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## **Budget Consultation 2018/19**

You will have heard – both through media reporting and from our own publicity on social media, in *Your Norfolk* magazine and elsewhere – that Norfolk County Council is currently consulting on budget savings proposals for 2018/19. I am writing to remind you that there is still time to feed in your views before the consultation closes on 2 January 2018.

Even though we are proposing to increase council tax next year, the amount of money we hope to raise wouldn't be enough to balance our budget. This means we have to make some difficult decisions about how we spend your money.

Since 2011 we have saved £334 million. However, we now need to save a further £125 million by 2021. The Council's Policy and Resources Committee met and reviewed the strategic and financial planning for 2018/19 and agreed a set of six individual savings proposals for public consultation.

You can find out more and have your say by visiting these individual links:

Your views on our proposal to change the way we work out how much people pay towards the cost of their non-residential care services

Your views on the future of our children's centre services and libraries

Your views on reducing how much we spend on non-safety critical highway maintenance

Your views on reducing the number of roads we grit in winter

Your views on our proposal to change the construction and demolition waste concession at recycling centres

Your views on our proposal to review bus services supported by the County Council

Your views on council tax

You can find out more about our budget setting process at <a href="https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget">www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget</a>



Our consultation closes at midnight on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

You can respond to the consultation in the following ways:

- Using the online feedback forms on the links listed above
- Emailing us at <a href="mailto:haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk">haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk</a>
- Writing to us Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK Norfolk County Council, Ground Floor - South Wing, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich NR1 2DH (You do not need to add a stamp)

We value the views of town and parish councils and therefore I encourage you to respond.

If you have any questions about the consultation please do not hesitate to get in touch with Christine Mawson, Stakeholder and Consultation Manager, Email: <a href="mailto:christine.mawson@norfolk.gov.uk">christine.mawson@norfolk.gov.uk</a> or telephone 01603 224485.

Yours sincerely

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