

# Budget 2020/21

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**Gloucestershire**  
COUNTY COUNCIL

Gloucestershire is a great place to live, work and do business. As a council, we work hard, with partners, to make sure we spend the money we have in ways which helps the county go from strength to strength - making sure that we deliver quality services today as well as investing in a prosperous and exciting future.

In the coming 12 months we are proposing to put in place an initial £1m climate change action fund to kick start work and investment in this most critical of areas.

Of course we must go on doing all we can to ensure all young people have the ability to have a safe and healthy start in life. To ensure this happens we are proposing a further £13m of investment into vulnerable children services. We also plan to invest £73.6m into improving schools and children & family services across the county and £49.8m as part of the council's four year £150m investment into the county's roads and cycling.

Funding will also be made available to every councillor to allow them to invest in their local area.

We will also continue to make sure we do things in the most efficient and effective way, making the most of new technologies and ways of working.

After a lot of careful consideration, we think our proposed budget strikes the right balance between investing in the here and now and in all of our futures.

But what do you think? This is your chance to tell us, by taking a few minutes to complete this short survey.

For full details of our budget proposal visit  
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**To make sure your views are included they must be with us no later than 5pm on 17 January 2020.**



A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'M Hawthorne'.

**Mark Hawthorne**  
Leader of the Council

# Our priorities

In making decisions on how best to spend our £468.2 million budget we have to decide where we can have the biggest impact on the lives of people in the county. We do this carefully by listening to local people and using all the information we have available to us.

## Our budget proposals for 2020/21 are based on the following priorities:

- Children's wellbeing and safeguarding
- Education and skills
- Health, care and prevention
- Communities and localities, including tackling climate change
- Transport, economy and infrastructure
- Highways
- Council Leadership

### Question 1:

**Please tell us to what extent you agree or disagree with our budget priorities:**

- Strongly Agree     Agree     Disagree     Strongly Disagree

## Question 2:

Would you like to give us any feedback on the priorities in question 1 and on any specific areas you feel we should spend the money on, which aren't already listed?

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## Where does our funding come from?

**We raise funds to deliver services via council tax, grant funding from the Government and other income opportunities. To ensure we can deliver on our spending plans for the year ahead, we are proposing to raise council tax by 1.99%.**

We are also planning to apply the National Adult Social Care Levy of 2%, to cover increasing demand for adults social care. This has to be spent on better support and prevention for our most vulnerable older people.

In total these changes would result in an increase of under £1 per week for the average Band D household.

# How our budget will be broken down

Our overall draft budget is £468.2m

## £149.634 million

Adults



- Invest in technology to tackle isolation and to maximise the ability for people to remain independent for longer
- Continue a greater focus on early intervention and prevention services
- Work with partners to deliver more co-ordinated services, from locations that work best for communities
- Helping more disabled people into work by working closely with local employers

## £34.314 million

Prevention and wellbeing



- Work with partners to make sure a range of services are available that make a real difference to people's lives
- Continue to improve our approach to managing adverse childhood experiences (ACES)
- Make sure effective and targeted healthy lifestyle services are available to reduce 'risky' behaviours

## £117.989 million

Children's Services



- An extra £13million to protect the most vulnerable children in our county
- Continue to deliver on the right placement, first time approach
- Deliver Improved services for children with special educational needs
- Implement a new positive behaviour service for children with additional needs
- Implement Liberty Protection Safeguards for young people aged 16+
- Invest an additional £56million for schools, improving buildings and expanding facilities across the county.

## £91.637 million

Economy, environment, and infrastructure



- Continuing to deliver on our £150m investment in the county's highways
- Establish a £1m climate change action fund
- Deliver more flood alleviation schemes, safeguarding more homes
- Increase the roll out of a county wide electric vehicle infrastructure
- Invest in our fire and rescue services' prevention and protection work & in new equipment for fire fighters
- Help to plan and provide the necessary infrastructure and homes needed to support sustainable business growth and jobs
- Support apprenticeships and adult education services
- Ensure broadband availability across the county and a county wide roll out of innovation labs.

The balance of £74.609 million; Corporate Resources (£34.944m) and technical and county wide budgets (£39.665m) which include historical borrowing for road schemes and schools, insurance and the past service pension costs.



## Your details

### As a public body, we have a duty to take into account the impact of our decisions on people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010:

To help us make sure that we have taken account of views from all of these groups, we would be grateful if you would answer the questions below.

All of the questions are entirely optional, but we can confirm that any information that you provide will be held in confidence and in line with the requirements of the Data Protection regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018.

#### What is your age?

- Under 25     25 to 34     35 to 44     45 to 54  
 55 to 64     65 to 74     75 or over     Prefer not to say

#### What is your gender?

- Male     Female     Other     Prefer not to say

#### Which of the following options best describes how you think of yourself?

- Heterosexual or Straight     Gay or Lesbian     Bisexual  
 Other     Prefer not to say

#### Do you consider yourself to be disabled?

- Yes     No     Prefer not to say

## Your details continued ...

### What is your ethnic group?

- White       Mixed or multiple ethnic groups       Asian or Asian British  
 Black, African, Caribbean or Black British       Any other ethnic group  
 Prefer not to say

### What is your religion?

- No religion       Christian (all denominations)       Buddhist       Hindu  
 Jewish       Muslim       Sikh       Any other religion       Prefer not to say

### Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return this form to:  
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