Consultation on Budget Priorities 2012/13 – Your Money, Your Choice

Buckinghamshire County Council wants to hear from residents and service users to inform its future budget plans. The County Council is faced with conflicting challenges – an ongoing reduction in available resources set against increasing demand for its services as well as increasing costs.

"Budget Priorities 2012/13 – Your money, your choice" is a consultation which is open for 6 weeks and closes on 13 November 2011. Residents are asked for their views on budget priorities, council tax and different ways of delivering services. Feedback from this consultation will be analysed and presented to County Councillors to help inform the Council's draft budget options for the next financial year (1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013).

All Parishes will shortly be receiving copy(s) of the consultation poster and webpage text. Please do all you can to encourage those that live within your Forum Area and Parish to respond, as it is important we hear the views from all communities in Buckinghamshire.

The consultation is available online at <u>www.buckscc.gov.uk/budget</u>. Here residents can use a budget simulator, complete the questionnaire, and post general comments on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube. Hard copies of questionnaires will be available in Libraries, however if you would like extra copies of posters, or hard copies of questionnaires please contact the research team at <u>research@buckscc.gov.uk</u> or phone 01296 387192.

LAFs and Parishes are also encouraged to respond, we welcome any views on local priorities and any specific local issues that you would like to be considered. Please email or write to the research team with the subject "Budget Consultation" and send it to <u>research@buckscc.gov.uk</u> or Room G9 (New County Offices) Buckinghamshire County Council County Hall, Aylesbury, HP20 1UA.

Thank you

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