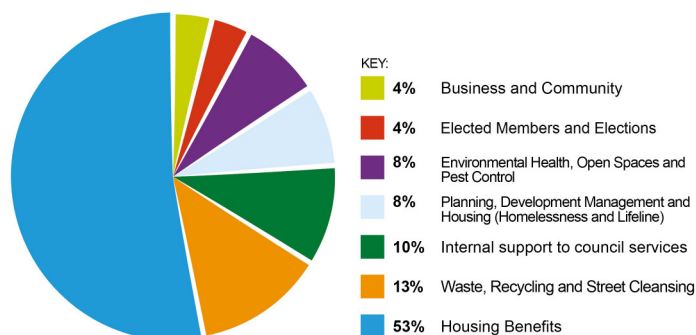


## Budget Consultation 2017-18

Richmondshire District Council is consulting on its budget and council tax levels for 2017-18. To help shape the budget proposals, the council is inviting you to have your say through this consultation until **Friday 16 December 2016**.

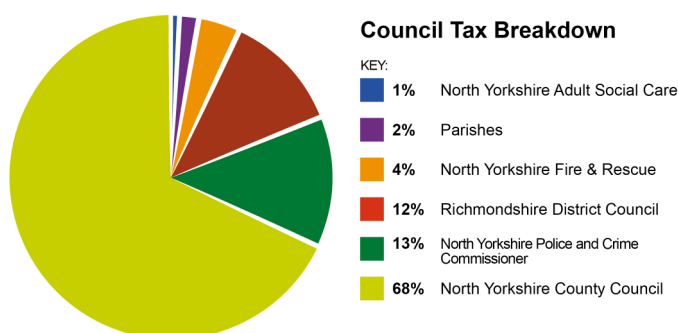
**Your opinions, views and ideas matter.**



The budget for current services provided in 2016-17 shows £19.1m gross spend detailed in the diagram opposite. The net budget after income is £6.3m.

The Council Tax paid is broken down in the diagram opposite. The Richmondshire District Council element provides a range of services including refuse collection, recycling, housing, environmental health, benefits to name but a few.

The average monthly payment for Richmondshire District Council services is £20.00



## Have Your Say

You can:

- 1) Complete this consultation online at [www.richmondshire.gov.uk/survey/budget](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/survey/budget)  
It helps us to save money if you complete online; or
- 2) Return this completed paper form to one of our community offices based in Colburn, Hawes, Leyburn, Reeth or Richmond; or
- 3) Post this completed paper form to:  
 Freepost RTJZ-TSJJ-UTTU  
 Richmondshire District Council  
 Mercury House  
 Station Road  
 RICHMOND  
 DL10 4JX
- 4) Alternatively, you can email this form as an attachment to [consultations@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:consultations@richmondshire.gov.uk)

**The closing date for all completed questionnaires is Friday 16 December 2016.**

The results of this consultation will be considered by Corporate Board on 17 January 2017 and full Council on 21 February 2017.

*please turn over ...*

**Q1 Which of the following villages or towns do you live in or are closest to?**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colburn/Catterick | <input type="checkbox"/> Reeth             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hawes             | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leyburn           | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

**Q2 Are you responding as a ...?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business          | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary organisation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident          | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder group |   |

**Q3 Which age group do you belong to?**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> under 18 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-59 years       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 19-24 years    | <input type="checkbox"/> 60 years and over |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 25-44 years    | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |

**Q4 What is your opinion of the following council services over the last 12 months so we can review the budget allocation for 2017-18?**

	Satisfied	No opinion	Dissatisfied	Not used
<b>Household waste collection</b> (black bin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Green waste collection</b> (green bin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Kerbside recycling</b> (green box with black lid and blue bag)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Street cleanliness</b> (including litter collection, graffiti removal, fly-tipping, dog warden)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Leisure &amp; Wellbeing</b> (including sports, arts, health, tourism, community grants)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planning</b> (including planning applications and planning policy, excluding Yorkshire Dales National Park area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Economic Development</b> (funding support to businesses, management of commercial properties)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Health</b> (including licensing, food hygiene inspections, nuisance complaints, private water supplies, pest control)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Benefits</b> (housing benefits and council tax support)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Housing service</b> (housing option advice, homelessness, provision of affordable housing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public car parks</b> (pay & display)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Street lighting</b> (District Council only)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Open spaces &amp; amenities</b> (play parks, public gardens, open green spaces, some cemeteries and closed churchyards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public toilets</b> (14 in the district)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community safety</b> (including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, alcohol awareness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please expand your answer below if necessary:**

**Q5 In order to balance the council's budget, would you rather the council ...?  
(rank your responses according to how important they are to you):**

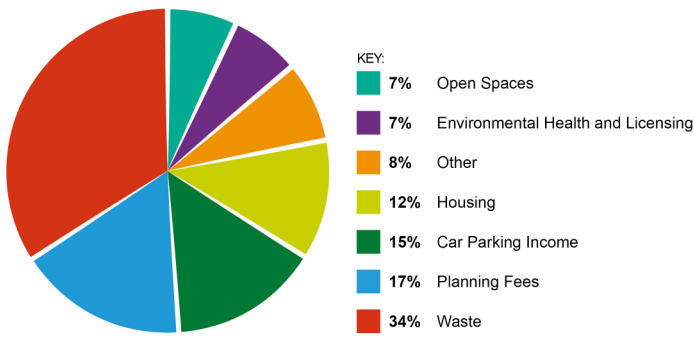
	Most important	Important	Least important
Increased council tax levels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased fees and charges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide fewer services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please expand your answer below if necessary:**

**Q6 Of the following council services, which do you think should have their funding increased, decreased or stay the same?**

	Increased	Stay same	Decreased	No opinion
<b>Household waste collection</b> (black bin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Green waste collection</b> (green bin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Kerbside recycling</b> (green box with black lid and blue bag)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Street cleanliness</b> (including litter collection, graffiti removal, fly-tipping, dog warden)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Environmental Health</b> (including licensing, food hygiene inspections, nuisance complaints, private water supplies, pest control)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Benefits</b> (housing benefits and council tax support)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Housing service</b> (housing option advice, homelessness, provision of affordable housing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public car parks</b> (pay & display)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Open spaces &amp; amenities</b> (play parks, public gardens, open green spaces, some cemeteries and closed churchyards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public toilets</b> (14 in the district)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Community safety</b> (including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse, alcohol awareness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please expand your answer below if necessary:**



The council generates income through fees and charges to help pay for the services you receive as shown in the diagram opposite.

**Q7 To support the following council services, which would you be willing to pay more money for? This would be an increase in charges for the service, not an increase in Council Tax.**

	YES, I would be willing to pay more	NO, I would not be willing to pay more	No opinion
<b>Green waste collection</b> (green bin)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Street cleanliness</b> (including litter collection, graffiti removal, fly-tipping, dog warden)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Planning</b> (including planning applications and planning policy, excluding Yorkshire Dales National Park area)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Environmental Health</b> (including licensing, food hygiene inspections, nuisance complaints, private water supplies, pest control)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Housing service</b> (housing option advice, homelessness, provision of affordable housing, Lifeline)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Public car parks</b> (pay & display)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Public toilets</b> (14 in the district)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please expand your answer below if necessary:**

**Q8 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...?**

	Very satisfied	Satisfied	No opinion	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
The way in Richmondshire District Council runs things	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Your local area as a place to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Please expand your answer below if necessary:**

**Q9 Do you have any other suggestions on how the Council could increase income, reduce costs or make savings to support the budget?**

**Thank you for your time.**