

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

SPECIAL BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

That a Special meeting of the Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council will be held on **THURSDAY 23 February 2023** at 2:00pm in the Civic Centre, Ridley Street, Redcar and all and several Members of the said Council are hereby summoned to attend.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Prayers.

Elect a person to preside if the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are not present.

1. Apologies for absence.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest.

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4. To consider and agree the following report from the Cabinet.

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Member Report

Budget Proposals - 2023/24



Report to: Cabinet

Report from: Managing Director

Portfolio: Resources

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Council Priority: All

HEADLINE POSITION

1.0 Summary of report

1.1 This report sets out Cabinet's budget proposals for the forthcoming 2023/24 financial year along with an indicative medium term financial plan through to 2027/28, for the Borough Council to then consider for formal approval.

1.2 The draft budget proposals published by Cabinet in December have been reviewed in light of the subsequent provisional local government finance settlement provided by Government, and the feedback received from key stakeholders during the consultation period. This has helped to inform these final proposals.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Cabinet recommends to the Borough Council approval of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy, which sets a balanced budget for the 2023/24 financial year and an indicative medium-term position through to 2027/28, consisting of the following main components:

- A Medium-Term Financial Strategy, incorporating the Driving Change efficiencies programme (Appendix 3), and including:
 - A 1.99% council tax increase for 2023/24 (Appendix 6).
 - A 2.00% adult social care precept increase for 2023/24 (Appendix 6).
- For Business Rates
 - the National Non-Domestic Rates Return (NNDR1) 2023/24 (£38.952 million) as the business rates base position for the Borough, with the Council's share of £19.086 million factored into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (Appendix 8b).
 - the forecast deficit position on the Collection Fund for 2022/23 of £3.030 million. The Council's proportionate share is £1.485 million. This will be offset by grant received in previous years of £2.342 million (Appendix 8c).
- The setting of a General Reserve position of £6.350 million (Appendix 4)
- The required council tax amounts and revenue allocations, applicable for the Borough of Redcar & Cleveland (Appendix 7).
- An affordable medium term Capital Investment Programme, including a revised

2022/23 position (Appendix 9).

- A Treasury Management Strategy that sets the authorised limit for external debt for 2023/24 at £301.935 million (Appendix 10), as supported by the Governance Committee.
- A Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy for 2023/24 (Appendix 10), as supported by the Governance Committee.

DETAILED PROPOSALS

3.0 What are the objectives of the report and how do they link to the Council's priorities

3.1 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy and budget proposals for 2023/24 are integral to the Council's ability to deliver the entirety of the Corporate Plan, ensuring the financial resources available to the Council come together in a robust plan to fund the agreed priorities.

3.2 Well planned revenue, capital and treasury activities are also essential in ensuring the medium-term financial strategy of the Council is robust and promotes financial resilience and sustainability.

4.0 What options have been considered

4.1 Approach and Key Principles

It is a statutory requirement for the Council to set a balanced budget on an annual basis and, by doing so, the authority ensures that it is able to meet its targets and commitments.

4.2 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy, and its supporting documents, may be approved only by the Borough Council, the legislation being clear that the decision cannot in any way be delegated. However, in line with the Council's constitution and local government legislation, it is for Cabinet to propose a Medium-Term Financial Strategy for the Borough Council to then consider for formal approval.

4.3 The current approved medium term financial strategy (MTFS) runs to the end of the 2026/27 financial year. In line with best practice, this has been extended through to 2027/28 to maintain a 5-year financial planning horizon.

4.4 One of the top twelve commitments underpinning the delivery of the council's priorities within the corporate plan has been a focus on financial resilience and sustainability. This principle has been adopted in the current MTFS, seeking to fund permanent commitments on a permanent basis to promote sustainability, and to protect reserve levels where possible to maintain resilience.

4.5 This approach has received strong endorsement from our external auditors, our corporate peer challenge, and the CIPFA financial assurance review undertaken in 2021.

4.6 Due to the current economic conditions this has become more challenging, with a fundamental refresh of the MTFS being required in order to address the financial challenges facing the council.

4.7 Executive Summary

Inflation has risen sharply, due to supply chains struggling to keep pace with demand following the pandemic, added to by the conflict in Ukraine causing further shortages in key commodities.

- 4.8 When the Government undertook their Comprehensive Spending Review in October 2021, which included an assessment of the funding requirements of local government for the following three years, the rate of CPI was forecast to peak at 4% in 2022. CPI has since risen above 11%, the highest it has been for 40 years, and is forecast to remain high into 2023/24.
- 4.9 The high levels of inflation have caused some significant pressures on the Council's budgets, with significant cost increases for energy, fuel, labour, provider fees, construction, and other general costs.
- 4.10 In response to growing inflation, the Bank of England has increased base interest rates, which is feeding into higher interest rates for borrowing, which the Council needs to use to fund the Capital Investment Programme. This has increased the capital financing costs of the Council.
- 4.11 There is also increasing demand for some council services, influenced by the aftereffects of the pandemic and cost of living pressures, with the impact being felt particularly within children's social care and home to school transport.
- 4.12 The extent of the pressures needing to be provided for in this medium-term financial strategy are set out in Appendix 2. Left unmitigated these pressures would deplete the council's reserves and leave an unsustainable financial position. We, along with the rest of the local government sector, have lobbied government on the need for additional funding to protect services and address the extraordinary inflationary impact being experienced.
- 4.13 The Chancellor's autumn statement and the subsequent draft local government finance settlement have recognised to some extent the pressures being experienced, providing some extra funding; but have not addressed the full breadth and scale of the financial challenges facing councils. It has therefore been necessary to develop an extensive savings programme (Appendix 3), to ensure essential services can be maintained and the Council's financial position remains as sustainable and resilient as possible across the medium term.
- 4.14 After building in the proposed savings programme, the December budget proposals position that was consulted on had a net budget deficit of approximately £1.7 million. Since then, in response to the consultation feedback Cabinet have revised the fees and charges proposals for next year, thereby reducing anticipated income levels. Government funding levels estimated on the basis of announcements in the Autumn Statement have also had to be revised in line with the detail provided in the draft finance settlement which shows that an element of the new funding announcements in the Autumn Statement have been funded through reductions to existing funding streams. Capital financing costs have also increased to reflect latest estimates of capital investments and the associated borrowing requirement.

4.15 These changes have widened the estimated budget deficit for next year to £2.5 million. The referendum threshold for council tax increases would allow a 2.99% rise (as opposed to the 1.99% consulted on), which would help to mitigate these changes. Although Government have assumed local authorities will implement the maximum increase to deliver the funding they have calculated as being available to councils to deliver services, it is proposed to maintain the recommended council tax increase at the 1.99% consulted on.

4.16 The estimated deficit balance for 2023/24 and the assumptions underpinning it will be kept under review as we monitor and report on the delivery of the 2023/24 budget and its associated savings programme. Any ultimate deficit will be funded from reserves with further permanent solutions sought for future years as necessary.

4.17 In mitigation of Government's expectations regarding council tax increases, and in the context of the cost-of-living challenges being the greatest for the least well off, Government have also announced additional funding for local authorities to support economically vulnerable households in their area with council tax payments. The Council's proposed increases in council tax and the adult social care precept will add 16 pence per week (£8.10 per year) to the bill of someone living in a Band A house receiving full council tax support. The additional support funding announced will be used to reduce next year's bill for all local council tax support claimants by £25.

4.18 An extension of the Household Support Fund has also been confirmed for next year. This funding provides support payments to the most economically vulnerable households. The guidance for the 2023/24 fund is yet to be published, but the latest tranche of funding in 2022/23 allowed support to also be provided to households above the council tax support threshold based on their financial circumstances.

4.19 **Revenue Budget Proposals**

The revenue budget has three key building blocks:

- Income and Funding
- Services Investments
- Driving Change Savings

4.20 The assumptions within this budget proposals report have been informed by a process of analysis and due diligence of the available evidence and intelligence, including the involvement of key service managers right across the council. However, the uncertainty within the current economic climate and the national and international nature of some of the drivers causing pressures on the council's budget, means it will be necessary to keep these assumptions under review and refine plans as required.

INCOME AND FUNDING

4.21 **Government Funding**

Government announced their spending review on 27 October 2021 which covered the three years 2022/23 to 2024/25. This included no additional funding in years

2023/24 and 2024/25, with the increase in core spending power for councils in these years being attributable to assumed increases in council tax levels.

4.22 Given the economic volatility of the last few months, there was a need for government to refresh its fiscal plans to calm the financial markets and produce economically credible plans to rebalance the national finances including addressing a forecast budget gap of £55 billion. The Chancellor's autumn statement on 17 November 2022 set out the government's plans regarding this, with the just under half of the gap being addressing through taxation measures and the remainder through spending restraint.

4.23 The key highlights for local government from the autumn statement are:

- No change in the allocations from SR21 means that the Settlement Funding Assessment should remain unchanged in 2023-24 and 2024-25, i.e. no additional funding. Departments to "make efficiencies to deal with inflationary pressures in next two years".
- Looking further ahead, the trend growth rate for spending in the next spending round (from 2025-26) has been scaled back. The implied rate now for unprotected services from 2025-26 onwards is annual reductions of 0.7% in real terms, showing that spending allocations are likely to be very tight for the foreseeable future.
- As an exception, resources for adult social care will increase by £2.8bn in 2023-24 and by £4.7bn in 2024-25, through a combination of the Adult Social Care precept (2%), new money (£1bn in 2023-24), and the postponement of the adult social care charging reforms.
- The Band D "core" threshold has increased, giving all local authority classes the opportunity to increase Band D by 2.99% in 2023-24 rather than 1.99% in the current year.
- Adult Social Care Precept threshold will increase from 1% to 2%.
- The 1.25% increase in National Insurance Contributions (Health and Social Care Levy) was cancelled in September's Mini Budget (and the reversal has now been implemented). Funding was provided to public bodies by the Treasury. Funding is now being clawed-back by the Treasury following decision to reverse NICs increases.
- Residents
 - Both benefits and pensions will increase in line with CPI (10.1%), and the triple-lock on pensions will be preserved.
 - There will be continued support for energy, although the scheme will be less generous from April 2023 (the cap will increase from £2,500 to £3,000)
 - Further targeted energy support payments on a means-tested basis.
 - Social rents capped below inflation (7%).
 - National Living Wage increasing by 9.7% to £10.42 per hour.
 - Household Support Fund to be extended over 2023/24.
- Businesses
 - For Business Rates - a package of reliefs and support to help businesses worth £14bn over two years. The 2023 Revaluation will go ahead as planned, and the measures are designed to help offset the impact of the revaluation as well as other financial pressures on businesses.

- Transitional relief scheme (government funded) for 2023 Revaluation (£1.2bn in 2023-24). This has no effect on billing authorities, it simply makes the transitional support scheme more generous.
- 75% relief for Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) sectors in 2023-24 (£2.3bn in 2023-24). Local authorities will be compensated in the usual way through s31 grants.
- 3-year support for small businesses (scheme for properties losing Small Business Rates Relief or Rural Rates Relief) (£190m per year for 3 years). Again, local authorities will be fully compensated.
- Freezing the business rates multiplier (£1.7bn in 2023-24 rising in future years) - will include cap compensation payments to local government through s31 grants.

4.24 The draft Local Government Finance Settlement was subsequently published on 19 December 2022, confirming a one-year settlement for 2023/24 but also some principles that would continue into 2024/25. The content was largely in line with the spending review announcements, with the key aspects being

- Confirmation of the indicated thresholds for council tax (2.99%) and adults social care precept (2%) for 2023/24 and 2024/25
- New Homes Bonus will continue for one (or perhaps two) more years, but there will be no more legacy payments. The cost of NHB will fall from £556m in 2022-23 to £291m in 2023-24. A decision on whether NHB will continue into 2024-25 will be made before next year's settlement.
- A new grant has been created to ensure every authority has an increase in Core Spending Power (CSP) of at least 3% in the next two years. This new guarantee will be funded from the Lower Tier Services Grant (LTSG) and the reduced cost of New Homes Bonus (NHB).
- All the social care grants will be distributed based on Adult RNF. It appears that only £160m of the ASC precept will be equalised, which will limit the impact of equalisation (half of the equalisation will be funded from non-ASC funds).
- Recognising the impact of rising bills, the Government will be distributing £100m of new grant funding in 2023-24 for local authorities to support economically vulnerable households in their area with council tax payments. Local authorities will be expected to use the majority of their funding allocations to reduce bills for current Local Council Tax Support (LCTS) claimants by up to £25.

4.25 As stated in the Budget Proposals report in December, government funding levels were estimated on the basis of announcements in the Autumn Statement and would need to be revised as necessary in line with the draft finance settlement when it was released. Whilst all significant funding announcements were highlighted in the Autumn Statement, the detail in the draft finance settlement shows that an element of the new announcements have been funded through reductions to existing funding streams, with the impact being our overall net funding is £0.25 million lower than forecast as part of the December budget proposals position. This has been incorporated into the final budget put forward for approval within this report.

4.26 Fees & Charges

- 4.27 The Council's proposed fees and charges for 2023-24 were presented to Cabinet on 20 December 2022 in order to commence a period of consultation. The level of consultation responses received were much higher than in previous years, with the vast majority of respondents being against the new car parking charges being proposed.
- 4.28 After considering the feedback received, a revised set of fees and charges for 2023-24 were proposed, which excluded the introduction of any new charges including for parking, and with increases to existing charges capped at the level of inflation. These revised fees and charges levels for 2023/24 were approved by Cabinet at their meeting on 23 February 2023.
- 4.29 The reduction to anticipated income levels have been factored into the 2023/24 budget assumptions within this report, and future years of the MTFs factor in modest increases in income based on general inflation rises across each year.

4.30 Council Tax

The breakdown of the changes to the council tax base and the forecast deficit on the collection fund impacting on 2023/24 were approved by Cabinet in December.

- 4.31 In summary the tax base has increased by 370 compared to a growth forecast within the MTFs of 316, resulting in a gain of £0.097 million. In addition, there is a forecast deficit on the collection fund relating to council tax, with an amount of £1.301 million to be addressed in 2023/24. This is allowing for the legislated government mechanism for recovering deficits built up in 2020/21 due to covid over a three-year period, with £0.585 million needing to be funded in 2023/34.
- 4.32 Analysis of trends of council tax discounts and housing forecasts has informed a forecast of 250-350 Band D equivalent growth p.a. in the council tax base in future years, equating to £0.440 million to £0.610 million.
- 4.33 The draft finance settlement has confirmed that the referendum limit on council tax rises for 2023-24 will be 3% along with an additional 2% social care precept. As in recent years, the government have made clear that council tax rises are expected to be a key feature in councils achieving balanced budgets, representing a significant amount of the stated increase in core spending power for local government across the spending review period.
- 4.34 Despite the significant cost pressures on services set out later in this report, the 2023/24 budget does not propose the maximum increase, being based on a 1.99% increase to council tax and a 2% increase for the adult social care precept as consulted on and as reflected in the recommendations of this report. For 2024/25 a 2.99% council tax and 2% adult social care precept increase is assumed in line with the confirmed referendum limits for that year, followed by indicative increases of 1.99% to council tax and 1% for the adult social care precept for the remaining years of the MTFs; although these assumptions are subject to decision by Full Council each year as part of the annual budget approval process.

- 4.35 The consultation responses received on the proposed increases for next year were relatively balanced, with 38% in favour of the proposed Council Tax increase and 62% against, and 48% in favour of the Adult Social Care Precept increase with 52% against.
- 4.36 The proposed increases in council tax and the adult social care precept for 2023/24 would add £1.33 per week (£69 per year) to the bill of a full council taxpayer living in a Band D house. For someone living in a Band A house receiving full council tax support, this reduces to 16 pence per week (£8.10 per year).
- 4.37 However the Government have also announced additional funding for local authorities to support economically vulnerable households in their area with council tax payments. The additional support funding announced will be used to reduce next year's bill for all local council tax support claimants by £25.

Business Rates

- 4.38 The detail of the business rates position of the council is set out within the 'local taxation' section of this report. As per the recommendations of this report, the business rates base for 2023/24 is £38.952 million, with the Council share being £19.086 million (Appendix 8b). The forecast deficit position on the Collection Fund for 2022/23 is £3.030 million, with the Council's proportionate share being £1.485 million, offset by grant received of £2.342 million (Appendix 8c). Both elements have been factored into the Medium-Term Financial Strategy.

SERVICE INVESTMENTS

- 4.39 The Council's approach to its MTFS looks to recognise the pressures faced on service delivery and ensure that additional investment into services is managed to cater for the required increases and policy decisions, in line with our corporate priorities and commitments. The list of proposed service investments within the revenue budget over the next five years, totalling £49.302 million, is set out in Appendix 2, with the main items described below. This is particularly front loaded into next year and to some extent the year after due to the impact of the current 40-year high inflation levels on the cost of the council's services.
- 4.40 Nationally, due to on-going demographic and price pressures, adult and children's social care have increased their share of overall service spend from 59% in 2010-11 to 69% in 2019-20. Whilst our services do pursue early intervention and prevention strategies to enable more children and older people to live safely at home with the right support at the right time, the upward pressure on spend is continuing, exacerbated by current inflation, and in order to maintain statutory service levels and deliver on our priority of meeting residents' needs, extra investment is required. National Living Wage levels is a key cost driver, particularly within adult social care, and our estimates reflect the 9.7% rise from £9.50 to £10.42 in 2023/24, and future years increases towards the government's target of two thirds of median earnings by 2024.
- 4.41 Additional investment within Children and Families has also been provided for current cost pressures in children in our care and home to school transport that

are expected to feed through into next year's budget position. There is also provision for additional demand coming through in year.

- 4.42 The exceptionally high level of inflation has impacted on pay costs. The recently approved pay award for 2022/23 equates to an average uplift of 6.75% which far exceeds the 2% budgeted. Additional investment is therefore required in the 2023/24 budget to catch up to current pay levels and cater for a higher than anticipated pay award in 2023/24 (4%) with inflation expected to still be high. Energy and fuel costs have also seen significant increases this year, which now need to be catered for in the 2023/24 budget.
- 4.43 In response to growing inflation, the Bank of England base rate has risen significantly and rapidly to 3.5% in December, contributing to higher interest rates for borrowing, which the Council needs to use to fund the Capital Investment Programme. This has increased the capital financing costs of the Council compared to budgeted assumptions, which has had to be catered for across the medium-term financial plan period. Some mitigation and risk reduction has been secured in recent months by refinancing much of the council's existing short-term borrowing over the longer-term before the more recent interest rate increases.
- 4.44 Other provisions have been made to cater for various inflation impacts, plus some funding and income changes.

DRIVING CHANGE SAVINGS

- 4.45 As part of setting out a sustainable MTFs, savings have been identified to be delivered over the term of the plan totalling £9.220 million. These are set out at Appendices 2a & 2b. Savings plans are front loaded into next year with some accruing the year after, to help towards addressing the significant pressures on the council's finances in these years.
- 4.46 In order to address the significant financial pressures facing the council it has been necessary to review expenditure and income across the full range of council services. This review has been structured into the five themes of
- Buildings and accommodation
 - Changes to service provision
 - Invest to save
 - Fees & charges, and contractual arrangements
 - Improving business efficiency
- 4.47 An all-member budget conference was held on 07 November to discuss the council's financial challenge and consider potential solutions under these five themes. Our staff were also asked to put forward savings suggestions. The responses received helped to inform the savings included in Cabinet's budget proposals in December that were consulted on.
- 4.48 In line with the extensive consultation feedback and clear message received from respondents on fees and charges, in particular proposals for new parking charges, a revised set of fees and charges for 2023/24 were approved by Cabinet at their meeting on 23 February 2023. This change has been

incorporated into the driving change savings programme with a reduction to anticipated income levels from fees and charges.

- 4.49 The revised savings proposals set out at appendix 2a are considered to have minimal or no impact on front line service delivery levels and require no further consultation if approved by full council as part of 2023/24 budget. Some internal consultation may be required prior to implementation if there is any significant impact on employees, and this will be managed in line with HR policies as appropriate.
- 4.50 The revised savings proposals set out at appendix 2b are considered to potentially affect front line service delivery levels. These will be subject to the impact assessment process and further consultation prior to implementation. If it becomes apparent that any change in categorisation is required then this will be catered for as appropriate.
- 4.51 The estimated profiling of savings delivery has sought to cater for the time required for any consultation and implementation. Savings proposals will be subject to robust governance and monitoring of delivery, but if any of the proposed savings are subsequently deemed not to be achievable in full, then alternative plans will need to be considered as required to support the budget.

Summary of Revenue MTFS position

- 4.52 The main changes since the Budget Proposals position that was consulted on are set out in the table below:

Revenue Position	2023/24 £'m	2024/25 £'m	2025/26 £'m	2026/27 £'m	2027/28 £'m
Budget Proposals - (Surplus) / Deficit balance	1.666	2.370	2.871	3.453	3.880
Funding changes post finance settlement	0.249	0.152	0.124	0.096	0.068
Reduced income from revised fees and charges	0.340	0.490	0.490	0.490	0.490
Ammendments to Investment Programme	-0.030	-0.230	-0.230	-0.230	-0.230
Ammendments to savings programme	0.305	0.287	0.287	0.287	0.287
Revised assumptions for council tax increases	0.000	-1.488	-1.544	-1.600	-1.658
Final Budget - (Surplus) / Deficit balance	2.530	1.581	1.998	2.496	2.837

- 4.53 It should be noted that there remains a level of uncertainty and risk regarding the assumptions underpinning the MTFS, with global issues directly impacting the council's finances through inflation and interest rates and indirectly with the performance of the national economy influencing government fiscal policy and spending decisions. This uncertainty is naturally greater in the later years of the MTFS.
- 4.54 The estimated deficit balance for 2023/24 and the assumptions underpinning it will be kept under review as we monitor and report on the delivery of the 2023/24 budget and its associated savings programme. Any ultimate deficit will be funded from reserves with further permanent solutions sought for future years as necessary.

4.55 Reserves Strategy

General Reserve balances provide both a degree of flexibility and financial protection against adverse variations in assumptions, shortfall in the delivery of plans and unforeseen events. It is critical that the level of general reserves is determined and informed by the quantification of risk. However, in setting the Council budget an evaluation of all available funds to support delivery of front-line services has been undertaken.

- 4.56 In recognition of these risks the level of general balances for 2023/24 has been set at £6.300 million, which represents a minimum floor provision of 5.0% of the Council's net budget (£126.320 million). The amount set aside is slightly higher than the risk assessed level of reserves as set out in Appendix 4.
- 4.57 In addition to the General Reserve, the Council holds earmarked reserves that are designated for specific purposes. Details of the earmarked reserves position is reported quarterly through the Council's regular financial position reports. Based on the second quarter report to Cabinet in December 2022, the balance on earmarked reserves excluding school balances and after catering for the above 5% level of general balances is £36.090 million.
- 4.58 This position reflects timing differences of income held at the start of the year in advance of the associated expenditure due to take place, alongside some replenishment of reserves in the last two years to help mitigate the significant financial risks facing the council in line with one of the top 12 commitments underpinning the delivery of the Council's priorities within the Corporate Plan to have a continued focus on financial resilience and sustainability.
- 4.59 This approach has received strong endorsement from our external auditors, our corporate peer challenge, and the CIPFA financial assurance review undertaken in 2021.
- 4.60 As part of the 2023/24 budget proposals, some reserves held due to timing differences in respect of business rates and council tax will be drawn down, alongside some of the corporate reserve set aside to promote strategic change and resilience as part of delivering the driving change savings programme. Earmarked reserves will also be needed to balance the 2022/23 budget, currently forecast to overspend by £5.5 million due to 40-year high inflation levels and increases in demand for statutory services. The total use of reserves for these reasons is estimated at £12 million
- 4.61 The deficit balance for the 2023/24 budget will be a further call on reserves, which is why it is important that the budget proposed minimises this deficit as far as possible, in order to protect remaining reserves levels, lay the groundwork for the following year's budget to get back into balance, and promote the financial resilience and sustainability of the council.
- 4.62 Given the on-going financial uncertainty the Council faces, with key services encountering volume and price pressures, council tax and service charges not keeping pace with rising inflation levels, and an uncertain but austere outlook of future funding settlements from Government given the context of the national finances; it is important this MTFS retains this focus to ensure services remain

sustainable and the Council can meet its permanent commitments on an on-going basis across the medium term.

