**Consultation Questionnaire**

Kent County Council (KCC) is seeking your views on spending priorities and the approach we should take to help us amend the 2020-21 Budget. Your responses will be considered by Members (Councillors) at the full County Council meeting on 10 September 2020.

To take part in this consultation, please visit our website [www.kent.gov.uk/budget](http://www.kent.gov.uk/budget) and **complete the online questionnaire**. We recommend you read the short Consultation Document available on the website before responding.

Completing the questionnaire online helps us to make the best use of our resources. However, if you are unable to take part online, please complete this version and return to:

Budget Consultation 2020-21

Kent County Council

Finance - Room 3.08

Sessions House

Maidstone ME14 1XQ

**Please ensure your response reaches us by Sunday 9 August 2020.**

**Alternative Formats**: If you need this questionnaire or any of the consultation documents in an alternative format, please email [alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk](mailto:alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 421553 (text relay service number: 18001 03000 421553). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.

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**Section 1 – About You**

**Q1. Please tell us in what capacity you are completing this questionnaire:**

*Please select the option that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation. Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | As a Kent resident |
|  | As a KCC employee (Kent resident) |
|  | As a KCC employee (non-Kent resident) |
|  | As a representative of a local community group or residents’ association |
|  | On behalf of an educational establishment, such as a school or college |
|  | On behalf of a Parish / Town / Borough / District Council in an official capacity |
|  | As a Parish, District or County Councillor |
|  | As a Kent business owner |
|  | On behalf of a charity, voluntary or community sector organisation (VCS) |
|  | As a resident from somewhere else, such as Medway |
|  | Other, please specify: |

**Q1a. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation** **(business, community group, residents’ association, council or any other organisation), please tell us the name of your organisation here:**

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| **Q2. Please tell us the first part of your postcode (this will be 3 or 4 characters):** |  |

*Please do not reveal your whole postcode. We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.*

**Q3. How did you find out about this consultation?** *Please select* ***all*** *that apply.*

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|  | Facebook |
|  | Twitter |
|  | Instagram |
|  | LinkedIn |
|  | From a friend or relative |
|  | Kent.gov.uk website |
|  | Local KCC County Councillor |
|  | District Council/Councillor |
|  | Newspaper |
|  | An email from KCC |
|  | A Voluntary or Community sector organisation |
|  | Other, please specify: |

**Section 2 – Approach**

**Q4. What action do you think KCC should take to balance the 2020-21 budget in light of the additional spending and loss of income?** *Please select* ***all*** *that apply.*

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|  | Increase other income sources, such as charging for some services, to cover the additional spending and loss of income |
|  | Identify further savings in the budget, even if that means a reduction to service levels and/or loss of services |
|  | Use some of our general reserves (this is our ‘rainy day’ fund for emergencies and can only be used once). Any use of general reserves would need to be paid back in future years |
|  | Continue lobbying government to ask them to provide KCC with additional funds to cover the costs we have incurred and the income we have lost due to the impact of the pandemic |
|  | Continue lobbying government to allow councils to cover additional costs and loss of income by borrowing money |
|  | Other (please specify): |

**Section 3 – Budget priorities**

We are now going to ask you for your priorities for KCC services, first for our People based services and then our Community/Place based services.

**Q5. Imagine you are in charge of setting KCC's budget. Consider these major frontline spending areas for PEOPLE based services - pick your top three spending priorities.** *Please select* ***no more than three*** *options.*

