

Bromsgrove District Council Budget Consultation for 2026-27

Every year Bromsgrove District Council must agree a budget that balances the money we spend on services with the money we have available to us. The council gets all its income from council tax, business rates, money it can raise itself and specific grants it can bid for. All the time demand for services is increasing.

Bromsgrove District Council is facing financial pressures across many of its services. This is due to continued uncertainty over government funding and the cost of living crisis. The Council will support the District through these challenging times and will continue to deliver its plans for change and use your views to help us balance our budget.

The information from this survey will be used by Councillors as they set the budget and council tax for 2026/27.

The survey is open to anyone who is a resident of Bromsgrove District or who has a business based here.

The survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete. The closing date for responses is 9:00am on Friday 2 January 2026.

Thank you in advance for your taking your time to complete this survey.

Our Engagement Privacy Statement it is at the end of the survey.

1. Are you a resident of Bromsgrove District and/or have a business based here?

Please tick all that applies

☐ Resident of Bromsgrove District

☐ Have a business based here

2. Please tell us where you live, or your business is based.

Please note if you live and have a business in the district, please only tell us where you live.

Alvechurch South	☐	Cofton	☐	Perryfields	☐
Alvechurch Village	☐	Drakes Cross	☐	Rock Hill	☐
Aston Fields	☐	Hagley East	☐	Rubery North	☐
Avoncroft	☐	Hagley West	☐	Rubery South	☐
Barnt Green & Hopwood	☐	Hill Top	☐	Sanders Park	☐
Bromsgrove Central	☐	Hollywood	☐	Sidemoor	☐
Belbroughton & Romsley	☐	Lickey Hills	☐	Slideslow	☐
Catshill North	☐	Lowes Hill	☐	Tardebigge	☐
Catshill South	☐	Marlbrook	☐	Wythall East	☐
Charford	☐	Norton	☐	Wythall West	☐

3. How important are the current Bromsgrove District Council priorities to you?

Economic Development – Developing the local economy, supporting businesses, skills, town & district centres

Environment – Waste & recycling, environmental enforcement, biodiversity & wildlife habitats, climate change mitigation & carbon reduction, air quality

Housing – Affordable & balanced housing provision, supporting vulnerable residents & those at risk of homelessness, environmentally sustainable and efficient homes

Infrastructure – Delivering the Local Plan, parks & open spaces, active travel

Further information can be found in the Bromsgrove District Council Plan found on the council's website.

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not so important	Not at all important
Economic Development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Environment	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Housing	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Infrastructure	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Comment:

4. Which services do you think it is important for the Council to invest in?

Please note that Highways are not included as this is a Worcestershire County Council function

Please pick your top 3 most important.

