

Scarborough Borough Council

Budget Consultation 2018/19

No of responses received 84

A Council Tax increase of 2.99% is proposed for 2018/19. This, together with an increase in the tax base,

	No.	%
Yes	58	69.0%
No	26	31.0%
	84	1

You have said that the Council should not increase its share of Council Tax by 2.99%, do you have any suggestions as to where the resulting £254,000 budget shortfall should be funded from?

Cuts to office staff and a decrease in salary for executives

The collection of the blue bins could be cut down to a monthly collection instead of a fortnightly one. The reduction of town hall staff could save more.

It is such an unfair system. Many bigger houses these days have less people in them. Therefore increases should be scaled so Rate bands with a bigger average occupancy have a bigger percentage rise and it should not be a blanket 2.99%

Increased parking charges which will also encourage the use of park & ride facilities. Increased business taxes on companies whose turn over is in excess of £500,000 per annum. A reduction of the actual numbers of councillors representing Scarborough and a tighter control over councillors expenses.

Not at moment

efficiency savings across the council

Do away with more directors

Increase in Visitor Parking Charges....

yes cut some of the wasted money on consultation fees paid by the council when we have our own solicitors

Reduce the number of cllrs and their payments. Make cabinet an honor and unpaid. Reduce the wages of the CE. Tourism tax on overnight stay in hotels just like the do in other countries. scrap the tour of Yorkshire leg in scarborough.

Taxes are rising but as a nhs worker we've only had a 1% /pay increase, the council need to consider more inventive ways to increase income. Stop selling the nurseries for a start and look at widening what they can offer to generate an income. Think about re opening the swimming pool in Northstead and hiring this out to the clubs and schools, as well as events. Consider what events you can put on to generate income (there was a suggestion of a Scarborough triathlon event?) Lots of things Scarborough can do without giving it to the private sector who then make money for their own bank account rather than for the good of the people in Scarborough

Stop spending money on demolishing buildings around Scarborough

Greater efficiency between council departments better communication to ensure smoother running of the council so man hours are not wasted because things don't connect up, and things are not acted upon immediately or duplicated .A smaller management base producing greater connectivity and results. An education program for the town to recycle our waste correctly so reducing wasted money on man hours clearing waste, A modern view of dealing with parks and gardens getting away from labor intensive formal gardens with more dry gardens and sustainable planting ,greater proportion of parking revenue to go Scarborough council rather than North York's council .Purchase any suitable empty property's in need of restoration and rent as affordable housing ensuring proper maintenance of our older buildings and decent dwellings. you'd soon find the sum and more probably

Lobbying central government. Using the councils investments or selling off land owned. Reducing the amount spent on housing so called homeless families in bed and breakfast. I am aware of one staff member who claimed to not thoroughly investigating fully for an easy life.

No but as a pensioner who as worked all his life it makes living so much harder

Re-negotiate contracts for maintenance across the borough and suggest that NYCC do the same. Get rid of traffic lights and replace with roundabouts/Zebra crossings. How much does the council/NYCC spend on maintaining traffic lights?

Stop spending money on every whim of Gary Verity, Roland Duce and Gordon Gibb. Share a Chief Executive with another Council. The current CE has never had anything to report to council so clearly doesn't do very much. If you stop pandering after Verity, Duce and Gibb then he will have nothing to do, As for council meetings, I have a cat who could sleep through the meetings and ignore any issues raised. You won't even notice the difference. Stop paying Cllr. Phillips money for chairing one meeting. Reduce the size of the cabinet. There you go. Money saved. It is not that difficult is it?

NO

No but I do think that if we are to pay more council tax then the services should be of a higher standard than what we currently have.

Review of Cllr expenses and of spending in legal services.

reduce the pay of the CE - reduce the pay to the members - reduce the pay of the directors - make council buildings more efficient and reduce energy consumptions - invest in the wellbeing of the staff to reduce sick leave and unproductive time - concentrate on making services more sustainable (for example reducing bedding displays and grass cutting for sustainable planting in parks) - improve communication across council officers - improve consultation between the council and residents so we get the services we want/need rather than given - tourism; make these big acts like Britney who come to Scarborough give a % back to the town not take all our money away and deprive us - invest in parks/ environments/ communities so that mental health services and social services are less needed

Consider terminating Ride & Bus services, which run with one or a few passengers. Other councils have done it. That's a saving.

Cuts to services. I basically want the council to empty my bin. Most other stuff is a waste of money in my opinion.

The efficient utilisation of online technology for letters e.g. opt in to receive bills online. Better use of social media and reduce print marketing. Bring more services back in house and efficiently run to gain profit. Establish a scheme for short rentals to utilise vacant units in all owned property e.g. arts projects, small businesses. This will generate more income and reduce wasted expenditure. Make permit parking areas residents only after 5pm or 6pm and extend pay and display for car parks till 7 pm to generate more income. I.e. increasing demand and thus profits. Remove free parking for visitors for meetings and events at the council to generate further income. Applications could be made for low turn over businesses attending meetings etc for tickets. This will prevent free handouts for parking being given to businesses and attendees who can afford to pay Remove catering for meetings. Encourage people to bring a travel mug of tea...can even be branded as an eco drive i.e. reduce plastic waste, washing up etc. Work closer with community groups to ensure no duplication of services. Remove the intense restrictions on the use of IT with increased safeguards to allow more to be sent online such as social services documents. Introduce more hot desking to reduce office space. Rent out the additional unused office space.

Spend less, we pay an incredibly high Council Tax and get very little for it.

Do you have any comments or feedback on the proposals set out within the budget report?

within guidelines of central government policy

no

Even though this consultation document is put out I don't feel comments are listened to. So I will not waste my time.

