

Budget consultation

2024-2026

Hampshire County Council is asking for residents' and stakeholders' views on options to help it deliver a balanced budget up to 2025/26.

The Authority continues to face severe financial pressure in future – from ongoing underfunding from Government, growing demand for services and increasing costs and inflation.

By 2025, there will be a predicted £132m gap in the County Council's budget – but by law councils cannot spend more than is available.

The Council has already made huge savings in its budgets to try to meet ongoing financial pressure – spending a total of **£0.6 billion less each year** since 2008.

Increasing council tax won't generate enough money to cover the shortfall.

So how the Authority can keep delivering services in future is getting harder with much less money available.

This means some really difficult decisions are needed which will impact some of the services the County Council can continue to deliver.

Hampshire County Council needs to hear people's views on ways it can meet this financial challenge.

The feedback collected will help shape savings plans that will be considered this autumn.

Visit hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation between **12 June and 23 July 2023** to take part in the consultation.

Have your say on how the County Council can continue to serve Hampshire residents and keep making the most of your money.