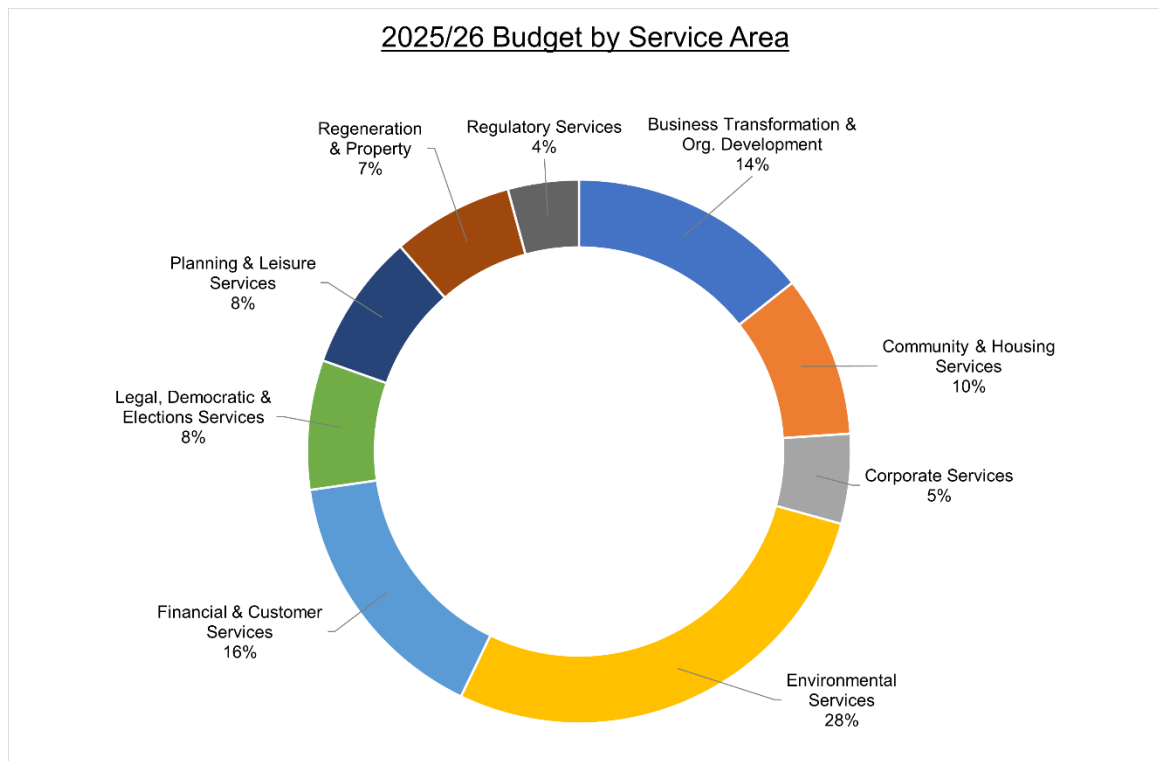
- ☐ Community and Voluntary Sector
- ☐ Community Parks and Open Spaces
- ☐ Community Safety
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability
- ☐ Events and Arts Activities
- ☐ Local Economic Development and Employment
- ☐ Maintenance of the Landscape and Environment
- ☐ Strategic Housing
- ☐ Waste and Recycling
- ☐ Welfare and Financial Support

☐ Other (please specify):

Budget Management

Please use the following list when considering the next section:

- **Business Transformation & Org. Development** – includes: ICT, human resources, corporate policy, equalities, transformation and training
- **Community & Housing** - includes: homelessness, community safety, shopmobility, community transport and CCTV
- **Corporate Services** - includes: Communications, marketing, graphic design and reprographics
- **Environmental Services** - includes: Grounds maintenance, bereavement services, waste & recycling and street cleansing
- **Financial & Customer Services** - includes: Financial monitoring, budgeting, accounts, housing benefit, council tax, business rates and customer services
- **Legal, Democratic & Election Services** - includes: Legal services, land charges, democratic services, member support and elections
- **Planning & Leisure Services** - includes: Building control, planning, tourism, recreation grounds (incl. play areas, playing fields etc.), allotments, events, art projects and sports development
- **Regeneration & Property** - includes: Business development, public toilets, economic development, street lighting, car parking, public building maintenance
- **Regulatory Services** - includes: Licensing, taxis, dog wardens and pest control



5. How important are the following council services to you when considering how Bromsgrove District Council manages its budget?

	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not so important	Not at all important
Business Transformation & Org. Development	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Community & Housing Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Corporate Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Environmental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Financial & Customer Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Legal, Democratic & Elections Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Planning & Leisure Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regeneration & Property	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Regulatory Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Do you support fees and charges (this excludes parking) rising by 4% to keep them in line with inflation and rising staffing costs?

