

Budget Consultation 2021/22

Cardiff Council provides a wide range of essential services to the city. Some of these are easy to see – street lighting, road maintenance, waste and recycling collections, schools and libraries. Others are less visible, though vitally important, such as providing care and support to vulnerable people of all ages.

At the beginning of each year, the Council sets out a budget for the next financial year that details how much money we will be able to spend on each of the services that the council provides.

In 2020/21, the Council's budget was £656 million, with the majority of this spent on schools (£254 million) and Social Services (£182 million). Most of the money the Council receives comes through a grant from the Welsh Government (72%), with the remaining 28% coming from Council tax, without which many important services valued by residents would be lost.

The cost of delivering services rises each year. This is driven by increased demand as the city's population grows, from the damaging consequences of poverty and deprivation on people's lives, and from pressures like inflation.

The increasing costs of providing these services and the growing demand pressures leaves the Council facing a budget gap which it has to bridge if services are to be maintained. For 2021/22, the Council must address a budget gap of £16.4 million. This means the council will have to find £16.4m through a combination of efficiency savings and consideration of council tax, in order to protect frontline services while allowing some opportunity to invest in key areas.

The Impact of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on all Council services. In responding to the unprecedented challenge of the pandemic, the Council has worked with our partners to adapt our public services, support local businesses and workers, and to keep all our citizens, particularly our city's most vulnerable citizens, our staff, and our communities safe.

Between April and November 2020 alone, the Council incurred an additional £38m of costs due to significant pressures on some of our services. In addition, the lockdown and continued social distancing measures have seen the Council lose £22 million in income over six-months.

These additional costs include a range of measures to support our communities during Covid-19, for example:

- The purchase of PPE for frontline staff;
- The provision of free school meals to children and IT equipment for children from low-income families to enable them to home-school;
- Providing financial support to Care Homes and Domiciliary Care Providers to help them to continue to operate safely during the pandemic and;

- Supporting community facilities, such as theatres and leisure centres which had to close due to the crisis, so losing income

The full financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis is not yet fully understood, so it remains difficult to predict the course of the pandemic and its impact on services, and on Council finances, over the year ahead.

It is clear that the direct impact of the pandemic will be felt well into the next financial year. It is also clear that the indirect consequences of the health and economic crisis caused by the pandemic will be felt for years to come.

Recovery and Renewal: Priorities for 2021/22

Over the months ahead the Council and its partners must continue to focus on managing the pandemic and doing all we can to keep our citizens and communities safe.

However, as we look towards the spring and summer, and to recovery and renewal, we want to hear where you think we should be placing our focus, and investment, so that we can build a greener, fairer, more prosperous city.

Our priorities will be:

- 1) To lead the **city's economic recovery**, doing all we can to support businesses and workers and delivering our ambitious capital investment programme, including major regeneration projects in Cardiff Bay and the city centre; our circa £280m school investment programme, and our commitment to build 2000 new Council homes.
- 2) **Supporting the people who have been hit hardest by the pandemic** – particularly our youngest, oldest and most vulnerable citizens, and those in our most deprived communities – and the services upon which they rely, including care for vulnerable children and older people; people suffering poor mental health; those who are homeless and rough sleeping.
- 3) Rebuilding the **services that have been closed or severely restricted by the pandemic**, including our programme of major events, cultural and tourist venues, leisure centres, and public transport.
- 4) Continuing to **modernise our services**, building on the transformational use of technology throughout the pandemic.
- 5) Our **One Planet Cardiff** programme, delivering a green recovery for Cardiff, including investments in cycling, walking and public transport; increasing the energy we generate from renewables; increased tree planting, and improving our flood defences.

Our Priorities:

Here we have outlined some of the services the Council delivers that can support the city's economy and our communities as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis:

Your views on where we should prioritise limited resources are very important to us.

Here we have outlined some of the services the Council delivers to support our economy and our communities as we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis. We would like you to rank your top three priorities, dragging each option into the green box on the right, with your highest priority at the top.

