

# North Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2026/27 Consultation

## Appendix to consultation analysis report

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## **Appendix 1: Draft budget consultation questionnaire full results**

### **North Northamptonshire Council Draft Budget 2026/27 Consultation**

#### **Overview**

The draft revenue budget for North Northamptonshire Council was approved by the Executive on 16 December 2025 and we are now seeking views on our proposals for the next financial year.

The consultation phase is a very important one in the budget setting process as it's essential that we get the views of all the people the proposals effect before we can shape the final plans in February.

#### **Protecting and investing in our local frontline services against a backdrop of continued national financial uncertainty is the focus of North Northamptonshire Council's budget proposals for the next financial year (2026/27).**

The proposed net revenue budget for 2026/2027 is £431 million. This money provides a range of services to residents and businesses across the area including care to vulnerable adults and children, education, the disposal and collection of waste, highways maintenance, economic development, housing and support for those that are homeless.

A commitment to maintain vital service provision has seen the Council invest an additional £47m into services, including £17.7m into adult social care and £12.2m into children's services to protect the most vulnerable in our communities and address growing demand for these vital services.

These pressures are, in part, offset by savings, efficiencies and further income of £21.3m. Which have helped us to set a balanced budget for 2026/2027.

Council fees and charges have been reviewed for 2026/2027 and set in accordance with the Council's constitution.

This includes a proposed review of the annual charge for the council's garden waste service so that the income received pays fully for the delivery of the service. This will see the charge increased to £62 for a 12-month subscription, from April 1, 2026.

The Council is also proposing a programme of capital investment totalling £268.8m over the four-year period 2026-2030 across a number of schemes including investing over £135m into highways, £44m to expand and maintain schools and provide more SEND places, £16m for accommodation for vulnerable children in care, £10m to support facilities for those with disabilities and £6m in improving digital infrastructure. The Council will also be investing £43m to upgrade council housing.

## Council Tax

Government has permitted local authorities such as North Northamptonshire Council to increase the Council Tax rate by 5.00%, including 2% for the adult social care precept, in recognition of the difficult financial climate.

The authority is proposing an increase allowed by Government in council tax of 4.99%.

This increase would contribute around an additional £10.9m per year towards inflationary and demand lead pressures to enable services to be maintained and would represent a Band D level of Council Tax for North Northamptonshire Council of £1,918.23 for 2026/2027. This is an annual increase of £91.17 (equivalent to £1.75 per week) from the Band D Council Tax level set in 2025/2026.

This means that North Northamptonshire Council's Council Tax rate will be in the lower third for unitary councils.

Increasing Council Tax has the advantage of providing stable funding for the future, helping to further protect services, and will provide the Council with a degree of certainty around funding.

This Band D figure does not include the Council Tax for individual Town and Parish Councils or the Council Tax set for Fire and Police by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

There is no change to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which will continue at 25% (minimum contribution towards Council Tax).

## Next steps

This consultation will run from 16 December 2025 until 23:59 on Friday, 23 January 2026, with the Executive then meeting on 10 February 2026 to consider the final budget proposals for recommendation to Full Council on 19 February 2026.

The main proposals are:

- To increase Council Tax by 4.99%, comprising a 'core' Council Tax increase of 2.99% covering all services and a further 2% for the adult social care precept, which is the maximum amount permitted. This would contribute an additional £10.9m per year and would represent a Band D level of Council Tax of £1,918.23 for 2026/2027, an increase of £91.17 from £1,827.06 in 2025/26, which is equivalent to a weekly increase of £1.75p.
- Draft Capital Programme 2026-30.

Your feedback on this consultation is really important to us. All consultation feedback will be analysed and considered and will help inform Councillors of residents' and stakeholders' views when making a final decision on the budget at the North Northamptonshire Council Full Council meeting on 19 February 2026. This meeting is held in public and anyone wishing to

Speak at the meeting must contact [democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk) once the agenda is issued on the Council's website on **11 February 2026**. Details of how the public can address the meeting will be given on the agenda.

## Related Documents

Please read the related documents to gain a better understanding of the budget proposals before you comment on them.

- [Draft Budget 2026/27, Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme 2026 to 2030](#), and its appendices:
  - [Appendix A - Draft Budget 2026/2027, Medium Term Financial Plan and Draft Capital Programme 2026 to 2030](#)
  - [Appendix B - Equality Screening Assessment](#)
  - [Post-Financial Settlement General Fund Draft Budget Update Report 2026-27](#)

## Housing Revenue Account

The following Housing Revenue Account (HRA) report is being presented to Executive as part of the council's budget papers.

The HRA is a separate ring-fenced account within the Council for the income and expenditure associated with its housing stock.

The HRA does not directly impact on the Council's wider general fund budget or on the level of council tax. Income to the HRA is primarily received through the rents and other charges paid by tenants and leaseholders.

This year's Draft Budget for the HRA is in a balanced position while crucially the medium-term is also showing a balanced position.

There is also a proposed rent increase of 4.8% for the next financial year, which accords with the Government's rent setting policy for 2026/2027. Any funding received by the HRA is retained within the HRA and will be used to support investment into the Council's housing stock through improvements and maintenance.

Council tenants will be consulted via a targeted consultation on the HRA proposals via their respective Tenants Assurance Group.

- [Housing Revenue Account Draft Budget 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Financial Plan Proposals](#)
  - [Appendix A – Draft HRA Budgets for 2026/2027](#)
  - [Appendix B – Draft HRA Medium Term Financial Plan](#)
  - [Appendix C – HRA Summary of Reserves](#)

## Have your say

It's important our residents get the opportunity to comment on these proposals and it would be great to hear from as many people as possible from a variety of backgrounds. We would encourage you to have a look at the proposals and give your feedback.

Please tell us your views by completing this questionnaire. You do not have to answer all of the questions or give us your feedback on every section. If you do not wish to answer a question or give feedback on a specific section, then you can skip those questions and move on to the next section.

This questionnaire focusses on the key new proposals for the draft budget 2026/2027 that will likely affect residents. However, there is opportunity to comment on anything within the Draft Budget in the comment boxes towards the end of the questionnaire.

Your feedback will be part of a report with many other people's feedback, so you will not be personally identified.

You can also access this online questionnaire free of charge at any North Northamptonshire Council library. Please see the [Library website](#) or telephone 0300 126 3000 to check opening times.

Alternatively, you can email or send your comments in by post using the contact details below, or by handing it in to one of North Northamptonshire Council's libraries.

You can also hold your own group discussion with others and provide your joint feedback either by completing the [online Group Facilitator's Feedback Form](#) or by downloading the [PDF version](#) below and emailing or posting the form back to us.

If you have any queries, comments or would like a copy of this questionnaire in another format (including paper, easy read or large print) you can contact us by email, post or telephone. Our contact details are as follows:

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The deadline for completing this questionnaire is **23:59 on 23 January 2026**.

For information about how consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the [consultation and engagement privacy notice](#).

**Thank you for helping us by completing this questionnaire.**

## About you

**Q. Are you:** Please tick (√) all that apply

There were 363 responses to this question, with respondents being able to select more than one option if applicable.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
A local resident	335	92.3%
A service user	30	8.3%
A North Northamptonshire Council employee	33	9.1%
A North Northamptonshire Council Councillor	20	5.5%
A representative of a Town/Parish Council	2	0.6%
A Town or Parish Councillor	12	3.3%
A representative of the voluntary sector or a community organisation	7	1.9%
A representative of the local business community	4	1.1%
A representative of a health partner organisation	0	0.0%
A representative of a user group	1	0.3%
Other (please give details below)	3	0.8%

Other:

- a [redacted] representative on [redacted] (LA responsibility)
- Chair of a Parish Meeting
- A former employee

## Proposed increase to Council Tax

The Council is proposing to increase Council Tax up to the level currently allowed by the government, without triggering a referendum – 4.99%. This increased rate includes a **general increase of 2.99%** and the allowable **adult social care precept increase, which is 2%**.

The Council Tax increase will contribute an additional £10.9m per year towards inflationary and demand pressures to enable services to be maintained.

### What would a 4.99% increase mean for Council Tax Bands?

As an example, a Band D level of Council Tax for North Northamptonshire Council of £1,918.23 for 2026/2027 is equivalent to £36.89 per week. The annual increase on an average Band D property across the area is £91.17, which is a weekly increase of £1.75p.

Around 57% of properties in North Northamptonshire are in Council Tax Bands A and B. These households would see an annual increase of £60.78 (equating to £1.17 per week) and £70.91 (£1.36 per week) respectively.

These figures do not include the Council Tax for individual town and parish councils or the Council Tax set for fire and police by the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

The following table shows what the proposed 4.99% increase would be for each Council Tax Band.

Band	Annual increase	Weekly increase
A	£60.78	£1.17
B	£70.91	£1.36
C	£81.04	£1.56
D	£91.17	£1.75
E	£111.43	£2.14
F	£131.69	£2.53
G	£151.95	£2.92
H	£182.34	£3.50

Increasing Council Tax has the advantage of providing stable funding for the future, helping to further protect services, and will provide the Council with a degree of certainty around funding.

The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) replaced Council Tax benefit in 2013. Council Tax benefit was a nationally prescribed scheme, whereas LCTRS is a local scheme set at the discretion of the Council. The scheme applies to working age claimants. There is no proposed change to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which will continue at 25%. Eligible pensioners continue to receive up to 100% Council Tax support depending on the levels of income they receive.

**The proposed Council Tax increase of 4.99% relates to two elements - the core increase of 2.99% to support all services and a further 2% for Adult Social Care. The following questions will consider each element in turn.**

**Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should increase Council Tax by 2.99% to help fund services?** Please tick (✓) relevant answer

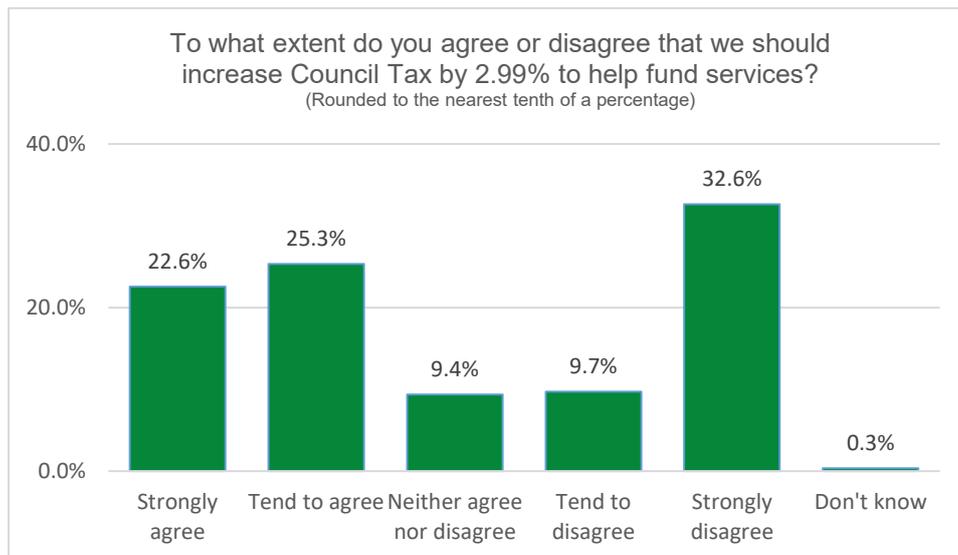
**What would a 2.99% increase mean for Council Tax Bands?**

As an example, a 2.99% general increase would result in an increase of £54.63 per year (£1.05 per week) for 2026/2027 for the average Band D Council Tax payer.

The following table shows what the proposed 2.99% increase would be for each Council Tax Band.

Band	Annual Increase	Weekly Increase
A	£36.42	£0.70
B	£42.49	£0.82
C	£48.56	£0.93
D	£54.63	£1.05
E	£66.77	£1.28
F	£78.91	£1.52
G	£91.05	£1.75
H	£109.26	£2.10

There were 288 responses to this question.



	Response number	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	65	22.6%
Tend to agree	73	25.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	27	9.4%
Tend to disagree	28	9.7%
Strongly disagree	94	32.6%
Don't know	1	0.3%

**Q. If you would like to tell us why you answered the previous question in the way that you did, please do so here:**

There were 183 responses to this question.

<b>Strongly agree/ Tend to agree</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seems fair</li> <li>• Hopefully the increase will allow the Council to make a positive impact on services that have woefully been underfunded for far too long e.g. state of the counties roads.</li> <li>• Increase roughly aligns with inflation.</li> <li>• I am happy to pay more Council Tax, if enforcement measures have been budgeted for in relation to the unauthorised traveller site at Loddington. Unless the Planning Inspector's decision is upheld, this leaves the floodgates wide open for future developments of this type by travellers or by the tax paying public.</li> <li>• Clearly the Local Government funding model is broken, in order to provide high quality services for residents then funding is required. Contrary to popular (and Reform) belief you cannot have high quality public services and ultra low taxation</li> <li>• cost of living has risen so much</li> <li>• It's ok to increase if you get value but to just pour money into a project without trying to find streamlining projects is the lazy way instead of looking for ways to be more efficient</li> <li>• We want/need the services provided do we need to pay for them.</li> <li>• We need the money and we won't get it from central government</li> <li>• It is fair, services are needed.</li> <li>• I firmly believe that we don't pay enough council tax nowadays and that we should pay more depending on council tax bands.</li> <li>• This way some of the services that have been cut in the past could be restored.</li> <li>• I am confident that the right decisions have been made by NNC.</li> <li>• I would like to see a marked improvement in the management of Adult Social Care, which in my limited experience is inefficient and excessively bureaucratic, with carers spending caring time on form filling, not always accurately.</li> <li>• As far as I can see there is no alternative until the whole system breaks down</li> <li>• Feels a fair representation of current economic outlook</li> <li>• Necessity</li> <li>• We need to maintain services to a good standard.</li> <li>• I believe with an increasing population then services will have more pressure put on them so more staff will be needed. However, the increase needs to be used for better services and not idealistic projects. An example being wasting money to rename the library and museum in Kettering everyone knows it is Cornerstone it DOES NOT need changing the cost of the roof was more because money had already been spent on a new roof that leaked that is now being replaced.</li> </ul>