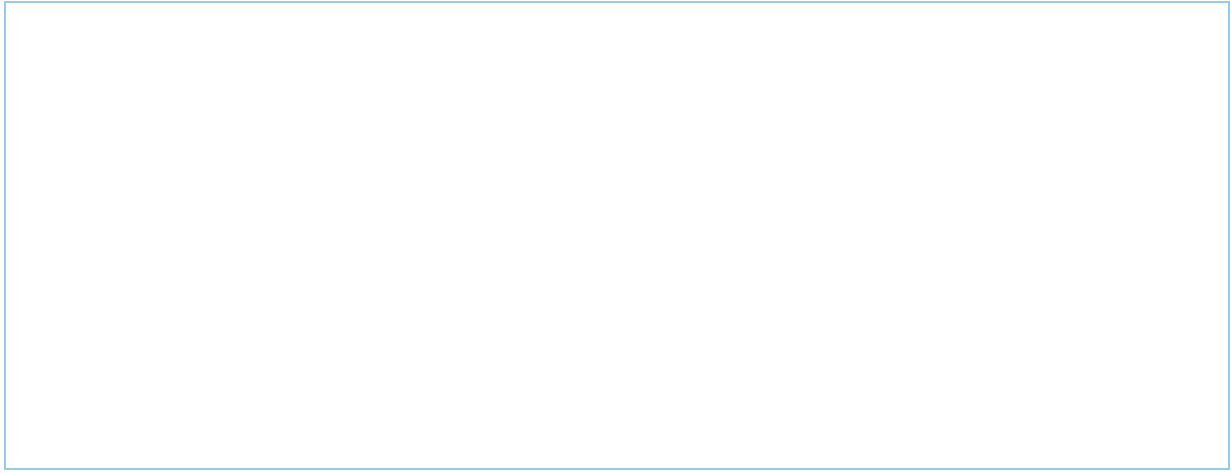
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

7. In order to maintain services, what level of increase to Bromsgrove District Council's proportion of Council Tax do you support?

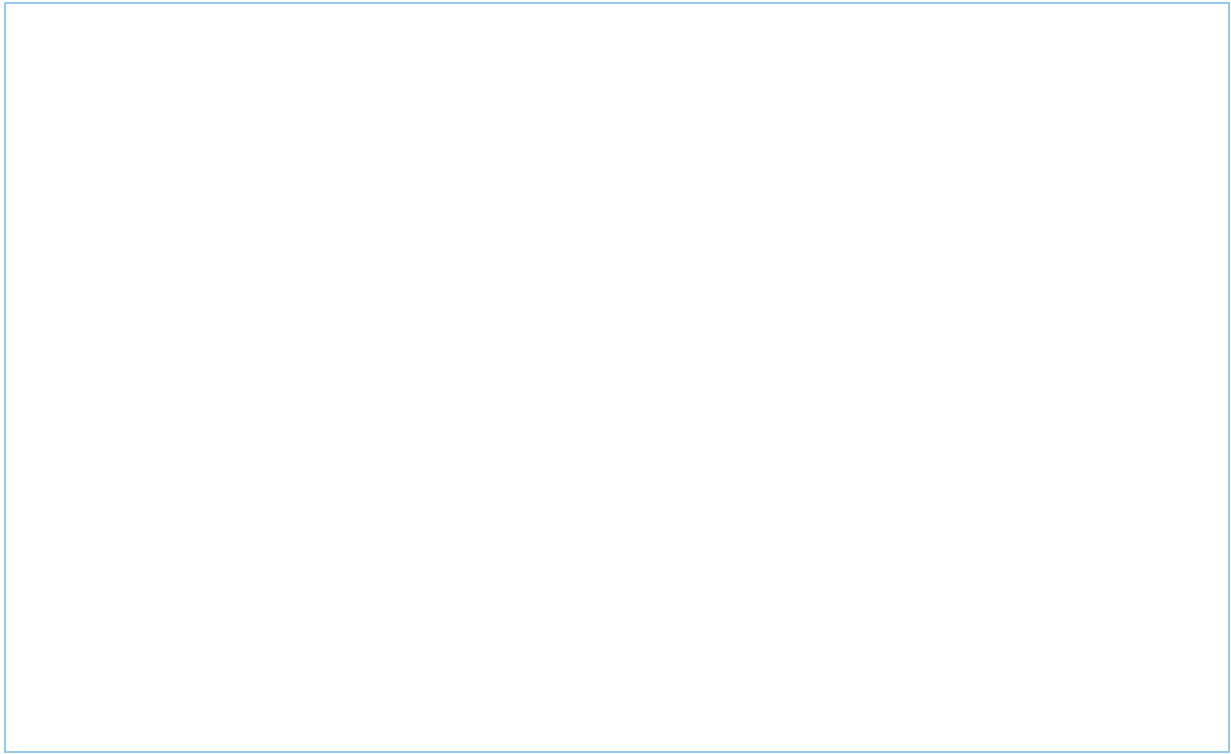
For reference, the proportion of Council Tax that Bromsgrove retains for a band D property is approximately 12% of the total bill.