Very regrettable

If I could understand the jargon I would comment

Yes. concerned about the cuts to HOmelessness budget, even if this will be made up elsewhere we need more funding to deal with rising homelessness not less. I know the cuts to Voluntary organisations and the reshaping of tourism services have already been decided but am pretty appalled at the state of the tourism information available. I have met many visitors wandering around seeking information and looking for a central location. The stand at the SJT simply doesnt cut the mustard - its just a bunch of leaflets. YOu do need, I think , a place where people can visit and ask a real person about local amenities and accommodation. people expect it in a place like Scarborough!

none

no

yes put it up more 15%

we are one of the highest council paying tax authorities

shame on government cutting our funding that is what I do not agree with , council can only cut so far before we are in crisis with services we are expected to provide

no

keeping thinking for alternatives and research ,its all on the web you know ,solar panels on all public buildings reducing running costs ect ect

Savings should be made. Why do people attending meetings occasionally get free drinks from the vending machines?

No

It is disgraceful that this government is actively increasing the gap between rich and poor and at the same time starving public services of finances. We need to raise the upper levels of income tax and generally follow Corbyn's economic policies. In the meantime at local level you must raise the council tax to protect what services you can. To represent the people of Scarborough you must protest against austerity and join the Labour Party.

The increase should take into account County Council and other increases from services and i feel the total should not go above 5% in total

3.3.1 The Council Tax Premium for properties which have been empty & unfurnished for more than 2 years is set at an additional 50%, which is in line with the 50% premium applied since 2013/14. NO discount should be given. £20,000 spent on Armed Forces Day! I would like to see where you spent that

Nobody wants a increase but we all have to pay

None
Scarborough is heavily reliant on tourism but the cuts to street bins, emptying schedules and beach cleaning have left to be town like point dirty, uncared for and unwelcoming. False economy!
It is a great pity that the council lent the many millions to Benchmark for Alpamare. Why should the rate payers miss out or have to take cuts in funding because of this loan. As it is we are almost cut back to rock bottom yet it is our much needed money you have lent out. Very poor economic decisions are being made.
Probably the way to increase local budget is council tax hike. Are there any way that voluntary work could subsidise? I.e. in Europe many countries are obliged to keep their own property frontage swept/clean and in winter snow and frost free. Weed free etc.
None
Obviously I'm unaware of the contractual details regarding the Open Air Theatre but feel that the Council should NOT be responsible for the cost of security. I would have thought this was the responsibility of the Promoter of any event taking place there Also feel that Scarborough as a significant tourist town should do its utmost to maintain the visual appeal for visitors especially with regard to verge cutting on all major routes through the town. I have a vested interest but Queen Margarets Road which forms a major thoroughfare for traffic between York and Filey has of recent years been badly neglected as far as grass cutting is concerned and this does nothing for the towns image.
3% would help further. Please do not cut back on services
Why no mention of staff pay increases or extra funding for staff training and development.
Services must not be cut or reduced. Reasonable action must be taken to generate the funds required
None
Better every one pays a bit than those that need services have them cut more
More proactive action should be taken to prevent the need for significant action to recoup deficit. This could be done by better engaging with the community to obtain valuable feedback and ideas. For instance this website for the consultation is completely none user friendly. The documents could be transcribed to simple read, none pdf download to make it easier for people to give feedback
Does the council see itself as an caravan park operator? Is there a contingency for 'at risk' non-achievement of savings?
Very regrettable!

Do you have any other suggestions or comments that you would like to be considered within the budget setting process?

Not at this moment in time
Please do not sell off council owned land//facilities to try to cover shortfalls. A small increase in ratepayers contributions must be conserved to preserve assets
Reduce size and frequency of the buses on the park and rides. Also do we really need two park and rides?
We need public toilets
no
Reconsider cuts to the Homelessness budget Review with customers and visitors the success or otherwise of the reshaping of tourist information Tell townsfolk which voluntary projects are no longer receiving funding and how this process was conducted
none
Yes. Pay the people who are actually delivering things more and the pen pushers less
put it up
yes stop wasting our money on paying to demolish the futurist and then selling it for less What sort of decision is this ???
make up the shortfall for whitby piers and stop messing around
No
green advisers should be consulted and education considered through out the council so it runs cheaper
The council should look at how it can save on heating and lighting at all its offices
See previous response
no
Cut down on the typed budget waffle and make it bullet point plus explanations.
N/A
No, maybe don't increase council tax and you will need to save less on traffic light maintenance..or at least NYCC will. How about not demolishing the futurist..
No
Generally sensible and reasonable steps suggested for tackling financial issues facing the council
Need to ensure that funding creates the right environment to generate more income from all means, the core infrastructure of the town and thinking needs to be about how we generate wealth for all.
Stop spending money on Scarborough only. If they don't want to pay a precept then they should have an equivalent amount cut from the services they receive. They will soon change their mind. Why is there only options for people who live in Scarborough, Whitby and Filey? Are there no people who live outside the towns?
need more information, and clarification on budget setting process,,
See my last comments above.
None
None

Do not cut staff and please reconsider paying living wage

I volunteer at the library and whilst it is ticking over it is regrettable that members of the public have to try to meet the diverse needs of library users and provide such a vital service. Please reinstate librarians.

invest in parks and play spaces. investing in parks getting people outdoors will improve public health and the strain on health services. Investing in play areas helps shape the future people of our society

Restrictions on town centre residential streets for parking for residents and their visitors only thus driving up car park usage. This will also increase the likelihood of people remaining in the centre for longer due to longer parking limits therefore this creates a higher revenue in the town and increased profits from parking

No