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## Have your say on council spending

Uttlesford District Council is asking for the views of residents and businesses as it begins the process of setting its budget for the 2022/23 financial year.

The council provides a range of services including bin collections, housing, homelessness prevention, licensing and planning, benefits and environmental health as well as supporting a range of community groups, local businesses and other services across the district.

Feedback is now being sought from those who live or work in the district to determine how much the council should spend on the services it provides to the community.

Cllr Neil Hargreaves, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Budget, said: "Preparing the council's budget is a complex process that takes many months. The budget survey is an opportunity to influence how the council allocates its resources and sets its financial plans for the year ahead, and we want to hear from people about what really matters to them. We are asking for views on the council's overall priorities and also on how important they consider our main services to be.

"The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and the responses will be invaluable in helping set the budget for next year."

The survey is now open online so that people can have their say on the budget – this can be accessed via the council website, at [www.uttlesford.gov.uk/councilspending](http://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/councilspending). For residents who do not have access to the internet, paper copies of the questionnaire are available by calling 01799 510510.

The council will accept completed online and paper surveys up to and including **Sunday 17 October**.

The budget for 2022/23 will be agreed by Full Council in February next year.

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