

Tough Times High Hopes

Corporate Strategy and
Budget Consultation

Survey



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Budget 2018/19

Your views on Council Tax

We are seeking your views on the level of Council Tax increase we should apply next year to help to cover some of our financial pressures.

1. Which of the following would you prefer? (select only one option)

- (A) The proposed increase of 1.99% (maximum increase without requiring a referendum - this would add £0.59/week to the Council Tax bill for Band D properties and raise £3.8m to support the delivery of services)
- (B) No increase to Council Tax (would require us to find a further £3.8m of savings).
- (C) An increase below 1.99% (each 1% less would require us to find a further £1.9m of savings).
- (D) An increase above 1.99%, which would require a referendum (each 1% would add approximately £0.30/week for a typical Band D property and increase our income by £1.9m).

This table shows the impact different options for raising Council Tax would have on households.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Increase in income for BCC
2017/18 Rate	£1032.44	£1204.51	£1376.58	£1548.66	£1892.81	£2236.95	£2581.1	£3097.21	
Annual Increase in Rate Paid									
1%	£10.32	£12.05	£13.77	£15.49	£18.93	£22.37	£25.81	£30.97	£1.9m
1.99%	£20.55	£23.97	£27.39	£30.82	£37.67	£44.52	£51.36	£61.63	£3.8m
4.99%	£51.52	£60.11	£68.69	£77.28	£94.45	£111.62	£128.80	£154.55	£9.8m
Weekly Increase in Rate									
1%	£0.20	£0.23	£0.26	£0.30	£0.36	£0.43	£0.50	£0.59	
1.99%	£0.39	£0.46	£0.53	£0.59	£0.72	£0.85	£0.99	£1.18	
4.99%	£0.99	£1.15	£1.32	£1.48	£1.81	£2.14	£2.47	£2.96	

Figures exclude amounts you pay for Police and Fire services, which are set by those authorities.

2. Social Care precept

Bristol is responsible for providing social care services to our most vulnerable residents. We are permitted to levy an additional charge of up to 3% on top of the Council Tax increase to help pay for this. This option is currently only available for next year.

We are proposing to levy the maximum 3% social care precept in 2018/19. This is in addition to the general increase in Council Tax, and raises an extra £5.8m to help fund adult social care and protect vulnerable people. If applied with Option A above it will mean a total increase in the Council Tax of 4.99%

Please indicate whether you would support the additional social care levy (select only one option):

- I agree with the proposed annual 3% social care levy on Council Tax (this would increase the Band D charge by a further £0.89/week)
- I disagree with the proposed annual 3% social care levy (this would require us to find additional savings of £5.8m)

Budget Savings

The budget savings proposals are aimed at targeting our limited resources to support the delivery of our top priorities.

3. If you would like to give us your views on our savings proposals, please give us your comments in the box below.

You can see how challenging it is to balance our budget by trying our budget simulator. The simulator has been designed so you can see what we do, have a go at setting service budgets and understand the likely impacts of raising or cutting those budgets. Visit bristol.budgetsimulator.com

Corporate Strategy 2018-2023

The draft Corporate Strategy 2018 – 2023 sets out our high-level vision, values and top priorities for the coming five years, along with some principles explaining how we plan to run our business and why.

You can read our quick **'Plan On A Page'** or the **full draft Corporate Strategy** at www.bristol.gov.uk/corpstrategy

Please take a look and answer the following questions:

4. Under each of our themes (Empowering and Caring; Fair and Inclusive; Well Connected; Wellbeing; Belonging) are a range of 'Key Commitments'. These are our highest priorities.

Thinking about the Key Commitments, what is your view of them as a whole?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

5. Are there any other key commitments you think we should make? (Keep in mind they are not a list of everything we should do, they are our highest priorities.)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If yes, please specify. Please keep your suggestions to a single brief sentence for each new commitment:

6. Are there any specific 'key commitments' which you think should NOT be among our highest priorities? Please tick any that apply:

Theme 1: Empowering and Caring

- 1. Be great corporate parents and safeguard children and vulnerable adults, protecting them from exploitation or harm.
- 2. Prevent people becoming homeless and reduce the overall level of homelessness, with no-one needing to spend a 'second night out'.
- 3. Provide 'help to help yourself' and 'help when you need it' through a sustainable, safe and diverse system of adult and children's social care provision.
- 4. Prioritise community development and enable people to support their community.
- 5. Protect children's centre services and develop their role in communities.