4.63 **Local Taxation**

This section of the report considers the detailed position in respect of income to be received from local taxation, which covers the following areas:

- Council tax.
- Adult social care precept.
- Major precepting bodies.
- Parish and Town Council precepts.
- Business rates.

Relevant considerations for each of these streams are set out below.

4.64 Council Tax

The Budget for 2023/24 is based on an increase of 1.99% on council tax, which creates a council band D equivalent amount for 2023/24 of £1,561.86 per annum. This band D equivalent is the amount prior to the application of any eligible discounts and/or exemptions on a householder's bill.

4.65 Appendix 5 details the council tax position for the forthcoming five years, with 2023/24 increasing by 1.99%, an indicative 2.99% increase for 2024/25 and 1.99% in the years thereafter for current financial planning purposes, as each year Council will need to agree the level for council tax for the year ahead.

4.66 The proposed 1.99% council tax increase for 2023/24 equates to a band D equivalent additional sum per week for the following groups of payers:

- Full council taxpayer (100%) - £0.67 per week
- Single person discount (75%) - £0.50 per week
- Average discount payer (72%) - £0.48 per week
- Council tax support payer (17.5%) - £0.12 per week

4.67 The majority of our residents have properties that fall into council tax bands A to C (83.9%) and therefore the proposed 1.99% council tax increase is reduced for residents in these bandings. The proposed charges would be as follows: average discounts reduce these sums by a further circa 28.0%).

- Band A – 6/9th of a band D equivalent - £1,041.24 or £19.97 per week;
- Band B – 7/9th of a band D equivalent - £1,2214.78 per annum or £23.29 per week;
- Band C – 8/9th of a band D equivalent - £1,388.32 per annum or £26.63 per week.

N.B – The impact of parish precepts would add to these sums in areas which are served by a parish council.

4.68 The Council is required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, to set a level of council tax for the forthcoming 2023/24 financial year by 11 March 2023. The calculation of the level of council tax for 2023/24, (Appendix 6) is in accordance with these statutory requirements and does not breach the up to 3.00% threshold set by DLUHC, which would then require the Council to hold a referendum on the proposals.

4.69 Adult Social Care Precept

The 2023/24 Budget is based on a 2.00% rise in the precept relating to the funding of adult social care. Additional funding from the adult social care precept is ring-fenced and transferred directly to adult social care to part fund the pressures in the service, as set out in Appendix 2. Use of this precept is reported to Government, both at the point of budget allocation and at the final year-end outturn, detailing the actual amounts spent.

4.70 The proposed 2.00% precept increase would add £34.74 per annum (from £212.85 to £247.59) to the overall council tax bill, based on a band D equivalent amount, prior to the application of any eligible discounts and/or exemptions. The Council is obliged to set out on council tax bills the increase in respect of the 2023/24 adult social care precept, separate to the overall council tax position (Appendix 5, 6 & 7).

4.71 The proposed 2.00% adult social care precept increase for 2023/24 equates to a band D equivalent additional sum per week for the following groups of payers:

- Full Council Taxpayer (100%) – £0.67 per week.
- Single person discount (75%) – £0.50 per week.
- Average discount payer (72%) – £0.48 per week.
- Council Tax Support payer (17.5%) – £0.11 per week.

4.72 The majority of our residents have properties that fall into council tax bands A to C (84%), and therefore the proposed 2.00% adult social care precept increase is reduced for residents with properties in these bandings. The proposed charges would be as follows: (average discounts reduce these sums by a further circa 28.0%):

- Band A – 6/9th of a Band D equivalent - £165.06 per annum or £3.17 per week.
- Band B – 7/9th of a Band D equivalent - £192.57 per annum or £3.69 per week.
- Band C – 8/9th of a Band D equivalent - £220.08 per annum or £4.22 per week.

4.73 A 2.00% adult social care precept would generate an additional sum of £1.493 million in 2023/24. Whilst the full amount would be allocated to the Adult Social Care service, the amounts charged to residents would be allocated as per the normal council tax bandings and subject to the various reliefs appropriate to each council taxpayer.

4.74 Major Precepting Bodies

Redcar & Cleveland Council acts as the Billing Authority for the Borough and coordinates the precept demands for a range of public bodies. The two major precepting bodies in our Borough are the Cleveland Fire Authority and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland. These two bodies, after calculating their own financial requirements, will then issue precept demands on each of the four Teesside local authorities, based on the notified council tax base for that individual Council.

4.75 The Cleveland Fire Authority, at its meeting on 10th February 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is increasing by 6.12%, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £86.86 per annum, an increase of £5.00 (maximum increase) from the 2022/23 level. The total Cleveland Fire Authority precept sum, applicable for the Borough is £3.536 million.

4.76 The Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland, following a meeting on 7th February 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is increasing by 5.44%, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £290.73 per annum, an increase of £15.00 (maximum increase) from the 2022/23 level. A total Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland precept sum, applicable for the Borough of £11.835 million.

4.77 The calculations in Appendix 7 set out the impact of the precept requirements of the two major precepting bodies - Cleveland Fire Authority and the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland – on the level of council tax to be set within the Borough.

4.78 Parish and Town Council Precepts

Redcar & Cleveland Council also co-ordinates the precept demands of the five Parish and Town Councils. These five bodies, after calculating their financial requirements, will issue precept demands on the Council based on the notified council tax base for that geographical area. The five Parish and Town Councils are:

- Guisborough Town Council.
- Lockwood Parish Council.
- Loftus Town Council.
- Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council.
- Skelton & Brotton Parish Council.

Due to the timing of this council's budget papers being issued prior to some parish council precept setting meetings taking place, assumptions have been included for the precept levels of some parish councils below. These will be updated if necessary, with appropriate amendments provided to Cabinet and Council for their meeting on 23 February 2023.

4.79 Guisborough Town Council, following its meeting on 16th February 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is increasing by 9.22%, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £22.27 per annum, an increase

of £1.88 from the 2022/23 level. This generates a total precept sum, applicable for that geographical area of the Borough of £154,250.

- 4.80 Lockwood Parish Council, following official notification on 21st February 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is not subject to any increase, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement £41.49 per annum, the same as the 2022/23 precept level. This generates a total precept sum, applicable for that geographical area of the Borough of £38,756.
- 4.81 Loftus Town Council, following its meeting on 6th February 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is increasing by 74.22%, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £54.69 per annum, an increase of £31.20 from the 2022/23 level. This generates a total precept sum, applicable for that geographical area of the Borough of £154,415.
- 4.82 Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council, following its meeting on 13 December 2022, has formally advised that for 2023/24, their precept amount is not subject to any increase, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £18.27 per annum, the same as the 2022/23 level. This generates a total precept sum, applicable for that geographical area of the Borough of £115,480.
- 4.83 Skelton & Brotton Parish Council, following its meeting on 23 January 2023, has formally advised that for 2023/24 their precept amount is not subject to any increase, thus setting a band D equivalent requirement of £28.29 per annum, the same as the 2022/23 level. This generates a total precept sum, applicable for that geographical area of the Borough of £110,700.
- 4.84 The calculations in Appendix 6 & Appendix 7 set out the effects of the precept requirements of the five Parish and Town Councils and determine in-part the total level of council tax to be collected in 2023/24 in specific geographical areas of the Borough. These notified Parish and Town Council precepts will be in addition to the base council tax charge.
- 4.85 Council Tax Bill

The council tax bill will include all the above amounts and separately identify the sums due in respect of the 2023/24 financial year. Each bill will address an individual household's circumstances and account for specific bandings alongside the application of appropriate discounts and exemptions. A band D equivalent council tax bill, will be made up of the following lines and charges:

Band D Equivalent	2022/23 Charge	Increase	2023/24 Charge
	£	£	£
Council Tax	1,527.12	34.74	1,561.86
Adult Social Care Precept	212.85	34.74	247.59
Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland	275.73	15.00	290.73
Cleveland Fire Authority	81.86	5.00	86.86
Total Band D Equivalent	2,097.56	89.48	2,187.04

- 4.86 In addition to the sums due in respect of the major precept bodies above, the charges for the five Parish & Town Councils will be shown as a separate and an additional amount on the bill.

Band D Equivalent	2022/23 Charge £	Increase £	2023/24 Charge £
Guisborough Town Council	20.39	2.18	22.57
Lockwood Parish Council	41.49	Nil	41.49
Loftus Town Council	42.04	31.20	73.24
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske Parish Council	18.27	Nil	18.27
Skelton & Brotton Parish Council	28.89	Nil	28.89

4.87 Business Rates

Since the Local Government Funding system was changed in April 2013, the Council is directly funded from a proportion (49%) of the business rates collected in the Borough. However, the Council also bears a significant share of the financial risk if there is a reduction in the amount collected. A safety net mechanism is operated by DLUHC which means that financial support is provided if the drop-in collection is significant.

- 4.88 The Medium-Term Financial Strategy is built on the Council's share of this being treated as a source of income to fund general Council activity, in exactly the same way as we currently treat council tax income. The assumptions around business rates collection would either take away or add to the overall income of the Council.
- 4.89 The 2023/24 safety net threshold is 92.5% of the allocated business rates yield and would see the Council bearing the first circa £2.805 million of any gross collection shortfall, prior to any support being available from Central Government.
- 4.90 The Borough has a government-set target for an assumed business rate yield of £37.405 million for 2023/24, based on the funding formula estimations. This target was set in 2013/14 and is generally uplifted by inflation year on year and hence has not been adjusted for in respect of the specific economic conditions in the Borough. An element of this assumption is paid as top-up grant with the remainder set as a baseline of £23.554 million.
- 4.91 The Council collects circa 99% of all business rates due for the year, however the actual business rate base is below the assumed Government set baseline. The Council is working on a cash collection total of £19.069 million As shown in Appendix 8.

- 4.92 Whilst the anticipated business rate yield for 2023/24 is below the Government's original planning assumptions, the position remains in excess of the Government's safety net arrangement, so the Council has to bear this proportion of loss, without support and/or adjustment.
- 4.93 The retained cash collected is added to by a 'Top-Up' grant. This grant is part of the national mechanism to equalise business rate funding needs across England. In 2023/24, the 'Top-Up' grant for the Council is £13.851 million.
- 4.94 The Government provides additional grant funding to support aspects of the business rate process (known as a Section 31 Grant). These grants refund the Council for lost revenue where Government policy changes impact on local business rate yields, and for 2023/24 this is worth an estimated £9.846 million to the Council. This has been included in the Council's budget estimates and forms part of the overall financial position of the Council.
- 4.95 The accounting for business rates in a forthcoming financial year is determined at the budget setting stage, with any variations during the 2022/23 year, having an impact on the next financial year - 2023/24, in the form of a recalculated Collection Fund surplus or deficit. For the deficit in 2020/21, the Government instructed councils' that due to the financial impact of Covid-19 on Collection Funds (for both business rates and council tax), councils' will be permitted to recover deficits built up in 2020/21 across a three-year period (2021/22 to 2023/24) rather than all in 2021/22. During 2022/23 the Council will retain a 49% share of the forecast business rates deficit position, estimated to be £3.030 million. The amount to be addressed in the 2023/24 budget is £1.515 million. The main causes of the forecast deficit are a worsening 2021/22 positional than forecast due to a higher than assumed contribution to the appeals provision, a reduction in rateable value due to settling appeals and an increase in reliefs. This is offset by the release of an element of the appeal provision due a review of the outstanding appeals following the settlement of the high-risk appeals. The increase in reliefs is mainly funded by Section 31 grant which will be received in 2022/23 and held in a reserve to fund the deficit in 2023/24. There is also safety net grant received in respect of 2021/22 which will fund the deficit brought forward from 2021/22. After taking into account the deficit and the reserves which have been earmarked for business rates the net position is an additional resource of £0.858 million.
- 4.96 The total anticipated funding from business rates in 2023/24 is £43.953 million

4.97 **Capital Investment & Treasury Management Strategy**

A key element of the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan relates to the ongoing development of the Council's capital expenditure requirements. These longer-term spending plans invest in a range of areas including promoting economic growth, investing in service delivery, and planned replacement of assets.

4.98 Capital Investments

The Council manages its Capital Investments Programme on a rolling basis, with an on-going programme of investments in our infrastructure alongside a range of

investments to stimulate sustainable growth. These proposals follow a refresh of our investments programme to ensure alignment to the Council's priorities and to the five-year planning horizon of the revenue budget. The five-year planning timescale necessitates that some of the Capital Investment Programme is indicative at this stage and will therefore remain under constant review as we firm up and appraise plans and proposals including funding opportunities, business case credentials and overall impact on financial sustainability.

4.99 The table below summarises the £163.118 million of investment proposed through to 2027/28, with scheme level detail set out at Appendix 9.

	Revised 2022/23	Revised 2023/24	Revised 2024/25	Revised 2025/26	Revised 2026/27	Revised 2027/28	Total Budget
Town Scope Investment	8,815,650	27,792,850	20,195,600	311,000	100,000	100,000	57,315,100
Visitor Attractions & Amenities	2,282,150	8,728,850	4,381,900	0	0	0	15,392,900
Business Infrastructure	2,695,650	4,540,350	0	0	0	0	7,236,000
Transport Infrastructure	5,707,200	6,280,300	5,419,400	5,419,400	4,969,400	3,419,400	31,215,100
Housing	1,760,800	190,000	0	0	0	0	1,950,800
Supported Housing	2,288,000	2,398,000	2,390,000	2,290,000	2,090,000	2,090,000	13,546,000
Community Capacity	376,100	294,400	0	0	0	515,000	1,185,500
Recycling & Waste Initiatives	385,150	470,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,255,150
Education	3,777,650	654,250	225,000	225,000	175,000	175,000	5,231,900
Council Investments	4,513,000	6,386,000	4,426,150	4,485,100	4,489,450	4,489,450	28,789,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,601,350	57,735,000	37,138,050	12,830,500	11,923,850	10,888,850	163,117,600

4.100 In line with our aims to reduce carbon emissions specific investment is available to underpin actions within our Climate Change Strategy, including development of renewable energy projects, support for sustainable transport infrastructure and more tree planting on an on-going basis.

4.101 This complements the significant annual investment planned in our IT infrastructure that allows us to operate more flexibly, reducing the need for building space and travel. Our fleet replacement programme allows our older vehicles to be replaced with cleaner ones, with more electric vehicles being trialled and purchased. The on-going investment in the planned maintenance of our buildings includes provision to make them more energy efficient as we undertake these works, and grant funding has been secured for accelerated decarbonisation works on some of our buildings. Green Homes grant will see energy efficiency improvements to some homes being made, and additional investment is planned to improve recycling rates and active travel routes within the borough.

4.102 In meeting residents' needs there is on-going investment in disabled facilities and adaptations to allow people to live more independently in their own homes. Investment has been made in supporting our children in care through our No-Wrong Door approach and moving on accommodation. Further investment in our school estate is planned, expanding existing school provision, and creating new, to meet the educational needs of our young people.

4.103 Significant investment is also planned to provide new sporting facilities including a Sports Village for the Greater Eston area. This will positively improve public

health outcomes through increased exercise and activity levels and provide upgraded facilities that will meet Sport England's competition standard specification, allowing the hosting of major gala events.

- 4.104 We have extensive plans to improve the physical appearance of the Borough and enhance prosperity. Significant investment in our towns will take place, including through the Redcar Town Fund, Loftus Future High Streets Fund and the Levelling Up Connecting People and Place Funding. Investment is also planned to support business growth, with our industrial estates programme creating the infrastructure needed.
- 4.105 Our approach to investing for the longer term is also reflected. The infrastructure requirements for service delivery including IT, assets and fleet are provided for. On-going investment is also planned in the Borough's transport infrastructure, including the road network, repair and maintenance of highways assets, drainage maintenance and flood prevention.
- 4.106 The Council operates established governance arrangements around the delivery of the Capital Investment Programme, to maximise the realisation of benefits and delivery of value for money. Our 'In-Control' toolkit is utilised to ensure all the five cases of the green book business case model are considered at the key milestones of planning and scheme delivery. These business cases are considered at the Council's Programme Management Group, consisting of a cross section of relevant senior officers from across the Council, to ensure a comprehensive appraisal of proposals prior to being presented to Cabinet for consideration and approval.
- 4.107 A number of schemes within the Capital Investment Programme have already been approved and are currently being delivered. Other schemes are at an earlier stage and are included in the proposed programme now for financial planning purposes. These schemes will go through the governance process described above, and as such could be amended or removed as appropriate.
- 4.108 As per our focus on financial resilience and sustainability, we have sought and will continue to seek to maximise the use of external funding sources and manage the amount of borrowing required to underpin our investments.
- 4.109 Indicative funding sources for the Capital Investment Programme have been included, which currently shows over £2 of external funding leveraged for every £1 invested by the Council. In summary the indicative funding sources for the £163.118 million programme are £111.021 million grant funding, £49.647 million borrowing, £1.797 million capital receipts and £0.652 million revenue contributions.
- 4.110 The Capital Investments Programme will continue to evolve over time. Consideration of future investment proposals will appraise strength of fit to the agreed priorities of the Council, as well as ability to deliver a return on investment where appropriate to support the financial sustainability of the Council and ensure the funding of the programme remains affordable.
- 4.111 The Council's Funding Strategy for its capital expenditure is based on prudence, affordability, and sustainability, which is evidenced and set out in a range of

indicators known as the Prudential Indicators. These indicators are set on an annual basis, monitored regularly, and revised accordingly.

4.112 Capital expenditure which is funded by borrowing has a range of implications for the Council's short- and long-term revenue budgets. The Council must set aside additional capital financing revenue budgets for the costs of interest on borrowing and adequate budget to re-pay the debt incurred (known as the minimum revenue provision).

4.113 The Council holds revenue budgets for capital financing costs totalling £21.278 million (17% of the net revenue budget for 2023/24). Due to rising interest rates and inflation on PFI contracts the budget has increased by £2.383 million. The table below analyses the total cost between principal repayments (minimum revenue provision) and interest payments. The table also includes costs associated with brokerage fees, the costs of premiums associated with repaying some loans early, less interest earned on investment balances. Subsequent changes to capital financing costs in 2023/24 may arise as a result of subsequent changes to the Capital Investment Programme. The capital financing costs of the debt is distinguished between debt linked to the Capital Investment Programme and debt payable on other long-term liabilities such as PFI's.

Capital Financing Costs	2023/24 Forecast £'m
Capital Investment Programme	
Principal MRP	4.706
Interest	8.877
Total Capital Financing Costs linked to the Capital Investment Programme	13.583
Long Term Liabilities (i.e., leases and PFI arrangements)	
Principal MRP	1.624
Interest	6.862
Total Capital Financing costs linked to Long Term Liabilities	8.486
Capital Financing costs link to all debt.	
Principal	6.330
Interest	15.739
Gross Capital Financing Costs	22.069
Add loan refinancing premium costs	0.499
Add Brokerage Fees	0.035
Less Investment Income	(1.325)
Total Net Capital Financing Costs	21.278

4.114 The Capital Investment Programme will only incur borrowing for approved aspects of the programme as and when required. The Council will not, unless essential, borrow in advance of need.

4.115 Appendix 10 provides detailed information on the Capital and Treasury Strategies of the Council, which has been reviewed and commented upon by Governance Committee on 06 February 2023.

4.116 Treasury Management Strategy

The Council has to effectively and efficiently manage cash resources and working capital (short term assets and liabilities). The approach to treasury management requires a robust governance framework to be in place, which follows regulatory and recognised best practice. Appendix 10 fully sets out the framework for the Council's approach to treasury management activities, which was reviewed and commented upon by Governance Committee on 06 February 2023.

4.117 The Capital and Treasury Management Strategies sets out how the Council identifies, monitors, and controls risk in relation to managing cash balances and developing an investment strategy. Accordingly, the analysis and reporting of treasury management focuses on their risk implications for the Council.

4.118 Prudential indicators are used to allow the Council to monitor and regulate the capital investment and financing activities of the Council. Regulations require these indicators are annually set and periodically monitored by all councils and are therefore determined by local borrowing plans based on the specific capital investment strategy and plans of a council.

4.119 The Council is forecasting to have external outstanding capital investment programme debt of £210.051 million as at 31 March 2023.

4.120 In addition to this outstanding debt from direct borrowing, the Council has the historic debt associated with Private Finance Initiative (PFI) assets which will stand at £44.874 million at year end.

4.121 The total long-term debt for all capital purposes estimated for the end of March 2023 is £254.925 million. This must be compared to the Council's forecasted underlying need to borrow, which is referred to as the Capital Financing Requirement of £266.454 million at 31 March 2023. The difference of £11.529 million reflects the current approach of delaying borrowing decisions and running down surplus cash balances in order to deliver revenue cost reductions in interest.

4.122 As part of the treasury management arrangements of the Council, income yield is generated on surplus cash balances from investments in fixed terms deposits. The Council has between £10.000 million and £40.000 million in surplus cash available on any particular working day which leads to an annual interest earned budget of around £0.500 million. It is envisaged that current interest rates will increase during 2023/24 but continue to remain low over the medium-term.

4.123 The Council also holds investments in Unit Trusts with the Church, Charity, and Local Authority (CCLA) Property Fund. The Council identified this investment option in 2018/19 in order to increase the rate of return achieved compared to current money market fund and cash deposit counterparties currently used. This

investment will yield a return of approximately 3.5% which equates to around £0.350 million in investment income in 2023/24.

- 4.124 The Council's main objective when investing money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return, minimising the risk of incurring losses from defaults and the risk of receiving unsuitably low investment income. As a result, the Investment Strategy continues to ensure a prudent and diverse list of counter-party cash balance limits are maintained, who satisfy a minimum credit rating of A-. Cash balances will continue to be kept low and primarily for short-term liquidity purposes.
- 4.125 The Council is required to maintain a policy for the repayment of debt incurred over previous years, stretching back decades – known as the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy. The policy is split into different elements which are influenced by when the borrowing was originally incurred, the type of assets being financed, and the useful economic life of the assets concerned. The Council has in previous years amended this policy to more accurately reflect the useful economic life of the funded assets. No changes are proposed to the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy for 2023/24. The Policy is set out in Appendix 10.
- 4.126 The Treasury Management Strategy sets out the Prudential Indicator measures for a Council approved authorised limit for external debt for 2023/24 of £301.935 million (the maximum allowed) and an operational boundary for external debt of £276.935 million (a working total for the limit on borrowing).

5.0 Impact Assessment

5.1 Climate Emergency – The budget proposals identify areas of service that, if approved will need to be considered for their impact on the Climate, with some proposals proactively targeted at delivering improvements.

5.2 Health and Safety – The budget has a secured level of funding for our Health & Safety needs.

5.3 Social Value – A key component of the procurement and investment strategies of the Council is to promote social value across the Borough.

