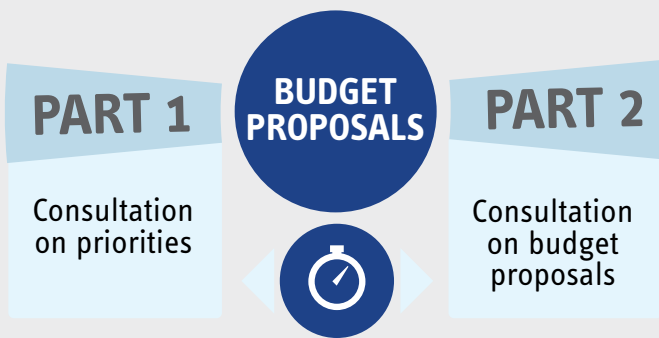


# Let's talk about the budget and priorities

**We want to work with residents to understand what you think our top priorities for the city should be.**

This year's budget consultation will happen in two parts, as shown in the diagram below.



This is part one of the consultation where you can help shape the budget proposals for the next three years, this survey will take 5-10 minutes to complete.

### Budget background

Over the last four years we have had to make savings of £57 million. This equates to a reduction in spending of £145 per household per annum.

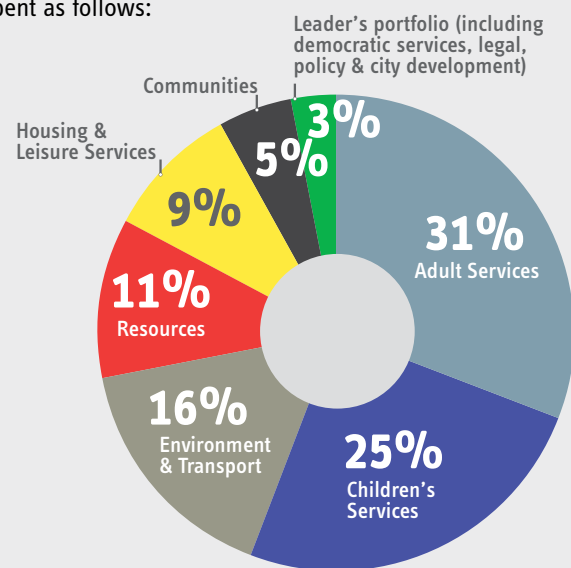
This year we have again faced a significant decrease in our funding from central Government. Costs are increasing and demand is rising for many of our services. We must once more look to see where reductions in expenditure can be made.

Our total expenditure is about £635 million. However some

spending cannot be reduced, such as funding for schools, benefit payments, dedicated money for public health and council housing or pre-agreed contracts. This accounts for around £405 million of our expenditure.

There is also approximately £65 million of spending that is extremely difficult to reduce as it includes elements such as social care payments.

This leaves us with around £165 million of expenditure that we can make savings from. In 2013/14 this element of our budget was spent as follows:



By 2016 we need to identify a third of this amount as savings in order to balance the budget.

To show our appreciation for taking the time to fill this in, there will be a random prize draw giving all respondents the chance to win one of 20 **£20 West Quay vouchers**. Closing date is 18 October, prizes will be drawn the week after.

**Please now fill in the survey to help us shape the budget proposal based on your priorities for the city**

You can also fill the survey online at [www.southampton.gov.uk/surveys/priorities](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/surveys/priorities)

## Top level priorities

Please rank the following areas in order of importance (1 being the most important and 5 the least)

- Education, skills and jobs** - Raising ambition and improving outcomes for residents of all ages and working to increase the number of job opportunities in the city .....
- Protecting people** - Improving health and keeping people safe .....
- Our place** - Encouraging new house building and improving the physical environment to make the city more attractive and sustainable .....
- Services for all** - Ensuring reliable, value for money services are available to all residents .....
- Pride in the city** - Promoting the city and helping residents and individuals to work together for a better Southampton .....

The next five questions will be based on the five priority areas from the previous question. Within each of the priority areas the council directly provides or enables a broad range of services. You will be asked to select your three most important and three least important services for each priority area.

