

Budget Consultation 2023/24

We are currently facing a budget shortfall of around £22 million in 2023/24 and this requires a review of the services the Council can and cannot provide.

This consultation presents some high-level options that could contribute towards balancing the budget for 2023/24 and the impact of these approaches which include reducing and

changing services, increasing charging for services and increasing council tax.

The options below represent an estimated total of £3.5m (16%) of the identified budget gap for 2023/24 of £22m. The Council will continue to work to identify further savings and efficiencies in working practices to close the remaining budget gap for 2023/24.

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