- This will help improve services along with cost saving measures
  - If the services are needed then the funding burden has to be shared by everyone. This seems the fairest way of doing it.
  - Only if it means continued and better services.
  - All of the reasons for the increase are valid and justified.
  - Would like to ensure that services do not get worse and with efficiencies assume service could improve
  - Services don't run without money. And whilst transformation, savings, improvements must be investigated rigorously, and in some cases perhaps changing some rules so that we don't have to spend so much on some things (eg free to school transport)
  - It seems reasonable to mirror inflation.
  - The services needs improving around all areas of NNC as it becomes increasingly difficult to to live in this county. More land being sold over to developers and planning permissions approved for expansion of housing estates bringing more people in, however the lack of new/improved facilities/services is becoming a big issue.
  - We have to get on top of the outstanding repairs to our infrastructure before it all collapses. We have to take the possibility of future civil unrest seriously as the gaps between the haves and have nots is getting immense and resentment is rife in younger generations.
  - The increase is absolutely necessary just to financially stand still.
  - We must protect the young and vulnerable and care for our communities
  - I support the proposal to increase council tax by 2.99 percent for the 2026 to 2027 financial year because it is the responsible decision for the long term protection of our communities and essential services.
- The reality is that councils across the country face a severe funding gap. We are not being properly funded by central government to meet our statutory duties, let alone maintain the wider services residents rely upon. Demand continues to rise in areas such as children's services, adult social care, housing support, and safeguarding, while costs including staffing, national insurance, inflation, and service delivery continue to increase.
- Recent changes to national funding arrangements are creating clear winners and losers. Councils that manage their responsibilities effectively are increasingly being penalised, while others benefit disproportionately. This is not a sustainable or fair system and it places greater pressure on councils like ours.
- We have already seen in Northamptonshire what happens when financial reality is ignored. The collapse of the former county council led to government intervention, loss of local control, and serious damage to public trust. We cannot allow history to repeat itself. Our residents deserve stability, honesty, and a council that takes difficult but necessary decisions.
- This is not about political games or short term popularity. It is about protecting vulnerable residents, maintaining frontline services, and ensuring that North Northamptonshire remains financially stable. A 2.99 percent increase is not an easy choice, but it is the responsible one if we are serious about safeguarding the future of our communities.
- inflationary cost increases to Services needs inflationary CT to enable those Services to continue
  - Services need to improve
  - I believe that to achieve our ambition of delivering the corporate plan and investing/improving services, the council must be adequately funded.
  - Previous administration have under funded to look good to the electorate.its time to do it properly
  - Under funding from previous Administrations  
Has to be addressed .To keep up with the population.To maintain current services
  - Funding from Central Government has been slashed so some pain slightly pain is better than having to further reduce essential services

- I agree purely because otherwise I don't know how else our council will get anything close to the funds it needs to maintain services, let alone improve them. But it is hard to see where the money is going in real terms for the average tax payer. Everything seems to be reducing in quality and upkeep e.g. road maintenance, recycling centre opening times and operations and yet more money is being asked for via council tax.
- Make sure it's used wisely
- Councils need the money and this is a fair way to raise it.
- The extra funding is needed to have the necessary services we all want.
- Absolutely necessary to maintain services
- The cost of everything has increased so it is inevitable and obviously necessary to increase the council tax in order to continue to provide services to a acceptable standard
- I don't think you are left with much choice, there is more demand for services.
- North Northamptonshire Council are struggling to provide services and to ease budget pressures an increase is inevitable
- I think local resident contribution is vital but this puts responsibility on the Council that the proposed improvements are delivered as promised. This should be communicated and clearly seen by local residents.
- Why did the Reform propose to reduce taxes in order to get voted in since they are ACTUALLY proposing to increase Council Tax?
- Inevitable things cost more & services no exception
- It is important that we continue to support Adult and childrens social care and all the services that we are responsible for, because people are living longer and there are more children unfortunately that need special care, the only way you can continue to support them properly is to increase the Council tax and call on the Government for additional funding.
- So long as we see improvements,
- Don't expect amount to go down but have concerns as in some areas the money already received doesn't seem to improve as it is supposed to.
- Cuts to SEN and other Disability rated organisations have been happening for years. They now are existing on peanuts, however family that are involved in this criteria seem to be very well off for money, vehicles and other added extras which doesn't necessarily get given to the proposed recipient.
- No choice everything is costing more
- Council services need to maintained or improved & an inflation ish increase will help support those services
- Feel that councils need to look at being efficient with spending
- All cost are up and this include yours for services that you provide.
- I think it's important to provide full disclosure of increases to local population vs. current numbers.  
Does Council make provision for costs pertaining to new migrants / people being moved into the area?  
How much of the increase is driven by population increase?  
Would also be good to share numbers on elderly care year on year. What is the expected uplift of people to care for?
- I don't mind a small increase. However I would like to know why pensioners on benefit in council houses don't have to pay council tax they should be contributing  
Also green waste collection should be included in the council tax charge
- From the information provided it seems a far and balanced assessment of the increase and why it is needed.
- My understanding is that previous administrations historically chose not to increase their council tax. This means that we now pay significantly less than most other councils. This has affected this councils ability to provide better services.
- The demand on local services is significant and funding is required to deliver local services to residents

- Obviously I'd rather not pay more but I can see that we need to raise council tax to keep services going.
- Older people: Living in a rural village we seem to get precious little in return for our council tax. The major urban areas benefit most at the expense of others.
- Essential services must be protected as well as those services that are for the benefit of local residents.  
Some services are not essential but are necessary to help with social and community
- Service support is restricted by funding and a lack of reform Both options need to be enacted Just increasing the tax is not enough More accountability needs to be demonstrated publicly so that we can see where the funds are going and the measured difference it is making
- [Redacted], I would agree to 2.99% for Thrapston and its surrounding villages, ONLY, if we see a more visible presence. [Redacted]. Thrapston has some of the driving and drink driving and dangerous parking in the county, but you never see a cop enforcing the law. In fact you never see a cop. Only maybe getting out of their vehicles to go into the Nick for refs. So if you can assure me that the points will be put to the PFCC? I would gladly pay the extra 2.99%  
As for 4.9%? No chance, because you planning committee (none of whom, live in Thrapston) rolled over for the developers of the massive unwanted industrial park between here and Titchmarsh, who will, enforce the blocking of thousands of workman who will use Thrapston as a tea and lunch stop and their vehicles? Plus all the heavy construction vehicles that will use the towns roads as short cuts? We have no parking. The residents park dangerously everywhere, the primary school and the livestock markets are the worse offenders, but drinkers at the Fox, Courthouse, Woolpack etc, just abandon their vehicles on double yellow lines. Not enforceable by cops, thats if they bothered to get out of their vehicles to look. You send very, very occasionally, traffic enforcement, but they are never there when its required.
- I recognise that Councils are poorly funded but so far I have seen no evidence that this Council will spend that extra cash more effectively than the previous administrations.
- There is little to be gained by having insufficient funds but efficiency is important. Contracts need to be scrutinised; best value and effective use of public money should be at the forefront. This does not always seem to be the case at the moment.
- yes
- There isnt enough money to provide the services. The government won't provide the needed amount and expects people to make up the shortfall through council taxes, then blaming it all the local council , rather than themselves
- We have to find ways to fund critical front line services and i think most would agree that this increase was inevitable.

**Neither agree nor disagree**

- You need to put this into perspective as to what our Unitary comparators are raising theirs to.
- Council tax is increasing but quality of services must improve too. My waste collection is repeatedly missed or late, potholes everywhere and lack of police involvement over ASB which has been repeatedly raised and perpetrators are identified. Happy to pay more IF we receive better services and more transparency how each of these services are funded so we can hold the correct people accountable.
- although we need the services and I am aware costs are rising and these services need to be paid for. I do feel there is a lot of wasted funds used for the benefit of a tiny majority instead of the masses.
- No alternative scenarios are given for comparison.
- Unfortunately, all costs are rising as are the demands placed on all councils to provide more services for more people, nothing in life is free.
- Overall Council tax increase planned is 4.99% net for 2026-2027 year. I understand why But  
Even if a residents Gross Income increases goes up by 5% in the same period - which many won't, net income is either likely to increase by 4% or 3% depending on what tax

<p>band.</p> <p>This isn't sustainable for a further five years as "normal residents" who pay council tax get progressively poorer and have less ability to pay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I agree that services need to be funded but Council tax is very expensive in this area when you add on Fire &amp; police and town council costs so am worried that this will make life difficult for many families. And the council tax doesn't covered everything - e.g, gardens waste collection which is also increasing.</li> <li>• [Redacted] council tax was lower than that of Bedford and now risen substantially more - also refuse services - garden bin was included in my services and it still is for Bedfordians [Redacted] - and agree - those that have gardens should pay for garden waste to be removed - however - the increases in this area have made it expensive. We have been warned we soon have to pre book tidy tip runs at Rushden which may cause fly tipping ! We have a very successful Riverside park which is a nightmare on the A45 roundabout and opposing shops such as [redacted]! I recently read that [Redacted] homes are building a further 450 homes in Rushden bringing more people to the area demanding more of the services we are struggling to upkeep! We have had a new school at Stanton Bury and 1000's of new homes in this area - surely some of the burden to develop and support services should be thrown at developers and not residents all the time.</li> <li>• Instead of political posturing a real delivery of improvement in services etc., would encourage a positive approach to increasing council tax payments. For example [Redacted] it was thriving community the population has doubled but the town is now a recipient of endless barbers shops, nail bars and questionable food outlets. One such establishments is know to be selling illegal cigarettes etc., but continues to operate unscathed</li> <li>• Given the current cost of living pressures there should be a greater focus on identifying savings within the current spend rather than the easy option of passing on increases to the residents &amp; businesses. Is there evidence of the cost saving programme to date and where further savings could be made , there didn't appear to be much detail around this money element provided</li> <li>• I recognise the cost to provide the same services as previous years has increased, but I also think efficiencies could be made. For example, maintenance could be improved if several maintenance employees weren't in a lay-by or behind an industrial estate having a sleep in their van between 2:30 and 3pm as opposed to working until they are due to finish and they could sleep at home after work.</li> <li>• There is only so much each person can pay and NNC are doing what every other service is doing. Residents do not have an endless supply of money. You can charge more but if services do not reflect a better standard then don't increase. Maybe look to make money rather than keep wasting it.</li> <li>• It would be helpful to know the proportion where the council tax monies will be spent.</li> <li>• The council lacks the ability to carry out services that residents pay for in their council tax for example street cleaning, gutter cleaning, fly tipping monitoring etc</li> <li>• I receive single person tax relief and feel I cannot comment on increases.</li> <li>• It never seems to get spent on things that matter to most.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Strongly disagree/ Tend to disagree</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is nothing short of an absolute disgrace, how on earth can this be justified when council services are declining but you are charging more for the services, the public are being robbed blind i see the behind the scenes, I know the reality of the council. my salary has been decreased so that cannot be a justification. whoever reads this i want you to ask yourself the question salary's decreased in a cost of living crisis our services have gone up in price so where is this money going? the council as turned its back on the people who help it run, look around, go and visit the planning department ask the staff face to face how they feel perhaps then you will learn that this current council is not fit for purpose.</li> </ul>

- People are struggling as it is to make ends meet and increases like this far outweigh any cost of living increase in earnings if workers are lucky enough to get an increase in the first place. Also, this will add to the poverty already being experienced by many families who are struggling to pay utilities, rent and other housing related costs, just to keep their home. The average person on the street cannot see where their money is going to, all they see are councils like this one going into debt, not filling potholes, not improving their environment and putting charges up or adding new ones on. You are raising the cost of the green bin service, which used to be included in these taxes so it feels like a bit of a con to pay a debt that we did not create.
- We already pay far too much especially in social housing
- North Northamptonshire CC is mainly made up of Reform councillors who adamantly said they wouldn't increase Council Tax if they were elected! We're they lying??
- If you need more money, set out what you need, raising it by 2.99% is just a way of avoiding proper scrutiny via referendum and is a bit cowardly.
- Reform are a lying bunch of [expletive], you promised lower taxes yet here you are, asking for the maximum.
- Firstly, there are thousands of additional new houses in the area which means extra revenue for the council from the extra families living in the area. Secondary, why should bigger houses which are in higher bands pay more than those in lower bands. Any of us are retired and have no way of increasing our income. We also get no better services and end up paying for services we do not use or need.
- If you can waste money on free fireworks for Corby where else are you wasting it. Make savings first.
- Use saving plan to improve other services
- You are incapable of managing a budget and being responsible enough to manage our money
- While the money is needed building more houses which adds to council tax revenue isn't a justification instead it adds revenue and increases the demand. The best way would be to grow the business rates which in turn increase the employment by reducing business rates and get the units in the town full and footfall on the highstreet
- Need to get more tax from all the companies around in the area
- The overall proposed increase of 4.99% is well above inflation. Pay rises for most people are far less than this and most businesses cannot increase their prices to be able to pay their staff more because of competition. Councils should limit their tax increases to no more than inflation and reduce their spending accordingly. Many council tax payers get very little from the vast sums they are expected to pay each year.
- I believe there is already too much wasted money in middle and higher management. Not enough oversight and lack of visible resource in the community already
- Efficiencies were supposed to mean money saved and therefore at least static tax, if not a reduction. I do not support an increase in council tax.
- Pay too much already for the poor services! Taking more money off us won't solve the problem
- We pay enough and the money still isn't going where it should be! Maybe if the roads were fixed and the town was in a better state people would want to pay.
- When the police fire and local tax is added people will be paying over , roughly, £120 extra a year. A 4% from yourselves would take this into account.
- There will never be enough money in the council I strongly believe the management and budgeting is out of this planet.
- Cut wastage on unnecessary projects, staff and streamline the excessively large bureaucracy instead
- High cost in the current cost of living crisis is financially destroying the working class
- Each year Council tax along with the costs of other goods and services increases more than any Salary increase seen by me or my wife. We have cut back where possible but it is getting to the stage where we can't afford these increases and it is impacting on how we can provide for our children.

- Most people simply cannot afford to keep having all the increases and seeing very little in return for it. Both National and Local Government sees the population as a cash cow and should both seek to efficiencies and prioritisation of what can be done within a smaller financial envelope.
- Council tax is an unfair tax based on a properties estimated value some years hence and bears little relationship to the number of occupants thus the actual cost to the council or the services used. I receive next to nothing for my extortionate contribution, [redacted] not even being able to walk past the driveway of the house due to the condition of the footpaths. Too much council revenue goes toward overpaid council salaries and pensions. Too much inefficiency. Further unnecessary increase to already crippling cost of living
- because the roads are still falling apart even after all the previous increases , police are rarely seen patrolling even though crime is on the increase , doctors surgeries are completely useless , parking in some streets ( especially near schools at drop off and pick up times ) is not monitored at all and causes absolute chaos so what are we really paying for ?
- The state of the roads is appalling and the level of street lighting is dangerous. Nothing is being done  
I find it hard to find any solid explanation of what the increase in revenue will pay for
- Cost of living is already making it almost impossible for people to feed or heat themselves.
- Every year the council hikes the cost of council tax, yet I don't see any additional benefit for the extra money I'm forced to pay. With pension tax, vat, energy, water, tv license, cost of living at an all time high, all you do is keep squeezing more and more money off me to pay for things I don't agree with and have no say on. I also note that the cost of garden waste will increase yet again, it was only a couple of years ago it was included in the council tax charge. Council tax is unaffordable and 4.99% is far too high especially as that excludes additional costs for policing etc. added to my annual bill.
- I don't feel as though I get any benefit at all from the services I have to pay for in my council tax
- I disagree as i am not very impressed with north nothamptonshire councils current spending and the fact that you charge even for the green bin collection which has already gone up
- We pay enough on council tax with no improvements to services
- Everything that council tax funds has been cut, the streets are a mess not maintained, drains not cleared leading to flooding, every service is poor and in a real world you don't increase pay for decreased service
- People are struggling to afford to live right now, so any increase will only be looked at as yet another hit to people silently already on their knees
- When the council treats tax pax payers as cash cows to be over milked each year with total disregard of the state of the economy and the effect that has on households, it begs the questions as to where is the money going. When you look at the state of the roads, the money wasted in temporary repairs is a criminal waste and as this is controlled by the council, what other services also experiencing this waste.
- The services received from current council tax charges is poor.  
Many footpaths, roads and green areas are continually showing a depressing poor state of maintenance.  
Current police numbers across the town appears to be non-existent. I don't believe it is, as reported, because of officer numbers, in my opinion it is due to the location of response officers.
- For a few reasons. The main ones being, the services are now less than previous years, yet CT has increased. E.g pest control is no longer provided, we now have to pay additional for garden waste which was included. What 'more' do we get? I also firmly believe if we do not use Police, Fire or Ambulance services there should be some sort of rebate. Even if it was 2%. Currently I and others pay for a police service

that is being used by the vast majority of town center people, so why am I paying more to support this?