5.4 Legal – The Local Government Act 2003 sets out a statutory requirement for the Chief Finance Officer to achieve a balanced budget for the Council; and a formal requirement on local authorities to consider the proposed level of reserves taking note of the advice from the Chief Finance Officer.

In addition, Section 25 of the Local Government Act 1972 addresses the Chief Finance Officer's legal requirement to be satisfied regarding the adequacy of its reserves when setting and operating budgetary policy of the Council.

The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Amendment) Regulations 2014 ('the Regulations') require recorded votes to be taken at budget-setting meetings. The Regulations state that, immediately after any vote is taken at a budget decision meeting of an authority, there must be recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of that meeting, the names of the persons who

cast a vote for the decision or against the decision, or who abstained from voting.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 makes it an offence for a Member in council tax arrears (of at least two months) to vote at a meeting of the Council, of a committee, or of the Council's Executive where financial matters relating to council tax are being considered. It is also an offence if any such Member present, who is aware of the arrears, fails to disclose that they are in arrears of council tax.

5.5 Financial – The main body of the report sets out the revenue and capital aspects of the budget.

5.6 Human Resources – Aspects of the proposals are likely to impact the staffing establishment in some service areas. As has been the case in previous years, any impact will be managed in line with HR policies.

6.0 Implementation Plan

6.1 Timetable for Implementing Decision:

- 23 February – Cabinet to propose the 2023/24 Budget and Council Tax requirement to Council
- 23 February – Council to set the 2023/2024 Budget and Council Tax requirement

6.2 Lead Officer: Phil Winstanley – Director – Finance (Section 151 Officer)

6.3 Reporting Progress: As per the timetable for implementation above.

6.4 Communications Plan: As per the timetable for implementation above.

7.0 Consultation and Engagement

7.1 The Council, through legislation, has two requirements to consult on the annual budget. The required consultation is with the businesses located in the borough and is in respect of the Council's Capital Investment Programme and proposals for increases in local taxation levels.

7.2 Some consultation was undertaken as part of the development of formal budget proposals. Responses received from the 07 November all-member budget conference and staff suggestions (set out at appendices 4a and 4b) helped to inform the budget proposals that were launched for consultation by Cabinet at their meeting on 20 December 2022.

7.3 Consultation was undertaken through the Corporate Resources & Governance Scrutiny & Improvement Committee, an on-line survey, a consultation e-mail address and discussion with wider Council Members and key stakeholders.

7.4 The responses to the on-line survey are set out at Appendix 11a. There has been a total of 3,013 respondents to the survey. Responses on the proposed

council tax increases were relatively balanced, with 38% in favour of the proposed council tax increase and 62% against, and 48% in favour of the adult social care precept increase with 52% against. Responses on the proposed fees and charges were 10% in favour and 90% against.

- 7.5 The most common themes within the narrative responses received expressed opposition to the proposed new car parking charges, concern regarding cost-of-living challenges, opinion that the council should seek to reduce costs and a desire to see investment spread more around the borough.
- 7.6 Consultation on the budget proposals can be challenging, with only a limited ability to explain the reasons for proposals and potential consequences of implanting them or not. However, the level of engagement this year has been really encouraging and the responses received have been considered in finalising these budget proposals.
- 7.7 In terms of the main themes highlighted, a revised set of fees and charges has been developed which exclude the introduction of any new charges including for car parking, and cap increases to existing charges at the level of inflation. This along with the extra council tax discounts and support payments that will be available next year for the most economically vulnerable households will help to mitigate cost of living concerns regarding the budget proposals. The budget proposals do seek to reduce costs, with a savings programme planned to deliver over £9 million in the next two years. Whilst the conditions attached to the awarding of grant funding often restrict where and what it can be spent on, the Council has sought to secure funding for investment across the borough, with schemes included in the Capital Investment Programme where this has been successful.

8.0 Chief Finance Officer Assurances

- 8.1 Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 places a duty on the chief finance officer (Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer) to advise Members on the robustness of the budget estimates and the adequacy of the proposed level of reserves. This section of the report fulfils this requirement and provides councillors with assurance that the budgets have been compiled appropriately and that the level of reserves is adequate.
- 8.2 In recent years our external auditors have recognised the positive progress made in stabilising the Council's financial position and replenishing reserves to a more appropriate level in the context of risks faced by the Council in delivering its full range of services. Our corporate peer challenge and the CIPFA financial assurance review undertaken in 2021 have also endorsed this approach, with the financial assurance review making a recommendation that the Council ensures there is a continued focus on maintaining adequate levels of reserves.
- 8.3 The MTFS focus on financial resilience and sustainability underpinning the delivery of the council's priorities has supported this. However, due to the current economic conditions this has become more challenging, with a fundamental refresh of the MTFS being required in order to address the financial challenges facing the council.

- 8.4 The extent of the pressures needing to be provided for in this medium-term financial strategy are significant and left unmitigated would deplete the council's reserves and leave an unsustainable financial position. It has therefore been necessary to develop an extensive savings programme, to ensure essential services can be maintained and the Council's financial position remains as sustainable and resilient as possible across the medium term.
- 8.5 Reserves will need to be used to fund the level of overspend against the 2022/23 budget unable to be mitigated by year end, and to facilitate the delivery of elements of the 2023/24 savings programme. It is therefore important that the 2023/24 budget deficit is minimised as far as possible, in order to protect remaining reserves levels, lay the groundwork for the following year's budget to get back into balance, and promote the financial resilience and sustainability of the council.
- 8.6 The options set out in this report will allow the Council to set a balanced revenue budget for 2023/24 with an estimated use of c£2.5m of reserves, based on a council tax increase of 1.99% and a 2.00% increase in respect of the adult social care precept. It will further allow the setting of an affordable Capital Investment Programme which is fully supported by a robust Treasury Management Strategy.
- 8.7 Given the on-going financial uncertainty the Council faces, with key services encountering volume and price pressures, council tax and service charges not keeping pace with rising inflation levels, and an uncertain but austere outlook of future funding settlements from Government given the context of the national finances; it is important this MTFS retains its focus to ensure services remain sustainable and the Council can meet its permanent commitments on an on-going basis across the medium term.
- 8.8 To mitigate the level of potential risks, robust budget monitoring will continue to focus on the delivery of the planned budget and then regularly report to Members through the quarterly financial position statement to Cabinet.
- 8.9 It is critical that the level of general reserves is determined with a consideration of potential risks. In recognition of these risks the level of general balances for 2023/24 has been set at £6.300 million, which represents a minimum floor provision of 5.0% of net revenue budget. The amount set aside is slightly higher than the risk assessed level of reserves as set out in Appendix 4.
- 8.10 In addition to general reserve balances, the Council holds earmarked reserves that are designated for specific purposes. Details of the earmarked reserves position is reported quarterly through the Council's regular financial position reports. Based on the second quarter report to Cabinet in December 2022, the balance on earmarked reserves excluding school balances and after catering for the above 5% level of general balances is £36.090 million, although this level will reduce for the reasons explained above.
- 8.11 The Chief Finance Officer, having been integral to the building of the Council's budget, is satisfied as to its robustness and based on a risk assessment is comfortable with general reserves being set at the floor of 5% of the net revenue budget, supplemented by the level of earmarked reserves also held.

9.0 Appendices and Background Papers

- Appendix 1 – Revenue Budget Summary
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Council Budget Summary	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m	£'m
Revenue Support Grant	8.711	8.929	9.107	9.290	9.475
Council Tax Income	63.577	67.111	69.210	71.242	73.342
Adult Services Levy	10.078	10.912	11.785	12.670	13.588
Business Rates Income	43.953	45.549	48.199	50.303	51.301
Sub Total	126.320	132.500	138.301	143.503	147.707
Education Funding	42.014	42.014	42.014	42.014	42.014
Housing Benefit Funding	34.206	33.000	33.000	33.000	33.000
Fees & Charges	17.431	18.906	19.281	19.581	19.881
Grants & Other Funding	81.537	83.498	83.498	83.498	83.498
Sub Total	175.188	177.418	177.793	178.093	178.393
Total Council Funding	301.508	309.918	316.094	321.596	326.100
Education Budget Allocation	42.014	42.014	42.014	42.014	42.014
Housing Benefit Payments	34.206	33.000	33.000	33.000	33.000
Base - Council Pay & Non Pay Budget	211.389	229.293	236.859	243.379	249.379
Service Investments	22.837	9.623	6.284	5.894	4.664
Budget Reductions	-6.408	-2.432	-0.065	-0.195	-0.120
Total Council Expenditure	304.038	311.498	318.092	324.092	328.937
Net Revenue Position	2.530	1.581	1.998	2.496	2.837

Appendix 2 – Service Investments

Service Investments	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Children in care demographic and cost pressures	3,800,000	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Home to school transport	1,000,000	-	-	-	-
Legal services	520,000	-	-	-	-
Adult social care demographic and cost pressures	5,200,000	3,320,000	1,670,000	1,670,000	1,670,000
Waste services - volume and price pressures	208,500	125,950	1,042,300	1,119,400	-
Increased fuel costs - fleet	250,000	-	-	-	-
Streetscene - Increased cleaning, contract & waste disposal costs	83,000	-	-	-	-
External funding for Neighbourhood Activities ending	500,000	-	-	-	-
Growth Plans - revenue impact of capital investment	100,000	-	-	-	-
Income pressure - SLM subsidy of energy costs	300,000	-	-	-	-
Pay Award (23/24 4%, 24/25 3% then 2% per annum)	5,622,250	2,077,268	1,412,557	1,440,831	1,469,670
Pension Fund Triennial Revaluation	-	250,000	500,000	-	-
Capital financing costs	2,383,000	1,850,000	1,159,000	1,164,000	1,024,000
Utility Inflation	1,900,000	-	-	-	-
General demand provision	1,000,000	1,000,000	-	-	-
Reduction to Strategic Change & Resilience Provision	- 200,000	-	-	-	-
Increase in audit fees	150,000	-	-	-	-
Increase in contribution to Elections reserve	20,000				
Total	22,836,750	9,623,218	6,283,857	5,894,231	4,663,670

Appendix 3a – Savings proposals : Proceed

Description	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000
Building and Accommodation					
Accommodation savings from continued delivery of approved asset strategy - reducing office and service accommodation requirements through hybrid working and developing multi-use assets	435	535			
Changing How Services Are Provided					
Children in Care placement efficiencies through developing more in-house provision	597	300			
Invest to Save					
Climate change invest to save activities to mitigate energy costs through targeted intervention measures	75	75	75	75	
Fees, Charges and Contractual Arrangements					
Economic Growth - additional income generation via an increase in usage	135				
Environmental services - additional income generation via sponsorship, grant, and increased usage	580		-130		
Savings on strategic contracts	50	50			
Review contributions to voluntary community sector	40				
Additional income derived from Fees and Charges proposals	295	200	120	120	120

Description	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000
Improving Business Efficiency					
Removal of some vacancies across children's, public health, economic growth, environment and education services	765				
Seek to reduce costs for home to school transport by reducing out of borough placement numbers and single pupil taxi routes as appropriate.		132			
Various small funding efficiencies	34				
Review workforce development budgets for social care	100				
Reduce occupational health budget costs	10				
Reduce communications non-staffing expenditure and increase external marketing income	35				
Reduce work mobile phone handset contract and identify savings in Wide Area Network provision following building reductions		100			
Three days Voluntary unpaid leave - dependent on take-up by staff	100				
Environment Service Review - non-pay savings	50	125			
Adult Social Care funding efficiencies	500	117			
Reduction in events budget	70				
Increased charge to capital funding sources where applicable	359				
Recover administration costs on specific grants where grant conditions allow	454	50			
Remove funding for the trade union post	46				
Review discretionary business rates relief awards	17	18			
Remove council tax support subsidy paid to Parish Councils	100				
Reduce elected member ward allowance allocations from 23/24	59				
Grand Total - Savings to Proceed	4,906	1,702	65	195	120

Appendix 3b – Savings proposals : Consult

Description	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	2025/26 £000	2026/27 £000	2027/28 £000
Changing How Services Are Provided					
Review of Youth and Community Centres and provision at various locations around the Borough		197			
Review Library service provision	200	200			
Cease Local Authority licence and provision for Duke of Edinburgh Awards	48				
Reduce the number of buildings used for delivering family hubs services from 12 to 8; and apply alternative funding sources to support service delivery.	94	16			
Reduce contribution to support joint arrangements for South Tees Youth Justice Service	65				
Review Local Authority led after school short breaks provision for children with disabilities	50				
Review and consult on potential changes to the current policy on non-statutory SEN transport for early years children and post 16 young people.		66			
Review service provision that supports young people remaining in education until at least their 18th birthday and the support for young people who are not participating	75				
To review School Crossing Patrol service and consult with schools to consider an SLA with the Local Authority		126			
Reduction in some Public Health initiatives	75				
Economic Growth Service review - salary savings	120				
Environment Service Review - salary savings	400				
Fees, Charges and Contractual Arrangements					
Introduce a means test for discretionary adult social services currently provided free of charge.	375	125			
Grand Total - Savings to Consult	1,502	730	0	0	0

Appendix 4 – General Reserves Level

Risk Category	Risk Rating	2023/24 £
5% of 2022/23 Net Budget - (for reference)	<i>n/a</i>	6,300,000
Inflation		
Pay award	medium	1,050,000
Non Pay Inflation	medium	1,300,000
Income Inflation	low	300,000
		2,650,000
Investment & Borrowing Interest		
Interest earned on investments	low	200,000
Interest paid on borrowing	low	100,000
		300,000
Capital Resourcing & Financing		
Delay in receipt of capital funding	Medium	50,000
Cost pressures in the capital programme	low	50,000
		100,000
Service Pressures		
Demographics	medium	800,000
Service Delivery	medium	100,000
		900,000
Efficiency Savings		
Driving Change Efficiency Programme		350,000
Revenue Funding Changes		
Government Grants	medium	600,000
Business Rates income	medium	100,000
Council Tax income	low	350,000
		1,050,000
Specific Provisions		
Court & Complex Legal costs		250,000
		250,000
Emergency Planning		
Bellwin threshold & limits		250,000
5% Reserve Floor - top up or balance down		200,000
TOTAL		6,300,000

COUNCIL TAX & ADULT SOCIAL CARE PRECEPT	3.99%	4.99%	2.99%	2.99%	2.99%
Council Tax	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Council Tax Base (Band D Equivalent)	40,336.40	40,706.20	41,070.20	41,397.20	41,642.70
Council Tax Volume Growth/Decline	369.80	364.00	327.00	245.50	245.50
	40,706.20	41,070.20	41,397.20	41,642.70	41,888.20
Band D Equivalent Base Price - Council Tax	1,527.12	1,561.86	1,634.06	1,671.86	1,710.80
Band D Equivalent Base Price - ASCP	212.85	247.59	265.68	284.68	304.25
	1,739.97	1,809.45	1,899.74	1,956.54	2,015.04
Price Increase	69.48	90.29	56.80	58.50	60.25
	1,809.45	1,899.74	1,956.54	2,015.04	2,075.29
Council Tax Proportion	1,561.86	1,634.06	1,671.86	1,710.80	1,750.90
Adult Social Care Proportion	247.59	265.68	284.68	304.25	324.40
Council Tax Income	63,577,386	67,111,050	69,210,402	71,242,212	73,341,904
Adult Social Care Precept Income	10,078,448	10,911,716	11,785,034	12,669,681	13,588,440
Recurring Income Total	73,655,834	78,022,766	80,995,436	83,911,893	86,930,343
Collection Fund - Estimate (One-Off)	- 716,323	0	0	0	0
Collection Fund - Estimate 20/21 (spread 3 years)	- 584,807	0	0	0	0
Reserve Drawdown - Funding for Council Tax Deficit	1,300,900				
Total Council Tax Income	73,655,604	78,022,766	80,995,436	83,911,893	86,930,343
Council Tax/ASCP Breakdown	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Base Amount	70,184,126	73,655,834	78,022,766	80,995,436	83,911,893
Volume Increase	669,135	691,506	639,790	494,693	509,485
Price Increase	2,802,573	3,675,426	2,332,881	2,421,764	2,508,966

Appendix 6

CALCULATION OF THE COUNCIL TAX

This Appendix informs Members of the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended by the Localism Act 2011 to enable Council to approve the level of council tax for 2023/24. The calculation of the level of council tax for 2023/24 is in accordance with statutory requirements.

The 2023/24 revenue budget requirement for Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council is £126,319,573 and how this is funded is set out in the table below. Full details of the budget requirement and the rationale behind it are set out in the covering report.

The table also illustrates that the budget requirement will lead to a 3.99% increase in council tax levels for the Council to £1,809.45 for a Band D property. The council tax base for 2023/24 was approved by Cabinet on 20 December 2022 in line also with statutory timescales.

Revenue Budget Requirement 2023/24		
	£	£
Redcar & Cleveland Revenue Budget		126,319,573
Less : Revenue Support Grant (RSG)	(8,711,101)	
Business Rates Baseline	(43,095,125)	
Total Formula Grant	(51,806,226)	
Less : Collection Fund Deficit - Council Tax	1,301,130	
Less : Collection Fund Deficit - Business Rates	1,484,509	
Less: Use of Collection Fund Reserves	(3,643,152)	(52,663,739)
Net Budget		73,655,834
Divided by Net Taxbase		40,706.20
Billing Authority Council Tax		
Total Council Tax Band D 2023/24 (Including Adult Social Care Precept)		1,809.45
Total Council Tax Band D 2022/23 (Including Adult Social Care Precept)		1,739.97
Change £		69.48
Change %		3.99

Section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requests that parish council's should notify their precepts to the Billing Authority before 1 March. The table below gives the precept figures as notified by each parish.

2022/23 Precept	2022/23 Band D Equivalent	Parish	2023/24 Precept including Ctax Support	2023/24 Band D Equivalent excl Ctax Support	Change excluding Ctax Support £	Change excluding Ctax Support %
£	£		£	£	£	%
157,650	20.39	Guisborough	154,250	22.27	1.88	9.22
51,750	41.49	Lockwood	38,756	41.49	0.00	0.00
116,580	42.04	Loftus	154,415	73.24	31.20	74.22
132,525	18.27	Saltburn, Marske and New Marske	115,480	18.27	0.00	0.00
134,315	28.89	Skelton and Brotton	110,700	28.89	0.00	0.00
592,820			573,601			

The total budget requirement of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council as the Billing Authority is therefore:

Calculation of the Council Tax Requirement

In order to determine the council tax requirement, the total budget requirement needs to be reduced by the amount of formula grant funding and collection fund surplus/deficits. Below is a breakdown of the formula grant funding allocated to Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council for 2023/24:

2023/24 Formula Grant	
	£
Revenue Support Grant (RSG)	8,711,101
Business Rates Baseline Funding Level (BFL)	37,405,003
Confirmed Deficit against baseline	(1,796,342)
Section 31 Grant (adjusted for compensation against Baseline)	7,486,464
Total Formula Grant	51,806,226

Surplus/Deficit on the Collection Fund

The Council is required under statutory regulation to maintain a separate account, known as the Collection Fund, in which it records all local tax payments for council tax purposes. The estimated balance on this fund has to be calculated on or before the 15 January (for council tax) and 31 January for business rates each year, for use in the calculation of the council tax requirement.

Any surplus or deficit is apportioned between the Council and its precepting bodies as follows:

Collection Fund Surplus/(Deficit) 2022/23	
	£
Estimated Council Tax Deficit	-1,566,306
RCBC element	-1,301,130
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland element	-204,403
Cleveland Fire Authority element	-60,773
Estimated Business Rates Deficit	-3,029,610
RCBC element	-1,484,509
Central Government element	-1,514,805
Cleveland Fire Authority element	-30,296
Total RCBC Collection Fund Deficit 2022/23	-2,785,639

The calculation of Redcar & Cleveland's council tax requirement is shown in the table below.

Council Tax Base

The council tax base is an essential component of the calculation for council tax amounts and must be calculated and approved by Cabinet between 1 December and 15 January. Cabinet agreed its council tax base at its meeting on 20 December 2022. The table below provides an analysis of the council tax base for the Borough by area.

Council Tax Base By Area	Gross	Net (98.5%)
Guisborough	9,029.00	6,925.60
Lockwood	1,697.00	934.10
Loftus	3,868.00	2,108.20
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske	9,128.00	6,321.00
Skelton & Brotton	6,061.00	3,831.80
Total Parishes	29,783.00	20,120.70
Non Parished Areas	36,012.00	20,585.50
Borough Total	65,795.00	40,706.20

Calculation of Council Tax amounts

Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 sets out the calculation for the basic amount of council tax for the Billing Authority as:

$$\frac{R}{T} \quad \text{where:}$$

R is the council tax requirement of the Billing Authority (as per Section 31A(4));

T is the council tax base for the year.

Basic Amount of Council Tax	
	£
Redcar & Cleveland Council Tax Requirement	74,229,435
Divided by Net Taxbase	40,706.20
Basic Amount of Council Tax	1,823.54

Section 34 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 sets out the calculation for the basic amount of council tax in any area where a special item applies by firstly calculating the council tax for those areas not affected as:

$$B - \frac{A}{T} \quad \text{where:}$$

B is the basic amount of council tax;

A is the aggregate of all special items

T is the net council tax base.

Therefore, the calculation is:

Basic Amount of Council Tax with No Special Items	
Basic Amount of Council Tax	£ 74,229,435
Less : Special items	(573,601)
Divided by : Net Council Tax Base	40,706.2
	1,809.45
Basic Amount of Council Tax with No Special Items	73,655,834

The calculation for the areas where a special item applies is then:

$$\frac{S}{TP} \text{ where:}$$

S is the amount of the special items;

TP is the council tax base for that area.

The basic amounts of council tax (including the adult social care precept) in the areas with special items are, therefore:

Area	Parish Precept	Net Tax Base	Council Tax
	£	£	£
Guisborough	154,250	6,926	22.27
Lockwood	38,756	934	41.49
Loftus	154,415	2,108	73.24
Saltburn, Marske and New Marske	115,480	6,321	18.27
Skelton and Brotton	110,700	3,832	28.89
Total	573,601	20,121	

Section 30(2)(a) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires an amount of council tax to be set for each category of dwelling in its area. This is the basic amount of council tax for each area, multiplied by the ratio of each band, to the Band D equivalent, using the following:

Band	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Ratio	6	7	8	9	11	13	15	18

For example: council tax for band A is $\frac{6}{9}$ of the basic amount, and for band H is $\frac{18}{9}$ of a Band D equivalent property.

The table below sets out the combined Council and Parish council tax for the billing authority area for each of the bands A – H. These are the final values that will be collected and retained by the Council to finance its own budget requirement.

Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Non-Parish	1,206.30	1,407.35	1,608.40	1,809.45	2,211.55	2,613.65	3,015.75	3,618.90
Guisborough	1,221.15	1,424.67	1,628.19	1,831.72	2,238.77	2,645.82	3,052.87	3,663.44
Lockwood	1,233.96	1,439.62	1,645.28	1,850.94	2,262.26	2,673.58	3,084.90	3,701.88
Loftus	1,255.13	1,464.31	1,673.50	1,882.69	2,301.07	2,719.44	3,137.82	3,765.38
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske	1,218.48	1,421.56	1,624.64	1,827.72	2,233.88	2,640.04	3,046.19	3,655.43
Skelton & Brotton	1,225.56	1,429.82	1,634.08	1,838.34	2,246.86	2,655.38	3,063.90	3,676.68

Appendix 7

CALCULATION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TAX

The amounts set out in Appendix 6 are the relevant council tax amounts for properties in the Borough in both non-parished and parished areas, that are payable by council taxpayers to fund the Council's overall budget requirement.

