

Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

Date:	28th February 2019
From:	Business Improvement and Development (BID)
Subject:	Consultation feedback to Executive Committee

Methodology

BID were tasked to consult with the council's Residents' Panel 'Talking Teignbridge', and on the website, about the budget proposals.

The consultation ran from 21st December 2018 to 1st February 2019 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 28th February has the opportunity to take into account residents' feedback when considering the final budget recommendations from Executive.

The survey

The following budget questions were put to Teignbridge residents:

Please say how strongly you agree, or disagree, with the Council's proposals to:

1. Continue to increase council tax to help maintain essential services. The current recommendation is a 3.03% increase, (£5 per year, for a Band D property taking the council tax to £170.17 for the year).
2. Back business and improve town centres.
3. Invest in infrastructure for employment, education, transport links, and sports and open spaces.
4. Continue to support housing as a priority by enabling affordable housing and improving poor quality homes.

The table below shows a detailed breakdown of the results.

	Increase council tax	Back business	Invest in infrastructure	Support housing
Agree	57%	69%	79%	53%
Disagree	34%	13%	7%	24%
Not sure	9%	18%	14%	23%

5. To balance the council's budget in the future, which of these would you expect us to consider? You can tick more than one.

Generating even more income to re-invest in council services	59% agree
Making more budget savings	19% agree
Reducing the services we provide	5% agree
Increasing council tax further	17% agree