

2014/15 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Summary of Information Giving and Consultation to be undertaken as part of the 2014/15 Budget Engagement Process and Feedback Arrangements

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<p>Residents</p> <p>North Tyneside Council is committed to ensuring it puts residents at the heart of everything we do. During July 2013 residents were asked for their views on a new Council Plan. This plan will be agreed in September 2013 and will inform the Elected Mayor's Budget proposals for 2014/15. Community engagement on the budget will give residents an opportunity to express views about specific proposals. Community engagement on the budget will also ensure that residents with any of the protected characteristics as set out in the 2010 Equality Act are able to participate. More detail can be found in the Equality Impact Assessment for the Budget Engagement Strategy which is available on request.</p>		
<p>Children and young people including the Young Mayor and her Cabinet, Youth Council, Schools and Colleges</p>	<p>Members of the Young Cabinet and Youth Council will be invited to give their views on the 2014/15 budget proposals.</p> <p>We will also ensure that information is available on the Authority's website and through other social media.</p>	<p>A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>
<p>Adults and families</p>	<p>Budget consultation for adults and families will include opportunities at different times of the day and in different places, for example, in libraries, customer service centres, shopping centres etc. to get involved. We will also ensure that information is available on the Authority's website and through other social media.</p>	<p>We will ensure that feedback is available on the Authority's website. As people give their views we will be asking them to identify if they would like some feedback and if so how they would like to receive this.</p>
<p>Older People</p>	<p>We will include opportunities for older people to</p>	<p>A report will also be placed on the Authority</p>

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	<p>give their views through face to face discussions. We will also ensure that specific events on the budget are promoted through older people's networks.</p>	<p>website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>
<p>Strategic Partners</p> <p>The Authority works with many different partners. The umbrella structure that brings together all of the key partners is the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership. Whilst all of the key partners are represented on the partnership there are some key areas where a more focused approach is needed.</p>		
<p>North Tyneside Strategic Partnership (NTSP)</p>	<p>Members of the NTSP Executive have been involved in the discussions about the Council Plan and will be invited to comment on the budget proposals for 2014/15.</p>	<p>A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>
<p>Business Community</p>	<p>Representatives of the business community will be invited to give their views the 3 Chambers of Trade, Cobalt & Silverlink Business Association, the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), and the North East Chamber of Commerce NECC).</p> <p>Further specific meetings will be held with Business Community representatives as part of the statutory aspects of the Budget Engagement process.</p> <p>In addition, and in accordance with previous practice, in order to maximise engagement with this section of the community, information on the</p>	<p>The outcomes of the initial engagement exercise will feed into the Budget Proposals that Cabinet consider in January and February 2014).</p> <p>A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>

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	consultation will be sent electronically to the three Chamber of Trade, Cobalt and Silverlink Business Association, the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) and the North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC), to reach as many businesses as possible.	
Schools Forum / School Governors / Headteachers Convenors	Engagement meetings will be undertaken with the School Forum, School Governors and Head Teacher Convenors. The format of the engagement events will enable participants to consider the information presented and influence the priorities of the Budget.	A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.
Voluntary and Community Sector, including Faith Groups	Members of the Voluntary and Community Sector will be invited to a give their views on the proposed budget for 2014/15.	A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.
<p>North Tyneside Council 66% of Council staff also live in North Tyneside. All of the Elected Members live in North Tyneside and act as community leaders in the wards they represent</p>		
Members	There will be two All Member Budget Briefings held as part of the process. The first briefing to be held on 3 October 2013 will focus on the Change, Efficiency and Improvement (CEI) programme and the Financial Planning and Budget process. On 26 November 2013 the second All Members Budget Briefing will be held	Feedback will be provided to Members throughout the process via regular reports to Cabinet and Council on the Financial Planning and Budget process and the provision of information on the financial proposals to Members.

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	<p>where Members will receive information on the consideration of the Cabinet's initial 2014/15 Financial Plan and Budget proposals.</p> <p>The involvement of Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the process will be determined by the Committee.</p> <p>Information on engagement opportunities will be included in the weekly Members briefing.</p>	
Staff Engagement	<p>This year there will be more information shared with staff and they will have a key role in sharing information with residents and collecting their feedback.</p> <p>A meeting will be held with the Staff Panel and information on the budget and ways that staff can give their views will be including in internal communication during December 2013 and January 2014.</p>	<p>A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>
Trades Unions	<p>Meetings will be held with the Employee Joint Consultative Forum (ECJF). The format of the engagement events will enable the ECJF to consider the information provided and influence the priorities of the Budget.</p>	<p>A report will also be placed on the Authority website in advance of the final Budget and Council Tax setting meeting for 2014/15 on the outcomes of the engagement exercise for the Budget Proposals for 2014/15.</p>