- With inflation at 3.2% and the Bank of England's last prediction at 3.4%, and increase of 4.99% (56% higher than the inflation rate) is not justified.  
The council doesn't spend money wisely on projects (for example re-paving the town centre at considerable cost then not ensuring that businesses that dig it up make a satisfactory repair. The paving has already started to seriously deteriorate. The original contractors should repair that at a cost to themselves for using what appears to be sub-standard materials). The cultural quarter "enhancements" have been a disaster and it appears that the council want to spend more money on rebranding it again. There were many objections by residents to the rebranding to "Cornerstone" which the council ignored. Why does the library, museum (which appears closed for good) etc. need a "brand"? To line the pockets of a media business I assume. More wasted money.
- I'm certainly unaware of the need for extra revenues when services continue to deteriorate, has anyone on the council seen the state of our roads? Most of us local people cannot understand why with the huge increase in local homes, paying their share of the tax therefore should involve a large increase in revenue and the only additional cost to the council is refuse collecting. No increase in road maintenance on new developments, no increase in social care cost, newcomers are inevitably younger people, policing? When did I last see one on my street or stopping the feral youth's annoying people around our town [redacted] Value for money is what we want, THEN increases would be justified.
- Pay far too much already.
- This is not in line with Reform's manifesto commitments. It's really disappointing to see the council relying on working people to fund excess and poorly managed services. I would like to see the council aim to not rely on increases in council tax.
- Already facing financial pressures  
The money required should come from a review of council spending including higher paid staff.  
Looking at supporting and working with charities and volunteers to complement not replace some services.  
Time and money is wasted paying staff to be in teams meeting or sat in vehicles.  
Work smarter  
Acknowledgement that costs are skyrocketed for your residents and not increasing council tax.
- I personally do not use any local services. Why should I pay for them?
- You've broken your promise. You campaigned on no increase. This would be an acceptable and expected rise had you not lied.
- I am not convinced that services will improve. There is no specific measure by which we can see whether this promised outcome is achieved or not.
- As a local resident, I feel we get nothing for our council tax, apart from the waste being collected, the roads & paths are a disgrace & the street lighting is very poor (these were replaced a few years ago) the old one's were much better. The money for council tax, never seems to go where it's intended.
- The increase shown in the budget for corporate services is disproportionate to the other service increases and should be revised to reduce in line with other services. Only statutory services should be budgeted for to reduce expenditure
- [redacted]. All money goes to the other end of east Northamptonshire.
- Support services are decreasing.
- Once again our Council Tax is being increased by the maximum amount, we pay more but see no extra benefits to our lives. And cannot afford all these increases, [redacted] and unfortunately made the mistake of working all our lives, so on a low income but still paying tax and supporting the public sector's gold plated pensions.
- we already pay very high council tax. After the mortgage this is the biggest outgoing in a household. The money needs to be spent differently or cut out services that only benefit certain groups.

- I strongly feel increasing council tax year on year is incredulous! This is unsustainable, The councils and the government cannot keep increasing tax Year on Year, plunging the councils into debts and except the entire citizenry to pick up the slack. This is a derivative that would burst rather sooner than later! If leaders have a moral conscience, they must do right by the citizenry they serve.. For every man shall give account! If there is a lot of waste in the system that cannot be mitigated and that is pushed on to people.. It's only a matter of time, there will be rebellion
- The council tax is already high enough and nothing has been done with the current funding so what use is throwing more money.
- Council tax should be raised by 10% to provide all services and a final salary pension for council employees
- Services not bring used within budgets. Our roads are in a pathetic state. You mention vulnerable communities? Maybe the police meet to step up and do their jobs and judges increase prison time for drug, hate , and violent crime? No more vulnerable communities
- I thought a Reform-led council would not increase council tax but make savings - what went wrong?
- NNC continues to waste money no extra money to be wasted
- You already have too much of my money and provide terrible services. Stop robbing the hard working to give to those who are needy. It is imoral to take taxes off people who have worked hard to fund those the poor, that is what charity is for and it should be up to the individual if they want to give their money away not politicians. Also stop all non statutory spend and cut the numbers of staff and empty buildings the council still has 5 years after formation!
- People are struggling and that includes working people as well as those either retired , unemployed not employed due to disabilities or health issues & we are in a cost of living crisis peoples money is already stretched to the maximum & that sometimes is with 2 people working, wages & people on benefits money doesn't increase anywhere near the cost of food , bills etc etc this rise would push a lot of people especially the elderly & those not working into poverty .
- [redacted]
- Every year an increase is asked for, and usually applied, but we still seem to achieve no benefits from this increase, all the old problems are still there. This Council should include reducing staff and increasing overall productivity in its proposals for an increase in tax.
- The council had increased it's tax take beyond inflation for many years. This isn't good enough and if my memory serves me correctly, Reform said. Prior to being elected, that they would freeze council tax. A promise which they have broken once and now propose to do again.  
If the council is underfunded then they must either, lay it on the line to central govt. that more money must be provided, or cut services. The service I have in mind is send, which costs us a ridiculous amount and for what?. Another so-called service, which ought ever to have been adopted in the first place, anything to do with "green", such as providing facilities for electric vehicles.
- There is evidence of inefficiency in the way the Council is run.  
What measures are being taken to address this issue?
- To much with all the gas and electricity charges imposed by the Labour Government, pay more and more every year for less and less services, roads not being maintained grass and trees not being maintained, some footpaths difficult to walk because of overgrown vegetation, business rates too high [redacted], no policing on legal electric scooters an bikes, I could go on and on, no longer value for money, the Council has a duty of care to the people of Corby and this is not happening
- Paying far too much now anyway. Scandalous especially the max 5% plus 2% extra under the guise of child care
- We are getting less for more money and have been for years.
- You promised to reduce the council tax bill, you liars.

- That's a huge increase, £81.04/yr for us (with the adult social care precept). I'm pretty sure you could look at other ways of saving money, knowing the way that councils operate. It would be great to see evidence of improving processes, efficiency, and relationships with third parties. What would be getting for an increase like that?
- You keep putting up the tax to fund new ideas rather than improving the systems that are already working but were introduced by other politicians. Changing things for the sake of laying claim to them wastes money.
- I feel the council need to make better use of the money they already have. People are already struggling massively financially and although I don't mind paying it to support our social system it's difficult for more rises
- Don't think council tax should be raised by nearly 5% I find it shocking [redacted] the state of roads the amount of litter Corby looks uncared for and abandoned. Start looking into salaries of the leaders and management at the top and pensions. The service regarding street cleaning is non-insistence standard of cleaning shocking. Management in street cleaning needs investigating been there to long its there way or no way they are to comfortable think they are untouchable and bring nothing to the table.
- Because I don't see any increased benefits from the money you rob me of.
- I strongly disagree due to the amount of other bills constantly increasing & we are still in a cost of living crisis.  
Maximum amount council tax should rise only 2% & tax water companies more since their failures over the years and making consumers pay for their negligence
- We should be looking to stabilise the income by reducing costs through efficiency not just taking costs as fixed and increasing income to suit.
- I am amazed at the expenditure on SEND and the huge extra cost of education for so many children who qualify as claimants. [redacted] many diagnosed as in need could, and should, be attending regular educational establishments. Also you have earmarked over £40,000 for council house improvement, yet I cannot see rental income included in your figures. Whilst I agree these rents are subsidised, surely some tenants must pay it.
- The residents don't receive a proper service from this council and increasing council tax will not get us better services, it will line the pockets of more fraudulent contractors!
- The price goes up every year, however services are not improved and appear more stretched each year.
- The general increase is not enough to cover the services needed and adult social care and child services should be coming from central government
- It's what you guys need to provide services to general public. But I live in new built housing area as well as this increase I have to pay maintenance fee for the housing development. And between builder and yourselves we only get the use of smallest part of the council and its support.  
As we are in the grey area we contribute more and get less. If council made a move where they ADOPT the estate I don't mind paying money to council rather than developer. It's a same old game builders council don't want it and council builders won't pass it on in the mean time I'm a cash cow being hit from every corner. Tax rises, inflation, drop in income and on top won't get a 5% pay rise myself to cover this costs. But I'm sure you care about your residents and will go ahead with increase and won't even care.
- Because currently the infrastructure within Corby has seen no significant investment for many years and although it that a capital bid of 148m is being applied, there is no information on how this will be spent on road, and also this is not guaranteed, so if the capital bid is unsuccessful, the current rise will not be justified.  
The state of the roads along main highways is full of rubbish with no cleanup operation
- I answered "strongly disagree" as I think residents in North Northamptonshire already pay enough council tax, especially given the level and quality of services we receive. I have lived in the county all my life and it has never been fairly funded. Each year, the local council asks us to pay more council tax for no better services.

The new Reform UK executive promised to be different from previous administrations (who used to increase council tax each and every year) However, the maximum increase (without needing to hold a referendum) is now being proposed as it always is.

- [redacted] I pay 4 times more than someone who lives in a Terresed house,
- We already pay a lot, [redacted].

But I don't feel like there are any noticeable improvement in local services.

- I have several comments to make;
 

There are a number of houses with extensions (big properties), our house was banded for a 3 bedroom, except when we moved in, there were 5 bedrooms, so we paid more. Fair. What I don't think is fair are the large houses that have been extended and because they have been lived in for years, they probably haven't been charged correctly, there are several massive properties along here (three stories high). There are over 2,700 new houses [redacted], yet the developers have been allowed to drag their feet and not complete any new infrastructure (no dentist, doctors or local shops). Local wildlife has been dispersed. Secondary school pupils from ISE lodge are going to Rothwell, because apparently Hanwood children' get first choice of Barton Seagrave [redacted] traffic now goes faster (no thanks,) along a narrow lane, not a road, we have no pedestrian crossings to cross the busy road. We can wait ages to pull out of our drives, and to leave our drives at 8 15 (week day), is a joke, no-one let's you out. [redacted] We do not have a bus stop, there is no bus service. We have had 3 main water bursts this year. We have only 1 footpath, which is shared with pedestrians/cyclists and when the road was recently closed, motorbikes and e-scooters. We often get forgotten about with waste collection and have had to chase quite a few times. Our infrastructure is crumbling despite new houses with fancy footpaths/park being built for them and who are given a bus service. Junction 10 is a nightmare, a new gym and proposed shop is to be put near the slip road, are you wanting Kettering to grind to a halt?
- It is understandable to be concerned about the efficient use of public funds. Evaluating areas where resources might be misallocated, such as in cases of staffing sickness or unpaid council rents, could indeed offer potential solutions. Such reviews are often part of a broader effort to ensure fiscal responsibility. Exploring these avenues may lead to more sustainable financial practices. A thorough examination of such matters can be very beneficial.
- Im fed up for paying for sub pa services. My compost bin started at 40 quid two years ago you now want to put it up to 60 +.
- I don't we are getting value for money
- With households be stretched in every direction financially, taking another 5% hike will push families over the poverty line
- I think we already pay enough for the inadequate service we already get now
- Because once again you are loading the people who are out working to the benefits of the people who just sit back and take what you give them in handouts
- I strongly disagree with increasing Council Tax by 2.99% to fund services, because residents are already paying more while receiving less in return.
 

The condition of local roads is utterly unacceptable - potholes, crumbling surfaces, and poorly maintained pavements are now the norm, damaging vehicles and creating real safety risks. Street cleaning is visibly inadequate, with litter and fly-tipping left for weeks in some areas, giving neighbourhoods a neglected and uncared-for feel. Street lighting is also lacking or unreliable, leaving large areas poorly lit at night. This not only affects residents' sense of safety but actively contributes to antisocial behaviour. Combined with ongoing police cuts, this has resulted in youth gangs operating openly, with little visible deterrence or intervention. Residents are being left to deal with the consequences of these cuts themselves.