However, the total bill to be received by members of the public in the Redcar & Cleveland Borough area will include additional amounts for both the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and Cleveland Fire Authority, as well Redcar & Cleveland Council (including the adult social care precept).

This Appendix will set out the relevant council tax amounts (per category banding) for the Police and Fire Authorities and then combines these with the Redcar & Cleveland amounts from Appendix 6 to give the total council tax charge for each property for the 2023/24 financial year.

The Appendix will also highlight the specific detailed recommendations that need approving by the Borough Council to set the council tax, linking these to the totals and recommendations set out in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy report.

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland under Sections 40 to 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 use the same calculation as set out in Appendix 3 to issue a precept to the Billing Authority. The precept for 2023/24 is £11,834,514 which when divided by the net tax-base of 40,706.2 gives an amount of council tax for a Band D property of £290.73 per annum. The Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland have calculated the council tax for each category of dwelling as shown below. This represents a 5.44% increase on the 2022/23 figures.

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland	193.82	226.12	258.43	290.73	355.34	419.94	484.55	581.46

Cleveland Fire Authority

The Cleveland Fire Authority under Sections 40 to 49 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 also uses the same calculation to issue a precept to the Billing Authority. The precept for 2023/24 is £3,535,741 which when divided by the net tax-base of 40,706.2 gives an amount of Council Tax of £86.86. The Fire Authority has calculated the council tax for each category of dwelling as shown below. This represents a 6.12% increase on the 2022/23 figures.

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Cleveland Fire Authority	57.91	67.56	77.21	86.86	106.16	125.46	144.77	173.72

Adding the basic amounts of council tax for Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and Cleveland Fire Authority together gives the following

total amounts of council tax for 2023/24 to be levied in the Redcar and Cleveland Borough area. These are set out in the table below.

Council tax amounts – including Police & Fire

Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Non-Parish	1,458.03	1,701.03	1,944.04	2,187.04	2,673.05	3,159.05	3,645.07	4,374.08
Guisborough	1,472.88	1,718.35	1,963.83	2,209.31	2,700.27	3,191.22	3,682.19	4,418.62
Lockwood	1,485.69	1,733.30	1,980.92	2,228.53	2,723.76	3,218.98	3,714.22	4,457.06
Loftus	1,506.86	1,757.99	2,009.14	2,260.28	2,762.57	3,264.84	3,767.14	4,520.56
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske	1,470.21	1,715.24	1,960.28	2,205.31	2,695.38	3,185.44	3,675.51	4,410.61
Skelton & Brotton	1,477.29	1,723.50	1,969.72	2,215.93	2,708.36	3,200.78	3,693.22	4,431.86

Specific Approvals required by Borough Council to formally set the Council Tax for 2023/24

The following amounts should now be approved by the Council for the year starting 1 April 2022, in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:

Gross Expenditure

- a) £304,611,351 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) (a) to (f) of the Act (Borough’s own spend of £304,037,750 plus £573,601 for Parishes);

Income

- b) £177,718,177 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) (a) to (d) of the Act (£157,757,000 Grants and Other Funding, £17,431,000 Fees and Charges and £2,530,177 reserve contribution);

Net Budget Requirement

- c) £126,893,174 being the amount by which the aggregate of gross expenditure above exceeds the aggregate income above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year (Borough £126,319,573 plus Parishes £573,601);

Formula Grant and Collection Fund Deficit

- d) £52,663,739 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable into its general fund in respect of Formula Grant (£8,711,101 Revenue Support Grant and £43,095,125 Business Rates income) increased by the amount of the sum which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 adjusted by a drawdown of collection fund reserves (a surplus of £857,513).

Average Billing Authority Tax (Basic Amount)

- e) £126.893,174 being the net amount at c) above, less the amount at d) above (£52,663,739) divided by the approved Council Tax Base (40,706.2) totals £1823.54 as calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;

Parish Precepts

- f) £573,601, being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act (as detailed at h) below);

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- g) £73,655,834 being the amount calculated at e) above, less the result given by subtracting the amount at f) above (£573,601), by the council tax base above (40,706.2) totals £1,809.45 as calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

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- h) Part of the Council's Area

being the amounts obtained by adding to the amount at g) above (£1,809.45), the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's areas mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount of the net council tax base relating to dwellings in those areas, as calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of the council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

Area	Basic Sum	Plus Parish	Total
	£	£	£
Guisborough	1,809.45	£22.27	1,831.72
Lockwood	1,809.45	£41.49	1,850.94
Loftus	1,809.45	£73.24	1,882.69
Saltburn, Marske and New Marske	1,809.45	£18.27	1,827.72
Skelton and Brotton	1,809.45	£28.89	1,838.34

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 4g and 4h above, by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band, divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

Area	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Non-Parish	1,206.30	1,407.35	1,608.40	1,809.45	2,211.55	2,613.65	3,015.75	3,618.90
Guisborough	1,221.15	1,424.67	1,628.19	1,831.72	2,238.77	2,645.82	3,052.87	3,663.44
Lockwood	1,233.96	1,439.62	1,645.28	1,850.94	2,262.26	2,673.58	3,084.90	3,701.88
Loftus	1,255.13	1,464.31	1,673.50	1,882.69	2,301.07	2,719.44	3,137.82	3,765.38
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske	1,218.48	1,421.56	1,624.64	1,827.72	2,233.88	2,640.04	3,046.19	3,655.43
Skelton & Brotton	1,225.56	1,429.82	1,634.08	1,838.34	2,246.86	2,655.38	3,063.90	3,676.68

(As the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires an amount of council tax to be set for each category of dwelling in this area). This is the basic amount of council tax for each area, multiplied by the ratio of each band to band D, using the following:

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland Precept and Tax

That it be noted that for the year 2023/24 the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below. This represents a 5.44% increase on their 2022/23 precept.

Band	Redcar and Cleveland - Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
	£
A	193.82
B	226.12
C	258.43
D	290.73
E	355.34
F	419.94
G	484.55
H	581.46

Cleveland Fire Authority Precept and Tax

That it be noted that for the year 2023/24 Cleveland Fire Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each of the categories of dwelling shown below. This represents a 6.12% increase on their 2022/23 precept.

Band	Redcar and Cleveland - Cleveland Fire Authority
	£
A	57.91
B	67.56
C	77.21
D	86.86
E	106.16
F	125.46
G	144.77
H	173.72

Total Council Tax

That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts above for the Billing Authority and for any matters determined as special items, and having been advised of the Police & Crime Panel's calculation above and the Fire Authority's calculation above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby set the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2023/24 for Band D properties shown below:

Area	Basic & Parish	Police	Fire	2023/24 Total	2022/23 Total	Variation
	£	£	£	£	£	
Non-Parished	1,809.45	290.73	86.86	2,187.04	2,097.56	4.27%
Guisborough	1,831.72	290.73	86.86	2,209.31	2,117.95	4.31%
Lockwood	1,850.94	290.73	86.86	2,228.53	2,139.05	4.18%
Loftus	1,882.69	290.73	86.86	2,260.28	2,139.60	5.64%
Saltburn, Marske and New Marske	1,827.72	290.73	86.86	2,205.31	2,115.83	4.23%
Skelton and Brotton	1,838.34	290.73	86.86	2,215.93	2,126.45	4.21%

The table below shows the Council Tax charge across all bandings to be approved:

Area	Valuation Bands							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Non-Parish	1,458.03	1,701.03	1,944.04	2,187.04	2,673.05	3,159.05	3,645.07	4,374.08
Guisborough	1,472.88	1,718.35	1,963.83	2,209.31	2,700.27	3,191.22	3,682.19	4,418.62
Lockwood	1,485.69	1,733.30	1,980.92	2,228.53	2,723.76	3,218.98	3,714.22	4,457.06
Loftus	1,506.86	1,757.99	2,009.14	2,260.28	2,762.57	3,264.84	3,767.14	4,520.56
Saltburn, Marske & New Marske	1,470.21	1,715.24	1,960.28	2,205.31	2,695.38	3,185.44	3,675.51	4,410.61
Skelton & Brotton	1,477.29	1,723.50	1,969.72	2,215.93	2,708.36	3,200.78	3,693.22	4,431.86

BUSINESS RATE POSITION

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
Government Target	23,554,122	24,731,828	25,226,465	25,730,994	26,245,614
Less Section 31 Grant (Included in Baseline)	2,359,369	2,477,337	2,526,884	2,577,421	2,628,970
Revised Government Target	21,194,753	22,254,491	22,699,581	23,153,573	23,616,644
Confirmed Deficit	-2,125,837	-1,925,837	-227,095	906,634	915,700
Non-Domestic Rating Income	19,068,916	20,328,654	22,472,486	24,060,206	24,532,344
Section 31 Grant (Included in Baseline)	2,359,369	2,477,337	2,526,884	2,577,421	2,628,970
Section 31 Grant (Multiplier Cap)	7,486,464	7,860,787	8,018,003	8,178,363	8,341,930
Energy Disregard	259,930	267,728	274,421	281,282	288,314
SEA Growth	69,565	71,130	72,731	74,367	76,040
Collectable Rates Income	29,244,244	31,005,636	33,364,524	35,171,639	35,867,598
Top Up Grant	13,850,881	14,543,425	14,834,294	15,130,979	15,433,599
Total Income	43,095,125	45,549,061	48,198,818	50,302,619	51,301,197
Collection Fund - Estimate 22/23	-1,114,981	0	0	0	0
Collection Fund - Estimate 20/21 (spread 3 years)	-369,528	0	0	0	0
Reserve Drawdown - Funding for Business Rates Deficit	2,342,252	0	0	0	0
Total Business Rates Income	43,952,868	45,549,061	48,198,818	50,302,619	51,301,197

Appendix 8b

NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES RETURN - NNDR1	
2023-24	
Please e-mail with certification to: nndr.statistics@levellingup.gov.uk by no later than 31 January 2023.	
All figures must be entered in whole £	
If you are content with your answers please return this form to DLUHC as soon as possible	
Select your local authority's name from this list:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Redbridge Redford and Levensland UA Redditch Reigate and Banstead Ribbles Valley Richmond upon Thames </div>
PART 1A: NON-DOMESTIC RATING INCOME	
This section of the form uses entries from other parts to calculate the forecast net business rates income for the authority in 2023-24. Note that you still need to enter data for line 5 and line 9a, but otherwise it is all calculated. Also please note that Parts 1B and 1C are below.	
COLLECTABLE RATES	£
1. Net amount receivable from rate payers after taking account of transitional adjustments, empty property rate, mandatory and discretionary reliefs and accounting adjustments	37,643,433
TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION PAYMENTS	
2. Sums due to the authority	3,756,534
3. Sums due from the authority	0
COST OF COLLECTION (See Note A)	
4. Cost of collection formula	163,720
5. Legal costs	0
6. Allowance for cost of collection	163,720
SPECIAL AUTHORITY DEDUCTIONS	
7. City of London Offset : Not applicable for your authority	0
DISREGARDED AMOUNTS	
8. Amounts retained in respect of Designated Areas	2,024,238
9. Amounts retained in respect of Renewable Energy Schemes (see Note B)	259,930
<i>of which:</i>	
9a. sums retained by billing authority	259,930
9b. sums retained by major precepting authority	0
10. Amounts retained in respect of Shale Oil and Gas Sites Schemes (see Note C)	0
NON-DOMESTIC RATING INCOME	
11. Line 1 plus line 2, minus lines 3, 6 to 9 and 10	38,952,079

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PART 1B: PAYMENTS

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The payments to be made, during the course of 2023-24 to:

- i) the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013;
 - ii) major precepting authorities in accordance with Regulations 5, 6 and 7; and to be
 - iii) transferred by the billing authority from its Collection Fund to its General Fund,
- are set out below

	Column 1 Central Government	Column 2 Redcar and Cleveland UA	Column 3 Tees Valley Combined Authority	Column 4 Cleveland Fire Authority	Column 5 Total
Retained NNDR shares	£	£	£	£	£
12. % of non-domestic rating income to be allocated to each authority in 2023-24	50%	49%	0%	1%	100%
Non-Domestic Rating Income for 2023-24					
13. Non-domestic rating income from rates retention scheme	19,476,039	19,086,519	0	389,521	38,952,079
14. (less) deductions from central share	0				0
15 TOTAL:	19,476,039	19,086,519	0	389,521	38,952,079
Other Income for 2023-24					
16. add: cost of collection allowance		163,720			163,720
17. add: amounts retained in respect of Designated Areas		1,954,674	69,565		2,024,238
18. add: amounts retained in respect of renewable energy schemes		259,930	0		259,930
19. add: amounts retained in respect of Shale oil and gas sites schemes		0	0	0	0
20. add: qualifying relief in Designated Areas		0	0	0	0
21. add: City of London Offset		0			0
22. add: in respect of Port of Bristol hereditament		0			0
Estimated Surplus/Deficit on Collection Fund	£	£	£	£	£
23. Surplus/Deficit at end of 2022-23 (+ve = surplus, -ve = deficit) (including adjustment for three year spread)	-1,514,805	-1,484,509	0	-30,296	-3,029,610
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
24. Total amount due to authorities	17,961,234	19,980,334	69,565	359,225	38,370,357

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PART 1C: SECTION 31 GRANT (See Note D)

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Estimated sums due from Government via Section 31 grant, to compensate authorities for the cost of changes to the business rates system announced in the 2013 to 2016 and 2022 Autumn Statements, 2020 and 2021 spending reviews, and 2017 (March and November), 2018 (October) and 2021 (October) Budgets

	Column 2 Redcar and Cleveland UA	Column 3 Tees Valley Combined Authority	Column 4 Cleveland Fire Authority	Column 5 Total
Adjustment Factor: 1.17				
Multiplier Cap	£	£	£	£
25. Cost of cap on 2014-15, 2015-16 and post-2018-19 and freezing of 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 small business rates multipliers	3,628,448	11,850	66,351	3,706,649
Small Business Rate Relief				
26. Cost of doubling SBRR & threshold changes for 2023-24	1,854,999	0	35,159	1,890,158
26a. Additional compensation for loss of supplementary multiplier income	62,278	0	1,271	63,549
27. Cost to authorities of maintaining relief on "first" property	20,626	0	366	20,992
Rural Rate Relief				
28. Cost to authorities of providing 100% rural rate relief	915	0	19	934
Supporting Small Business Scheme				
29. Cost to authorities of providing relief	8,764	0	179	8,943
Designated Areas qualifying relief in 100% business rates retention areas				
30. Cost to authorities of providing relief	0	0	0	0
Local newspaper relief				
31. Cost to authorities of providing relief	0	0	0	0
Public lavatories relief				
32. Cost to authorities of providing relief	11,498	0	235	11,733
Retail, Hospitality and Leisure relief				
33. Cost to authorities of providing relief	1,901,935	0	38,140	1,940,075
Freeports relief				
34. Cost to authorities of providing relief	0	0	0	0
Low-carbon heat networks relief				
35. Cost to authorities of providing relief	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£
36. Amount of Section 31 grant due to authorities to compensate for reliefs	7,489,463	11,850	141,720	7,643,033

NB To determine the amount of S31 grant due to it, the authority will have to add / deduct from the amount shown in line 36, a sum to reflect the adjustment to tariffs / top-ups in respect of the multiplier cap (See notes for Line 36)

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Note that any reliefs for the year 2023-24 announced after this form has gone out may be covered by future supplementary data collections

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PART 2: RELIEFS AND NET RATES PAYABLE

This section of the form is for you to enter the gross rates value and the amount of various business rates reliefs forecast for 2023-24. This will then calculate the forecast net rates payable. These values also populate the section 31 payment calculations in Part 1.
You should complete columns 1 & 2 only

	Column 1 BA Area (exc. Designated areas) Complete this column	Column 2 Designated areas Complete this column	Column 3 TOTAL (All BA Area) Do not complete this column
	£	£	£
GROSS RATES PAYABLE (All data should be entered as +ve unless specified otherwise) - see Note E			
1. Rateable Value at <input type="text" value="23/12/2022"/>	86,584,639	24,220,106	110,804,745
2. Small business rating multiplier <input type="text" value="49.9"/> for 2023-24 (pence)			
3. Gross rates 2023-24 (RV x multiplier)	43,205,735	12,085,833	
4. Estimated growth/decline in gross rates (+ = increase, - = decrease)	0	0	
5. Forecast gross rates payable in 2023-24	43,205,735	12,085,833	55,291,568
TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (See Note F)			
6. Revenue foregone because increases in rates have been deferred (Show as -ve)	-2,665,254	-1,091,280	-3,756,534
7. Changes as a result of estimated growth / decline in cost of transitional arrangements (+ = decline, - = increase)	0	0	
8. Forecast net cost of transitional arrangements	-2,665,254	-1,091,280	-3,756,534
TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION PAYMENTS (See Note F(a))			
9. Sum due to/(from) authority	2,665,254	1,091,280	3,756,534
MANDATORY RELIEFS (See Note G) (All data should be entered as -ve unless specified otherwise)			
Small Business Rate Relief			
10. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-4,732,584	-179,109	-4,911,693
11. of which: relief on existing properties where a 2nd property is occupied	-31,234	-2,320	-33,554
12. Additional yield from the small business supplement (Show as +ve)	791,598	301,148	1,092,746
13. Net cost of small business rate relief (line 10 + line 12)	-3,940,986	122,039	-3,818,947
Charitable occupation			
14. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-3,868,183	-2,662	-3,870,845
Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)			
15. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-68,291	-988	-69,279
Rural rate relief			
16. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-3,697	0	-3,697
Public Lavatories relief (see note H)			
17. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-20,050	0	-20,050
18. Forecast of mandatory reliefs to be provided in 2023-24 (Sum of lines 13 to 17)	-7,901,207	118,389	
19. Changes as a result of estimated growth/decline in mandatory relief (+ = decline, - = increase)	0	0	
20. Total forecast mandatory reliefs to be provided in 2023-24	-7,901,207	118,389	-7,782,818
UNOCCUPIED PROPERTY (See Note J) (All data should be entered as -ve unless specified otherwise)			
Partially occupied hereditaments			
21. Forecast of 'relief' to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
Empty premises			
22. Forecast of 'relief' to be provided in 2023-24	-699,151	-627,758	-1,326,909
23. Forecast of unoccupied property 'relief' to be provided in 2023-24 (Line 21 + line 22)	-699,151	-627,758	
24. Changes as a result of estimated growth/decline in unoccupied property 'relief' (+ = decline, - = increase)	0	0	
25. Total forecast unoccupied property 'relief' to be provided in 2023-24	-699,151	-627,758	-1,326,909

DISCRETIONARY RELIEFS (See Note K) (All data should be entered as -ve unless specified otherwise)			
Charitable occupation			
26. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-92,547	0	-92,547
Non-profit making bodies			
27. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-100,304	0	-100,304
Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs)			
28. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
Rural shops etc			
29. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-1,595	0	-1,595
Small rural businesses			
30. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
Other ratepayers (refer to guidance for further details)			
31. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
<i>of which:</i>	<i>of which:</i>	<i>of which:</i>	
32. Relief given to Case A hereditaments		0	
33. Relief given to Case B hereditaments	0		
34. Relief given to Freeports (see Note L)		0	
35. Forecast of discretionary relief to be provided in 2023-24 (Sum of lines 26 to 31)	-194,446	0	
36. Changes as a result of estimated growth/decline in discretionary relief (+ = decline, - = increase)	0	0	
37. Total forecast discretionary relief to be provided in 2023-24	-194,446	0	-194,446
DISCRETIONARY RELIEFS FUNDED THROUGH SECTION 31 GRANT (See Note M) (All data should be entered as -ve unless specified otherwise)			
Rural Rate Relief			
38. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-1,596	0	-1,596
Supporting Small Business Scheme			
39. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-15,282	0	-15,282
Local newspaper relief			
40. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
Retail, Hospitality and Leisure relief			
41. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	-3,258,891	-28,256	-3,287,147
Low-carbon heat networks relief			
42. Forecast of relief to be provided in 2023-24	0	0	0
43. Forecast of discretionary reliefs funded through S31 grant to be provided in 2023-24 (Sum of lines 38 to 42)	-3,275,769	-28,256	
44. Changes as a result of estimated growth/decline in Section 31 discretionary relief (+ = decline, - = increase)	0	0	
45. Total forecast of discretionary reliefs funded through S31 grant to be provided in 2023-24	-3,275,769	-28,256	-3,304,025
NET RATES PAYABLE			
46. Forecast of net rates payable by rate payers after taking account of transitional adjustments, unoccupied property relief, mandatory and discretionary reliefs	£ 28,469,908	£ 10,456,928	£ 38,926,836

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PART 3: COLLECTABLE RATES AND DISREGARDED AMOUNTS

Enter accounting adjustments in this section, which calculations will deduct from the net rates calculated from entries in Part 2.

You should complete columns 1 & 2

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	BA Area (exc. Designated areas)	Designated Areas	TOTAL (All BA Area)
	Complete this column	Complete 'Part 3 DA summary' to fill this column	Do not complete this column
	£	£	£
NET RATES PAYABLE			
1. Sum payable by rate payers after taking account of transitional adjustments, empty property rate, mandatory and discretionary reliefs	28,469,908	10,456,928	38,926,836
(LESS) LOSSES (Data should be entered as -ve)			
2. Estimated bad debts in respect of 2023-24 rates payable	0	0	0
3. Estimated repayments in respect of 2023-24 rates payable	-938,324	-345,079	-1,283,403
COLLECTABLE RATES			
4. Net Rates payable less losses	27,531,584	10,111,849	37,643,433
DISREGARDED AMOUNTS (Data should be entered as +ve)			
5. Renewable Energy (see Note B)	259,930	0	259,930
6. Shale oil and gas sites scheme (see Note C)	0	0	0
7. Transitional Protection Payment		1,091,280	
8. Baseline		9,178,891	
<small>Total DA Baseline has changed by more than 20%. Please check your baseline figures entered in Part 3 DA Summary if you have no new DAs</small>			
DISREGARDED AMOUNTS			
9. Total Disregarded Amounts		2,024,238	2,024,238
DESIGNATED AREAS IN 100% BRR AUTHORITIES			
10. Designated Areas Qualifying Relief: Not applicable	0	0	0
DEDUCTIONS FROM CENTRAL SHARE			
11. Designated Areas Qualifying Relief	0	0	0
Port of Bristol			
12. In respect of Port of Bristol: Not applicable	0		0
DEDUCTIONS FROM CENTRAL SHARE			
13. Total Deductions	0	0	0

Designated Areas

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		COLLECTIBLE RATES				DISREGARDED AMOUNTS			
Total Designated Area value		10,456,928	0	-345,079	10,111,849	1,091,280	9,178,891	2,024,238	
All figures must be entered in whole £		NET RATES PAYABLE		LOSSES		DISREGARDED AMOUNTS			
Designated Area		1	2	3	4	7	8	9	
		Sum payable by rate payers after taking account of transitional adjustments, empty property rate, mandatory and discretionary reliefs	Estimated bad debts in respect of 2023-24 rates payable	Estimated repayments in respect of 2023-24 rates payable	Net Rates payable less losses	Transitional Protection Payment	Baseline	Total Disregarded Amounts	
		Enter as +ve figure	Enter as -ve figure		formula	Enter as either a +ve or -ve figure consistent with the calculation in Part 2 Line 9	Please enter estimated 2023-24 baseline after the revaluation	Previous year baseline for reference	formula
Tees Valley		1,949,440		-64,331	1,885,109			0	1,885,109
South Tees Development Corporation		8,507,488		-280,748	8,226,740	1,091,280	9,178,891	6,927,193	139,129
Teesside Freeport					0		0	0	0
							0		

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PART 4: ESTIMATED COLLECTION FUND BALANCE

This section estimates the collection fund closing balance for the current year (*not* the forecast year otherwise referred to in this form). Please refer to guidance notes for details. Note that you can edit the blue-bordered cells, but you will be asked to provide a comment explaining why they are changed from the prepopulated figures.

