

Teignbridge District Council - Budget Consultation Report

Date:	24th February 2020
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 20th December 2019 to 31st January 2020 and below you will find a short summary of the results so that full Council on 24th 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 2.94% increase, (£5 per year, for a Band D property taking the council tax to £175.17 for the year).
2. Work with others to support climate change initiatives and take our own action where appropriate.
3. Continue to support housing as a priority by enabling affordable housing and improving poor quality homes.
4. Back business and improve town centres
5. Invest in infrastructure for employment, education, transport links, sports and open spaces.

The table below shows a detailed breakdown of the results.

	Increase council tax	Support Climate change	Support housing	Back business & improve town centres	Invest in infrastructure
Strongly Agree	26%	35%	25%	32%	38%
Agree	28%	31%	41%	49%	49%
Neither Agree nor disagree	11%	25%	15%	13%	9%
Disagree	12%	4%	10%	4%	2%
Strongly disagree	23%	5%	9%	2%	2%

6. 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 more income to re-invest in council services	42% agree
Make more budget savings	26% agree
Reducing the services we provide	12% agree
Increasing council tax further	20% agree

