

Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

Date: 22 February 2022

From: Communications Team

Subject: Consultation feedback to Executive Committee

Methodology

The Communications Team were tasked to consult with the public, businesses, on the website, about the budget proposals.

The consultation ran from 16 December 2021 to 25 January 2022 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 22nd February has the opportunity to take into account residents' feedback when considering the final budget recommendations from Executive.

The survey

The following budget questions were put to Teignbridge residents:

Please say how strongly you agree, or disagree, with the Council's proposals to:

1. Do you agree with the current recommendation to a 2.78% increase, (£5 per year, for a Band D property taking the council tax to £185.17 for the year) to help maintain essential services?
2. Do you agree we should work with others to support climate change initiatives and take action to reduce our carbon footprint?
3. Do you agree we should continue to support housing as a priority, by enabling/building affordable housing and improving poor quality homes.
4. Do you agree we should support the economy and jobs through improving town centres?
5. Do you agree we should be encouraging businesses into the area?
6. Do you agree we should invest in schemes that create better transport links?
7. Do you agree we should invest in schemes that promote better health and wellbeing through leisure and recreational spaces?

	Increase council tax	Support Climate change	Support housing as a priority	Support Economy and jobs	Encouraging businesses into the area	Create better transport links	Promote better health and wellbeing
Strongly Agree	19%	41%	33%	29%	33%	38%	35%
Agree	38%	27%	30%	49%	49%	44%	37%
Neither Agree nor disagree	15%	16%	13%	13%	13%	11%	20%
Disagree	13%	9%	13%	6%	4%	5%	6%
Strongly disagree	15%	7%	11%	3%	1%	2%	2%

8. To balance the council's budget in the future, which of these would you expect us to consider? You can tick more than one.

Generating more income to re-invest in council services	73 % agree
Making more budget savings	41% agree
Reducing the services, we provide	8% agree
Increasing council tax further	22% agree