	£	£
OPENING BALANCE		
1. Opening Balance (From Collection Fund Statement)		-13,168,722
BUSINESS RATES CREDITS AND CHARGES		
2. Business rates credited and charged to the Collection Fund in 2022-23 (enter as +ve)	33,331,921	
3. Sums written off in excess of the allowance for non-collection (enter as -ve)	0	
4. Changes to the allowance for non-collection	-134,879	
5. Amounts charged against the provision for alteration of lists and appeals following RV list changes (enter as +ve)	3,043,322	
6. Changes to the provision for alteration of lists and appeals	1,894,808	
7. Total business rates credits and charges (Total lines 2 to 6)		38,135,172
OTHER RATES RETENTION SCHEME CREDITS (enter as +ve)		
8. Transitional protection payments received, or to be received in 2022-23	0	
9. Transfers/payments to the Collection Fund for end-year reconciliations	0	
10. Transfers/payments into the Collection Fund in 2022-23 in respect of a previous year's deficit	9,657,165	
11. Total Other Credits (Total lines 8 to 10)		9,657,165
OTHER RATES RETENTION SCHEME CHARGES (enter as -ve)		
12. Transitional protection payments made, or to be made, in 2022-23	-215,759	
13. Payments made, or to be made, to the Secretary of State in respect of the central share in 2022-23	-17,450,354	
14. Payments made, or to be made to, major precepting authorities in respect of business rates income in 2022-23	-349,007	
15. Transfers made, or to be made, to the billing authority's General Fund in respect of business rates income in 2022-23	-17,101,347	
16. Transfers made, or to be made, to the billing authority's General Fund; and payments made, or to be made, to a precepting authority in respect of disregarded amounts in 2022-23	-2,380,840	
17. Transfers/payments from the Collection Fund for end-year reconciliations	-155,918	
18. Transfers/payments made from the Collection Fund in 2022-23 in respect of a previous year's surplus	0	
19. Total Other Charges (Total lines 12 to 18)		-37,653,225
ESTIMATED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ON COLLECTION FUND IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23 - Surplus (positive), Deficit (Negative)		
20. Opening balance plus total credits, less total charges (Total lines 1, 7, 11, 19)		-3,029,610

APPORTIONMENT OF ESTIMATED SURPLUS / DEFICIT (See Note N)

	Column 1 Central Government	Column 2 Redcar and Cleveland UA	Column 4 Cleveland Fire Authority	Column 5 Total
21. % for distribution of prior year surplus/deficit (i.e. 2021-22)	50%	49%	1%	100%
22. Total prior year surplus (+)/deficit (-)	-1,755,779	-1,720,663	-35,116	-3,511,557
of which:				
22a. Amount deferred in respect of estimated 2020-21 surplus-deficit	-377,069	-369,528	-7,541	-754,138
22b. Amount in respect of 2021-22	-1,378,710	-1,351,135	-27,574	-2,757,419
23. % for distribution of in-year surplus/deficit (i.e. 2022-23)	50%	49%	1%	100%
24. In year surplus (+)/deficit (-)	240,974	236,154	4,819	481,947
25. Total (total lines 22 and 24)	-1,514,805	-1,484,509	-30,296	-3,029,610

**Collection Fund 2022/23 – (Surplus) or Deficit for
Business Rates Income**

Appendix 8c

Council Tax Accounts	2022/23 £00's	2021/22 £000's
(Surplus)/Deficit carried forward at 1/4	13,169	15,814
<u>Income</u>		
Business Rates Receivable	-33,332	-31,503
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Precepts:		
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	17,101	18,474
Central Government	17,450	18,852
Cleveland Fire Authority	349	377
Apportionment of previous year's surplus/(deficit):		
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	-4,829	-7,036
Cleveland Police & Crime Panel	-4,732	-7,180
Cleveland Fire Authority	-97	-144
Refunds written off against the appeals provision	-3,043	-2,312
Contribution to / (from) appeals provision	-1,894	5,613
Contribution to / (from) bad debt provision	135	-33
Cost of Collection	156	159
Disregarded Amounts	2,381	2,109
Transition Protection / (surcharge)	216	-21
<u>Estimated (Surplus)/Deficit</u>	3,030	13,169

Apportionment of Surplus/Deficit:	2021/22 £00's	2020/21 £000's
Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	1,485	6,453
Central Government	1,515	6,584
Cleveland Fire Authority	30	132

Appendix 9 – Capital Investments Programme

Scheme	Revised 2022/23	Revised 2023/24	Revised 2024/25	Revised 2025/26	Revised 2026/27	Revised 2027/28	Total Budget	Cap Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	Capital Grants / Contributions / Loan Repayment	DRF	Total Funding
Town Scope Investment												
Public Realm	285,000	0	0	0	0	0	285,000	0	-250,000	-5,000	-30,000	-285,000
Redcar Central Station	180,000	5,597,600	0	0	0	0	5,777,600	0	0	-5,777,600	0	-5,777,600
East Cleveland Town Centre Revival	116,600	318,150	0	0	0	0	434,750	0	-35,000	-399,750	0	-434,750
Saltburn Town Centre Revival	599,400	1,156,400	0	0	0	0	1,755,800	0	0	-1,755,800	0	-1,755,800
Guisborough Town Centre Revival	11,950	50,000	0	0	0	0	61,950	0	0	-61,950	0	-61,950
Loftus Future High Street	2,947,950	6,274,250	0	0	0	0	9,222,200	0	-224,250	-8,928,550	-69,400	-9,222,200
Redcar Town Deal	4,276,900	7,284,250	11,665,000	211,000	0	0	23,437,150	0	0	-22,884,650	-552,500	-23,437,150
LUF Connecting People and Place	30,000	6,727,150	8,430,600	0	0	0	15,187,750	0	0	-15,187,750	0	-15,187,750
Boroughwide High Street Support	165,400	146,000	0	0	0	0	311,400	0	0	-311,400	0	-311,400
Parks & Play Equipment	16,000	184,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000	0	-600,000	0	0	-600,000
Levelling Up Parks Improvement	65,500	0	0	0	0	0	65,500	0	0	-65,500	0	-65,500
Kingsley Field	117,950	0	0	0	0	0	117,950	0	0	-117,950	0	-117,950
Skinningrove Coastal Protection	3,000	55,050	0	0	0	0	58,050	0	0	-58,050	0	-58,050
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	8,815,650	27,792,850	20,195,600	311,000	100,000	100,000	57,315,100	0	-1,109,250	-55,553,950	-651,900	-57,315,100
Visitor Attractions & Amenities												
Welcome to Redcar & Cleveland Grants	76,800	126,050	0	0	0	0	202,850	0	0	-202,850	0	-202,850
Cleveland Ironstone Mining Museum	1,453,800	35,000	0	0	0	0	1,488,800	0	0	-1,488,800	0	-1,488,800
Regent Cinema Development	51,450	0	0	0	0	0	51,450	0	0	-51,450	0	-51,450
Guisborough Town Hall Gateway Project	40,000	281,550	0	0	0	0	321,550	0	0	-321,550	0	-321,550
Eston Sports Village	660,100	8,058,000	4,381,900	0	0	0	13,100,000	0	-11,100,000	-2,000,000	0	-13,100,000
Kirkleatham Future Development	0	228,250	0	0	0	0	228,250	0	0	-228,250	0	-228,250
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,282,150	8,728,850	4,381,900	0	0	0	15,392,900	0	-11,100,000	-4,292,900	0	-15,392,900
Business Infrastructure												
Coatham Leisure - Phase 1	2,672,650	550,000	0	0	0	0	3,222,650	0	0	-3,222,650	0	-3,222,650
Industrial Estates Programme	23,000	3,990,350	0	0	0	0	4,013,350	0	0	-4,013,350	0	-4,013,350
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,695,650	4,540,350	0	0	0	0	7,236,000	0	0	-7,236,000	0	-7,236,000
Transport Infrastructure												
Walking & Cycling Routes	7,000	973,000	0	0	0	0	980,000	0	0	-980,000	0	-980,000
Block Allocation - Local Transport Plan	502,600	1,247,400	859,500	859,500	859,500	859,500	5,188,000	0	0	-5,188,000	0	-5,188,000
Highways - City Regional Sustainable Transport Settlement Allocation	2,606,700	2,266,550	2,266,550	2,266,550	2,266,550	2,266,550	13,939,450	0	0	-13,939,450	0	-13,939,450
Highways Improvements	112,750	0	0	0	0	0	112,750	0	-112,750	0	0	-112,750
Highways Innovation Fund	293,350	293,350	293,350	293,350	293,350	293,350	1,760,100	0	0	-1,760,100	0	-1,760,100
Environmental Assets	50,000	1,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,550,000	0	7,100,000	0	-7,100,000	0	0	-7,100,000
Eston to South Bank Cycleway	665,000	0	0	0	0	0	665,000	0	0	-665,000	0	-665,000
Swans Corner & Flatts Lane Traffic Improvements	1,469,800	0	0	0	0	0	1,469,800	0	-909,350	-560,450	0	-1,469,800
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,707,200	6,280,300	5,419,400	5,419,400	4,969,400	3,419,400	31,215,100	0	-8,122,100	-23,093,000	0	-31,215,100

Scheme	Revised 2022/23	Revised 2023/24	Revised 2024/25	Revised 2025/26	Revised 2026/27	Revised 2027/28	Total Budget	Cap Receipts	Prudential Borrowing	Capital Grants / Contributions / Loan Repayment	DRF	Total Funding
Housing												
Community Led Housing	0	190,000	0	0	0	0	190,000	0	0	-190,000	0	-190,000
Green Homes	1,760,800	0	0	0	0	0	1,760,800	0	0	-1,760,800	0	-1,760,800
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,760,800	190,000	0	0	0	0	1,950,800	0	0	-1,950,800	0	-1,950,800
Supported Housing												
CSDP Adaptations	133,000	143,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	836,000	0	0	-836,000	0	-836,000
Aids & Adaptations	600,000	600,000	600,000	500,000	300,000	300,000	2,900,000	0	0	-2,900,000	0	-2,900,000
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,555,000	1,655,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	1,650,000	9,810,000	0	0	-9,810,000	0	-9,810,000
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,288,000	2,398,000	2,390,000	2,290,000	2,090,000	2,090,000	13,546,000	0	0	-13,546,000	0	-13,546,000
Community Capacity												
Investment in Leisure Centres	126,100	294,400	0	0	0	515,000	935,500	0	-935,500	0	0	-935,500
4G Pitch - R&C College	250,000	0	0	0	0	0	250,000	0	0	-250,000	0	-250,000
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	376,100	294,400	0	0	0	515,000	1,185,500	0	-935,500	-250,000	0	-1,185,500
Recycling & Waste Initiatives												
Recycling Initiatives	130,000	370,000	0	0	0	0	500,000	0	-500,000	0	0	-500,000
Purchase of Refuse Bins	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000	0	-600,000	0	0	-600,000
Procurement of Waste Facility	155,150	0	0	0	0	0	155,150	0	-155,150	0	0	-155,150
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	385,150	470,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,255,150	0	-1,255,150	0	0	-1,255,150
Education												
School Estate Investment	1,247,300	200,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	1,947,300	0	0	-1,947,300	0	-1,947,300
Devolved Formula Capital at LEA Level	131,350	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	506,350	0	0	-506,350	0	-506,350
Kirkleatham School Expansion	2,131,500	0	0	0	0	0	2,131,500	0	0	-2,131,500	0	-2,131,500
A Special Free School for the Tees Valley in Grangetown	0	245,000	0	0	0	0	245,000	0	0	-245,000	0	-245,000
Churchview	26,400	0	0	0	0	0	26,400	0	-26,400	0	0	-26,400
Moving on Accommodation	106,850	0	0	0	0	0	106,850	0	-106,850	0	0	-106,850
The Ridings - Renovation	134,250	134,250	0	0	0	0	268,500	0	0	-268,500	0	-268,500
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,777,650	654,250	225,000	225,000	175,000	175,000	5,231,900	0	-133,250	-5,098,650	0	-5,231,900
Council Investments												
Business Premises Improvements	485,000	250,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,335,000	0	-1,335,000	0	0	-1,335,000
Purchase of Vehicles (Fleet Replacement)	1,551,750	3,430,900	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	12,982,650	-1,797,000	-11,185,650	0	0	-12,982,650
Climate Strategy	177,350	325,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	1,302,350	0	-1,302,350	0	0	-1,302,350
Information Technology Improvement Projects	1,100,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	6,100,000	0	-6,100,000	0	0	-6,100,000
PFI Lifecycle Costs	425,000	495,450	576,150	635,100	639,450	639,450	3,410,600	0	-3,410,600	0	0	-3,410,600
Asset Management - Capitalised Repairs	773,900	884,650	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,658,550	0	-3,658,550	0	0	-3,658,550
SUB-TOTAL EXPENDITURE	4,513,000	6,386,000	4,426,150	4,485,100	4,489,450	4,489,450	28,789,150	-1,797,000	-26,992,150	0	0	-28,789,150
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	32,601,350	57,735,000	37,138,050	12,830,500	11,923,850	10,888,850	163,117,600	-1,797,000	-49,647,400	-111,021,300	-651,900	-163,117,600

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
CAPITAL AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY REPORT 2023/24

INTRODUCTION

The Capital Strategy provides a high-level overview of how capital expenditure, capital financing and treasury management underpin the provision of local services in Redcar & Cleveland. The Strategy also provides an overview of how any associated risk is managed and the implications for future financial sustainability.

Decisions made on capital and treasury management will have financial consequences for the Council for many years in the future. They are therefore subject to both a national regulatory framework and to a local policy framework, summarised in this report.

The areas covered in the strategy are as follows:

- Capital expenditure.
- Borrowing (including comparison with capital financing requirement and liability benchmark).
- Private Finance Initiatives (PFI) and leasing liabilities.
- Minimum revenue provision.
- Investments (treasury).
- Investments (service and commercial).
- Guarantees and loan commitments.
- Knowledge and skills.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCING

Capital expenditure is incurred where the Council spends money on non-current assets such as:

- property,
- plant,
- equipment,
- vehicles,
- infrastructure,
- intangible assets,
- loans to third parties, and
- shareholdings.

These assets will be used (or will exist) for more than one year. In local government, capital expenditure also includes spending on assets owned by other organisations; and loans and grants to other bodies enabling them to buy assets.

The Council applies a de-minimus level for the recognition of expenditure on the acquisition, creation, or enhancement of capital assets.

The Council has an approved six-year Capital Investment Programme covering the medium-term until financial year 2027/28. An extract of this is summarised in the table below:

Table 1: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Expenditure and Financing

	2021/22 Actual * £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m	Total Budget 2022-26 £m
General Fund Services	28.342	32.475	57.441	37.138	12.830	139.884
Capital Investments	3.117	0.126	0.294	0.000	0.000	0.420
Total	31.459	32.601	57.735	37.138	12.830	140.304
Capital Receipts	0.681	- 0.547	- 0.250	- 0.250	- 0.250	-1.297
Prudential Borrowing	8.507	- 6.699	- 16.811	- 8.758	- 6.435	-38.703
Direct Revenue Financing	0.158	- 0.030	- 0.622	-	-	-0.652
Grants	22.113	- 25.325	- 40.052	- 28.130	- 6.145	-99.652
Total	31.459	- 32.601	- 57.735	- 37.138	- 12.830	-140.304

*2021/22 figures shown for information only and are not included in the Total Budget.

Capital expenditure for future years may increase due to updates to the Capital Investment Programme and a change in the accounting policy for leases and the Private Finance Initiative which is anticipated in 2024/25 (which will result in additional expenditure being capitalised as the associated assets and liabilities are brought on balance sheet).

All capital expenditure will be financed from external sources (government grants and other contributions), the Council's own resources (revenue contributions, reserves and capital receipts) or debt (borrowing, leasing and Private Finance Initiatives).

Debt is a temporary source of finance which must ultimately be repaid or re-financed, and this repayment is mainly funded over time by setting aside revenue expenditure known as the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). Alternatively, proceeds from selling capital assets (known as capital receipts) may be used to replace debt finance. The Council however only uses capital receipts to finance new debt. The Council's full MRP statement is set out in APPENDIX D, and the planned level of MRP charged to the Council's Revenue Budget and the projected use of capital receipts are summarised as follows:

Table 2: Replacement of prior years' debt finance

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Capital resources	0	0	0	0	0
Revenue resources (MRP)	5.809	5.932	6.330	6.903	7.635
TOTAL	5.809	5.932	6.330	6.903	7.635

A key objective of the Capital Investment Programme is to boost economic growth across the Borough. The Programme has close synergies to the strategic objectives of the Tees Valley Combined Authority and the South Tees Development Corporation.

The Capital Investment Programme is managed on a rolling medium-term basis. There are key elements to the Programme that were agreed by Council, which contained an on-going rolling programme of investments in the Council's infrastructure alongside a range of one-off investments to stimulate sustainable growth.

The key elements of the Capital Investment Programme include:

- Significant investment in our towns will take place, including through the Redcar Town Fund, LUF Connecting People and Places and Loftus Future High Streets Fund.
- Our cultural and visitor offer will be improved through schemes like Guisborough town hall, Eston Sports Village and Cleveland ironstone mining museum.
- Investment is also planned to support business growth, with our industrial estates programme creating the infrastructure needed.
- Investment has been made in supporting our children in care through our no-wrong door approach, moving on accommodation and the refurbishment of the Ridings.
- Further investment in our school estate is planned, expanding existing school provision, and creating new provision, to meet the educational needs of our young people
- The infrastructure requirements for service delivery including upgrading our IT, assets and fleet are provided for.
- On-going investment is also planned in the borough's transport infrastructure, including the road network and repair and maintenance of highways assets.
- In meeting residents' needs there is on-going investment in disabled facilities and adaptations to allow people to live more independently in their own homes.
- On-going investment in the planned maintenance of our buildings includes provision to make them more energy efficient as we undertake these works.

The Council is required to measure the cumulative amount of debt finance through an indicator known as the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR). This is revised on an annual basis when new debt-financed capital expenditure is incurred; and reduces with annual contributions from MRP (which are funded by the Council's revenue budget) and capital receipts. The CFR is expected to increase during 2023/24 to reflect the Council's capital plans. Based on the Capital Investment Programme for expenditure and financing, the Council's estimated CFR is as follows:

Table 3: Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
CFR - General Fund	205.047	207.365	219.470	223.025	223.606
CFR - PFI/leases	60.640	59.089	57.465	55.765	53.985
Total CFR for Year	265.687	266.454	276.935	278.790	277.590
Net Movement in CFR	2.545	0.767	10.481	1.855	-1.200
Represented By:					
Borrowing Requirement	8.507	6.699	16.811	8.758	6.434
MRP	-4.377	-4.381	-4.706	-5.203	-5.855
MRP - PFI/Leases	-1.432	-1.551	-1.624	-1.700	-1.780
Capital Receipts - Loans & MRP	-0.153	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	2.545	0.767	10.481	1.855	-1.200

In accordance with best practice the Council does not earmark borrowing to specific items or types of expenditure. The Council manages its overall borrowings and investments in accordance with its approved Annual Treasury Management Strategy (APPENDIX B).

For the purposes of day-to-day cash management, no distinction is made between revenue and capital cash. External borrowing arises as a consequence of all financial transactions of the Council as a whole and not simply those arising from capital spending. In contrast the CFR indicator reflects the Council's underlying need to borrow to fund capital expenditure.

Governance

The ten distinct clusters of the Capital Investment Programme are monitored by the Programme Management Group.

This group ensures that once the supporting strategy for the Capital Investment Programme has been agreed by the Executive Management Team, Cabinet and Council, a fit for purpose business case is produced and delivered accordingly for individual projects.

The Capital Investment Programme is made up of a series of theme-based projects which meet the key criteria of the investment strategy of the Council and have been scrutinised using an outline or full business case. For capital projects which exceed £0.250 million, a full business case will be required to be completed before a project moves into its procurement phase. Project investments which have a variation in excess of £0.250 million of the original estimated value of the cost of the project will require further approval by the Cabinet to proceed.

The Business Case process is structured around the Treasury Green Book Model which uses 5 types of tests:

- Strategic case.
- Economic case.
- Finance case.
- Management case.
- Commercial case.

On a quarterly basis, Cabinet will receive a report which sets out the Council's Capital Investment Programme, an update on the progress during the year and variations to the programme.

As part of the recent Corporate Peer Challenge, one of the findings was that the Council is recommended to further embed its approach to developing the pipeline of capital schemes, to ensure that all additions are evidence-based, and fully appraised of the debt-financing and subsequent operational running costs. To address this recommendation, the Council will develop an economic statement which will help to ensure that any economic project added to the Council's capital pipeline will be evidence-led with investment decisions made on clear criteria. The criteria will ensure that capital projects align to the Corporate Plan Objectives such as carbon reduction, digitisation and more efficient use of assets.

Asset Management

To ensure that the Council's capital assets continue to be of long-term use, it is important that the Council has a robust Asset Management Strategy in place. This is reviewed regularly by the Asset Strategy Group. The Strategy's key objectives are:

- To take a place-based approach to asset management, creating complementary multi-use public facilities within neighbourhoods.
- To work with key partners, the local community and the voluntary and community sector to generate social value by exploring opportunities for co-location or community asset transfer.
- To regenerate and positively shape places through an intelligent approach to the acquisition, consolidation, disposal and development of land and buildings.
- To reduce carbon emissions from the Council's asset portfolio, supporting the aspiration to become a carbon neutral borough by 2030.
- To facilitate modern, flexible ways of working by maximising the opportunities for digital working across the Council's estate.

- To reduce the costs of the Council's estate through a rationalisation of the overall number of land and buildings.
- To act commercially developing further income streams which help to offset the cost of operating the Council's estate.
- To ensure that the Council's assets are well maintained reducing the costs associated with any unplanned repair or maintenance work.

The Cabinet member for Corporate Resources has the overall responsibility for the Council's land and property assets. As the Corporate Landlord, the Managing Director is the owner of the Asset Strategy. The Corporate Landlord has the responsibility to ensure that a corporate approach is adopted in the management of the Council's land and property assets ensuring that their use is maximised, their operational costs are minimised and that they provide value for money in the delivery of services.

Asset Disposals

When a capital asset is no longer needed, the Council will seek to dispose of the asset for capital receipts. These capital receipts can be utilised as follows:

- To fund capital expenditure.
- To repay the principal of debt held by the Council.

Repayment of capital grants, loans and investments by other organisations to the Council, also generate capital receipts. The capital receipts generated and forecast over the medium term are as follows:

Table 4 – Capital Receipts

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Asset Sales	- 0.432	- 0.550	- 1.000	- 0.250	- 0.250
Loans Repaid	- 0.153	- 0.199	- 0.205	- 0.131	- 0.396
TOTAL	- 0.585	- 0.749	- 1.205	- 0.381	- 0.646

The Council's policy for the utilisation of capital receipts is to primarily fund the purchase of short-life assets within the Capital Investment Programme.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT

The Council defines the policies and objectives of its treasury management activities as follows:

1. Treasury management is the management of the Council's cash flows, borrowing and investments, and the associated risks.
2. The successful identification, monitoring and control of risk will be the prime criteria by which the effectiveness of the treasury management activities will be measured. Accordingly, the analysis and reporting of treasury management activities will focus on their risk implications for the Council and any financial instruments entered into to manage these risks.
3. Effective treasury management will provide support towards the achievement of the business and service objectives of the Council expressed in the Corporate Plan. The Council is committed to the principles of achieving value for money in treasury management

and to employing suitable performance management techniques within the context of effective risk management.