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|  | **Adult Social Care (18-64)** We support 12,900 adults to live independently at home and access services in their community, including helping people with learning disabilities, mental health, sensory (deaf/blind) and physical disability. We also provide placements in residential and nursing care homes for people with long term, complex needs. |
|  | **Older People Social Care (65+)** We help 20,700 older people. This includes support to help older people live safely and independently at home (e.g. help with daily tasks) and provide day care services to help older people enjoy a good quality life. When people need more support or end of life care, we provide 5,300 placements in residential and nursing care homes. |
|  | **Social Support** We help people with issues such as homelessness, drugs and alcohol, domestic abuse or those going through a crisis. We provide advice for 152,000 carers to help families and carers find the support they need. We provide help to people who may feel lonely or isolated. We support people to do more for themselves at home, by learning or re-learning skills to make them feel safe, happy and live a fulfilled life. |
|  | **Children's Social Care** We support children and families in communities find the right fostering and adoption placements and currently look after 1,600 children in care. We help 1,700 care leavers find the right education, training and housing opportunities up to the age of 25. We help children with complex social care needs, such as physical and learning disabilities and mental health, with additional support to live at home, in their community or in residential placements. |
|  | **Early Help** We have 84 children’s centres which are open to all children and families to access activities, support and advice (e.g. weigh clinics, parenting classes). We want to provide the right support for families at an early stage, to prevent problems getting worse and to stop children going into social care. |
|  | **Educational and Youth Services** We support children to be ready for school, working with nurseries and pre-schools to provide quality childcare places. We work with 583 primary, secondary and special schools, so that all children can access a school place that meets their needs. We work with schools to ensure they deliver quality education and improve standards. We help children who need support with complex issues such as special educational needs and disability, emotional wellbeing, attendance and behaviour services and young offenders. We provide activities for young people including youth groups and youth workers. |
|  | **Public Protection** We work with partners such as District Councils and Kent Police on community safety issues (e.g. crime, gangs, domestic abuse). Our Community Wardens cover 128 communities, tackling antisocial behaviour and encouraging communities to work together. We also have responsibilities to support communities to be prepared for emergency and planned events such as disasters, floods and Brexit and Trading Standards work to tackle rogue traders, scams, promote trusted traders and keep goods safe. We also deliver the coroners’ services to investigate deaths and hold inquests. |

**Q5a. Tell us why you have picked those three as your top PEOPLE spending priorities.**

Help us understand why you have made those choices and what makes them so important.

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**Q6. Now consider these major frontline spending areas for COMMUNITY/PLACE based services - pick your top three spending priorities.** *Please select* ***no more than three*** *options.*

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|  | **Environment Services** We enhance and protect Kent’s natural environment for everyone to enjoy. This includes our 9 Country Parks, over 6,000km of public rights of way, areas of outstanding natural beauty and natural habitats such as woodlands, coastline and wetlands. We also look to the future, tackling issues such as climate change, green energy opportunities and protecting heritage conservation. We deliver flood protection and defend coastal erosion. |
|  | **Highways** We manage over 8,500km of highways, 5,000km of pavements, 120,000 streetlights and maintain other assets like bridges, road signs and drains. We work with districts/parishes to manage grass, trees and weeds next to our highways. We fix potholes and deliver a winter service to keep roads gritted and safe in bad weather. We’re also responsible for road safety, working with partners to prevent accidents and deaths on Kent’s roads. We’re not responsible for motorways and major A roads which are the responsibility of Highways England. |
|  | **Regeneration and Economic Development** These services focus on regeneration of local areas and creating the right conditions for the economy to grow. We work with different types of businesses, colleges, universities and other partners to ensure we have the right skills, infrastructure and job opportunities for the future. We also promote apprenticeships to provide new training and work opportunities. We work with international, national and regional partners to attract funding to support key projects that will support growth, support our tourism sector as well as local food producers, provide loans for new businesses and tackle empty properties. |
|  | **Waste Services** We are responsible for disposing of waste and providing the Household Waste Recycling Centres. District Councils are responsible for on-street collections. We work closely with districts on issues such as recycling, composting and fly tipping. |
|  | **Community Services** We provide services which are important for the wellbeing of our communities and residents. Our culture, arts and sports services work with many schools, a range of providers including Turner Contemporary, local sports and arts groups and we support festivals and work with partners to bring major events to the county such as Open Golf in 2021. We deliver adult education, supporting people to develop new skills. Our Gateways and contact centres help people get in touch with the council, and work with other partners to provide advice or support to resolve queries or issues online, on the phone or face to face. |
|  | **Libraries, Registration and Archives** We have 99 libraries, a mobile library service and support for older and vulnerable people to access library services at home. In addition to reading and learning opportunities, libraries also provide community activities such as baby bounce and rhyme, dementia friendly libraries and summer reading challenges. We also host archives and history projects to protect Kent’s cultural heritage and deliver registration of births, deaths and marriages. |
|  | **Transport Services** These services are about travel, not physical roads and highways. We have responsibility for transport planning to ensure the right networks are there to support growing communities. This includes active travel options such as walking and cycling. We subsidise bus travel and concessionary fares (discount rates for older people and people who need support with travel costs) and maintain bus routes for isolated and rural communities which older, younger and vulnerable people may depend on. We assist young people to travel to school with the Kent Travel Saver card and help pupils with special educational needs to travel to and from school. |

**Q6a. Tell us why you have picked those three as your top COMMUNITY/PLACE spending priorities.**

Help us understand why you have made those choices and what makes them so important.