Before asking households to pay even more, the council should demonstrate that it can maintain basic infrastructure, keep streets clean and safe, and provide effective community policing with the funds it already receives. Increasing Council Tax without

<p>clear improvements simply places an unfair burden on residents who are already struggling and seeing a decline in local services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted] I am finding it increasing difficult to keep up with continual increases and no improvements</li> <li>• Because we seem to get less and less for our council tax</li> <li>• The roads are not being repaired there dosent seem to be proper repairs being done a bit of tarmac here and there which comes out when it rains motorists are taxed for. The roads don't need more</li> <li>• Increase will have an affect on people finances</li> <li>• I don't feel we're getting value for money at the moment an increase would not make this any different</li> </ul>
<p><b>Don't know</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maybe increase bands f g h to £4,50 £4,75 and £4.95 as more expensive homes should pay more to cover for care homes or carers</li> </ul>
<p><b>Not answered if agreed/disagreed etc but still made comment</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tt</li> </ul>

**Q. If you feel this proposal would have a negative impact, please tell us what you think that impact would be, along with any suggestions on how any potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided?**

There were 110 responses to this question.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• additional abuse off of the public who are already frustrated enough with declining services due to staff leaving</li> <li>• The impact is two fold, increasing poverty and decreasing any faith that is left in the council to make our lives better which is supposedly what this tax is for. We seem to be paying more and more for ever reducing and disappearing services.</li> <li>• I am not earning enough to pay anymore tax, [redacted] it's not fair to increase council tax, I work, but my wages are not covering increases, we already pay far to much, and are 5he highest in the country.</li> <li>• Council Tax is already way over £300 a month and this increase just makes it even more unaffordable.</li> <li>• In a cost of living crisis this is unethical and wrong.</li> <li>• Additional money taken from a tight budget without an improvement in Services. Cut services, lower the welfare bill and get value for money!</li> <li>• Most taxpayers are struggling to keep up with inflation, so should the council</li> <li>• The increase is more than my state pension increase !!!!</li> <li>• Of course it will have a negative impact, this evil government is taxing us to the hilt.</li> <li>• Consideration to be given to single person households who don't have the capacity to absorb additional costs.</li> <li>• While the money is needed building more houses which adds to council tax revenue isn't a justification instead it add revenue an increases the demand. The best way would be to grow the business rates which in turn increase the employment by reducing business rates and get the units in the town full and footfall on the highstreet</li> <li>• The thing is that everything is going up and a wage can only pay for so much and evenruelly people will start borrowing to pay for all the bills</li> <li>• Any increase during an apparent cost of living crisis is going to have a negative impact, you may get refusals to pay or delayed payment at least, lessening rate of collection.</li> <li>• This large increase will help drive many people into more debt each month. Avoid it by reducing spending on staff pensions, reducing the number of over paid managers in local services and make better more efficient systems and reduce wastage. If the council can't afford certain activities, reduce them.</li> <li>• Those of us who already pay various local and national taxes are really fed up with those "dole dosers" and drug dealing wastes of life in our areas that our hard earned money goes to support! The benefits they get should be tightly controlled! Not be able</li> </ul>
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- to spend on alcohol and baccy. No more drugs! Lock down on antisocial behaviour from them and their "friends" why should working people fund the dregs of our town?
- Affordability and the impact on lower income families (those who can't pay not won't pay). A robust Council tax support scheme should be in place, and support and advice on budgeting and debt management available. Communication with residents on the vast array of services provided should also be considered to educate residents on what their taxes are funding
  - Improve service
  - People are struggling to afford basic living costs and if they don't pay council tax they are threatened with court, maybe the people at the top should take a pay cut, that would free up some money!
  - Have a 4% increase as the public don't yet know how much the police, fire and local councils will be charging
  - Another way to rip residents off.
  - Reduced confidence in the capability of the elected members and officers, further drain on taxpayers money, and no assurances that the Council will become either more efficient or effective.
  - Further financial impact,  
Mental health struggles,  
Debts to find funds to pay  
Pushing families further into poverty
  - I feel this proposal will impact working households and put families at risk of poverty. I feel there is considerable waste within how the council operates which should be addressed before approaching the tax payer for yet more money.
  - As above - use the monies already received in a far more efficient manner.
  - People just cannot afford these year on year compounded % rises that provide little benefit to the majority
  - It is important that reliefs available to those in hardship should be well-publicised.
  - No explanation of what the cash will be used for
  - See above.  
I feel it should be frozen until the government helps people more
  - Council tax needs urgent review. The system is totally unfair and unaffordable. Why should I have to pay exorbitant taxes for services I never use. Everybody should be treated equally and everyone should pay the same (with some very limited exceptions). Those taking off the state and not contributing anything should pay a higher rate. Those living in rural areas should get a discount for the limited services they receive.
  - people are struggling without the council putting up all the costs, the council services are getting less and no one communicates at all with the people paying them
  - You charge too much anyway and don't provide a great service. I didn't line the way Northamptonshire council was split, and also 6 million lost for the Northants football club and kettering ground sold for development.
  - Working People are struggling to pay their mortgages, taxes, food and these proposed increases are another tax on working people
  - The cost of living is really squeezing households' ability to pay.
  - Negative impact on paying people less money in their pocket and still living in an absolute tip
  - When hard earned money goes in taxes, the last thing it should go in is to line the pockets and pensions of council staff. As the only service that seems to work (from what I can see) is refuse collection, this would suggest to me that all council activities should be outsourced and only a small group of council staff left to oversee quality of service.
  - It's just another method of stinging already highly taxed families.  
Very little or nothing from these tax rises will go towards helping the local communities. Instead, we, the public, will be forking out additional wage packet taxes to pay for council employee wage increases.

- Perhaps this time, unlike the bin consultation, listen and if there are points of contention invite those who raised them to meet with you. I do not believe there will be that many who complete this.
- More people will inevitably claim benefits , jobs are disappearing, pensioners will be hit the most as their ' living wage ' is a joke and they will struggle to live day to day .
- Cost of living is high enough at the moment
- We live in a larger property so will pay an excessive increase. It is particularly galling to see further handouts being given from these funds, along with poorly managed spending.
- Its crazy that everything can just keep being increased.  
Work with developers to set council tax banding at the point of planning not for residents to spend 9 months chasing  
That's not effective management in my opinion. The department had 1 job and didnt do it.
- More costs for those who are struggling enough. This will lead to more debt, crime and homelessness.
- The Reform councillors came in on a ticket of reduction in waste and not an increase in cost. I would want to see specific examples of how this is being achieved.
- This will have an impact on household budgets with no sign of improved services.
- a lot of people are on a tight budget and wages are not going up in line with inflation so the increase would cause a lot of people who are just managing budget over the top causing hardship.
- [redacted]. Still have no transport, doctor, dentist and schools.
- It would cause more hardship to the lower paid , you cannot keep increasing the local taxes and reducing our services .
- Very expensive and considerate amount of the household outgoings.
- Negative impact is you cannot keep increasing bills and taxes every year at the maximum rate and expect it to continue this way... what would the cost of living be like in 5,10,15 years! This increases are not sustainable!
- Negative on the finances of households already struggling in a tough economic situation
- I am concerned that lower paid families might not have sufficient funds to cover the increase over the year.
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- More police and judges actually doing their jobs
- For some people the impact will be greater than others because of their socio-economic status. For me, fewer coffees each week, fewer treats are in order.
- Every time council tax is increased NNC wastes more every service needs to be scaled back to basics. Private contracts need to end vanity projects stopped. Proper basic service everywhere.
- Overall happy with the charges as long as they are used appropriately and most importantly efficiently - what I'm struggling to understand is the lack of pressure on developers to build associated services to the immediate local area of new estates. Often, we hear/experience delays in providing these and developers attempt to pull out of those. There needs to be more scrutiny from local councils to maintain plans of delivery and penalised them when those targets aren't met.
- Proposal will mean many residents their % of income going on council tax will increase. Other things will have to give in residents personal budgets.  
A thorough and objective long term review of the OVERALL cost of Public sector remuneration, specifically including pension reform. Benchmarked against comparable private sector posts
- Yes it will have a negative impact on me and for once I could not care less about anyone else this affectzs
- Any increase has consequences for residents, but including those who are most vulnerable, The council tax support scheme helps those who are affected most.

- Increasing council tax contributes to the increased outgoings for everyone across the country, so it adds to the financial pressure being felt by everyone. Council services aren't a luxury or something that a household can 'cut back on' or do without, so there is little real choice here. It's just another bill going up whether we can afford it or not.
- The impact for older people who couldn't budget for the extra costs let alone young families seems to be burden residence! I think that developers need not only to provide shiny new homes and an odd school but be involved with the community and upkeep on a long term basis. Fed up with warehousing schemes as we have plenty of EMPTY warehouses in Northamptonshire. [redacted] There are not enough nurseries, day care facilities for old or SEND and GP surgeries are difficult to get an appointment because crammed to the rafters of people waiting! I traipse all over the county [redacted] Get them to build a flipping hospital or walk in center! Provide us with GPs and Dentists ! Not houses on every bit of land and then no services !
- Single person discount should be increased
- See above answer
- Yes, it is my 2nd highest monthly bill.
- As long as support is in place for low earners and people with financial issues it should be of benefit to services
- The level of Council tax needs to be reflected in a higher level of public services not a lower level.
- There is no negative impact as far as I am concerned.
- My above proposals could be introduced with a favourable outcome for put upon ratepayers. Of course, the send lot mightn't like it.
- It will have a negative impact on people lucky enough to own houses. Please address inefficiency within the council itself.
- read the above
- Not seeing the improvements for the extra cost year on year. You need to show the difference it makes. Also public are frustrated with highways as nothing seems to be done correctly first time. Are you wasting our money?
- As above.
- N/A
- Further financial pressure on families and businesses at a time where the government also seem intent on increasing tax and other costs upon the population.
- I don't think increasing council tax will improve anything. It will barely cover costs to keep it the same. It doesn't make people feel positive about the additional costs they bear for no better services.
- Trim some of the dead wood from the top of the Council
- Better financial knowledge by the accountants
- Negative because people are struggling with the rising cost of living, poor roads and no local toilets or accessible police station.
- You lied, reducing the trust in local democracy. You should resign in shame.
- I would recommend that the council looks very hard at its own 'in house' cost base and seeks to make it more efficient to avoid wastage of increased funding
- I think people are going to be very annoyed at such an increase. Like I said focus more on internal improvements.
- Peoples finances are already stretched and although you might think a couple of pounds won't matter then you haven't spent a day working in your local food bank
- Potentially impacting people people alresdy struggling financially. Smaller increase
- I think it's very challenging for all working families right now, particularly with current inflation, food inflation & increases in energy costs.
- Council tax payers sick of paying more and more for nothing  
See above
- My income required to actually live.
- This will make me need to look for a new job & I believe if mp's were paid less to fund this

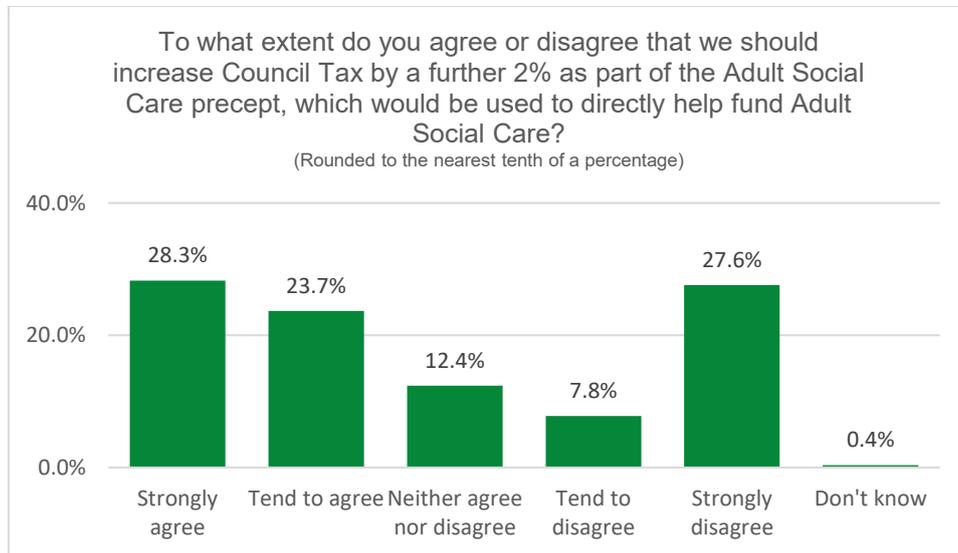
- I believe more intensive investigating of SEND applicants would result in far less acceptance which would certainly be in the best interest of the children.
- The services provided are insufficient at best and no amount of increase in council tax will address the corruption that is already taking place.
- The new cost of green recycling is a 36% increase in one year which is not acceptable, how do you think people can keep up with these increases, you want people to recycle but are making it unaffordable. The bins are emptied for 6 months of the year bi weekly so does not justify the cost. This service was free until we joined with north Northants and we appear to be paying their debts, please can you justify the costs
- Garden waste collection charges should be cancelled. They are part of the wider refuse services and should remain. I don't and won't pay as I don't use them enough. It also might encourage garden neglect and or fly tipping of garden waste.
- You cannot keep increasing council tax by this large percentage year on year. Households are struggling as it is right now and by increasing this you are putting more strain on people and more people into poverty. This then causes more funding from the council required to help people and ultimately the hard working people have to work more and more to fund the greater percentage of this.  
The only solution here is to cut what you are spending. If a household can't afford to pay its bills, we don't keep going back to our employers or benefits provider and asking for money, we say no we can't have that takeaway or no we can't afford that subscription.  
Around 4-5% of a couple on just above minimum wage goes on paying council tax. You need to consider what services you can actually afford with the money you have not keep asking for more and more. This will mean hard, bold choices by brave people, particularly in the rising areas like adult social care, until then your plan is to just keep taking.
- It's taking money that will still give a poor service
- We've been taxed to eyeballs. All we want to do is live. And after all im spending my life working and paying bills and taxes.  
This increase will mean I have to find the money that I dont have. And if I dont could land in prison. So I BETTER work even more.  
Afterall I have to pay for those wont get a job or keep a job
- Has an impact of living standards as wages are not increasing by this level, so we are paying more but not seeing anything more for this.  
It seems to be getting all swallowed up by care services
- I think the negative impact will be that families will continue to struggle with the rising cost of living by having to pay increased council tax (among other increases in bills and costs elsewhere) They are then more likely to need additional help, which could end up costing the council more money.  
To mitigate this negative impact, the council should look at increasing the rate of council tax support to more than 25%, particularly if there is a disabled person in the household. Disabled people are particularly badly hit by the current cost of living pressures.
- It will force more residents to pay more for less!
- I cannot see why and how the council should get more money when we are not going to get any benefit from living here - either what the developers should have built (dentist, doctors, shops, secondary school, ring road, traffic calming). Why should I pay for a bus service that we don't have?
- Lack of accountability will negatively affect the credibility of the proposed scheme
- As above
- yes
- Residents would be happy if they see the council performing their duties - I don't feel residents would have any negativity if they see services being performed
- By being more services in-house, by farming services out you add in a layer of profit that must be made for the provider, which is not being spent on the residents.

- People's finances are being stretch to breaking point, another increase in council tax, is going to push people over the edge
  - Negative for those households who are already suffereing such as carers supporting loved ones, the elderly living on the state pension and those who are unable to work through a REAL disability...
  - I believe this proposal would have a negative impact on residents, particularly those already struggling with rising living costs. A Council Tax increase would place further financial pressure on households while there is little confidence that it would result in visible or meaningful improvements to local services. 🟡  
The impact would be increased financial stress, reduced trust in the council, and growing frustration as residents continue to experience poorly maintained roads, inadequate street cleaning, insufficient street lighting, and the consequences of reduced policing and youth services. Without addressing these issues, asking residents to pay more risks deepening resentment and disengagement. 😞  
To reduce or avoid these negative impacts, the council should:
    - ~ Clearly demonstrate how existing funds are being used and identify inefficiencies before raising taxes.
    - ~ Prioritise core services such as road maintenance, street cleaning, lighting, and community safety.
    - ~ Seek alternative funding sources, including central government support and targeted grants.
    - ~ Improve transparency and accountability by setting clear targets and publicly reporting progress.Any consideration of a tax increase should come only after residents see tangible improvements in essential services and feel confident that additional funding would be managed effectively and fairly.
- As above limited income and single
  - Of course it has a negative impact on people as everything has gone up and pensioners are having to eat into their savings
  - [redacted] it would impact my pension negatively
  - Very negative inpact on the working poor

**Q. To what extent do you agree or disagree that we should increase Council Tax by a further 2% as part of the Adult Social Care precept, which would be used to directly help fund Adult Social Care? Please tick (✓) relevant answer**

<b>What would a 2% increase mean Council Tax Bands?</b>		
As an example, a 2% adult social care precept increase would result in an increase of £36.24 per year (£0.70p per week) for 2026/2027 for the average Band D Council Tax payer.		
The following table shows what the proposed 2.00% increase would be for each Council Tax Band.		
<b>Band</b>	<b>Annual Increase</b>	<b>Weekly Increase</b>
A	£24.36	£0.47
B	£28.42	£0.55
C	£32.48	£0.62
D	£36.54	£0.70
E	£44.66	£0.86
F	£52.78	£1.02
G	£60.90	£1.17
H	£73.08	£1.40

There were 283 responses to this question.