The Council has also set out the policies and monitoring arrangements for borrowing and investments.

Investments held for service purposes or for commercial profit are considered in APPENDIX C - Investment Strategy.

Borrowing Strategy

The Council's main objective when borrowing money is to achieve a low but relatively certain cost of finance while retaining flexibility should plans change in the future. These objectives are often conflicting, and the Council therefore seeks to strike a balance between cheaper short-term loans and long-term fixed rate loans where the future cost is known but higher.

The Council does not borrow to invest for the primary purpose of financial return and therefore retains full access to the Public Works Loan Board.

Projected levels of the Council's total outstanding debt (which comprises borrowing and PFI/lease liabilities) are shown below, compared with the Capital Financing Requirement (see Table 3 - Prudential Indicator: Estimates of Capital Financing Requirement). This is monitored with long-term projections for input into the liability benchmark.

Table 5 – Prudential Indicator – Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Debt - Capital Programme	185.807	210.051	222.156	225.711	226.292
Debt - PFI's	50.329	44.874	42.363	39.856	37.192
Total	236.136	254.925	264.519	265.567	263.484
Capital Financing Requirement	265.687	266.454	276.935	278.790	277.590
Internal Borrowing	- 29.551	- 11.529	- 12.416	- 13.223	- 14.106
Gross Debt and the Capital Financing Requirement (as %)	89%	96%	96%	95%	95%

The Council follows statutory guidance to ensure that debt remains below the Capital Financing Requirement, except for very short periods of time. Table 5 shows that the Council expects to comply in full with this guidance across the whole of the medium term. but may breach this threshold due to the premium incurred in the restructuring of the Lender Option – Borrower Option (LOBO) loans in 2018. The debt to fund this premium is not funding associated with the Capital Investment Programme but is a relevant consideration when comparing the Capital Financing Requirement and the Council's overall level of debt. The premium outstanding on the 31 March 2023 is £14.362 million.

Liability Benchmark

The liability benchmark effectively represents the projected net borrowing requirement of a local authority over the long-term, plus a liquidity allowance.

In its simplest form, it is calculated by deducting the amount of investable resources available on the balance sheet (reserves, cash flow balances) from the amount of outstanding external debt and then adding the minimum level of investments the Council require to manage its day-to-day cash flow requirements.

The Council has calculated its liability benchmark, which shows the lowest level of borrowing needed to fund the Council's capital commitments, after the use of the Council's revenue reserves. This assumes that investment balances are kept to a risk-determined minimum level of £10.000 million at each year-end. This benchmark is currently estimated to be £175.442 million on 31 March 2023 and is forecast to rise to £196.106 million by 2025/26.

Table 6 – Borrowing and the Liability Benchmark

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Estimated Outstanding borrowing - Capital Programme	185.807	210.051	222.156	225.711	226.292
Liability benchmarking	161.124	175.442	191.970	195.525	196.106

The table shows that the Council expects to remain borrowed above its liability benchmark for the short-term. This is partly because of the borrowing undertaken for the premium on redeeming the LOBO loans and assumptions made on the working balances for the Council.

Affordable Borrowing Limits

The Council is legally obliged to set an affordable borrowing limit (also termed the authorised limit for external debt) each year. In line with statutory guidance, a lower operational boundary is also set as a warning indicator should debt approach the limit.

The Authorised Limit: This represents the limit beyond which borrowing is prohibited. The Limit is based on the probable Capital Financing Requirement, with some headroom factored in after an assessment of risk. This limit requires amendment in line with the most up to date capital expenditure plans, which are to be financed through borrowing. The revenue consequences of these plans have been reflected in the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

The Operational Boundary: This indicator is based on the probable Capital Financing Requirement during the course of the year. It is not a limit, and the Code recognises that circumstances might arise when the boundary might be exceeded temporarily. It should act as an indicator that ensures the Authorised Limit is not breached.

Table 7 – Limits to Borrowing Activity

	2021-22 Actual £m	2022-23 Forecast £m	2023-24 Budget £m	2024-25 Budget £m	2025-26 Budget £m
Authorised Limit for External Debt	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	230.047	232.365	244.470	248.025	248.606
Other Long Term Liabilities	60.640	59.089	57.465	55.765	53.985
Total	290.687	291.454	301.935	303.790	302.590
Operational Boundary for External Debt	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Borrowing	205.047	207.365	219.470	223.025	223.606
Other Long Term Liabilities	60.640	59.089	57.465	55.765	53.985
Total	265.687	266.454	276.935	278.790	277.590

Further details on borrowing are included within the Treasury Management Strategy contained in **APPENDIX B**

Treasury Investment Strategy

Treasury investments arise from investing surplus cash for time-limited periods prior to this cash being used to fund operational and capital activities of the Council. Investments made for service reasons or for financial return are not generally considered to be part of treasury management.

The CIPFA Code requires the Council to invest its funds prudently, and to have regard to the security and liquidity of its investments before seeking the highest rate of return, or yield. Cash that is likely to be spent in the near future is invested securely, for example with Money Market Funds, the Government, other local authorities or selected high-quality banks, to minimise the risk of loss. Longer term funds are invested more widely in pooled funds to balance the risk of loss against the risk of receiving returns below inflation. Both short-term and long-term investments may be held in pooled funds, where an external fund manager makes decisions on which particular investments to buy.

Table 8 – The Council's Investment position on 31 January 2023

Investment	Credit Rating	Principal £m's	Rate %	Ave Duration (Days)
Call Accounts				
Natwest	BBB+	- 0.126	0.80	1
Handlesbanken	AA-	- 1.875	2.50	1
Santander	A	-		1
Total Call Accounts		- 2.001	1.650	1
Money Market Funds (MMFs)- Ireland unless stated otherwise				
Black Rock	MMF	- 0.200	3.120	1
Federated	MMF	- 3.000	3.340	1
Insight	MMF	-		1
Invesco	MMF	- 3.000	3.380	1
Aviva	MMF	- 0.050	3.320	1
Aberdeen	MMF	- 3.000	3.330	1
Total Money Market Funds		- 9.250	3.298	1
TOTAL INSTANT ACCESS		- 11.251	3.176	1
CCLA- Property Fund - Long Term *		- 10.000	3.758	789
DMO		- 5.500	3.390	10
TOTAL FIXED Long term		- 15.500	3.574	513
TOTAL		- 26.751	3.44	297

*Estimated duration. Further details on treasury investments are included in APPENDIX B

Risk Management

The effective management and control of risk are prime objectives of the Council's treasury management activities. The treasury management strategy therefore sets out various indicators and limits to constrain the risk of unexpected losses and details the extent to which financial derivatives may be used to manage treasury risks. The treasury management prudential indicators are within the Treasury Management Strategy.

Governance

Decisions on treasury management investments and borrowing are made daily and are therefore delegated to the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and designated employees, who must act in line with the Treasury Management Strategy approved by the Council. Quarterly updates are included with the financial position reports presented to Cabinet. The Governance Committee is responsible for scrutinising treasury management decisions.

INVESTMENTS FOR SERVICE PURPOSES

The Council can make investments to assist local public services, including making loans to local service providers and local businesses to promote growth. The Council's decision-making processes are different than those with treasury investments, however it will still expect such investments to break even or generate a profit after all costs have been considered. The Council also seeks to ensure that as far as possible the associated risks with such investments are minimised.

Total investments for service purposes are currently valued at £3.230 million with the largest being the shares and loan to Redcar & Cleveland Legal Services LTD, which owns 100% shares in Cygnet Family Law. The budgeted dividend from the investment is estimated to be £0.700 million per annum.

Decisions on any service investments are made by the relevant service managers in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and must meet the criteria and limits laid down within both the Investment Strategy and the Capital Investment Programme.

Further details on the Investments Strategy are included in **APPENDIX C**.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

The Council currently does not invest in commercial activities. All properties currently classified as investment assets are generally historic or secondary to objectives of the Council. Income generated from these assets is immaterial and any losses can be absorbed in budgets without unmanageable detriment to local services.

The latest value of investment properties is £11.382 million as at 31 March 2022, with the largest being Redcar Community Heart Business Centre. The net income after all costs for investment property was £0.062 million in 2021/22.

Risk Management

All investment assets are managed by the Strategic Asset Manager along with all other council assets. Their role is to ensure that their use is maximised, their operational costs are minimised and that they provide value for money. When a capital asset is no longer needed, the Council will seek to dispose of the asset to generate a capital receipt. Any loss to investment income will not cause a significant financial pressure.

Governance

Property and most other commercial investments are also capital expenditure, and any purchases will therefore be subject to approval by the Project Management Group prior to inclusion in the capital programme.

Table 9 – Prudential Indicator – Net Income from Commercial and Service Investments to Net Revenue Stream

	2021-22 Actual £m	2022-23 Forecast £m	2023-24 Budget £m	2024-25 Budget £m	2025-26 Budget £m
Total net income from service and commercial investments	0.146	0.733	0.738	0.743	0.717
Proportion of net revenue stream	0.13%	0.64%	0.58%	0.56%	0.52%

OTHER CAPITAL STRATEGY ISSUES

Liabilities

In addition to the debt highlighted in Table 5, the Council is committed to making future payments to cover its pension fund deficit and set aside funds to cover other operational risks. The amounts within the balance sheet at the end of the 2021/22 financial year are as follows:

Table 10 – Other Long-Term Liabilities on 31 March 2022

	31/03/2022 Actual £m
Pension Fund Deficit	160.527
Provision - Bad Debt Provision	2.248
Provision - Collection Fund	10.934
Provision - Insurance	2.300
Provision - Other	0.948
Total	176.957

The Pension Fund deficit represents the net balance of pension fund liabilities (investment assets less liabilities for future pension payments to members of the Teesside Pension Fund). Whilst this pension liability suggests a significant shortfall between the forecast cost of future pensions and the level of assets held in the fund, it should be noted that these are subject to fluctuations in value depending on the current state of stock markets, expectations around the level of inflation and life expectancy of members. The liabilities are also based on cash flows forecast over many decades and would not crystallise at one point in time.

The Council hold other provisions for insurance claims which have been lodged with the Council and provisions for appeals for business rates liabilities may by businesses who are challenging the level of Business Rates on the business premises which they occupy.

Decisions on incurring new material liabilities are taken by Directorates in consultation with the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) and the Executive Management Team. The risk of liabilities crystallising and requiring payment is monitored by Financial Services and will be reported within the quarterly finance report to Cabinet and the annual Statement of Accounts.

Revenue Budget Implications

Although capital expenditure is not charged directly to the revenue budget, there are costs associated with the funding of capital expenditure, which include:

- interest payable on loans borrowed to fund the capital investment programme;
- annual write down of premiums from the historic rescheduling of loans; and
- an annual setting aside of a minimum revenue provision.

These costs are referred to as *capital financing costs* and are a direct charge to the Corporate Allocations revenue budget. The costs are offset by any investment income receivable.

The estimates of the capital financing costs are based on the proposed Capital Investment Programme and are reflected within both current and future year's budgets. The table below shows the capital financing costs as a percentage of the net revenue stream (i.e., the amount funded from Council Tax, business rates and general government grants). These figures include the principal and interest costs for the Council's private financing initiative (PFI) schemes and finance leases.

Table 11 Prudential Indicator – Estimates of financing costs to net revenue stream

	2021-22 Actual £m	2022-23 Forecast £m	2023-24 Budget £m	2024-25 Budget £m	2025-26 Budget £m
Financing costs	20.006	21.258	22.603	23.683	24.548
Proportion of net revenue stream excluding PFI's	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%
Proportion of net revenue stream including PFI's	18%	18%	18%	18%	18%

The above indicators show that the Council has a revenue budget commitment from its current Capital Investment Programme and other long-term liabilities. The Council sets aside sufficient revenue budget to cover the costs of borrowing associated with the capital investment plans, for both the current financial year and future years.

Knowledge and Skills

The Council employs professionally qualified and experienced employees in senior positions with responsibility for making capital expenditure, borrowing and investment decisions.

The training needs of the Council's treasury management function are monitored, reviewed and addressed on an on-going basis and are discussed as part of the employee appraisal process. Most training needs are addressed through the attendance of training courses, seminars and conferences provided by CIPFA, brokers and the Council's treasury management advisor Arlingclose.

The Council has appointed Arlingclose as treasury management advisors and receives specific advice on investment, debt, and capital finance issues, as and when required.

Whilst the Council recognises that there is value in employing external providers of treasury management services to acquire access to specialist skills and resources, it fully accepts that responsibility for treasury management decisions always remains with the Council and will ensure that undue reliance is not placed upon advice from the external service provider.

Arlingclose were re-appointed as the Council's treasury management advisors for a period of five years following a full tender exercise in the summer of 2022, with the terms of appointment being documented. The value and quality of the services they provide are monitored and reviewed on an on-going basis.

The Strategic Assets team act as internal valuers and annually follow an agreed programme and set protocols for the valuation of the Council's fixed asset portfolio. They also manage the disposal of properties and advise on the purchase of land and buildings. The head of the team is RICS registered, and the team are assessed periodically by the RICS for Red Book compliance and standards. The most recent scrutiny inspection was in February 2017 which confirmed the maintenance of both high standards and compliance. Where member of the assets team does not have the knowledge and skills required, use is made of external consultants who are specialists in the respective field.

REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023/2024

INTRODUCTION

Treasury management is the management of the Council's cash-flows for both borrowing and investments and the associated risks. The Council borrows and invests substantial sums of money and is therefore exposed to potential financial risks including the loss of invested funds and the budgetary impact of changing interest rates. The successful identification, monitoring and control of financial risk are therefore central to the Council's prudent financial management.

The analysis and reporting of treasury management activities will focus on the risk implications for the organisation, and any financial instruments entered into to manage the risks. The Council is therefore committed to the principles of achieving value for money in treasury management, and to employ suitable comprehensive performance measurement techniques, within the context of effective risk management.

Treasury risk management at the Council is conducted within the framework of the CIPFA Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice 2021 which requires the Council to approve a Treasury Management Strategy before the start of each financial year. This report fulfils the Council's legal obligation under the Local Government Act 2003 to have regard to the CIPFA Code.

The CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management recommends the adoption of four clauses:

1. The Council will create and maintain a strategic treasury management policy statement detailing the Council's policies and objectives and approach to risk management for its treasury management activities. This will be underpinned with a framework of Treasury Management Practices (TMP's) setting out the manner in which the Council will seek to achieve its policies and objectives and prescribing how it will manage and control those activities. The Code recommends 12 practice statements.
2. The Cabinet will receive reports on its treasury management policies, practices and activities, including an annual strategy and plan in advance of the year, in quarterly updates as part of the monitoring of the Council's financial position and in the financial outturn report for the year end position, in the form prescribed in its TMPs. Full Council will approve the annual strategy.
3. The execution and administration of treasury management decisions will be the responsibility of the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer), as the Council's Chief Finance Officer, who will act in accordance with the organisation's policy statement and TMPs.
4. The Council nominates the Governance Committee to be responsible for ensuring effective challenge of the Treasury Management Strategy and policies.

Investments held for service purposes or for commercial return are included in the Investment Strategy - **APPENDIX C**.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The CIPFA Code of Practice recommends twelve treasury management practice statements (TMPs). These statements will be reviewed as and when necessary, in the light of regulatory and/or local policy changes.

The list of twelve practice statements is as follows:

- TMP 1 Risk Management – details how the following risks will be identified, monitored and controlled: credit and counterparty, liquidity, interest rate, exchange risk, inflation, refinancing, legal and regulatory, fraud, error and corruption, contingency management and market risk.
- TMP 2 Performance Measurement – to ascertain how performance will be measured and value for money assured within an effective risk management framework.
- TMP 3 Decision Making and Analysis – details the processes to be undertaken when making treasury management decisions to ensure that the necessary checks and safeguards are in place.
- TMP 4 Approved Instruments, Methods and Techniques – this provides the clarity of which treasury management instruments, methods and techniques can be used.
- TMP 5 Organisation, Clarity and Segregation of Responsibilities and Dealing Arrangements – provides a clear statement of responsibilities for all involved in treasury management to ensure that appropriate controls such as segregation of duties are in place.
- TMP 6 Reporting Requirements and Management Information Arrangements – this specifies the Council's reporting requirements for both the approval of the strategies, the in-year monitoring and the year-end position.
- TMP 7 Budgeting, Accounting and Audit Arrangements – in order to enhance accountability all the income and expenditure for treasury management should be brought together;
- TMP 8 Cash and Cash Flow Management – the preparation of cash-flow projections on a regular and timely basis provides a solid framework for effective cash management.
- TMP 9 Money Laundering – provides details of the processes the Council has in place to identify and report potential money laundering.
- TMP10 Training and Qualifications – this details the arrangements in place to ensure that those responsible for treasury management (for both Officers and those charged with Governance) have the appropriate skills and knowledge to carry out their role effectively.
- TMP11 Use of External Service Providers – the use of external providers and the services provided by them.
- TMP12 Corporate Governance – detailing how the Council ensures that treasury management activities are undertaken with openness and transparency, honesty, integrity, and accountability.

The detailed TMP's are available from treasuryteam@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk.

EXTERNAL CONTEXT

The ongoing impact on the UK from the war in Ukraine, together with higher inflation, higher interest rates, uncertain government policy, and a deteriorating economic outlook, will be major influences on the Authority's treasury management strategy for 2023/24.

The Bank of England (BoE) increased Bank Rate by 0.5% to 4% in February 2023. This included the largest single rate hike of 0.75% since 1989 in November and ten successive rises since December 2021. The February decision was voted for by a 7-2 majority of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) with 2 members preferring to keep the Bank Rate Unchanged at 3.5%.

The November quarterly Monetary Policy Report (MPR) forecast a prolonged but shallow recession in the UK with CPI inflation remaining elevated at over 10% in the near-term. While the projected peak of inflation is lower than in the August report, due in part to the government's support package for household energy costs, inflation is expected remain higher for longer over the forecast horizon and the economic outlook remains weak, with unemployment projected to start rising.

The UK economy contracted by 0.3% between July and September 2022 according to the Office for National Statistics, and the BoE forecasts Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will decline 0.75% in the second half of the calendar year due to the squeeze on household income from higher energy costs and goods prices. Growth is then expected to continue to fall throughout 2023 and the first half of 2024.

CPI inflation is expected to have peaked at around 11% in the last calendar quarter of 2022 and then fall sharply to 1.4%, below the 2% target, in two years' time and to 0% in three years' time if Bank Rate follows the path implied by financial markets at the time of the November MPR (a peak of 5.25%). However, the BoE stated it considered this path to be too high, suggesting that the peak in interest rates will be lower, reducing the risk of inflation falling too far below target. Market rates have fallen since the time of the November MPR.

The labour market remains tight for now, with the most recent statistics showing the unemployment rate was 3.7%. Earnings were up strongly in nominal terms by 6.1% for both total pay and for regular pay but factoring in inflation means real pay for both measures was -2.7%. Looking forward, the November MPR shows the labour market weakening in response to the deteriorating outlook for growth, leading to the unemployment rate rising to around 6.5% in 2025.

Interest rates have also been rising sharply in the US, with the Federal Reserve increasing the range on its key interest rate by 0.5% in December 2022 to 4.25%-4.5%. This rise follows four successive 0.75% rises in a pace of tightening that has seen rates increase from 0.25%-0.50% in March 2022. Annual inflation has been slowing in the US but remains above 7%. GDP grew at an annualised rate of 3.2% (revised up from 2.9%) between July and September 2022, but with official interest rates expected to rise even further in the coming months, a recession in the region is widely expected at some point during 2023.

Inflation rose consistently in the Euro Zone since the start of the year, hitting a peak annual rate of 10.6% in October 2022, before declining to 10.1% in November. Economic growth has been weakening with an upwardly revised expansion of 0.3% (from 0.2%) in the three months to September 2022. As with the UK and US, the European Central Bank has been on an interest rate tightening cycle, pushing up its three key interest rates by 0.50% in December, following two consecutive 0.75% rises, taking its main refinancing rate to 2.5% and deposit facility rate to 2.0%.

CREDIT OUTLOOK

Credit default swap (CDS) prices have generally followed an upward trend throughout 2022, indicating higher credit risk. They have been boosted by the war in Ukraine, increasing economic and political uncertainty and a weaker global and UK outlook, but remain well below the levels seen at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

CDS price volatility was higher in 2022 compared to 2021 and the divergence in prices between ringfenced (retail) and non-ringfenced (investment) banking entities has emerged once again.

The weakening economic picture during 2022 led the credit rating agencies to reflect this in their assessment of the outlook for the UK sovereign as well as several local authorities and financial institutions, revising them from to negative from stable.

There are competing tensions in the banking sector which could impact bank balance sheet strength going forward. The weakening economic outlook and likely recessions in many regions increase the possibility of a deterioration in the quality of banks' assets, while higher interest rates provide a boost to net income and profitability.

However, the institutions on our adviser Arlingclose's counterparty list remain well-capitalised and their counterparty advice on both recommended institutions and maximum duration remain under constant review and will continue to reflect economic conditions and the credit outlook.

INTEREST RATE FORECAST

The Authority's treasury management adviser Arlingclose forecasts that Bank Rate will continue to rise in 2023 as the Bank of England attempts to subdue inflation which is significantly above its 2% target.

While interest rate expectations reduced during the final quarter of 2022, an additional interest rate rise is still expected despite looming recession. Arlingclose expects Bank Rate to rise to 4.25% by March 2023 under its central case, with the risks in the near- and medium-term to the upside should inflation not evolve as the Bank forecasts and remains persistently higher.

Table 1 – Arlingclose Bank Rate Forecasts (as at February 2023)

Year	2023					2024				2025			
Period	Current	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.
Upside Risk	0.00	0.25	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
Bank Rate Forecast	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Downside Risk	0.00	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	-0.50	-0.75	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00	-1.00

The interest rate forecasts are based on the following underlying assumptions:

- The influence of the mini budget on rates and yields continues to wane following the more responsible approach shown by the new incumbents of Downing Street.
- Volatility in global markets continues, however, as investors seek the extent to which central banks are willing to tighten policy, as evidence of recessionary conditions builds. Investors have been more willing to price in the downturn in growth, easing financial conditions, to the displeasure of policymakers. This raises the risk that central banks will incur a policy error by tightening too much.
- The UK economy has perhaps proved more resilient than expected, but a recession and/or stagnant growth is likely in 2023 and subsequent years, as higher interest rates, low investment and rising unemployment depress overall activity.
- The lagged effect of the sharp tightening of monetary policy, higher mortgage rates, widespread strike action, alongside high inflation, will continue to put pressure on household disposable income and wealth. It is difficult to see households providing any support to GDP growth in 2023.
- Workforce shortage in the labour market is contributing to low unemployment (albeit with higher inactivity) and higher wages. While real wage growth is negative, high nominal wage growth has increased company costs and allowed them to pass these through to consumers, particularly in the services sector. We expect to see a weaker labour market as demand for labour ebbs, but Bank Rate will remain high until both services inflation and nominal wage growth declines.
- Global bond yields remain volatile as investors price in slower growth and easier monetary policy, amid continuing resilience in headline economic data (particularly US

labour market) and central bank push back on expectations for rate cuts in 2023. The Fed wants to see persistently higher policy rates and the ECB remains in forceful tightening mode.