Please select the **three most** important and **three least** important services to you from the relevant lists below:

## Education, skills and jobs

	3 most important	3 least important
Creating more jobs for local people.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increasing apprenticeships in the city.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping business start ups and small businesses.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring adult education opportunities are available.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting parents with pre-school children.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring there are facilities and activities for young people.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving school results.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Protecting people

	3 most important	3 least important
Helping older people to be independent for longer and delay the need for long term care services such as care homes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring early help and support to keep vulnerable children safe.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with families dealing with multiple issues such as unemployment, debt, addiction, domestic violence, school absence and homelessness.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing day centres for older people.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helping residents have healthier, more active lifestyles.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing enforcement activities to deal with fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, stray dogs and anti-social behaviour.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving community safety and tackling anti-social behaviour including supporting the In Case of Emergency (ICE) night time bus, late night bus marshals and taxi marshals.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Our place

	3 most important	3 least important
Improving council homes and estates.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Encouraging the building of more low cost housing (including social rented and shared ownership).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working with others such as health and the police to provide a 'one stop shop' for services from local council buildings (e.g. libraries, housing offices etc).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining roads and pavements.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving school buildings.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Developing the city, including improving the city centre and attracting investment.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving sustainability and tackling climate change.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Services for all

	3 most important	3 least important
Delivering waste and recycling services including weekly bin and garden waste collections.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring roads and pavements are well lit.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ensuring the streets are clean.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maintaining parks and open spaces.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing library services.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing access to leisure services such as leisure and activity centres.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivering environmental health services including noise control, food safety inspections and pest control.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Providing trading standards and consumer protection services including 'buy with confidence' and protection from loan sharks .....

## Pride in the city

**3 most important**   **3 least important**

Building community spirit .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing support to local community groups .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting voluntary organisations to deliver services in the city .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting investment to support cultural activities and events (e.g. Go! Rhinos, Global Ocean Race, Let's Rock) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting communities to look after their local area .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attracting more visitors, tourists and cruise passengers to spend time and money in the city .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing museums and galleries .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Increasing charges for some services

Do you agree or disagree that users of the following services should make a greater contribution to the cost of the following services?

	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>		<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Planning applications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Licensing i.e. of premises, taxis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building control inspections	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Landlord and tenant services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bridge tolls	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Car parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Adult social care services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bulky waste collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stray dog collection and kennelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden waste collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mini bus hire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Allotments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museums and galleries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facilities and activities for young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports and leisure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land charges e.g when buying a house	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hire of DVDs and CDs from libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	School meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult education courses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hire of rooms in council owned buildings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pest control services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nursery and early years services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cremation and burial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Are there other service areas where you think we should charge / charge more?

## Other areas

The council has the power to introduce a late night levy to raise a contribution from late opening alcohol suppliers towards policing the night-time economy. Money raised would be split between the council and the police, who would receive at least 70%, and must be used for tackling alcohol-related crime and disorder.

Do you agree that night time venues such as pubs and clubs should contribute more towards the cost of dealing with crime and anti social behaviour at night?

Agree                       Disagree                       Not sure

What is your view on some council services being provided by another organisation or partner rather than directly by the council?

Happy with this  Not happy  Not sure

If you are happy with this, please give some examples of services that could be provided in this way?

More and more people are using other ways of contacting the council because it is cheaper and more convenient for them (for example they don't have to travel to get information or advice). We want to increase the opportunities for residents to access services using a variety of different methods. Thinking about the services you use, which of the following methods would be your preferred way to access them/contact us about them?

Face to face - i.e. Gateway or scheduled meetings  Telephone  Text message  Online or email

## Your ideas

As a council we are working very hard to be as efficient as possible in how we deliver services. Are you aware of any areas where we could be more efficient? Please continue your answer on another sheet of paper and include with response if required.

Do you have any other ideas on how we can save money including any services the council should stop providing? Please continue your answer on another sheet of paper and include with response if required.

## Finally a few questions about you

Which age category do you fit within?

Under 10  11-16  17-21  22-29  30-39  40-49  50-59  60-69  70+

What is your gender? Male  Female

Do you work for Southampton City Council? Yes  No

Please enter the first 5 digits of your home postcode\*

\*This will not be used to contact you in anyway

## Staying in touch

Would you like the opportunity to regularly give your opinion on the council's services and local issues? We are setting up a new representative Resident's Panel to take part in consultation activities about a variety of subjects. Panel members will be able to take part in quick, snapshot polls, answer online questionnaires or get involved in more in-depth discussions. If you would like to take part tick the option below and add your details.

Stay connected is our free email alerts service will help keep you connected to the things that matter to you. If you would like to sign up tick the option below and add your details.

Please select sign up options: Stay connected  Residents panel  Prize draw

Contact details: \*e.g name and email or postal address

\*Your survey responses will not be connected to your contact details

Thank you for your time.

### Return address:

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Southampton City Council, Civic Centre SO14 7LY

Closing  
date  
18 October