

Hampshire County Council Budget Consultation 2023

Hampshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on its financial strategy for managing the budget over the next two years, up to April 2025



Local authorities are required by law to deliver a balanced budget – which means they cannot spend more than is available. Since 2008, the County Council has delivered annual financial savings totalling £640 million. However, growing demand for local services, particularly social care for vulnerable children and adults, rising costs and continued underfunding from the Government means that Hampshire County Council continues to face a total budget shortfall over the next two years that is forecast to reach £132m by April 2025. This means that, by 2025/26, to deliver a balanced budget, it is anticipated that the Authority will need to save an extra £132 million from its budget each year.

We would like to hear your views on several proposed high-level options that could contribute towards balancing the County Council's revenue budget. This might involve:

- increasing Council Tax
- making reductions and changes to services
- finding ways to generate additional income, and
- increasing or introducing charges where this is possible.

Consultation period: from 12 June to 11:59pm on 23 July 2023.

How to have your say

Before giving your views, we ask you to read the consultation [Information Pack](#)
Please give your views on the ways that we could balance the budget.

[Complete the Response Form to give us your views](#)

We have also provided information in [Easy Read Format](#).

If you prefer to complete the Response Form offline, a [printable version](#) is available.

You can also email your response directly to Hampshire County Council using the email address insight@hants.gov.uk, or by writing to **Freepost HAMPSHIRE**. (Please also write **P&O, I&EU, FM09** on the back of the envelope).