- Gilt yields will be supported by both significant new bond supply, quantitative tightening and hawkish central banks, offsetting the downward effects of declining inflation and growth.
- The likelihood of policy rates remaining higher for too long cannot be discounted, which will lead to more severe downturns than may have been warranted and therefore more significant monetary loosening over the medium term.

Yields are expected to remain broadly at current levels over the medium-term, with 5-, 10- and 20-year gilt yields expected to average around 3.5%, 3.5%, and 3.85% respectively over the 3-year period to September 2025. The risks for short, medium and longer-term yields are judged to be broadly balanced over the forecast horizon. As ever, there will undoubtedly be short-term volatility due to economic and political uncertainty and events.

Table 2 – Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) Borrowing Rates (as at February 2023)

PWLB Borrowing Rates				
Year	Period	Annual Average %		
		5 Year	10 Year	50 Year
2023	March	4.00	4.10	4.40
	June	4.00	4.10	4.40
	September	4.00	4.10	4.40
	December	4.00	4.10	4.40
2024	March	3.90	4.00	4.40
	June	3.90	4.00	4.40
	September	3.90	4.00	4.40
	December	3.80	4.00	4.40
2025	March	3.80	4.00	4.40
	June	3.80	4.00	4.40
	September	3.80	4.00	4.40
	December	3.90	4.00	4.40

TREASURY LIMITS FOR 2023/2024 TO 2026/2027

It is a statutory duty under Section 3 of the Local Government Act 2003, and supporting regulations, for the Council to determine and keep under review how much it can afford to borrow. In England and Wales, the ‘Authorised Limit’ represents the legislative limit specified in Section 3 of the Act.

The Council must have regard to the Prudential Code when setting the Authorised Limit, which essentially requires it to ensure that total capital investment remains within sustainable limits and that the impact upon its future council tax levels is affordable.

Whilst termed an “Authorised Limit for external borrowing”, the capital plans to be considered for inclusion incorporate financing by both external borrowing and other forms of liability, such as credit arrangements. The Authorised Limit is to be set, on a rolling basis, for the forthcoming financial year and at least two successive financial years. Details of the Authorised Limit are set out later in this report.

CURRENT PORTFOLIO POSITION

On 31 January 2023, the Council held £194.441 million of borrowing. This is set out in further detail in the table below:

Table 3 – The Council's Treasury Management Position on 31 January 2023

Borrowing	31.01.2023 £m's	Rate %	Average Life Years	31.3.22 £000's	Rate %	Average Life Years
Fixed Rate Funding						
PWLB	91.156	2.74	12	57.957	2.37	13
Market - LOBO	25.000	6.44	52	25.000	6.44	52
Market - Fixed	48.750	6.47	53	48.750	6.47	52
Other LA Funding	15.558	3.90	11	15.000	4.05	12
Total Fixed Rate	180.464	4.36	29	146.707	4.60	32
Short Term Fixed rate						
Local Authority	12.000	1.23	0	36.557	0.12	<1
Total Variable Rate	12.000	1.23	0	36.557	0.10	<1
TOTAL	192.464	4.17	27	183.264	3.71	26
Salix Loan	1.977	-	2	2.543	-	3
TOTAL	194.441	4.12	27	185.807	3.66	26

The Council seeks to maintain an under-borrowed position, as set out in Table 4. This means that the capital borrowing needed (the CFR), has not been fully funded with external debt. The cash available to support the Council's reserves, balances and cash flow is being used as a temporary source of finance in lieu of securing external loans. Table 4 demonstrates that potential additional borrowing, over and above the planned amount required to fund the medium-term Capital Investment Programme, may be required to be taken to stabilise the liquidity of the Council. This will continue to be monitored with loans only being agreed when required. The external borrowing (loans) amount does include an assumed level of borrowing to fund the Capital Investment Programme.

Table 4 – The Council's Borrowing Requirement

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Capital Financing Requirement (Capital Programme)	205.047	207.365	219.470	223.025	223.606
Capital Financing Requirement (PFI's)	60.640	59.089	57.465	55.765	53.985
Total Capital Financing Requirement	265.687	266.454	276.935	278.790	277.590
Less: External Borrowing (Loans)	- 185.807	- 210.051	- 222.156	- 225.711	- 226.292
Less: External Borrowing (Long Term Liabilities)	- 50.329	- 44.874	- 42.363	- 39.856	- 37.192
Total Debt	- 236.136	- 254.925	- 264.519	- 265.567	- 263.484
Internal Borrowing	29.551	11.529	12.416	13.223	14.106

CIPFA's Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities recommends that the Council's total debt should be lower than its forecast Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) over the three years. Table 4 shows that the Council expects to comply with this recommendation.

Forecast changes in these sums are shown in the balance sheet analysis in the table below. This table excludes leases and PFI liabilities and only shows loans to which the authority is committed and it excludes optional refinancing.

Table 5 – Balance Sheet Summary and Forecast

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Capital Financing Requirement	265.687	266.454	276.935	278.790	277.590
Less: Other Debt Liabilities	-60.640	-59.089	-57.465	-55.765	-53.985
Loans CFR	205.047	207.365	219.470	223.025	223.606
Less: External Borrowing (Loans)	- 185.807	- 210.051	- 186.115	- 177.785	- 153.455
Internal Borrowing	19.240	2.686	33.355	45.241	70.151
Less: Balance sheet resources	- 53.923	- 41.923	- 37.500	- 37.500	- 37.500
Treasury Investments (or New Borrowing)	- 34.683	- 44.609	- 4.145	7.741	32.651

The balance sheet resource in the table above is difficult to forecast as this includes all balance sheet items with the exception of treasury investments, borrowing and other debt liabilities.

The underlying need to borrow for capital purposes is measured by the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), while balance sheet resources are the underlying basis available for investment.

The Authority has an increasing CFR due to the capital programme, but minimal investments and will therefore be required to borrow over the life of the Capital Investment Programme.

Liability Benchmark

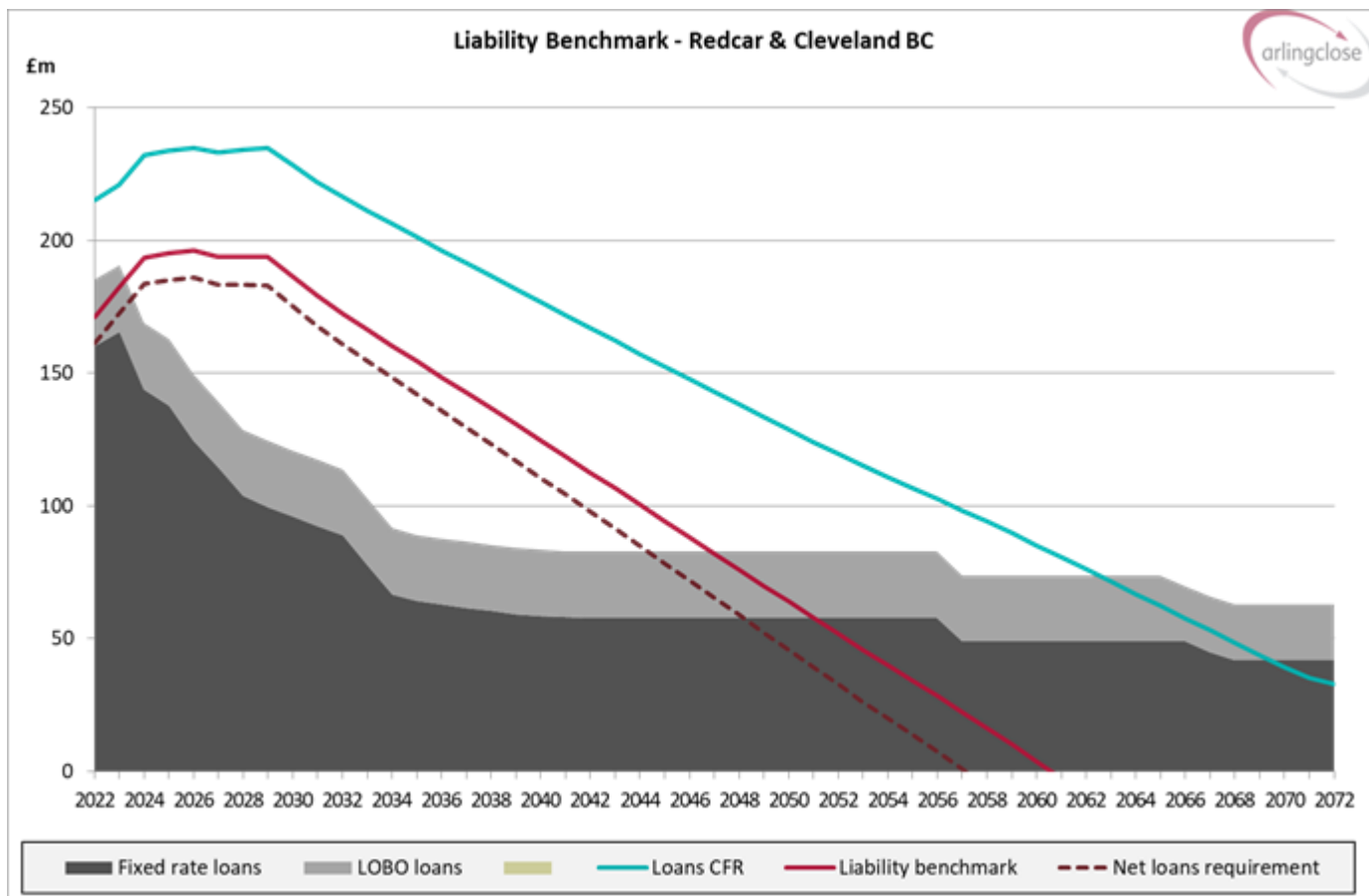
To compare the Council's actual borrowing against an alternative strategy, a liability benchmark has been calculated showing the lowest risk level of borrowing. This assumes the same forecasts as table 5 above, but that cash and investment balances are kept to a minimum level of £10.000 million at each year-end to maintain sufficient liquidity but minimise credit risk.

The liability benchmark is an important tool to help establish whether the Council is likely to be a long-term borrower or long-term investor in the future. The liability benchmark itself represents an estimate of the cumulative amount of external borrowing the Council must hold to fund its current capital and revenue plans while keeping treasury investments at the minimum level required to manage day-to-day cash flow.

Table 6 – Prudential Indicator Liability Benchmark

	2021/22 Actual £m	2022/23 Forecast £m	2023/24 Budget £m	2024/25 Budget £m	2025/26 Budget £m
Loans CFR	205.047	207.365	219.470	223.025	223.606
Less: Balance Sheet Resources	-53.923	-41.923	-37.500	-37.500	-37.500
Net Loans Requirement	151.124	165.442	181.970	185.525	186.106
Plus : Liquidity Allowance	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000	10.000
Lioability Benchmark	161.124	175.442	191.970	195.525	196.106

Following on from the medium-term forecasts in table 6 above, the long-term liability benchmark assumes capital expenditure funded by borrowing of the amounts approved as part of the Capital Investment Plan for the medium term (shown in Table 1 of the Capital Strategy) and £7.500 million a year over the long-term, minimum revenue provision calculations based on the approved programme and an average estimated useful life over the long-term and income, expenditure and reserves all increasing by inflation. This is shown in the chart below together with the maturity profile of the Council's existing borrowing:



The top line of the chart shows the loans CFR with the year-end liability benchmark and the net loans requirement being lower. As loans mature (the shaded blocks) and new capital expenditure is incurred the area below the liability benchmark and above the loans shows an additional need to borrow for a period of approximately 20 years. The liability benchmark is lower than the loans CFR as this assumes treasury investments are kept at the minimal level required to manage day-to-day cash flow.

BORROWING STRATEGY

The Council’s level of external loans is anticipated to be £210.051 million at the end of 2022/23, an increase of £24.244 million on the previous year. The increase in year is due to new borrowing to fund the Capital Investment Programme for both in year spend and delayed borrowing from previous years. This was previously deferred due to the high level of cash balances received from central government to act as an agent for various schemes. New borrowing of £10.000 million PWLB has also been secured early due to a drop in rates to replace maturing loans in May 2023.

The outstanding debt below excludes other long term liabilities such as PFI contracts and finance leases which are regarded as debt outstanding for prudential indicator purposes.

Table 7 - Summary of Council Borrowing

Year End @31/3	Debt Outstanding	Year on Year Variation	Average Interest Rate	Capital Investment
	£m	£m	%	£m
2005	116.354	18.769	5.27	26.301
2006	123.346	6.992	5.28	33.219
2007	142.334	18.988	5.22	45.625
2008	142.525	0.191	5.57	48.471
2009	152.500	9.975	5.16	44.322
2010	147.550	- 4.950	5.16	35.784
2011	150.238	2.688	5.25	31.051
2012	157.509	7.271	5.13	34.299
2013	172.287	14.778	4.72	39.145
2014	173.463	1.176	4.81	34.972
2015	171.439	- 2.024	5.02	15.484
2016	167.414	- 4.025	5.06	18.676
2017	157.888	- 9.526	5.17	12.578
2018	159.861	1.973	5.17	13.568
2019	190.758	30.897	3.82	19.996
2020	212.846	22.088	3.53	30.820
2021	196.573	- 16.273	3.55	23.321
2022	185.807	- 10.766	3.66	31.459
2023	<i>210.051</i>	<i>24.244</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>32.601</i>
2024	<i>222.156</i>	<i>12.105</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>57.735</i>
2025	<i>225.711</i>	<i>3.555</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>37.138</i>
2026	<i>226.292</i>	<i>0.580</i>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>12.830</i>

Forecast figures shown in red italics

The Council's chief objective when borrowing money is to strike an appropriately low risk balance between securing low interest costs and achieving certainty of those costs over the period for which funds are required. The flexibility to renegotiate loans should the Council's long-term plans change is a secondary objective.

Given the significant cuts to public expenditure and in particular to local government funding, the Council's borrowing strategy continues to address the key issue of affordability without compromising the longer-term stability of the debt portfolio. In previous financial years, the Council opted to utilise internal borrowing. This option becomes less feasible when the Council holds low levels of cash balances. Due to rising interest rates experienced during 2022/23, the Council acted proactively to switch towards locking in longer term rates to achieve certainty and to remove the risk on interest rates becoming significantly higher on maturing short-term debt. The level of short-term loans is now significantly lower than in previous financial years. The strategy for future years will be dependent on interest rate forecasts and assumptions on when rates will start reducing.

The Council has in recent years raised the majority of its current long-term borrowing from the PWLB but will consider long-term other sources of finance, such as local authority loans and bank loans that may be available at more favourable rates of interest. Local authorities who wish to buy investment properties primarily for yield are effectively prevented from accessing PWLB loans to fund any aspect of their entire capital plan. The Council has no plans to include

any purchase of commercial investment property to primarily generate a yield within its Capital Investment Programme.

Alternatively, the Council may arrange forward starting loans, where the interest rate is fixed in advance, but the cash is received in later years. This would enable certainty of cost to be achieved without suffering a cost of carry in the intervening period.

In addition, the Council may borrow short-term loans to cover unplanned cash flow shortages.

The approved sources of long-term and short-term borrowing for the Council are:

- HM Treasury's PWLB lending facility (formerly the Public Works Loan Board).
- UK local authorities.
- Any bank or building society authorised to operate in the UK.
- UK public and private sector pension funds.
- Capital market bond investors.
- Any other UK public sector body.
- UK Municipal Bonds Agency plc and other special purpose companies created to enable local authority bond issues.

In addition, capital finance may be raised by the following methods that are not borrowing, but may be classed as other debt liabilities:

- Leasing.
- Hire purchase.
- Private finance initiatives.
- Sale and leaseback.

The UK Municipal Bonds Agency plc was established in 2014 by the Local Government Association as an alternative to the PWLB. It issues bonds on the capital markets and lends the proceeds to local authorities. This is a more complicated source of finance than the PWLB for two reasons:

- borrowing authorities will be required to provide bond investors with a guarantee to refund their investment in the event that the agency is unable to meet its obligations for any reason; and
- there will be a lead time of several months between committing to borrow and knowing the interest rate payable.

Any decision to borrow from the Agency will therefore be the subject of a separate report to Cabinet.

The Council has £25.000 million of LOBO (Lender Option Borrower's Option) loans where the lender has the option to propose an increase in the interest rate at set dates, following which the Council has the option to either accept the new rate or to repay the loan at no additional cost. There are no LOBO loans that have a call option in 23/24, although with interest rates having risen rapidly during 2022/23, there is a reasonably increasing possibility that lenders will exercise their options if the rates are still high when there are call dates. If lenders do exercise these options, the Council will probably take the option to repay the loan to reduce refinancing risk in later years. It may also be possible to restructure any remaining LOBO loans if it is economically viable and the lender has the appetite to do so. The Council may take advantage of this and replace some loans with new loans where this is expected to lead to an overall cost saving or a reduction in risk.

The PWLB allows the repayment of loans before maturity with either the payment of a premium or the receipt of a discount according to a set formula based on current interest

rates. Other lenders may also be prepared to negotiate premature redemption terms. The Council may take advantage of this and replace some loans with new loans, where this is expected to lead to an overall cost saving or a reduction in risk. The recent rise in interest rates means that more favourable debt rescheduling opportunities should arise than in previous years.

Borrowing in Advance of Need

The Council may from time to time, borrow in advance of need, where this is expected to provide the best long-term value for money. Since amounts borrowed will be invested until spent, the Council is aware that it will be exposed to the risk of loss of the borrowed sums, and the risk that investment and borrowing interest rates may change in the investing period. These risks will be managed as part of the Council's overall management of its treasury risks.

Borrowing in advance will be made within the constraints that:

- The Council does not exceed its Authorised Limit for borrowing;
- It will be limited to no more than 80% of the expected increase in borrowing need (CFR) over the three-year planning period; and
- The Council would not look to borrow more than 36 months in advance of need.

Risks associated with any borrowing in advance activity will be subject to prior appraisal and subsequent reporting through the quarterly or annual reporting mechanism.

TREASURY INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Council holds invested funds, representing income received in advance of expenditure plus balances and reserves held. In the past 12 months, the Council's treasury investment balance has ranged between £15.000 million and £61.000 million. This has been higher than previous financial years due to securing long-term debt from PWLB in advance of need which was then invested to reduce the cost of carry. It is anticipated that cash levels will revert to normal levels in 2023/24.

The CIPFA Code requires the Council to invest its treasury funds prudently, and to have regard to the security and liquidity of its investments before seeking the highest rate of return, or yield. The Council's objective when investing money is to strike an appropriate balance between risk and return, minimising the risk from incurring losses from defaults and the risk of receiving unsuitably low investment income. Where balances are expected to be invested for more than one year, the Council will aim to achieve a total return that is equal or higher than the prevailing rate of inflation, in order to maintain the spending power of the sum invested. The Authority aims to be a responsible investor and will consider environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues when investing.

The majority of the Council's surplus cash is invested in fixed deposits with the Debt Management Office (DMO) or in short-term unsecured bank deposits and money market funds. This is a continuation of the current strategy and reflects the low cash balances generally held by the Council.

As demonstrated by the liability benchmark above, the Council expects to be a long-term borrower and new treasury investments will therefore be made primarily to manage day-to-day cash flows using short-term low risk instruments. The existing portfolio of strategic pooled funds will be maintained to diversify risk into different sectors and boost investment income.

The CIPFA Code does not permit local authorities to both borrow and invest long-term for cash flow management, but the Council may make long-term investments for treasury risk management purposes, including to manage interest rate risk by investing sums borrowed in

advance for the Capital Investment Programme for up to three years; to manage inflation risk by investing usable reserves in instruments whose value rises with inflation; and to manage price risk by adding diversification to the strategic pooled fund portfolio.

Environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations are increasingly a factor in global investors' decision making, but the framework for evaluating investment opportunities is still developing and therefore the Council's ESG policy does not currently include ESG scoring or other real-time ESG criteria at an individual investment level. When investing in banks and funds, the Council will prioritise banks that are signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Banking and funds operated by managers that are signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment, the Net Zero Asset Managers Alliance and/or the UK Stewardship Code.

The Council aims to achieve value from its treasury investments by a business model of collecting the contractual cash flows and therefore, where other criteria are also met, these investments will continue to be accounted for at amortised cost.

Risk Assessment and Creditworthiness Policy

Credit ratings are obtained and monitored by the Council's treasury advisors, who will notify changes in ratings as they occur. Where an entity has its credit rating downgraded so that it fails to meet the approved investment criteria then:

- No new investment will be made,
- Any existing investments that can be recalled or sold at no cost will be, and
- Full consideration will be given to the recall or sale of all existing investments with the affected counterparty.

Where a credit rating announces that an A- rating is on review for possible downgrade (also known as "rating watch negative" or "credit watch negative") so that it may fall below the approved rating criteria, then only investments that can be withdrawn on the next working day will be made with that organisation until the outcome of the review is announced. This policy will not apply to negative outlooks, which indicate a long-term direction of travel rather than an imminent change of rating.

Credit ratings are indicative, but not perfect predictors of investment default. Consideration is given to other available information on the credit quality of the organisations in which it invests, including credit default swap prices, financial statements, information on potential government support, reports in the quality financial press and analysis and advice from the Council's treasury management advisor. No investments will be made with an organisation if there are substantive doubts about its credit quality, even though it may otherwise meet the Council's criteria.

When deteriorating financial market conditions affect the creditworthiness of all organisations, as happened in 2008 and 2020, this is not generally reflected in credit ratings, but can be seen in other market measures. In these circumstances, the Council will restrict its investments to those organisations of higher credit quality and reduce the maximum duration of its investments to maintain the required level of security. The extent of these restrictions will be in line with prevailing financial market conditions. If these restrictions mean that insufficient commercial organisations of high credit quality are available to invest the Council's cash balances, then the surplus will be deposited with the UK Government, via the Debt Management Office, treasury bills or with other local authorities. This will cause investment returns to fall but will protect the principal sum invested.

Sole reliance will not be placed on the use of the external service provided by the Council's treasury management advisors. In addition, this Council will also use market data and market information, information on Government support for banks and the credit ratings of that Government support, as well as office judgement and expertise.

Liquidity Management

The Council uses a cash-flow forecasting model to determine the maximum period for which funds may prudently be committed. The forecast is compiled on a pessimistic basis, with receipts under-estimated and payments over-estimated to minimise the risk of the Council being forced to borrow on unfavourable terms to meet its financial commitments.

Limits on long-term investments are set by reference to the Council's medium-term financial plan and cash flow forecast.

The Council will spread its liquid cash over at least four providers to ensure that access to cash is maintained in the event of operational difficulties at any one provider.

Investment Reports to Members

Reporting to Members on investment matters will be as follows:

- In-year investment reports will be submitted to Cabinet as part of the Quarterly Financial Position reports.
- At the end of the financial year a report on the Council's investment activity will be submitted to Cabinet as part of the Consolidated Financial Outturn report.

Counterparty List Criteria

When considering any financial investment, the Council will give paramount importance to the security aspect of the transaction. Although risk and return are important, they will be deemed to be of a secondary nature.

Investment limits are set by reference to the lowest published long-term credit rating from a selection of external rating agencies. Where available, the credit rating relevant to the specific investment or class of instrument is used, otherwise the counterparty credit rating is used. However, investment decisions are never solely based on credit ratings and all other relevant factors including external advice will be considered.