	Response number	Percentage (%)
Strongly agree	80	28.3%
Tend to agree	67	23.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	35	12.4%
Tend to disagree	22	7.8%
Strongly disagree	78	27.6%
Don't know	1	0.4%

**Q. If you would like to tell us why you answered the previous question in the way that you did, please do so here:**

There were 163 responses to this question.

<b>Strongly agree/ Tend to agree</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resources are required</li> <li>• Greater aging population and cost of services should mean that you require more money to achieve a similar level of service.</li> <li>• Adult social care is underfunded at present. An ageing population will place ever increasing demand on social care.</li> <li>• Make sure the funding is going to the right places within Adult Social Care, prioritize the care recipients and their immediate carers.</li> <li>• ASC spend is a large proportion of total spend, which is growing due to an aging population and provider uplifts, and therefore needs to be funded appropriately</li> <li>• cost of living has risen so much</li> <li>• You have little room to maneuver on this</li> <li>• ASC is dismal in this country and i feel we need to acknowledge that elderly people have given a lot to their country and we should be caring for them.</li> <li>• The system's a mess and needs sorting</li> <li>• Adult social care needs sufficient funds.</li> <li>• I have confidence in NNC.</li> <li>• Please see previous answer.</li> <li>• as far as I can see there is no alternative until people realise we have officers with no budgets and their only aim is to protect their income</li> <li>• Seems fair</li> <li>• Families are not being supported to take responsibility for family members.</li> <li>• Adult social care is currently underfunded.</li> <li>• The adult care services are overwhelmed and need more staff to help with the backlog</li> <li>• Adult social care is massively underfunded this isn't a you thing, its a central government thing but something has to be done and I'm happy to support this.</li> <li>• I think this is needed whilst you uncover waste in this area that you can apply cost saving measures to next year.</li> <li>• As per my previous answer</li> <li>• There are more people living longer and we should give them a good standard of living in their old age whilst they are with us.</li> </ul>

- [redacted] who would live to work and nit be reliant on services sadly this will never happen
- Adult social care needs an increase of funding. A lot of care users are struggling to have the funds to pay for the care support hours they need.
- Agree with the need to further support social care but would like more detail as to how this will be done. Current resources are clearly stretched but increased funding must be accompanied with a review with the aim of stripping out superfluous procedures and paperwork
- As above. But look at transformation, savings, improvements and changing rules if they are forcing unmanageable expenditure
- Strongly agree for development of school and SEND provisions as NNC largely lack those. Schools aren't equipped enough to support those children and authority is currently struggling to provide services that parents of SEN kids desperately need, for example, Speech and Language Therapy referrals waiting time is around 18 months, astounding considering these children need help integrating/participating in 'regular' school setting (advocating for themselves, forming crucial relationships)
- until someone deals with this there is no chance of stability in local government it seems it is just increasing across our Country and was the reason for the demise of our County Council .....it cannot be funded and will continue to divide our population for the future
- We have a duty to help support those less able to help themselves. We have a morale and ethical compass that clearly shows we need to support those within the adult care domain..it matters
- I strongly agree that we should increase Council Tax by a further 2 percent through the Adult Social Care precept, because it is specifically ringfenced to support one of the most critical and pressured services the council provides. Adult Social Care supports elderly residents, people with disabilities, and vulnerable adults who rely on care packages, safeguarding, and support to live with dignity and independence. Demand for these services continues to rise due to an ageing population and increasingly complex needs, while the cost of delivering care continues to increase.. Without this funding, the impact would be immediate and severe. Care packages would come under pressure, waiting times would increase, hospital discharge would slow down, and more vulnerable people would be left without adequate support. This would also increase pressure on the NHS and other emergency servicesWhile no one welcomes higher bills, using the Adult Social Care precept is a transparent and responsible way to ensure that funding raised locally is used directly for care services that protect the most vulnerable members of our community. In short, this is about prioritising compassion, responsibility, and long term stability over short term political comfort.
- statutory services should be fully funded by central government
- Adult Social Care should be funded on a National Basis - like the NHS.
- We need to support our elderly and vulnerable
- Looking after Adults who need social care support is very important and the cost of doing so is increasing year on year. So a 2% increase is necessary to protect those services.
- As before it's been under funded.and needs to keep up With the population
- Adult social care is rising To keep on top of it We have to fund it properly
- Due to Central Government slashing funding, essentially we still need to provide strong Adult Social Care
- As before, it seems sensible to ask every single person to pay a bit more to find a way to generate enough money to take care of society's most vulnerable, otherwise I don't know where else the funding would come from.
- The money is required and the people taking care of the recipients shouldn't have to beg or jump through hoops to receive help
- I know form experience that Adult Social care is vastly underfunded
- Again absolutely necessary to maintain services at present levels
- Again a sign of the times. More adults need help and care

- I'm excited that you are planning on setting up county owned and run children's homes. In my experience these offer much better outcomes for young people because they are in county and their placement breakdown rates are often much lower than in the private sector and are much more cost effective. No more paying mileage for statutory visits and reviews that are sometimes hundreds of miles from Northamptonshire.
- You state all the increase would be applied to increase care, that statement needs to be proven
- Adult social care looks to be struggling to provide services which means our most vulnerable are suffering
- Why did the Reform propose to reduce taxes in order to get voted in since they are ACTUALLY proposing to increase Council Tax?
- Social care is an essential fabric of our Society.
- We must support our residents who need social care and especially the children who are in need, and we can only do this by increasing the social care precept.
- adult services will continue to increase until the population explosion of the war babies has levelled out
- The problems with social care will only get worse. The system needs complete reorganisation and the right people in charge.
- As above.
- These are the groups who need support. We all need to help.
- The elderly and those unable to care for themselves need this. What other choice is there? Carers also deserve a decent wage.
- I've been concerned for many years that Adult Social Care funding falls far from short of supporting the NHS.
- Because I will need this one day.
- Adult and children social care need as much help as they can get.
- I'm more on board with this, so long as the way adult social care operates is as efficient and cost effective as possible.
- This is the service we will all need in later life so we need to invest in it and by law you have to. I understand.
- Social care is a massive cost but is also a vital service that we must ensure is funded sufficiently
- Would also be good to share numbers on elderly care year on year. What is the expected uplift of people to care for? What have care costs increased by & why?
- Think we pay enough as it is.
- A balanced assessment of the future requirements has been provided
- Adult social services has huge demand led pressures. Funding is struggling to keep up with demands. This balance needs addressing
- The demand on ASC is significant and specific funding is required in order to not adversely impact on other valuable council services.
- As above, I'd rather not pay more but if we don't then I worry we'll have even less services.
- Social care is an important aspect for the wellbeing of individuals requiring care and helps families who might otherwise have to support and/or finance their loved ones. My gripe is with the above level of inflation increase in the council tax. Time to provide better services such as road repairs and reduce final salary pensions by moving onto a defined contribution scheme.
- Who are classed as adult social care. Mental health issues are very big in youngsters, however the welfare system is becoming untenable.  
Tax payers are having to foot the bill for this.
- With an aging population I feel there is no other option.
- There is definitely more adult care needed - it seems to me most people have mental health problems. If we are going to see a return for the increase.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councils are stretched further and further with increasing demand for the service Case workers should be assigned to measure criteria for funding [redacted] This happens all the time in all sectors and must be costing tax payers a fortune</li> <li>• This should enable NNC to provide a more realistic Respite Care package for sole carers</li> <li>• At the moment this seems necessary but there is a wider debate as to whether this service should be funded by central Government as part of the NHS.</li> <li>• Yes</li> <li>• As long as money being spent sensible and not wasted on recruiting many people for one job</li> <li>• The current govt schemes are not sufficient for those on adult social care to have a decent quality of life which I believe is abhorrent in these modern times. I recognize the system is broken as is being abused by a large section of claimants but am flabbergasted at govt and unity authorities' decisions in the way they continually seem to dodge making the hard choices to address what we all know is happening.</li> <li>• [redacted] I feel I cannot disagree.</li> <li>• Adult Social Care has been poorly funded and poorly managed by the Council for many years. Listen to the experts - the employees who are dealing with cases every day.</li> </ul>
<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I have no way of knowing whether you need the extra 2% or not as no information has been published on what the money is for other than "Adult Social Care".</li> <li>• Am less certain of this point</li> <li>• Because I understand that these services need to be funded, but I don't personally want to pay extra for them</li> <li>• I would like to know how many people getting this are genuine and not just suffering from anxiety.</li> <li>• See previous answer.</li> <li>• As above, costs are rising exponentially as are the expectations and needs of many people, some do seem to take unnecessary advantage of the system, while others who perhaps really do need help don't apply for a variety of reasons.</li> <li>• See above comments cover both</li> <li>• Again, this needs funding but it adds expense to families.</li> <li>• I would need more information before coming to an informed opinion.</li> <li>• I think we need to look at the profiteers who build the houses and not just the residence paying for services we are struggling to get!</li> <li>• I don't know what adult social care is?</li> <li>• Little information provided on why such an increase is required , I guess this may in part be increased employment costs inflicted by the budget. Councils should be petitioning central government for this additional money rather than taking more from the individuals in the county</li> <li>• I don't know anything about this issue</li> <li>• People grow old, [redacted]. The cost of adult care is exorbitant, yet the vast majority of those working in the sector are on minimum wage. I would suggest having some sort of in house adult care system might be an alternative, but having seen how you over spend on most things, perhaps not.</li> <li>• See my previous answer.</li> <li>• All the taxes government is taking from me why dont you ask them rather than taxing me even more. It just feels everything is getting more expensive and getting less for the money. So why dont we agree to disagree its unwelcome charge on top of everything else.</li> <li>• Dont utilise this service</li> <li>• With my limited knowledge I cannot give an opinion</li> <li>• As above, bring the care in-house</li> </ul>
<b>Strongly disagree/ Tend to disagree</b>

- i know people who have taxi funded rides to school, why is it the councils responsibility to pay for children to get to school it should be the parents responsibility not the council when theres a so called black hole, [redacted] there are so many areas where money is not being spent efficiently [redacted]
- Again this is an area where what you have been doing so far, seems not to be working, so throwing more money at it feels like you are asking us to pay for inherent and certain failure.
- We are already paying higher than any other council.
- Enough money is spent on this now.
- Reform are lying [expletive].
- Too much is spent on welfare, this should be a government responsibility.
- Use savings to increase spending
- See previous answer.
- While the money is needed building more houses which adds to council tax revenue isn't a justification instead it add revenue an increases the demand. The best way would be to grow the business rates which in turn increase the employment by reducing business rates and get the units in the town full and footfall on the highstreet
- I don't think the 2 figures should be considered seperately. The overall figure of 4.99% is well above inflation and is not fair on local coouncil tax payers who have higher than ever energy bills and other taxes to worry about. The council should rethink it's budget
- Because it won't get funded to the adult social care
- No evidence that this will have a positive impact as a large proportion goes on funding administration.
- Peoples day to day lives are already in crisis with finances.
- Whilst I fully support supporting adults with care needs, this burden has now increased to the point where I cannot afford yet another increase.
- As above
- Year on year increase requirements suggest a financially poorly managed service. Reduce council expenditure instead to support this.
- Because the roads are still falling apart even after all the previous increases , police are rarely seen patrolling even though crime is on the increase , doctors surgeries are completely useless , parking in some streets ( especially near schools at drop off and pick up times ) is not monitored at all and causes absolute chaos so what are we really paying for ?
- It should be the main government in London giving extra money for care in the community as we are still in the middle of cost of living
- Why is it increasing?
- It will not be used effectively and the issues that are currently there will remain.
- Adult social care costs should be funded centrally from central government, not out of the local council tax.
- I don't believe the money goes to where it is supposed to or used to the best for the reesidents paying it
- You charge too much already
- I do not believe it will go into adult care. I tried to get assistance [redacted] and got NO help whatsoever. Even reduction in council tax due to my income. [redacted]
- People cannot afford it. You should spend the money more wisely far too much is wasted on local government
- Social care funding in mismanaged and over paid. Care packages aren't properly assessed and left for too long money wasted
- See previous answer
- Our taxes should used to assist families working hard to put food on tables, not specifically adult care. Without ignoring adult social care, the focus should be on lowering taxes to help already struggling hard working families.
- NNC has not managed its social care spending effectively and it is unfair for residents to pay the price.

