our privacy notice on the Surrey County Council website at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/yourprivacy/corporate-privacy-notice>.

This is the large print version of the Survey. If you require the survey in any other format, please contact:

contactcentre@surreycc.gov.uk

Section 1: About your response

- 1. Is this a personal response, or are you responding on behalf of an organisation, group or business or as a democratically Elected Representative? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)***
 - A. I am responding as a resident**
 - B. I am responding as an individual but do not live in Surrey (e.g. Surrey County Council staff member who lives in London)**
 - C. I am providing the official response of an organisation, group or business based in Surrey**
 - D. I am responding as a democratically elected representative of a constituency (e.g. as a county, district, borough, parish or town council Member or MP)**

- 2. Do you currently work for any of the following? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)***
 - A. Surrey County Council**

- B. For a business or organisation that provides services for Surrey County Council**
- C. Neither of these**
- D. Prefer not to say**

3. Which of the following services, provided by Surrey County Council, have you, or people in your household, used in the last 12 months? Answer Yes or No; please state answer (*Required*)

- A. Services for older people (including nursing, home, residential and day care)**
- B. Services for people with a physical disability, learning disability or mental health need**
- C. Support for carers**
- D. Public health services (such as alcohol and drug misuse, weight management or stop smoking services)**
- E. Children's social care including early help, fostering and adoption and child protection**
- F. Education and childcare (including nurseries, mainstream schools and specialist settings)**
- G. Home to school transport**
- H. Services for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) such as speech and language therapy in schools or support for the transition to adulthood**
- I. Support to young people not in education, employment or training**
- J. Libraries**
- K. Country parks and other outdoor spaces**

- L. School meals, including the free school meals service**
- M. Registration services (births, marriages, deaths)**
- N. Trading Standards**
- O. Highways services (including street lighting, highways maintenance, footpaths and cycleways)**
- P. Concessionary bus travel**
- Q. Blue Badge scheme**
- R. Waste services, such as Household Waste and Recycling Centres**
- S. Other services not listed here (please specify)**
- T. None of these**

If Other, please specify:

For Groups, organisations and businesses

- 4. Name of the organisation, group or business**
- 5. Postcode of the organisation, group or business**
- 6. Your position in the organisation, group or business**
- 7. Which of these best describes the function of your organisation, group or business? Answer Yes or No; please state answer**
 - A. Nursery, school, college or place of education**
 - B. Local authority (e.g. county, district, borough, parish or town council)**

- C. Other public sector organisation (e.g. Police, Fire, Health Authority)**
- D. Local business or business representative (e.g. Chamber of Commerce)**
- E. Voluntary, community or faith sector organisation**
- F. Other**

If other, please specify:

For Elected Representatives

If you are responding officially or as a democratically Elected Representative, the name of the constituency you represent may appear in the final report, and the information you provide may be subject to publication or release to other parties or to disclosure regimes such as the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

8. Which constituency do you represent?

9. What is your name? This will only be used if we need to contact you to validate your response

For everyone about you

Surrey County Council is committed to improving its services, eliminating discrimination, and promoting equality of opportunity for all. The following questions are optional, but we would be grateful if you could answer to help us

understand the views of, and potential impacts on, different types of people and communities in Surrey.

10. What is the first part of your postcode? (e.g. GU21)

11. Which age group are you in? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)*

- A. Under 18
- B. 18-24
- C. 25-34
- D. 35-44
- E. 45-54
- F. 55-64
- G. 65-74
- H. 75-84
- I. 85+
- J. Prefer not to say

12. What is your ethnic group? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)*

- A. White - British, English, Northern Irish, Scottish or Welsh
- B. White - Irish
- C. White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- D. Any other White background

- E. White and Black Caribbean
- F. White and Black African
- G. White and Asian
- H. Any other mixed or multiple ethnic background

- I. Asian or Asian British - Indian

- J. Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- K. Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- L. Asian or Asian British – Chinese
- M. Any other Asian background
- N. Black or Black British - Caribbean
- O. Black or Black British - African
- P. Any other Black British, Caribbean, or African background

- Q. Arab
- R. Other ethnic group
- S. Prefer not to say

If other, please specify:

13. What is your religion? Answer Yes or No; please state answer (*Required*)

- A. No religion
- B. Christian
- C. Buddhist
- D. Hindu
- E. Jewish
- F. Muslim
- G. Sikh
- H. Another religion or belief
- I. Prefer not to say

If any other religion, please specify:

14. What is your gender? Answer Yes or No; please state answer (*Required*)

- A. Male
- B. Female
- C. Non-binary or other
- D. Prefer not to say

15. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)*

- A. Yes, I am deaf or hard of hearing
- B. Yes, I have a vision impairment
- C. Yes, I have one or more physical health conditions
- D. Yes, I have one or more mental health conditions
- E. Yes, my mobility is limited
- F. Yes, I have a neurological condition
- G. Yes, I have a learning disability or Autism
- H. No
- I. Prefer not to say

16. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status? Answer Yes or No; please state answer *(Required)*

- A. Full time employment
- B. Part time employment
- C. Self-employed (full or part time)
- D. Voluntary employment
- E. Not employed
- F. Student
- G. Retired
- H. Prefer not to say
- I. Other

17. What is your total annual household income, from all sources, before tax and other deductions? Answer Yes or No; please state answer

- A. Up to £10,000**
- B. £10,001 to £20,000**
- C. £20,001 to £30,000**
- D. £30,001 to £40,000**
- E. £40,001 to £50,000**
- F. £50,001 to £60,000**
- G. £60,001 to £70,000**
- H. £70,001 to £80,000**
- I. £80,001 to £90,000**
- J. £90,001 to £100,000**
- K. £100,001 or over**
- L. Don't know**
- M. Prefer not to say**

18. Which council tax band are you in? (Your band will be printed on your council tax bill) Answer Yes or No; please state answer

- A. Band A**
- B. Band B**
- C. Band C**
- D. Band D**
- E. Band E**
- F. Band F**
- G. Band G**
- H. Band H**
- I. Don't know**

J. Prefer not to say

Your response to the draft budget

19. Overall, on a scale of strongly oppose to strongly favour, how supportive are you of the budget? Answer Yes or No; please state answer

- A. Strongly oppose**
- B. Somewhat oppose**
- C. neutral**
- D. Somewhat favour**
- E. Strongly favour**

20. If no additional funding is received from government, Surrey County Council will need to take extra measures to fill the budget gap outlined in the draft budget. Please indicate below which solutions you would be most in favour of. Answer Yes or No; please state answer

- A. Additional council tax increased to fill the full budget gap (up to levels permitted by Government without a referendum)**
- B. Additional council tax increased to fill part of the gap alongside some additional budget reductions that will impact council services**
- C. Additional budget reductions that would likely have a detrimental impact on service delivery**
- D. Increase council tax beyond the threshold to fill the full budget gap and hold a referendum as required to do so.**
- E. Other**

21. What, if any, benefits can you see if this budget was implemented? [open ended]

22. Are you concerned about any of the following areas of the budget? Select all that are applicable. Answer Yes or No; please state answer

- A. Adult Social Care – Looking after people with disabilities, severe needs, and as they get older.**
- B. Public Service Reform & Public Health – Working closely with our NHS partners to help people live healthier lives and keep them safe and well.**
- C. Children, Families & Lifelong Learning – Giving young people the best start in life, with additional care for those who need it and supporting education providers.**
- D. Environment, Transport & Infrastructure – Improving our roads and public transport, managing our countryside, and tackling the climate emergency.**
- E. Surrey Fire & Rescue Service – Keeping residents safe and responding to emergencies**
- F. Customer and Communities – Helping local communities thrive, providing libraries, registrations, customer services and funding grants.**
- G. Prosperity, Partnerships and Growth – Working with businesses and other partners to help grow Surrey's local economy**

- H. Communications, Public Affairs & Engagement –
Making sure residents are well informed, can access services, and that Surrey’s collective voice is heard.**
- I. Resources - Things like IT, legal services, Surrey Crisis Fund, school meal provision, administrative support, and management of council buildings to keep services running smoothly.**
- J. Central Income and Expenditure**
- K. None of the above**

23. What are your concerns with the draft budget? [open ended]