	1.99% increase	2.99% increase
Strongly agree	☐	☐
Agree	☐	☐
Neither agree nor disagree	☐	☐
Disagree	☐	☐
Strongly disagree	☐	☐

8. Please let us know your suggestions for investing in the District to increase prosperity and enhance appeal for residents and businesses alike.



9. Please let us know any other comments on the budget or ideas for reducing costs or increasing income to ensure Council services remain sustainable.



About you

Answering these questions is optional.

Any answers are completely anonymous and confidential.

The reason why we ask you these questions is so we can:

- Make our council services open to everyone in the district
- Treat everyone fairly and appropriately when they use our services
- In consultations, make sure that we have views from all across the district

The Equality Act 2010 makes these aims part of our legal duties. Your answers help us check that we have met the law and help improve our services.

10. What is your current housing status?

- | | |
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| ☐ Owner | ☐ Mortgaged |
| ☐ Part rent/part buy | ☐ Private renting |
| ☐ Council tenant | ☐ Social housing |
| ☐ Living with relatives | ☐ Prefer not to say |
| ☐ Other (please specify): | |

11. Which of the following best describes your age?

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| ☐ 16-19yrs | ☐ 20-29yrs |
| ☐ 30-39yrs | ☐ 40-49yrs |
| ☐ 50-59yrs | ☐ 60-69yrs |
| ☐ 70-79yrs | ☐ 80+ years |
| ☐ Prefer not to say | |

12. The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as ‘a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

Do you have any long-standing health condition or disability?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

13. Which of the following best describes your gender?

☐ Female ☐ Male
☐ Prefer not to say ☐ Other (please specify):

14. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

15. Which best describes your ethnicity?

☐ White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British ☐ Any other White background
☐ Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups ☐ Asian or Asian British
☐ Black, African, Caribbean or Black British Arab ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other ethnic group (please specify):

16. Which of the following best describes your religion or belief?

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| ☐ Atheist | ☐ Buddhist | ☐ Christian (incl. Catholic) |
| ☐ Humanist | ☐ Hindu | ☐ Jewish |
| ☐ Muslim | ☐ Pagan | ☐ Sikh |
| ☐ No religion/belief | ☐ Prefer not to say | |
| ☐ Other (please specify): | | |

17. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

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| ☐ Bisexual | ☐ Heterosexual |
| ☐ Lesbian or Gay | ☐ Prefer not to say |
| ☐ Other (please specify): | |

Thank you for taking the time to complete our Budget Survey. The information from this survey will be used by Councillors as they set the budget and council tax for 2026/27.

Please return your survey by 9am on Tuesday 2 January 2025 to:

**Policy and Performance
Parkside
Market Street
Bromsgrove
Worcestershire
B61 8DA**

Bromsgrove District Council Engagement Privacy Statement

What information do we collect?

We collect some or all the following information for us to understand the demographics of our customers.

- Age
- Gender
- Disability
- Race
- Religion/Belief
- Sexual orientation
- Postcode

Why we collect your data

We want to deliver the best service to our customers; therefore, we need to use information to manage the quality of our services. The information we collect will be used to understand the demographics of our customers and to improve customer satisfaction and to improve services.

How we collect your data

We are collecting your information via the use of a customer satisfaction survey. This will be used to improve services, however as this is an anonymous survey, it will not be linked back to you as an individual.

When we'll share your data

We will share this data with the Team responsible for delivering the service. However, due to the anonymity of the survey, no personal data will be submitted, therefore it will not be linked back to you as an individual.

Know your rights

No personal data is submitted as part of this customer satisfaction survey that can be linked back to you as an individual. However, if you have any queries or concerns regarding data protection matters, please email information.manage@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk Information regarding all your rights can be found [here](#)

How long do we keep your information for?

We will retain the survey responses for 5 years from when the survey closes, unless we have stated it will be earlier.