- As above Review your higher paid staff Stop micro managing get people actually doing the job
- Why should I pay for Adults [redacted] .
- Because I don't believe the money will go to the right areas.
- As with the 2.9% increase I would want to know what specific improvements are going to be achieved?
- This should be funded by central government and not locally. That turns care provision into a postcode lottery
- We had a community doesn't benefit by any increase. Goes in back pocket of organisation linked to the councils. And company's linked to the councils
- Quality is decreasing.
- See above
- we already pay very high council tax. After the mortgage this is the biggest outgoing in a household. The money needs to be spent differently or cut out services that only benefit certain groups.
- N/a
- Charity begins at home
- I don't see why 'adult social care' should be a special case. This proposed 2% would push the increase way above inflation.
- As above
- No increase. Any increase will just go to waste NNC needs to budget much better.
- Peoples fz ilies should be made to look after their relatives and where those families dont do that the elderly should be left to natures consequences!
- Adult social care really needs funding now no money is left to help these people.
- [redacted] no help with comm charge do get a small help with rent but so worried about these increases [redacted].
- Read above.
- I was very surprised at the huge amount to be spent on vulnerable adults. How does this compare with other councils?
- Self explanatory, [redacted]
- Investment in adult social care is already adequate, but poorly managed
- You promised to reduce the council tax bill, you liars.
- I do not feel I am well enough informed on what 'adult social care' covers and why it would require the additional element of funding as opposed to seeking better efficiency within the current structure of the council and its departments . The council can exercise change & not just increase fees to every user f
- Adult care should be funded by Central government
- As above, better organisation of the money you already have should be your priority not asking for more money.
- These sponges should have taken responsibility for their needs sooner and not rely on people like me who planned for the future.
- See previous comment
- Adult Social Care - are you having a laugh! People can't get hold of a doctor in a timely fashion let alone anything else - false pretences as with everything else, money will be paid but it won't go where it's needed!
- As already stated this should come from central government and money generated locally should then be used for road repairs and services
- Using the maximum permitted increase every year shifts responsibility from national government onto local residents, regardless of their ability to pay
- Absolute waste of money. They need to sort themselves out as do nothing and their waste is worse than council.
- I disagree with increasing Council Tax by a further 2% through the Adult Social Care precept. While Adult Social Care is clearly important, the council has not demonstrated good management of the funds it already receives. Residents are repeatedly asked to pay more, yet there is little transparency or evidence showing that previous increases

<p>have led to improved outcomes or more efficient services. Without clear accountability, robust financial oversight, and visible improvements in service delivery, further increases risk placing additional strain on households without guaranteeing better care for those who need it most. Many residents are already under significant financial pressure, and asking them to contribute more without restoring confidence in how funds are managed is unfair. Before considering any additional precept, the council should first show better use of existing budgets, publish clear breakdowns of spending, and demonstrate measurable improvements in Adult Social Care outcomes. Only then can residents reasonably be asked to consider contributing more.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People should take more responsibility for their own lives</li> <li>• Older people already get an increased level of public funding across the board compared to younger people. They hold the majority of assets and wealth in this country and should be taxed directly to pay for their own care. If this isn't done the pension/welfare system will likely collapse before the current working population are old enough to benefit from it.</li> <li>• I think if we sort out "management" and stop wasting money and stick to a budget as the people of this area have to</li> <li>• This should be funded by the government</li> </ul>
<p><b>Don't know</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
<p><b>Not answered if agreed/disagreed etc but still made comment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rtert</li> <li>• See previous comment</li> </ul>

**Q. If you feel this proposal would have a negative impact, please tell us what you think that impact would be, along with any suggestions on how any potential negative impacts could be reduced or avoided?**

There were 76 responses to this question.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maybe if the leaders of this council put in a bit of effort with the employees they would understand what we are facing.</li> <li>• Like the government has with mental health, you seemed to have stripped away all of the low level processes that were aimed at stopping catastrophic outcomes from being the norm, to being left with having to react to and deal with more complex and desperate situations that could for the majority have been avoided.</li> <li>• It is putting me into poverty</li> <li>• As above.</li> <li>• As above taking money from those that can ill afford it. My council tax will be greater than my mortgage was.</li> <li>• This plus the 2.99 exceeds my state pension increase !!!!!</li> <li>• Think efficiencies within teams need to be looked at including the use of interim/consultancy staff before asking people who are definitely mostly not receiving such high wages to cough up more. Also looking at the use of vacant buildings/overgrown land for revenue generation more swiftly.</li> <li>• While the money is needed building more houses which adds to council tax revenue isn't a justification instead it add revenue an increases the demand. The best way would be to grow the business rates which in turn increase the employment by reducing business rates and get the units in the town full and footfall on the highstreet</li> <li>• See above!</li> <li>• Communications around how this is being spent should be robust and come with appropriate commissioning, brokerage and contract management to ensure that uplifts are being targeted where needed and not contributing to increased excessive profits for providers</li> </ul>
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- I feel the community will act negativity towards it however benefits/child cap has been lifted, so can afford the small increase, i do feel the video needs to be shared on social media to explain where money goes
- More efficient systems, closer partnerships with other agencies and volunteer organisations
- Further financial crisis and the knock on effect that follows that such as food poverty and debt
- Savings should be found through efficiency savings and through supporting the families of these people to help care for them where possible and by helping these people find suitable employment, again where suitable. This may sound callous however no one is supporting me through this cost of living crisis which impacts my ability to provide for my loved ones and we the Working class tax payers cannot be expected to continue to bail out Councils and Government indefinitely.
- Need to become more efficient
- People just cannot afford these year on year compounded % rises that provide little benefit to the majority
- No negative effect.
- See above
- Times are hard enough without being gouged for more money
- Do not raise council tax this year as everyone is struggling to pay their mortgages etc
- People are struggling with the cost of living rises. An extra 2% is not fair. The local council should find savings in their day to day running to fund adult social care.
- I have been an unpaid carer for 18 years, it would be cheaper to support families - a grant to build or adapt an house.
- People who pay worse off for financial mismanagement of social care
- Again, meet with people who disagree. Invite discourse with those who raise it.
- Said it all before with my previous comments .
- This is a significant cost at a time of significant pressures and I don't think the council has justified this. It feels as if they have defaulted to the highest possible increase.
- As above We cant afford it Squeezing people to the point they are having to use food banks
- Less money in my Pocket to spend on my needs .
- Nothing will change.
- A general tax is unfair for those who will never use the service. It would be like taxing everyone for cheap nursery provision.
- Again a lot of people are on a tight budget and wages are not going up in line with inflation so the increase would cause a lot of people who are just managing budget over the top causing hardship.
- People don't have funds and are struggling. Has most have been forced to go o to universal credit the money is less then they would of been on 20 years ago.
- See above
- Always seem to throw money at Social Services with few checks - there needs to be an improvement in service essentials and a reduction in what the groups I represent call luxuries. It is annoying to see those getting assistance than those that are not entitled.
- Very expensive and considerate amount of the household outgoings.
- N/a
- etrtre
- Families parents actually bringing their kids up properly
- As above
- The negative impact would clearly be a well above inflation increase of the rates bill. My suggestion is to apply the concept of living within your means for this budget.
- It just increases inflationary pressure when what is needed is the oppoosite
- More money encourages more waste

- I've noticed that increasing number of people that potentially rely on the financial/housing support in the NNC putting the council under more pressure - I believe there is an educational imbalance
- See above
- Yes the more money you rob from the hard working tax payer the more you will want in the future,
- Will be struggling
- Enough is enough ! We are looking at almost £200 a month in council tax now! That's double what it was when I moved here 2014! I am grateful that the Riverside Lakes at Rushden were built ! But it is detriment to local community and other shops ( including Rushden high street) the big names are at The Lakes but we need butchers, bakers and food suppliers as well. I don't want to be forced to go to The Lakes - I do shop at [redacted] for food and we have 2 of those in Rushden as it's got so big with new homes! We need a plethora of services not expensive shops, and the Lakes needs another entrance to the leisure side as you can't get to the cinema without long queues – [redacted] so need to either drive or be taken - it takes 30 minutes sometimes 45 minutes to get parked and at times we have missed the beginning of a film or restraint reservation because of the way the access on to this area. It's become it's own monster as draws everyone from Kettering ( wherever used to go to the cinema) to the Lakes as jetting Odeon has closed or trying to close its doors !
- It's difficult to o accept increases in council tax when there are inefficiencies in public services Cutting services is negative. Councils need to show where poor management has been and what has been done to resolve it
- n/a
- Yes, it is my 2nd highest monthly bill.
- The level of Council tax needs to be reflected in a higher level of public services not a lower level.
- No negative impact
- As above.
- Throwing good money after bad at the problem will not solve the problem.
- N/A
- More costs , state taking an ever increasing % of income from hard working individuals
- To see our loved ones looked after by good quality care staff would generally be a positive thing.
- Making life very difficult with all the increases
- The money could be used elsewhere
- You lied, reducing trust in local democracy. You should resign in shame.
- as noted previously. - look inside the current council structure, reduce wasted spending and balance the increased tax with lower cost base Do not simply apply the maximum burden on each household
- As above. You have already outsourced most of the care in the community to local churches and charities.
- Lots of people are not aware hoe much is put into both Adult social care and childrens services i think there needs to be more information provided to ensure people understand what their money contributes to
- I need my money to live
- more money down the drain with nothing gained by residents
- As per my previous comments. Make some hard decisions, do people that keep having children and then having them taken away really deserve supervised visits and is this best for the child. Can you recover some of the cost from these people to pay for the visits?
- Again it's taking money from people who will be seeing little or no return got there council tax

- That's not for me to figure out. As you take my money it's you need to find the savings. I'm sure there is some people paid a lot why don't you start there maybe they shouldn't get a pay rise. Or go after the ones who lost the money to a bogus builder who costed everyone greatly. And road repairs supposedly you are going to invest to repair why don't you get rid of the middle man and build a road work team and hire yourselves out. Options are endless but in the mean time quick fix will be applied and I will have to pay for it
- As above
- N/A
- Charging more won't fix what is fundamentally wrong in council. Throwing good money after bad.
- The only negative is if the funds are not allocated properly The benefits or case studies need to be publicised so that people can have confidence in the system At the moment it seems to disappear into a black hole
- yes
- I believe this proposal would have a negative impact on residents by increasing financial pressure at a time when many households are already struggling with rising living costs. Another Council Tax rise, even if ring-fenced for Adult Social Care, risks adding stress and hardship without first addressing concerns about how existing funds are managed. 🗣️ The impact would also be a further loss of trust in the council, as residents are repeatedly asked to contribute more while there is limited transparency or evidence that previous funding increases have been used efficiently or have delivered clear improvements in Adult Social Care services.  
To reduce or avoid these negative impacts, the council should:
  - ~ Demonstrate stronger financial management and accountability for current Adult Social Care spending.
  - ~ Provide clear, accessible breakdowns showing where money is spent and what outcomes have been achieved.
  - ~ Improve efficiency and reduce waste before seeking additional funding from residents.
  - ~ Explore alternative funding options, including government grants and service reform, before increasing Council Tax.
 Any future increase should only be considered once residents can see clear evidence of good management and improved outcomes, helping rebuild confidence that additional contributions would genuinely make a difference.
- I suggest a direct tax/precept on older people (baby boomers) who have significant assets and pensions to offset the cost of their oversized generations care needs.
- This is more tax on pensioners

## **Draft Capital Programme 2026-2030**

The Capital Programme and its appendix includes all capital expenditure and income, including the acquisition, replacement and enhancement of assets financed from government grants, external contributions, revenue contributions, capital receipts and borrowing.

It sets out the key objectives and broad principles to be applied by the Council when considering capital investment and its funding, and provides the context for how the Medium-Term Capital Programme seeks to support the realisation of the Council's vision and corporate priorities.

The Capital Programme has been developed to ensure a robust mechanism to deliver our priorities within the finances available.

For further information please see the [Draft Budget 2026/27, Medium-Term Financial Plan and Capital Programme 2026 to 2030](#) report and [Appendix A](#)

If you would like further details about any of the schemes please contact us at [YourVoiceMatters@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:YourVoiceMatters@northnorthants.gov.uk)

**Q. If you have any comments you would like us to know on these schemes, please tell us here:**

There were 30 responses to this question.

Name of scheme(s):	Comment:
	There are no plans published so no way of knowing whether the capital plan is necessary, the correct options have been chosen, or any cost benefit.
	<p>I support protecting essential services, particularly adult social care and children’s services. However, I have serious concerns about highways maintenance and [redacted] performance.</p> <p>Many roads are being patched superficially, with only a few potholes repaired while dozens remain untreated. The “minimum depth” policy (repairing only potholes over two inches) is unsustainable. Multiple shallow potholes collectively degrade roads and reduce safety.</p> <p>I urge the Council to review [redacted] performance urgently, introduce stronger accountability measures, and prioritise comprehensive, long-lasting repairs rather than short-term patches. Residents should see visible improvements if Council Tax increases and highways investment are justified.</p> <p>I also raise concerns about waste collection and littering, particularly where parked vehicles prevent scheduled cleansing. More regular inspections, enforcement, and preventative measures are needed.</p> <p>Finally, the proposed garden waste charge of £62 risks discouraging participation and may increase fly-tipping if not carefully managed.</p>
<b>General Fund</b>	How can you propose to run a surplus from 2026/27 on the back of continual tax increases (which you ran on abolishing) yet continue to pay 17.5% pension contributions. You are a bunch of lying [expletive].
<b>Shared Prosperity Fund</b>	Is this not factored into the budget? I understand we have been allocated a lot via the above scheme and it says a lot for our plans to increase economic prosperity in the Unitary.
	Programs are mainly literary rhetoric devised by committees and team's that attempt to appease financial proposals without delivering tangible meaningful outcomes
	N/C
<b>Garden waste</b>	Do a scheme for 6 mths of the year for half the price of the yearly one. As some of only uses it to cut the grass from April to September then the bin is sitting empty
<b>infrastructure repairs and maintainance</b>	<p>I would like toknow under the freedom of information act how much money is recovered from insurance in the annual budget where NNUA is repairing infrastructure damaged/destroyed by motor cars/lorries etc.</p> <p>Particularly in my [redacted] where the highway iron fence is replaced/repared following Vehicle collisions several times each year. Does anyone pursue a claim against the motorists.The area is always littered with debris which used to get cleared up following each incident but is now just left...similar to the entrances/exits from roundabouts in our area where collisions are regular. Is there any enforcement/follow up.</p>

	Communities need to pull together and do there bit to help, stop the nanny state.
	Fix the roads, keep the car parks free in Wellingborough
	Id like to access the data on assets income and expenditure
	Offering links to in depth proposal documents might suit you as it is your job and therefore you need that level of information. I am a member of the public and just want an overview of what is happening with the option to delve deeper if something is of interest and relevant to my needs. Hiding things behind a wall of bureaucracy is not helpful or informative. In fact, it creates an atmosphere of mistrust because you get the impression that something is being deliberately hidden?
<b>Council house repairs</b>	When the Council fit solar panels, do the Council collect the revenue from the feed in payments?
	The Social Contract in this country is broken. Why should we pay our Council Tax our roads are dangerous due to non maintenance , our paths are dangerous and a trip hazard . Our parks and green spaces and verges are not weeded or mown etc etc.
<b>bcvvcbcv</b>	vcbcvb
<b>Leisure</b>	No information on investment into ageing sport and leisure stock which will continue to age and remedial or replacement costs will increase unless some money is spent on them. Are 2 Council offices in Kettering necessary, why not close the old one which surely isn't fit for purpose anymore. Have we any assets to sell or seek value from eg old Middle School site in Kings Cliffe to bring some money in
	Blocked from accessing the documents above.....!
<b>Capital Investment Programme - Highways &amp; Transportation &amp; Infrastructure</b>	<p>Are you able to tell me if as part of the £135 million to maintain and improve highways, are there any plans to resurface the Headlands in Kettering?</p> <p>I'd also like to understand how often the Council commits to resurfacing roads as part of routine maintenance. Eg. every 5 or 10 years all roads within Kettering will be resurfaced. Are there such plans currently or will there be anything like this considered going forward?</p> <p>The current patching/repair process is not effective as it takes too long between the time of the initial report to the pothole actually being repaired (often taking around 6 months). The roads are usually in an awful state shortly after been reported often within a matter of weeks, especially during winter, so by the time they get repaired they have become huge craters, especially all along Headlands in Kettering. It would be more effective to have a proper road maintenance plan to ensure roads aren't allowed to deteriorate to this state in the first place such that they require constant patching.</p> <p>We essentially need a proper road resurfacing budget/project, not just a repairs fund, as the roads are too far gone. If we had kept up on road repairs in previous years this may not have happened, but we are now paying the price for years of under investment in Kettering roads.</p> <p>Please sort it out and commit to a road resurfacing plan going forward, ideally to be started this financial year (26/27) and running throughout the next 4 years.</p>
<b>All.</b>	Stop wasting tax payers money budget better
<b>Send</b>	Stop all fuding on Send its a con and parents are using it as an excuse for poor parenting and not giving their children a healthy start in life! Also stop an schemes where it is not grant funded from government and fequieres any General fund financing.