Theme 2: Fair and Inclusive

- 6. Make sure that 2,000 new homes – 800 affordable – are built in Bristol each year by 2020.
- 7. Improve educational equality and attainment, also ensuring there are enough school places to meet demand and a transparent admissions process.
- 8. Develop a diverse economy that offers opportunity to all, valuing small local businesses and traditional trades alongside the city's high-tech and creative sectors.
- 9. We will make quality work experience and apprenticeships available to every young person.

Theme 3: Well Connected

- 10. Improve physical and geographical connectivity; tackling congestion and progressing towards a mass transit system.
- 11. Make progress towards being the UK's best digitally connected city.
- 12. Deliver high standards of physical accessibility, becoming a city that is safe and open for everyone.
- 13. Reduce social isolation and help connect individuals and communities socially.

Theme 4: Wellbeing

- 14. Improve physical & mental health and wellbeing, reduce inequalities in health and consider health in all our policies.
- 15. Take action to improve air quality and minimise our environmental impact.
- 16. Build resilience, improving our ability to cope with environmental, economic or social 'shocks and stresses' while putting Bristol on course to be run entirely on clean energy by 2050.
- 17. Encourage life-long learning in environments where both academic and emotional development are understood and delivered together.
- 18. Tackle food poverty.

Theme 5: Belonging

- 19. Develop political connectivity locally, nationally and globally to benefit Bristol, involving people and influencing decisions which affect us.
- 20. Bring race, class, sexuality, gender and disability diversity to city leadership.
- 21. Support meaningful city participation, offering more involvement in decision-making and social investment in the community.
- 22. Keep Bristol a leading cultural city, helping make culture, sport and play accessible to all.
- 23. Take a zero-tolerance approach to abuse or crime based on gender, disability, race, religion or sexuality.

7. If you have selected any of the above, could you please explain why and write in the commitment number you are referring to: (e.g. commitment 20 because...)**8. Are there any other comments you would like to make on the draft Corporate Strategy?**

About you

We would like to receive feedback from people with as wide a variety of views and needs as possible in Bristol. It would be very helpful if you could complete the following 'About You' questions. This will help us ensure that no-one is discriminated against unlawfully.

Information provided will be treated confidentially and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and only used to ensure that everyone is treated fairly.

1. What is your postcode?

2. What is your age group?

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under 18 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 75 | |

3. What is your gender?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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4. Are you transgender?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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5. What is your ethnicity?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White British | <input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British | <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other white | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British | If other, please specify: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed/Dual Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | <input type="text"/> |

6. Are you disabled?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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7. What is your religion?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish | <input type="checkbox"/> Any other religion or belief |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian | <input type="checkbox"/> Muslim | If other, please specify: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhist | <input type="checkbox"/> Sikh | <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say | |

8. What is your sexual orientation?

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual (straight) | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
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Thanks for taking part in this consultation. Please return this survey to us by **Sunday 17 December - using the freepost envelope provided.**

If you don't have a freepost envelope, please request one from us by emailing **consultation@bristol.gov.uk** or calling **0117 922 2848**.

Please do not use your own envelope as the freepost service rules have changed.

What happens next?

The consultation on our Corporate Strategy and 2018/2019 budget is open until Sunday 17 December 2017 and you need to complete the survey and submit it before that date to ensure your views are taken into account.

You can request alternative formats of this document by contacting the consultation team on **consultation@bristol.gov.uk** or by calling **0117 922 2848**.

All responses to the consultation will be analysed and included in a report that will be published on the Bristol City Council website in early 2018.

Your responses will help inform final proposals which will be considered by Full Council at its budget-setting meeting on 20 February 2018.

Data Protection: Data you supply will be held and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Personal information you supply is confidential. The council will only publish aggregate or summary results from the consultation, which will not identify individuals. Information will be stored for two years.