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Leading an economic recovery through supporting businesses and workers, and through delivering our major regeneration schemes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investing in our schools and improving educational attainment, and supporting children and young people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tackling the city's housing crisis by building 2000 new Council houses, and delivering our new homelessness model to end rough sleeping.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebuilding Cardiff's cultural scene post-Covid-19 (including arts, theatre, live music, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping our streets and communities clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reducing congestion and air pollution through investing in active and sustainable travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeping our communities safe and tackling anti-social behaviour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supporting vulnerable children and families through our care system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Investing in our parks and open spaces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tackling the climate emergency through delivering our One Planet Cardiff strategy

Helping older people live in their own homes for as long as possible

Please tell us why your highest priority is important to you

Our Priorities:

We would also like you to tell us your lowest ranked priority. Just click and drag into the green box on the right.

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Investing in our schools and improving educational attainment, and supporting children and young people.

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Keeping our streets and communities clean

Reducing congestion and air pollution through investing in active and sustainable travel

Keeping our communities safe and tackling anti-social behaviour

Supporting vulnerable children and families through our care system

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Please tell us why your lowest priority is least important to you

Do you have any other comments?

About You

Please provide your postcode below to allow us to more accurately pinpoint respondents' views and needs by area:-

What was your age on your last birthday?

Under 16

35-44

65-74

16-24

45-54

75+

25-34

55-64

Prefer not to say

Are you...?

Female

Male

Other

Prefer not to say

Do you identify as Trans?

Yes

No

Prefer to self-describe

Prefer not to say

Do any children live in your household?

No children

Yes, under 5 years old (pre-school)

Yes, aged 5 - 11 (primary school)

Yes, aged 11 - 16 (secondary school)

Yes, aged 16 - 18 in full-time education, or working

Yes, aged 16 - 18 but not in full time education or working

Which of the following best describes what you are doing at present?

Working full time (30+ hours per week)

On a zero hour contract

Working part time (less than 30 hours per week)

Permanently sick or disabled person

In full time education

Wholly retired from work

On a government training scheme

Looking after home

Unemployed - Registered Job Seeker

Caring for a child or adult

Unemployed - Unregistered but seeking work

Other

Which of the following best describes your housing tenure?

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owned outright | <input type="checkbox"/> Rented from a Housing Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owned with a mortgage | <input type="checkbox"/> Private rented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rented from the Local Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Are you or a member of your household:

- | | You | A member of your household |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Currently serving in the armed forces | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An armed forces service leaver (veteran) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you identify as a disabled person?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

Please tick any of the following that apply to you:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf/ Deafened/ Hard of hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility impairment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, diabetes, or asthma) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learning impairment/ difficulties | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair user | |

Do you care, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without your support?

- Yes No

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

- No, no religion
- Buddhist
- Christian (Including Church in Wales, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Other
- Prefer not to answer

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay Man | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gay Woman/ Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual/ Straight | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

Do you consider yourself to be Welsh?

- Yes No

What is your ethnic group?

Where the term 'British' is used, this refers to any of the four home nations of Wales, England, Northern Ireland and Scotland, or any combination of these.

- White - Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- White - Any other white background (please specify)
- Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Asian
- Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black Caribbean

- Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black African
- Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - Any other (please specify)
- Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Chinese
- Asian/Asian Welsh/British – Pakistani
- Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Indian
- Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Any other (please specify)
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - African
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British – Caribbean
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - Any other (please specify)
- Arab
- Any other ethnic group (please specify)
- Prefer not to say

Please specify

Are you are interested in taking part in further consultations from Cardiff Council?

- Yes, I would like to Join the Citizens’ Panel and be contacted about other Cardiff Council consultations
- No

Please provide your contact details below.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

The information that you provide in completing this form will be treated as confidential, in line with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Principles.

Any data supplied by you on this form will be processed in accordance with Data Protection Act requirements and in supplying it you consent to the Council processing the data for the purpose for which it is supplied. All personal information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and will only be used by the Council or disclosed to others for a purpose permitted by law.

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