

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL – BUDGET CONVERSATION 2017/2018



KEY MESSAGES

Introduction

The following is a summary of the key messages from the recent Budget Conversation carried out by Glasgow City Council. The conversation included four different elements:

- Three community group events
- Two public events
- An online discussion tool (www.glasgow.gov.uk/budget)
- A dedicated email account (budget@glasgow.gov.uk)

A copy of the full report can be found at www.glasgow.gov.uk/budget

The conversation asked three questions. These were:

- Do you have any other priorities to add to those identified in January 2016, particularly any gaps?
- If people in your street or neighbourhood could come together to improve or achieve one thing, what would it be?
- How could the council, its partners and other organisations support you to do that?

Do you have any other priorities to add to those identified in January 2016, particularly any gaps?

Key findings included:

- Reaffirmed existing priorities (vulnerable groups, local environment, voluntary and community groups, shared services)
- Reduce isolation and better integration within communities
- More accessible and joined up public transport
- Improved standard and maintenance of roads and pavements
- Better quality and more accessible community facilities and open spaces
- More streamlined and efficient services

If people in your street or neighbourhood could come together to improve or achieve one thing, what would it be?

Key findings included:

- Increase civic pride and community spirit
- Improve the local environment (dog fouling, litter, fly tipping etc.)
- Better partnership working (across public sector and with community groups)

How could the council, its partners and other organisations support you do this?

Key findings included:

- Initiate and facilitate community involvement
- Support community groups (HR, procurement, finance, governance, etc.)
- Better communication, engagement and information sharing
- Promote innovative and creative service delivery

Additional Ideas and Suggestions

People who got involved in the budget conversation suggested ways the council may consider to increase and generate additional income. These included:

- Charging non-city residents for admission to museums and galleries
- Congestion charges / road toll charges for motorists entering the city centre
- Increased parking fines
- Increased litter fines
- Charge residents and businesses for bulk uplifts
- Introduce a tourism tax (e.g. £1 per person per night)

Next Steps

A copy of the full report was presented to Elected Members on the Glasgow City Council Executive Committee on the 19th January 2017.

Elected members will consider the main findings of the report when setting the budget for 2017/18.