

## 2018/19 budget consultation feedback

This year's consultation ran from 7 December 2017 to 31 January 2018. Citizens were invited to comment on the budget proposals by email or post, face to face at one of two city-centre budget consultation roadshows, via the MKC online consultation, or via social media.

Ten responses were received by 19 January – three via social media and seven by email. Some of the responses covered multiple topics. The number of attendees at the budget consultation roadshows will be tabled, as events took place after the print deadline for this report.

### Summary of responses

This paper summarises the responses received by 19 January 2018. Any additional feedback received will be tabled at the meeting.

From individuals:

- Two comments against a reduction in grit bins, one pointing out that grit bins are used to treat areas the council cannot which can have a big impact on the mobility and independence of older people.
- Council tax rises - two comments were received against a rise, one in favour, and one "recognising it needs to be done".
- One comment suggesting we reduce spend on welfare and health services (savings to be made by discouraging misuse and seeking additional funding from Government) and reducing spend on benefits for working adults.
- One comment in favour of increased spend on litter collection.
- One comment in favour of the budget priorities in general, saying MKC is "doing a great job with very little, and I'm proud to live in Milton Keynes."

From parish councils and groups representing residents:

- Concern at the recent reduction of community transport schemes and hope that the adult social care precept will be used to offset further reductions.
- Expressing thanks for MKC continuing to provide grant support to parishes from the revenue support grant.
- Against parishes taking responsibility for restocking grit bins, for administrative reasons and concern that claims could be made against the parish council for liability.