Please fill this form to provide details of an upcoming consultation that is in your service. All fields marked with an asterisk * are mandatory.

**About the consultation**

What is the consultation title?*
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All consultation feedback received during the six-week Draft Budget Consultation Period will be discussed at a Full Council meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd February 2017.

Further information about the proposals, a series of consultation resources and guidance on how to make a consultation response can be accessed below (see 'How can I take part?').

**Consultation dates**

Start date* 13 Dec 2016
End date* 24 Jan 2017
Results expected by? Please leave a reasonable amount of time after your consultation has concluded. *
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What is the subject of the consultation?*

- [ ] Academies and Free Schools
- [ ] Adults
- [ ] Advertisement
- [ ] Airports
- [ ] Animals
- [ ] Anti social behaviour
- [ ] Archives
- [ ] Armed Forces
- [ ] Arts
- [ ] Aviation
- [ ] Births
- [ ] Black Minority Ethnic (BME) Communities
- [ ] Boats and Shipping Vessels
- [ ] Budget
- [ ] Building
- [ ] Bus
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Bylaws
- [ ] Campaigns
- [ ] Canal and Rivers
- [ ] Care
- [ ] Carers
- [ ] Central Government
- Charity
- Children and young people
- Children's Rights
- Coastguard
- Communication
- Community safety
- Conservation
- Construction
- Consumer Affairs
- Council Tax
- Countryside
- Courts
- Credit
- Crime and Law Enforcement
- Culture
- Cycle Ways
- Deaths
- Deregulation
- Development
- Discrimination or Harassment
- Distribution
- Economic Development
- Education
- Elections
- Emergency
- Emergency Planning
- Employment
- Energy
- Entertainment
- Environment
- Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity
- Evaluation
- Facilities
- Families
- Faith and belief (including non-belief)
- Finance
- Fire and Rescue Services
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**Area**

What area of the county does this consultation affect?*  
- Corby  
- Daventry  
- East Northamptonshire  
- Kettering  
- Northampton  
- Northamptonshire Countywide  
- South Northamptonshire  
- Wellingborough

How can I take part? How can people engage? Please add any links to previous consultations and relevant consultation documents*

There will be a variety of ways for local people and organisations to have their say about the Council Plan and Draft Budget Proposals from each NCC directorate during the six-week consultation period. These channels include:

- Visiting the Draft Budget and Council Plan webpage: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/draftbudget
- By email: consult@northamptonshire.gov.uk
- In writing: Draft Budget and Council Plan Consultation,
Northamptonshire County Council, County Hall, Northampton, NN1 1DN.

• Through Social Media: tweeting @mycountyCouncil or posting comments on the county council’s Facebook page.
• Signing or submitting a petition of e-petition.
• Customer and service user groups will also be able to hold their own discussions by using the Draft Budget Toolkit (see link below), and then returning these via post or email.

An Easy Read summary and survey of the Draft Budget Consultation can also be accessed via the link below.

In addition to the channels outlined above, local people and organisations are also invited to take part in Budget Scrutiny Meetings. These Budget Scrutiny Meetings involve (county) Councillors reviewing Draft Budget proposals and looking at their aims and how delivering Draft Budget proposals could affect county council services and service users.

Although these scrutiny sessions happen at the same time as the Draft Budget Consultation process, they are separate from it, and people planning to attend budget scrutiny sessions are also encouraged to use any of the channels for consultation outlined here should they wish to express an opinion on the proposals.

Members of the public, and representatives of community groups, can contribute to these scrutiny meetings by giving Councillors their views about which budget proposals they feel should be examined.

The first of the meetings of the council's Budget Scrutiny Working Group is Scheduled for Monday 19th December at 12.15pm in the Council Chamber at County Hall. The Budget Scrutiny Working Group will then hold four further meetings during January 2017 to scrutinise selected budget proposals:

• 12.00pm on Tuesday 3rd January - this meeting will focus on environment, planning and transport matters
• 4.00pm on Wednesday 4th January - this meeting will focus on children, families and education services.
• 12.00pm on Thursday 5th January - this meeting will focus on adult social care services
• 12.00pm on Friday 6th January - this meeting will focus on adults' and children's health and wellbeing matters.

All of these meetings will be held in the Blue Room, County Hall, Northampton. Should you wish to attend and/or speak at any of these meetings, or if you would like further information about the Budget Scrutiny process, please email: Democraticsupport@northamptonshire.gov.uk

Members of the public wishing to speak at these sessions are asked to give advance notice to assist with the management of these meetings. Please email the address above, 48 hours in advance of the particular meeting(s) you would like to attend, ensuring that you leave your name and address and the points you wish to raise.
Lastly, due to the volume of consultation responses likely to be received, we would like to advise consultees that we may not be able to answer all questions about specific issues that we receive during the draft budget consultation period. We do, however, welcome every consultation response we receive.

Who can I talk to about this consultation?

First name
Last name
Email address*  consult@northamptonshire.gov.uk