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**If there was an extra £1 available, where would you spend it?**

**Q7. In questions 5 and 6 we asked you to pick up to six spending priorities (3 for each question). From the priorities you identified, tell us your top spending priority. Where would you spend your £1?**

*Please only select* ***one*** *service area or your answer cannot be included*

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|  | **Adult Social Care** |  |  | **Environment Services** |
|  | **Older People Social Care** |  |  | **Highways** |
|  | **Social Support** |  |  | **Regeneration and Economic Development** |
|  | **Children's Social Care** |  |  | **Waste Services** |
|  | **Early Help** |  |  | **Community Services** |
|  | **Educational and Youth Services** |  |  | **Libraries, Registration and Archives** |
|  | **Public Protection** |  |  | **Transport Services** |

**Q8. Did you find this questionnaire easy to understand?**  *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |
|  | Partly |
|  | No |

**Q8a. If you have answered ‘Partly’ or ‘No’ to Q8, please tell us why:**

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***It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.***

**Section 4 – More About You**

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we are asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We’ll use it only to help us make decisions and improve our services.

**If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.**

**Q9. Are you….?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Male |
|  | Female |
|  | I prefer not to say |

**Q10. Is your Gender the same as your birth?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | I prefer not to say |

**Q11. Which of these age groups applies to you?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | 0-15 |  | 25-34 |  | 50-59 |  | 65-74 |  | 85 + over |
|  | 16-24 |  | 35-49 |  | 60-64 |  | 75-84 |  | I prefer not to say |

**Q12. Do you regard yourself as belonging to a particular religion or holding a belief?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |  | No |  | I prefer not to say |

**Q12a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q12, which of the following applies to you?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Christian |  | Hindu |  | Muslim |  | I prefer not to say |
|  | Buddhist |  | Jewish |  | Sikh |  |  |

If Other, please specify:

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a long standing physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

**Q13. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |  | No |  | I prefer not to say |

**Q13a. If you answered ‘Yes’ to Q13, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.**

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these applies to you, please select ‘Other’ and give brief details of the impairment you have.

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|  | Physical impairment |
|  | Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both) |
|  | Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy |
|  | Mental health condition |
|  | Learning disability |
|  | I prefer not to say |
|  | Other (please specify): |

A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without their support. Both children and adults can be carers.

**Q14. Are you a Carer?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Yes |
|  | No |
|  | I prefer not to say |

**Q15**. **To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.* (Source 2011 Census)

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | White English |  | Mixed White and Black Caribbean | |
|  | White Scottish |  | Mixed White and Black African | |
|  | White Welsh |  | Mixed White and Asian | |
|  | White Northern Irish |  | Mixed Other | |
|  | White Irish |  | Black or Black British Caribbean | |
|  | White Gypsy/Roma |  | Black or Black British African | |
|  | White Irish Traveller |  | Black or Black British Other | |
|  | White Other |  | Arab | |
|  | Asian or Asian British Indian |  | Chinese | |
|  | Asian or Asian British Pakistani |  | I prefer not to say | |
|  | Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi |  | |
|  | Asian or Asian British Other |  |

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| Other ethnic group – if your ethnic group is not specified on the list, please describe it here: |

**Q16. Are you….?** *Please select* ***one*** *option.*

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|  | Heterosexual / Straight |
|  | Bi / Bisexual |
|  | Gay woman / Lesbian |
|  | Gay man |
|  | I prefer not to say |

If Other, please specify:

**Thank you for taking part in KCC’s Consultation on amendments to the Budget 2020-21, your feedback is important to us. If you would like to find out more about our services, or get in touch, please visit** [**kent.gov.uk**](http://www.kent.gov.uk/)

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Last updated: 2nd November 2018

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# **The personal information we collect and use**

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*And*

*‘processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject.’*

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* Object to how we are using your information
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