	<p>This Scheme is due for completion in 2026 no mention of reopening whereas there is with the Art Gallery.</p> <p>Only one mention of the Museum and I cannot see any funding for the preservation and protection of Kettering Important History and Artifacts</p>
<b>Kettering Library</b>	
<b>All</b>	'ensure a robust mechanism' these are just words. What are the details?
<b>Housing and built environment</b>	<p>Councils need to provide housing for those on lower income. The private market can only provide it at a cost that gives them a huge profit. The history of council housing shows and demonstrate that it works. Councils much smaller in population than NNC have architect departments to help provide good value, low maintenance buildings. The private sector cannot do that especially if the work is outsourced to those who are not architect and/or not based locally.</p> <p>Hope there is provision for the Rushden/Wellingborough areas - all funds seem to lead to Corby!</p>
<b>All of them.</b>	You promised reduced cost of living, none of these deliver that. Resign.
<b>Kettering libray</b>	Under no circumstances should money be spent in renaming the library total waste of time and money
<b>Solar</b>	Allow homes to have solar panels for free & take the extra produced to cover the cost
	you need to clear the drains, sort out the sorry state of the local roads, provide bins and actually empty them on a regular basis and stop relying on volunteers to clean the place up! Stop wasting money on re-organising waste removal and recycling - it's embarrassing!
<b>Road repair</b>	What are the plans to repair so key roads in and around corby
<b>N/A</b>	N/A

## Other comments

The budget report sets out the latest estimated funding position, service budget pressures, key financial risks and challenges influencing the development of North Northamptonshire Council’s financial plans for 2026/2027 and the ongoing financial impact of those plans, together with the medium term estimates of funding and spending requirements.

This questionnaire focusses on the key new proposals for the draft budget 2026/2027 that will likely affect residents. However, you can comment on anything within the Draft Budget.

You can view the suite of [budget papers](#) on our website.

**Q. If you have any other comments you would like to make about the proposals in this draft budget that you have not already told us, including any alternative ideas about how we could save the same amount of money or generate the same amount of income as outlined in the proposals, then please tell us here:**

There were 47 responses to this question.

Name of proposal(s):	Comment:
<b>Household waste collection</b>	Household waste deposit stations at strategic locations along residential streets which residents would use to deposit recyclable and non-recyclable waste. Waste collection would then become more efficient, more economical and speedier. In other European countries street refuse bins are emptied mechanically without the need for manual intervention.
<b>High Growth enterprises</b>	These have increased significantly in North Northants in just the last year (has risen from 35 to 50 from 2023/24) which in terms of creating jobs and attracting investors to boost GVA I see as a really important measure to take note of and make a focal point.
<b>[name shared]</b>	I would like to see some funds going to [redacted]. To ease the disastrous flooding the people of Kettering face every summer. Nobody should have to live like this!
	Little point in making detailed comment, as like last year comments will be ignored and the councils budget implemented. This process appears to only exist in order to try and give the impression that the council seeks to care about its constituents rather than satisfying its own well being
	N/C
<b>All</b>	Do NNUA Councillors speak with Officers and ask directly for investigations into their constituents queries.....particularly from voluntary or unpaid Parish Councillors who feel completely ignored.
<b>Save £</b>	Please consider reducing costs if parish and town councils and reinvesting the same funds back for central allocation.
	Why are no other options being considered to raise revenue? It seems like a 'take more in tax' is the first and easiest route. But is it A) The fairest and B) the most sustainable long term and C) The only option given the vast amount of assets the council own in property?
<b>Waste</b>	It's really disappointing to see the Garden Waste cost going up by over 20% - this was never communicated previously and is unfair on residents. I would like to see this reconsidered. I would also like to see a reduction in council tax support - 25% is very high.

	The council has not managed its contractors well - street lighting and road fixing is very poorly managed, these services are not being delivered effectively.
	You should consider selling off assets (eg allotments) at a suitable long payment plan with necessary safeguards. Also use more volunteers.
	Ensure that all those using the brown bin collection service have paid before providing the service as currently this is not being done. concentrate on statutory services and reduce or stop providing non essential services.
<b>Transparency</b>	Council has always over spent. We had a community should have more say on any spending. Still old boys club still friends of council benefits with big contractors.
	Why bother you never listen to the people paying your wages or your gold plated pensions. You are politicians or public servants (that's a misnomer) so are not respected or even liked any more in this country .
	Whilst I agree that waste and duplication should be eradicated, it seems that many costs that are the responsibility of NNC are being pushed onto Parishes to pay. This is effectively Double Taxation as these costs should be borne by NNC and are already included in the Rates but you are expecting Parishes to tax the community again through raising the precept. Areas of concern include mowing and maintaining community assets such as Recreation Parks, grass verges etc. These assets are no different to say Road Maintenance etc - is that going to be devolved but without the funding??
<b>Garden waste charge</b>	The proposed increase is significant and unjustified, and will lead to fly tipping increases, which will outweigh any expected financial gain. This level of increase should be reconsidered.
	Disappointed to not have a local spaces for youth or young adults not requiring care or in the care system.
<b>Increase in cost of brown bin, garden waste</b>	I consider the annual charge increase in brown bin collection to be excessive and hope that this is not to account for the proposed addition of food waste collection, which has already been withdrawn from some neighbouring counties. Elderly people, particularly those without transport and many of whom already cannot afford the cost of a brown bin, still expect their gardeners to dispose of their rubbish for a smaller fee. Registered gardeners, sole traders then have to queue at the general tip with everyone else in their own time, dragging their collection of ever increasing ton bags and heaving them single handed into the skip. All of which encourages an increase in fly tipping from non registered. Our brown bin is collected fortnightly but not emptied on 1st January. so I think you will find it is not quite a full year.
<b>Fdgfd</b>	dfgdg bgfff
<b>Town centre</b>	Clean up town centre rid the homeless people they pee everywhere and it's smells
<b>All</b>	It is very difficult to comment on any of the proposals for savings and improvements / transformation because there is so little information to be able to judge. Often large numbers, with assurances that the proposal is realistic, but no real information about what exactly will change, what will be the impact of the change, what actions can be taken to ensure any negative impact is lessened
<b>All.</b>	Stop wasting money we need the bare bones of services schools, basic, housing, basic, adult social care major budget cuts. Wage cuts all NNC employees. [Redacted] contract terminated legal action considered against the company and employees.

<b>Community Culture and Leisure Funding</b>	<p>Welcome the video statements on this but at £12m it is quite a low % of overall budget. Costs of Leisure facilities do increase by more than inflation (again year on year). Yet Leisure services I use (Freedom Leisure) have deteriorated as regards service levels over the last year yet costs up !.</p> <p>Yet inexpensive or affordable leisure services, can holistically reduce costs to UK government overall as regards improved health of residents</p>
<b>Kettering Tourism</b>	<p>North Northants has much important History and we could generate additional funding if we market it for visits and make our Towns more user friendly. Closer liason with VOLUNTARY Groups would be a good start rather than a large proportion of any funding going on employment.</p>
<b>green bin</b>	<p>i reject the increase in fee, and indeed the fee itself... many Services are funded via CT when no direct usage of the payer, and this should be no different</p>
<b>Mean test</b>	<p>People who can afford it Should contribute to it</p>
	<p>Not sure but hope reform can make a difference.</p>
<b>Northampton Market Square</b>	<p>Poor decision to move the stall holders - plus the time it took to revamp the area and hasn't really encouraged me to return as the car parks around are filthy and expensive ! And confusing ! I went Xmas 2024 to lush to pick up a present in the center - and vowed I wouldn't go back. The whole thing was ultra costly - which I believe was down to pipework and sewage pipes not considered in the revamp ! If the bus station is going to be regenerated ? Don't fall into an expensive trap! Plus parking needs to be looked at to encourage people back to Northampton and not overburden the Lakes at Rushden ( free parking) no doubt you will seize on our free parking and burden us for it as the lakes gives you 5 hours ! Give Northampton 4 or 5 hours free parking if you are a resident ! Get people back to Northampton or Riverside shopping to take the burden off Rushden Lakes! Stop the over development such as [redaction] 450 new houses without properly consulting about the requirements for GP surgeries, dentist and schools. Some of Wellingborough other side of the station is dire need of a rehaul - it seems only shiny new homes being built and burdening is with more cars and people and less services we all end up paying for and then the council tax goes up! Make developers pay the privilege to build in Northampton ! Get Corby and Northampton Central to take up the slack! If anywhere needed HS2 it should have been Corby and not Kettering ! We have just become huge warehouse's linked up by equally big roads! Get the developers of warehouses to build houses that their employees can afford and not 4&amp;5 bed houses on swanky estates ! We are open for business but the right business that wants to be part of community building.</p>
<b>Increase of garden waste collection cost</b>	<p>Ok so there needs to be an increase but it is rather a lot considering most people's bins are empty during the winter months. Go back to not collecting between November and February</p>
<b>Public space maintenance</b>	<p>I believe dedicated funds need to be allocated to tackle litter in the streets and maintenance of public spaces. Some areas lack dedicated bins for dog waste and there are limited bins along paths most frequently attended by younger locals. Litter in the streets leads to increase in anxiety of the locals due to lack of respect to the surrounding spaces. More recognition and powers should be given to local volunteers.</p>

<b>Setting at Architects department</b>	Can support Planning, Housing, Transport and many other departments with professional advice that cannot be obtained from non-architects or from city-based practices with little knowledge of how market towns actually work/operate. As any independent company CANNOT be cost effective as they must make a profit. Local authority departments only need to cover their costs, profits are a useful addition.
<b>Roads and Highways.</b>	One of the biggest problems that residents encounter is the appalling condition of many of our roads. The potholes are causing damage to car wheels and tyres, and the paths in many areas are really in very poor condition. Many of the roads need completely replacing, but obviously this can't be done because you do not have the budget for this. We need to lobby government to do more to fund Councils to repair and maintain roads and paths otherwise they will deteriorate to a condition where they become really dangerous.
<b>Garden waste increased charge</b>	I strongly object to this charge as the government is making removal of garden waste a legal requirement this year. The charge is raised for 12 months, but in reality the bins are not collected in the winter months. This seems to be an easy way of raising money rather than a true charge for a service provided
	There are far too many cowboys working on the Councils behalf, pay cheap pay twice, in the long run it works out more expensive. Lots of office or home based employees are a drain on the Council. Drains are hardly ever cleaned. Houses standing empty for weeks and months, 3 empty near where I live all belonging to Housing Associations, the revenue lost there is great. You say about pot holes but our roads are in an appalling state, that is down to you.
<b>Not visible</b>	I am concerned about the impact on young people and 0.- 16 who have additional needs. I cannot see anything to support and help this group.
	I read them all with disgust.
<b>All of them.</b>	You are pathetic liars.
<b>Garden waste collection.</b>	This is a big increase and will result in more fly tipping. Collections in the winter months are not necessary and wasteful of energy and manpower.
<b>Increased garden waste charge</b>	This is unfair and will increase the amount of flytipping in the area ....you should encourage, not discourage responsible recycling
<b>Highway maintenance</b>	The name is a bit of a joke. Roads in and around Desborough are appalling, often dangerous regularly causing damage to vehicles. The so called 'repairs' often don't last so not good value. The junction of lower st and 'old A6' was a complete waste of money and still not completed. Junction that needed doing left,.You can actually tell when you drive out of this CC area (tends not to be 'pot hole city' NNCC should be ashamed!
<b>SEND</b>	What is the eligibility for SEND funding & transport. What are the numbers of people with funding now, what is the anticipated increase for next year? Has any criteria for acceptance been reviewed or changed? If so, how? We can't pay for everything— are just the most eligible being funded? Or can anyone with ADHD receive support? What is the cut off?

<b>Green waste</b>	I think to charge for the green waste collection is an absolute disgrace, is the plan to start charging for recycling going to be next, and the proposal for 2026/27 to £60+ is not acceptable for 6 month worth of bi weekly collections this was a free service introduced by yourselves and now you are charging it should be included in the council tax
<b>Green bin increase</b>	Extortionate amount of money for a service that used to be free. Surely the council tax we are paying is paying for the bin collection service? Throughout the winter months the majority of people don't need their green bin emptied so paying £62 just for the summer months. I will not be renewing my subscription.
	You need to consider online services as capital spending. Refurbishment of the town is a great thing to say and do but in reality more and more people are going out of business or going online. You need to engage with some creative minds to see how you could spend this money supporting these businesses online and generating revenue from it. For example, can the council offer paid services, introduce b2b and b2c. Build software that can make money and support the residents. Create revenue providing partnerships with reputable companies for things like Will writing and Powers of Attorney.
	The current administration are doing a great job. I like your new corporate plan also
	I feel there are too many local government staff who are overpaid with excessive pension schemes
<b>General comments</b>	I am keen to understand the level of investment into repairing roads. I would like to know what plans there are to explore private investment into regenerated land such as the old steel works, with recreational and retail opportunities, rather than additional warehouses. Warehouses remain empty all over Corby, and with the ever increasing population there is a bigger need for entertainment to support young kids and adults, which would in turn help with mental illness. Why are agreeing to build more warehouses that remain unused for years. What are the plans to increase doctor surgeries in or around the priors hall estates? Lakeside is overwhelmed. It very much appears that tax payers do not really matter but only the vulnerable. If we are expected to agree to these rises, than as hard worker in citizens, expected to support those in, we should see a return in the things that matter to us and support the growth of Corby in general
<b>General</b>	I think that the council should ensure that disabled adults who are cared for at home by their parents have provision made for them in terms of recognition in the council e.g. staff from across the council being aware of disabled people and how to support them e.g. disability awareness training, meaning of the Sunflower lanyard etc. I also think that when the council works with partner agencies e.g. police, fire, NHS etc, it should ensure that disabled people are considered and that their voices are heard too.

## Demographics

**Q. Are you responding to this questionnaire as an individual or on behalf of an organisation/community group?** Please tick (✓) relevant answer

There were 259 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
As an individual	255	98.4%
On behalf of an organisation/community group	4	1.6%

### Organisation/community group respondents

**Q. If you're replying on behalf of an organisation or community group please tell us the name of your organisation and your job title/role:**

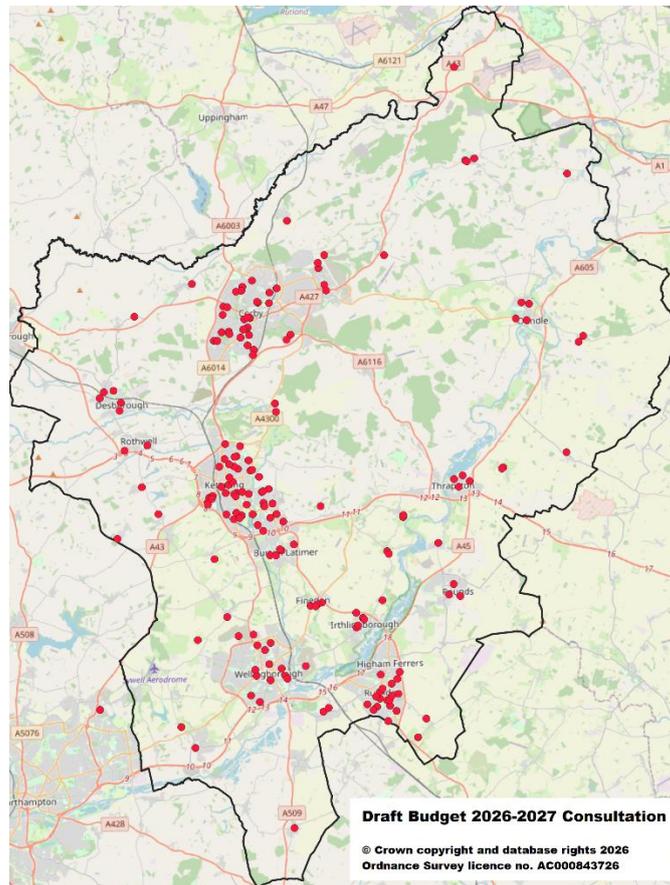
Rushton Parish Council [redacted]  
Public Services Retired Members [redacted]

### Individual respondents

**Q. What is your postcode?**

By providing us with your postcode, you are consenting for us to use this information to understand where respondents live. If you do not consent to us using this information in this way, please do not provide your postcode.

There were 185 valid postcodes provided within North Northamptonshire, and 19 incomplete.



## About this consultation

**Q. How did you find out about this consultation?** Please tick (✓) all that apply  
 There were 245 responses to this question.

	<b>Response number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
As a member of the North Northamptonshire Residents' Panel	30	12.2%
As a member of the North Northamptonshire Consultation Register	23	9.4%
From an email alert from my local council	69	28.2%
From a Council contact, as I am service user	1	0.4%
From a voluntary sector organisation providing me with support or advice	2	0.8%
From the North Northamptonshire Council website	26	10.6%
On social media	42	17.1%
My local Councillor	15	6.1%
My local MP	1	0.4%
The Leader's update (Local Link)	8	3.3%
From the local media (newspaper or radio)	5	2.0%
Word of mouth through family or friend	10	4.1%
Internal: I am a North Northamptonshire Council employee	18	7.3%
Other	15	6.1%

Other:

- Parish council
- Google
- Pop up on smart phone
- Not sure exactly how i heard
- Briefing from our Parish Clerk
- sdfsd
- I work for local government and have done for over 25 years, have been a section 151 officer and am well aware of the fact every council already has enough funding and they just waste it. Stop asking for more all the time and ask your Directors to stop wasting it and actually work together no look after their own interests!
- I'm a councillor
- No idea - it was an email
- Heard nothing anywhere, had to go hunting on Google knowing there is an increase likely again
- By chance

## The next steps

Once the consultation period closes on 23 January 2026, we will analyse the results and then final budget proposals will be developed before going back to the North Northamptonshire Council Full Council meeting on 19 February 2026.

Your feedback on this consultation is really important to us. All consultation feedback will be analysed and considered and will help inform Councillors of residents' and stakeholders' views when making a final decision on the budget for 2026/2027.

This meeting is held in public and anyone wishing to speak at the meeting must contact [democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk) once the agenda is issued on the Council's **11 February 2026**. Details of how the public can address the meeting will be given on the agenda.

## Equality monitoring

If you are responding as an individual and not as an organisation, we would like to invite you to now complete our [equality monitoring form](#).

The information you provide is anonymous and kept separate from any other personal information you have provided in the consultation questionnaire. The council will be unable to identify you as an individual.

Further details are provided within the equality monitoring form.

We appreciate your help to improve our services.

## **Equality monitoring**

Thank you for agreeing to complete our equality monitoring questions.

It is necessary to process this information to evidence how we meet our engagement obligations within the public sector equality duty, under the Equality Act 2010.

The purpose of asking for equality monitoring information is to check that our consultation and engagement activities have reached an audience that reflects our community, and to ensure that everybody has an opportunity to be heard.

The questions we have asked are based around the nine protected groups, afforded protection under the Equality Act 2010. These are referred to as protected characteristics or groups and are as follows:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Re-assignment
- Marriage and Civil Partnerships
- Pregnancy and Maternity
- Race
- Religion or Belief
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

The information you provide is anonymous and kept separate from any other personal information you have provided in the consultation questionnaire. The council will be unable to identify you as an individual.

This data is only used for the purposes specified below. The results are analysed and compared to known baseline data to help:

- Provide evidence for equality impact assessments.
- Demonstrate that the council is fulfilling its legal duties to prevent discrimination, advance the equality of opportunity and to foster good relations.
- Monitor where the service may not be meeting people's needs.
- Improve the consultation and engagement service.
- Inform and shape future service planning.

The anonymised data is shared with and published by the Equality Team in the annual duty report, as required under the public sector equality duty.

The details you provide on the 'Equality Monitoring Form' is special category data and will be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR.

Further details about how we process equality data can be found in our Equalities Privacy Notice and our Consultation and Engagement Privacy Notice. For information about how

consultation and engagement responses are managed, please see the [consultation and engagement privacy notice](#).

The form should take you less than 5 minutes to complete.

There are 'prefer not to say' options for questions you do not wish to answer.

We appreciate your help to improve our services.

**Q. How would you define your sex:** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box  
There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Female	2	25.0%
Male	6	75.0%
Non-binary	0	0.0%
Self define (please state below)	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

Self define (please state):

[No comments were received]

**Q. Is the gender you identify with the same as you were assigned at birth?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box  
There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Yes	8	100.0%
No	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

**Q. How would you describe your marital status?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box  
There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Single (never married)	1	12.5%
Married	4	50.0%
Civil Partnership	0	0.0%
Divorced	2	25.0%
Widowed	1	12.5%
Co-habiting	0	0.0%
Separated	0	0.0%

Other (please state below)	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

Other (please state):

*[No comments were received]*

**Q. Which age range are you in?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
16 – 24	0	0.0%
25 – 34	0	0.0%
35 – 49	2	25.0%
50 – 64	1	12.5%
65 – 74	3	37.5%
75 – 84	1	12.5%
85+	1	12.5%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

**Q. How would you describe your ethnicity?** (Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Asian British	0	0.0%
Indian	0	0.0%
Bangladeshi	0	0.0%
Pakistani	0	0.0%
Chinese	0	0.0%
Other Asian background (please state below)	0	0.0%
Black British	0	0.0%
Black African	0	0.0%
Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
Other Black background (please state below)	0	0.0%
White/Black African	0	0.0%
White/Black Caribbean	0	0.0%
White/Asian	0	0.0%
Other Multiple ethnic background (please state below)	0	0.0%
White British	7	87.5%
White Gypsy/Irish Traveller	0	0.0%
White Irish	0	0.0%
Other White (please state below)	1	12.5%
Arab	0	0.0%
Other ethnic group (please state below)	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

Other (please state):

White English

**Q. Do you have a disability?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Yes	3	37.5%
No	5	62.5%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

**Q. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a physical or mental impairment which has lasted, or is expected to last more than 12 months?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Yes, limited a little	0	0.0%
Yes, limited a lot	2	25.0%
No	6	75.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

**Q. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	Response number	Percentage (%)
Heterosexual (Straight)	7	87.5%
Gay	1	12.5%
Lesbian	0	0.0%
Bisexual	0	0.0%
Not sure	0	0.0%
Self define (please state below)	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

Self define (please state below)

*[No comments were received]*

**Q. How would you define your Religion or Belief?** Please tick (✓) the appropriate box

There were 8 responses to this question.

	<b>Response number</b>	<b>Percentage (%)</b>
Buddhist	0	0.0%
Christian	2	25.0%
Hindu	0	0.0%
Jewish	0	0.0%
Muslim	0	0.0%
Sikh	0	0.0%
No Religion	6	75.0%
Other (please state below)	0	0.0%
Prefer not to say	0	0.0%

Other (please state):

*[No comments were received]*

## **Appendix 2: Other responses**

### **Feedback received via letters / emails**

There were 6 written responses received.

#### **RESPONSE 1**

To whom it may concern,

How dare you sit there in that 50m+ white elephant called the 'Cube' and tell Corby residents that our garden waste Licence will rise by £12 to £62 for all users of this service in '26! This represents a 22% increase and cannot be justified under any circumstances. There is only so much money you can 'rinse' us for. What's next? The small green food waste bins being taxed, or the recyclable or landfill waste bins? You really do need to start looking inhouse at your excessive vehicle fleet numbers and your grossly over staffed maintenance departments, oh! Dear unions would oppose cut backs no doubt. Your looking for 4.99% increase on top of this for our overall council tax, once again, more for less, it really is getting to be a joke, but no, it's not funny, not funny at all. Please ensure that this email is passed to the appropriate overpaid 'director of' as believe me, the people of this good Borough are Sick of being ripped off by local and central government so called officials, on fat cat salaries.

#### **RESPONSE 2**

I agree entirely with the budget being set at 4.99%, anything less would be disastrous long term. I SPEAK FROM 39 YEARS EXPERIENCE.

#### **RESPONSE 3**

Pot holes all over the county

#### **RESPONSE 4**

[Redacted]

Dear sir,

I have read this information.

I feel very strongly about the fact that only those from D banding and upwards have to pay extra for the council tax.

I don't know what makes you think that just because we have a D banding or E banding house that we have more income than those on A B or C which I'm sure is not the case in many cases.

[redacted] what makes you think that we can afford the increase as opposed to others We only have our bins emptied the same as everyone else [Redacted]

The money is spent on Kettering library roof is a total waste of money and could've been better spent You should lower the cost of business rates for small businesses because Kettering is becoming a ghost town.

All we do is try and survive.

I may have misunderstood, however I feel that it's very unfair. You should increase the council tax to all not just a few.

Putting up the waste to £62 a week would encourage people to just dump their waste on other peoples land.

We are being penalised just because of the banding that we are in as opposed to the services we are receiving which in my opinion is very poor.

Just because we live in a D banding house, it doesn't make us less vulnerable [redacted] than those that live in A B or C.

Spread the increase across the board.

I can see no improvement in [redacted] at all and doubtful for any money will be spent here.

I know of people that live in AB C banding Homes and they're more well off than we are, so where is the fairness?  
 When I look into this a bit further, and I find that reform have supported this increase to only a certain few, tax '2 teir council tax '. I will be reconsidering voting for reform again  
 [Redacted]

**RESPONSE 5**

To whom it may concern,  
 It's all very well flooding us with how you will be spending our money but clearly something is seriously wrong when council staff receive annual salary/pension increases (some inflation busting) and the service we receive has never been as bad as it is now.  
 I would like to know when we can see substantial improvements in roads around Desborough. Only last night a reported 15 vehicles suffered damage as a result of potholes on the A6 – I hope they sue you lot for dereliction of duty and gross incompetence.....how can you lot live with yourselves knowing the infrastructure around the area is in such bad shape, using cars will become impossible and this is just the tip of the iceberg.  
 The way the area is disintegrating, lives are now on the line....you will be accountable for every loss of life due to your collective negligence.  
 Fed up Council Tax payer  
 [Redacted]

**RESPONSE 6**

Hi please find below [Redacted] response to NNCs budget consultation and updated post financial settlement Formal Consultation Position budget 2026-2027  
 Post-Financial Settlement General Fund Draft Budget Update 2026–27 to 2029–30 North Northamptonshire Council Submitted Position  
 This submission constitutes a formal consultation response including to the Post-Financial Settlement General Fund Draft Budget Update 2026–27 to 2029–30. It is made in response to the consultation period concluding on 23 January 2026 and considers the updated financial assumptions following the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement announced in December 2025.  
**Summary Position**  
 The improvement in funding assumptions is acknowledged and welcomed. However, the draft budget update does not yet demonstrate a sustainable long-term financial position for the Council.  
 While the revised figures reduce the projected medium-term funding gap, they do not resolve the structural imbalance between demand-led pressures, funding certainty, and affordability for residents. Significant financial risk remains deferred into later years of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.  
**Key Observation**  
**Medium-Term Sustainability**  
 Despite an improved settlement, the Council continues to project a £27.523m cumulative funding gap by 2029–30. This indicates that financial risk has been deferred rather than eliminated, with future savings requirements not yet identified or consulted upon.  
 Throughout the documents, the words full cost recovery raises its head time and again, this in relation to delivery of fees and charges and services provided by the council, full clarity is sought on a full cost recovery plan and any concessions that will be in place. NNC has made it clear on many occasions that why should residents pay for a service they don't use, the green waste bins are a good example of this, however the Council has also said that the cost of providing the service is not being met fully. So full clarity is needed on what services, fees and charges will be put forward for full cost recovery.  
**Reliance on Council Tax**  
 The draft budget confirms that approximately 75% of Core Spending Power growth over the settlement period is derived from council tax increases. This level of dependency raises concerns regarding affordability, equity, and long-term resilience, particularly if council tax flexibility is constrained in future years.

#### Business Rates Risk

The report identifies risks associated with Business Rates rebasing and national funding reform. However, the consultation documentation does not sufficiently set out how these risks will be mitigated or managed, particularly given North Northamptonshire's growth profile.

#### Use of Reserves and Grant Consolidation

Short-term measures including reduced use of reserves, grant consolidation, and increased corporate contingency are noted. These measures may support short-term balance but do not constitute a long-term financial strategy, nor do they explain how recurring expenditure will be funded sustainably.

#### Equality and Community Impact

While the report states there are no direct impacts, the scale of the remaining funding gap suggests future service-level decisions are likely. Earlier consideration of equality and community impacts associated with deferred savings would strengthen transparency and public confidence.

#### Ringfenced Funding

Increases in Dedicated Schools Grant and Public Health Grant funding are welcomed but are ringfenced and do not reduce pressure on the General Fund. The consultation should clearly distinguish between ringfenced improvements and discretionary funding pressures.

#### Formal Consultation Requests

This consultation response formally requests that, prior to final budget approval, the Council:

1. Provides greater clarity on how the remaining medium-term funding gap will be addressed
2. Sets out indicative options for future savings or income generation
3. Explains how reliance on council tax increases will be reduced over time
4. Clarifies mitigation strategies for Business Rates reform risk
5. Integrates equality and community impact considerations earlier in the budget process
6. Clarity and transparency on increases in full cost recovery and which fees, services and charges will be subject to increases.

#### Conclusion

The draft budget update reflects a more favourable funding position than previously forecast. However, it does not yet provide sufficient assurance that the Council has a sustainable, transparent, and equitable long-term financial strategy.

This response is submitted to support informed decision-making, continued scrutiny, and meaningful public engagement prior to the setting of the final budget.

Submitted on behalf of:

Name: [Redacted]

Capacity: Resident / Community Representative

Organisation: [Redacted] Neighbourhood Association

Date: 23 January 2026

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