The Council has general reserves available to cover investments losses. To minimise the potential impact of a single default on an unsecured investment, the maximum that will be lent to any organisation (other than the UK Government, local authorities, and pooled funds) will be £2.500 million. A group of banks under the same ownership will be treated as a single organisation for limit purposes. Limits will also be placed on fund managers, investments in brokers' nominee accounts, foreign countries and industry sectors as below. Investments in pooled funds do not count against the limit for any single foreign country since the risk is diversified over many countries.

In terms of the Council's investment counterparties the following framework will apply:

Counterparty		Individual Cash Limit		Total Limit	Max Period
		Unsecured	Secured		
UK, Foreign Banks and other organisations whose lowest published long-term credit rating is:	AAA	£2.5m	£5m	£25m	2yrs
	AA+	£2.5m	£5m	£25m	2yrs
	AA	£2.5m	£5m	£20m	2yrs
	AA-	£2.5m	£5m	£20m	2yrs
	A+	£2.5m	£5m	£15m	2yrs
	A	£2.5m	£5m	£15m	1yrs
	A-	£1.5m	£3m	£9m	1yrs
Council's own Clearing Bank		£3m	N/A	£3m	N/A*
UK Building Societies without credit ratings		£1m	£2m	£5m	6m
UK Local Authorities		£5m	N/A	N/A	2yrs
UK Gov't DMO, Treasury Bills, Treasury Gilts & Instruments		Unlimited		Unlimited	3yrs
Money Market Funds		£3m	N/A	£20m	N/A
Other Pooled Funds		£10m	N/A	£20m	N/A
Real Estate Investment Trusts		£3m	N/A	£6m	N/A
Any other organisation, subject to an external credit assessment and specific advice from the Council's treasury management advisor		£2m		£4m	2yrs

*If the Council's own clearing bank fails to meet the minimum credit quality criteria the time limit on investments will be restricted to overnight.

Current Bank Account: The Council's current account is held with NatWest which currently meets the minimum A- rating. The limit for NatWest is however higher than other banks for operational reasons. If the rating falls below A- the Council may continue to deposit surplus cash with NatWest providing those investments can be withdrawn on the next working day and that the bank maintains a credit rating no lower than BBB- (the lowest investment grade rating). In practice the balance is significantly lower than the £3.000 million allowed in the Strategy. The balance, although not classified as an investment, is subject to bail-in and a proportion of the balance held may be at risk. The Bank of England has stated that in the event of failure, banks with assets greater than £25.000 billion are more likely to be bailed-in than made insolvent which will allow the Council to maintain operational banking continuity.

Banks and Building Societies Unsecured: Investments include instant access accounts, deposits, certificates of deposit and senior unsecured bonds with banks and building societies, other than multilateral banks. These investments are subject to the risk of credit loss via a bail-in should the regulator determine that the bank is failing or likely to fail.

Secured Investments: Investments secured on the borrower's assets, which limits the potential losses in the event of insolvency. The amount and quality of the security will be a key factor in the investment decision. Covered bonds and reverse repurchase agreements with banks and building societies are exempt from bail-in. Where there is no investment specific credit rating, but the collateral upon which the investment is secured has a credit rating, the higher of the collateral credit rating and the counterparty credit rating will be used. The combined secured and unsecured investments with any one counterparty will not exceed the cash limit for secured investments.

Government: Loans to, and bonds and bills issued or guaranteed by, national governments, regional and local authorities and multilateral development banks. These investments are not subject to bail-in, and there is generally a lower risk of insolvency, although they are not zero risk. Investments with the UK Government are deemed to be zero credit risk due to its ability to create additional currency and therefore may be made in unlimited amounts for up to 5 years.

Registered Providers (unsecured): Loans to, and bonds issued by or guaranteed by, registered providers of social housing or registered social landlords, formerly known as housing associations. These bodies are regulated by the Regulator of Social Housing (in England), the Scottish Housing Regulator, the Welsh Government and the Department for Communities (in Northern Ireland). As providers of public services, they retain the likelihood of receiving government support if needed.

Money Market Funds: Pooled funds that offer same-day or short notice liquidity and very low or no price volatility by investing in short-term money markets. They have the advantage over bank accounts of providing wide diversification of investment risks, coupled with the services of a professional fund manager in return for a small fee. Although no sector limit applies to money market funds, the Authority will take care to diversify its liquid investments over a variety of providers to ensure access to cash at all times.

Strategic Pooled Funds: Bond, equity and property funds that offer enhanced returns over the longer term but are more volatile in the short term. These allow the Authority to diversify into asset classes other than cash without the need to own and manage the underlying investments. Because these funds have no defined maturity date, but are available for withdrawal after a notice period, their performance and continued suitability in meeting the Authority's investment objectives will be monitored regularly.

Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs): Shares in companies that invest mainly in real estate and pay the majority of their rental income to investors in a similar manner to pooled property funds. As with property funds, REIT's offer enhanced returns over the long term, but are more volatile especially as the share price reflects changes in the value of the underlying properties. Investors in REIT's shares cannot be withdrawn but can be sold on the stock exchange to another investor.

Other Investments: This category covers treasury investments not listed above, for example unsecured corporate bonds and company loans. Non-bank companies cannot be bailed-in but can become insolvent placing the Authority's investment at risk.

Full individual listings of counterparties and counterparty limits are held by Financial Services and investments are reported as part of the quarterly performance updates to Cabinet.

Ethical Investments

The Council seeks to ensure that it does not invest in unethical investments. Examples include investments relating to human rights abuses, environmental degradation, discrimination on the grounds of race, gender, disability or sexuality, support of unethical operations such as arms sales to military regimes, tobacco production or animal testing for cosmetic reasons.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INDICATORS FOR 2022/2023 TO 2025/2026

The Council measures and manages its exposure to treasury management risks using the following indicators.

Security: The Council has adopted a voluntary measure of its exposure to credit risk by monitoring the value-weighted average of its investment portfolio. This is calculated by applying a score to each investment (AAA=1, AA+=2 etc.) and taking the arithmetic average, weighted by the size of the investment. Unrated investments are assigned a score based on their perceived risk.

Credit Rate Indicator	Target
Portfolio average credit	A

Interest rate risk: CIPFA defines interest rate risk as “the risk that fluctuations in the levels of interest rates creating an unexpected or unbudgeted burden on the organisation’s finances, against which the organisation has failed to protect itself adequately”. In local authorities, this risk is therefore commonly considered in the context of the impact of changes in interest rates on the revenue accounts, particularly where a local authority is a net borrower.

The Council has opted to benchmark the risk by measuring the impact of a 1% change in interest rates. This benchmark provides protection to the revenue account from unexpected falls in interest rates causing a loss of investment income, and from unexpected raises in interest rates causing an increase in interest payable.

The Council as part of its medium-term financial planning process makes an assumption on projected interest rate rises or falls. In the event that interest rates rise faster than anticipated, which creates a budgetary pressure in relation to the cost of borrowing; this will be reflected in the quarterly finance report and will be funded from either savings elsewhere in the Council or from earmarked reserves.

The Council is expected to remain a net borrower in the medium to long term so a fall in rates would lead to savings rather than incurring additional cost.

Interest Rate Exposure	Limit £m
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% rise in interest rates	0.707
Upper limit on one-year revenue impact of a 1% fall in interest rates	0

The amounts in the table above cover the period 2022-2025.

The impact of a change in interest rates is calculated on the assumption that maturing loans and investments will be replaced at new market rates.

Maturity structure of borrowing: This indicator is set to control the Council’s exposure to refinancing risk. The upper and lower limits on the maturity structure of borrowing will be:

Refinancing Rate Risk Indicator	Upper Limit	Lower Limit
Under 12 months	35%	0%
12 months and within 24 months	40%	0%
24 months and within 5 years	80%	0%
5 years and within 10 years	90%	0%
10 years and within 25 years	100%	0%
25 years and above	100%	0%

Time periods start on the first day of each financial year. The maturity date of borrowing is the earliest date on which the lender can demand repayment. The Code requires that LOBO loans are treated as if they will mature in their next call period.

Long-term treasury management investments: The purpose of this indicator is to control the Council’s exposure to the risk of incurring losses by seeking early repayment of its investments. The potential limits on the long-term treasury management investments will be:

Price risk indicator	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Limit on principal invested beyond year end	£25m	£25m	£25m

Long-term investments with no fixed maturity date include strategic pooled funds and real estate investment trusts but exclude money market funds and bank accounts with no fixed maturity date as these are considered short-term.

OTHER TREASURY MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Where investment income exceeds budgetary target (for example, investment income from higher risk investments including pooled funds), or debt interest paid falls below budget, (e.g. from the sourcing of low-interest short-term borrowing) then then the Council will aim to transfer an element of this revenue saving into a separately held treasury management reserve to cover the risk of capital losses or higher interest rates payable in future years.

Policy on the Use of Financial Derivatives

Local authorities have previously made use of financial derivatives embedded into loans and investments both to reduce interest rate risk (e.g. interest rate collars and forward deals) and to reduce costs or increase income at the expense of greater risk (e.g. LOBO loans and callable deposits). The general power of competence in Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 removes much of the uncertainty over local authorities' use of standalone financial derivatives (i.e. those that are not embedded into a loan or investment).

The Council will only use standalone financial derivatives (such as swaps, forwards, futures and options) where they can be clearly demonstrated to reduce the overall level of financial risks that the Council is exposed to. Additional risks presented, such as credit exposure to derivative counterparties, will be considered when determining the overall level of risk. Embedded derivatives, including those present in pooled funds, will not be subject to this policy, although the risks they present will be managed in line with the overall Treasury Management Strategy.

Financial derivative transactions may be arranged with any organisation that meets the approved investment criteria, assessed using the appropriate credit rating for derivative exposures. An allowance for credit risk calculated using the methodology in the Treasury Management Practices document will count against the counterparty credit limit and the relevant foreign country limit.

In line with the CIPFA code, the Council will seek external advice and will consider that advice before entering into financial derivatives to ensure that it fully understands the implications.

Markets in Financial Instruments Directive

The Council has opted up to professional status with the majority of its providers of financial services, including advisors, banks, brokers and fund managers. This allows access to a greater range of services but without the greater regulatory protections afforded to individuals and small companies. Given the size and range of the Council's treasury management activities, the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) believes this to be the most appropriate status.

Other Options Considered

The CIPFA code does not prescribe any particular treasury management strategy for local authorities to adopt. The Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) believes that the above strategy represents an appropriate balance between risk management and cost effectiveness. Some alternative strategies, with their financial and risk management implications, are listed below.

Alternative	Impact on income and expenditure	Impact on risk management
Invest in a narrower range of counterparties and/or for shorter times	Interest income will be lower	Lower chance of losses from credit related defaults, but any such losses may be greater
Invest in a wider range of counterparties and/or for longer times	Interest income will be higher	Increased risk of losses from credit related defaults, but any such losses may be smaller
Borrow additional sums at long-term fixed interest rates	Debt interest costs will rise; this is unlikely to be offset by higher investment income and is more likely to place an additional revenue cost burden on the Council	Higher investment balance leading to a higher impact in the event of a default; however long-term interest costs may be more certain
Borrow short-term or variable loans instead of long-term fixed rates	Debt interest costs will initially be lower	Increases in debt interest costs will be broadly offset by rising investment income in the medium term, but long-term costs may be less certain
Reduce level of borrowing	Saving on debt interest is likely to exceed lost investment income	Reduced investment balance leading to a lower impact in the event of a default; however long-term interest costs may be less certain, and the Council would be exposed to risks of low cash balances at certain points during the financial year.

REDCAR & CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2022/2023

INTRODUCTION

The Council invests its money for three broad purposes:

- because it has surplus cash because of its day-to-day activities, for example when income is received in advance of expenditure (known as **treasury management investments**),
- to support local public services by lending to or buying shares in other organisations (**service investments**), and
- to earn investment income (known as **commercial investments** where this is the main purpose).

This Investment Strategy meets the requirements of statutory guidance issued by the Government in January 2018 and focuses on the second and third of these categories.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT INVESTMENTS

The Council typically receives its income in cash (e.g. from taxes and grants) before it pays for its expenditure in cash (e.g. through payroll and invoices). It also holds reserves for future expenditure and collects local taxes on behalf of both the police and fire authorities and Central Government. These activities, plus the timing of borrowing decisions, lead to a cash surplus which is invested in accordance with guidance from the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy. The balance of treasury management investments is expected to fluctuate between £35.000 million and £10.000 million during the 2023/24 financial year.

Contribution

The contribution that these investments make to the objectives of the Council is to support effective treasury management activities.

Further details

Full details of the Council's policies and its plan for 2023/24 for treasury management investments are covered in a separate document, the Treasury Management Strategy included in APPENDIX B

SERVICE INVESTMENTS: LOANS

The Council's general investment powers come under the Local Government Act 2003 (section 12). Under this Act a local authority has the power to invest for any purposes relevant to its functions or for the purpose of the prudent management of its financial affairs.

In addition to investment the Council has the power to provide loans and financial assistance to organisations under the Localisation Act 2011 (and also formally under the general power of wellbeing in the Local Government Act 2000) which introduced a general power of competence for authorities (to be exercised in accordance with their general public law duties).

Any such loans to organisations by the Council, will therefore be made under these powers. and will either be classed as capital expenditure by the Council under the Local Authorities (Capital Finance and Accounting) Regulations 2003 or as a revenue loan.

Contribution

The Council may lend money to its subsidiaries, businesses, charities, housing associations, and its employees to support local public services and stimulate local economic growth. It is anticipated that the only material loans remaining in the accounts at the 31 March 2023 are:

- Redcar and Cleveland Legal Services Ltd - £1.300 million. This loan was agreed to part fund the purchase of Cygnet Family Law Ltd and will be repaid over a long-term period.
- Sports Leisure Management - £0.143 million. This loan was agreed as part of the tendering process to select an operator to run the Council's leisure centres. The loan is given to fund the replacement of capital assets and is repaid on an agreed schedule.

Security

The main risk when making service loans is that the borrower will be unable to repay the principal lent and/or the interest due. To limit this risk, and ensure that total exposure to service loans remains proportionate to the size of the Council, upper limits on the outstanding loans to each category of borrower have been set as follows:

Table 1: Loans for Service Purposes

	31.03.2022 Actual	31.03.2023 Forecast			2023/24
	Balance Owing £m	Balance Owing £m	Loss Allowance £m	Net figure in accounts £m	Approved Limit £m
Subsidiary	1.227	1.300	0.073	1.227	3.000
Charities	0.238	0.161	0.002	0.160	
Businesses	0.007	0.006	0.001	0.006	
Service Users	0.013	0.013	0.001	0.012	
Employees	0.084	0.084	0.000	0.084	
Total	1.569	1.564	0.077	1.488	

Accounting standards require the Council to set aside loss allowance for loans, reflecting the likelihood of non-payment. The figures for loans in the Council's statement of accounts from 2018/19 onwards are shown net of this loss allowance. However, the Council makes every reasonable effort to collect the full sum lent and has appropriate credit control arrangements in place to recover overdue repayments.

Risk Assessment

The Council assesses the risk of loss before entering into a contract. Loans (excluding employee loans) will be assessed following a financial assessment of the organisation which will include the company's accounts and a business plan.

SERVICE INVESTMENTS: SHARES

The Council currently holds the following shares:

Durham Tees Valley Airport Ltd – the Council has a shareholding in the airport. These are currently valued at zero due to operating losses incurred during recent financial years.

Veritau Tees Valley Ltd– the Council holds a 25% shareholding in the company.

Redcar & Cleveland Legal Services Ltd – the Council holds a 100% shareholding in the company.

The shares in the Airport are historic and were transferred to the Council as part of Local Government Reorganisation. The Council has elected to hold the shares at Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI). In effect this means that any movement in the fair value of the shares can be held in an unusable reserve until derecognition. At the point of derecognition any balance in the reserve will need transferring to the Income and Expenditure account.

The shareholding in Veritau Tees Valley is due to the transfer of the audit service into a newly created company operated by parent company Veritau. The shareholding within Veritau – Tees Valley will have a 50% share ownership by the Veritau parent company and then a 25% share ownership by each of Redcar & Cleveland Council and Middlesbrough Council. The Veritau parent company is 100% owned, in equal parts, by North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council.

Redcar and Cleveland Legal Services Ltd is a holding company which holds 100% of the shareholding in Cygnet Family Law Ltd, which was acquired in July 2021.

The Council does not currently invest in shares to support local public services or to stimulate local economic growth. There are risks in investing in shares. They may fall in value meaning that the initial outlay may not be recovered.

If it becomes advantageous to purchase shares this strategy will be updated and resubmitted for approval.

Non-specified Investments: Shares are the only investment type that the Council has identified that meets the definition of a non-specified investment in the government guidance. The holdings above on share investments are therefore also the Council's upper limits on non-specified investments. The Council has not adopted any procedures for determining further categories of non-specified investment since none are likely to meet the definition.

COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS: PROPERTY

The Ministry of Housing and Central Local Government (MHCLG) defines property to be an investment if it is held primarily or partially to generate a profit.

The Council currently holds a portfolio of assets which are categorised as investment properties because they meet the definition under the CIPFA code which is:

“property (land or a building, or part of a building, or both) held solely to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both, rather than for administrative purposes”

The majority of the investment properties in the Council's portfolio are historic or have been constructed as part of regeneration projects. If these are deemed not beneficial to the outcomes for the Council, they will become surplus and marketed for sale.

The Council does not currently hold any investment properties purchased primarily or partially to generate a profit. If this becomes a priority for the Council, a detailed business case will be prepared and reported to Cabinet for approval prior to inclusion in the Capital Investment Programme. The Strategy will also be updated with details regarding security, risk and liquidity of the property acquired.

LOAN COMMITMENTS AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

Although not strictly counted as investments, since no money has exchanged hands yet, loan commitments and financial guarantees carry similar risks to the Council. The Council currently has no contractual commitments or guarantees.

If the Council enters into or becomes liable for a loan commitment or financial guarantee this strategy will be updated.

INVESTMENT INDICATORS

The Council has set the following quantitative indicators to allow elective members and the public to assess the Council's total risk exposure as a result of its investment decisions.

Total Risk Exposure

The first indicator shows the Council's total exposure to potential investment losses.

Table 2 – Total Investment Exposure

	31.03.2022 Actual £m	31.03.2023 Forecast £m	31.03.2024 Forecast £m
Treasury management investments	24.001	14.216	14.216
Service investments: Shares	0.333	1.742	1.742
Service investments: Loans	1.569	1.488	1.583
Total Exposure	25.903	17.445	17.540

How Investments Are Funded

Government guidance is that these indicators should include how investments are funded. Since the Council does not normally associate particular assets with particular liabilities, this guidance is difficult to comply with. However, the following investments could be described as being funded by borrowing. The remainder of the Council's investments are funded by usable reserves and income received in advance of expenditure.

Table 3: Investments funded by borrowing

	31.03.2022 Actual £m	31.03.2023 Forecast £m	31.03.2024 Forecast £m
Service investments: Loans	1.569	1.488	1.583
Service investments: Shares	1.742	1.742	1.742
Total Funded by Borrowing	3.311	3.230	3.325

Rate of Return Received

This indicator shows the investment income received less the associated cost of borrowing, if appropriate, as a proportion of the sum initially invested. Note that due to the complex local government accounting framework, not all recorded gains and losses affect the revenue account in the year they are incurred.

Table 4- Investment Rate of Return

	31.03.2022 Actual %	31.03.2023 Forecast %	31.03.2024 Forecast %
Treasury management investments	1.08%	2.09%	1.67%
Service investments: Shares	0.00%	1.67%	1.93%
Service investments: Loans	0.26%	0.25%	0.30%
Commercial Investments: Property	0.19%	0.18%	0.23%
Total Exposure	1.53%	4.20%	4.13%

MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2023/2024

When the Council finances expenditure by debt, it must set aside resources to repay that debt in later years. The amount charged to the revenue budget for the repayment of debt is known as the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). Although there has been no statutory minimum since 2008, the Local Government Act 2003 requires the Council to have regard to the former Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Guidance on Minimum Revenue Provision most recently issued in 2018.

The broad aim of MHCLG Guidance is to ensure that capital expenditure is financed over a period that is either reasonably commensurate with that over which the capital expenditure provides benefits, or, in the case of borrowing supported by Government Revenue Support Grant, reasonably commensurate with the period implicit in the determination of that grant.

The MHCLG Guidance requires the Council to approve an Annual MRP statement each year and recommends a number of options for calculating a prudent amount of MRP. The proposed methods are as follows: -

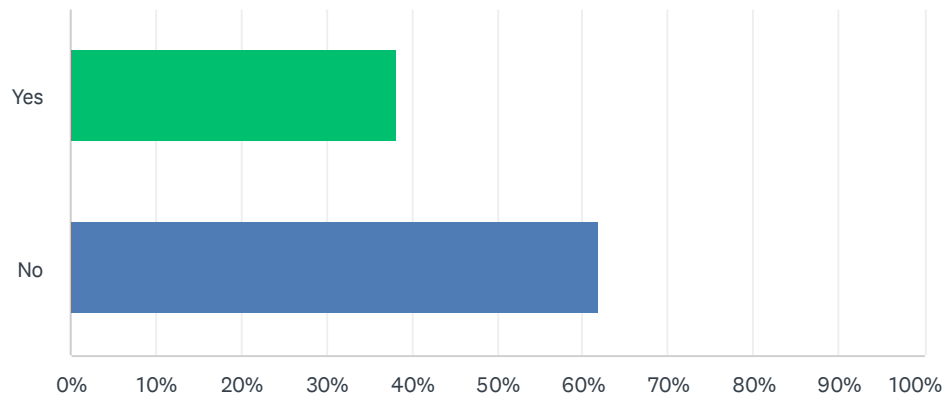
- For capital expenditure incurred before 31 March 2008, MRP will be determined as 2% of the Capital Financing Requirement as at the 01.04.2021 adjusted by Factor A and will be on a straight-line basis for future financial years.
- For unsupported capital expenditure incurred after 31 March 2008, MRP will be determined by charging the expenditure over the expected useful life of the relevant asset on an annuity basis equal to a PWLB rate at the end of the relevant financial year. MRP on land and buildings will not exceed 50 years and MRP on expenditure not related to fixed assets, but which has been capitalised by regulation or direction will be charged over 20 years.
- For assets acquired by finance leases or a PFI, the MRP will be determined by charging the expenditure over the expected useful life of the relevant asset on an annuity basis equal to a PWLB rate at the end of the relevant financial year.
- Where loans are made to other bodies for their capital expenditure, no MRP will be charged. The capital receipts generated by the annual repayment on those loans will be put aside to repay debt instead.
- Capital expenditure incurred during 2023/24 will not be subject to an MRP charge until in the year after the asset becomes operational.

Based on the Council's estimate of its Capital Financing Requirement on 31 March 2023, the 2023/24 budget and future years MRP is estimated to be as follows:

Capital Financing Requirement (CFR)	Estimated CFR 31.03.2023 £m	Budgeted MRP 2023-24 £m	Budgeted MRP 2024-25 £m	Budgeted MRP 2025/26 £m
Capital Expenditure Before 31.3.2008	87.677	1.861	1.861	1.861
Unsupported Capital Expenditure after 31.3.2008	119.688	2.845	3.342	3.994
Finance Leases and Private Finance Initiatives	59.089	1.624	1.700	1.780
Total	266.454	6.330	6.903	7.635

Q1 The proposed Council Tax increase of 1.99% would equate to around 67p per week for a full Council Tax-payer in a Band D property, or 8p per week for someone in a Band A property receiving full council tax support . This will allow the Council to maintain service levels as far as is possible and go towards meeting some of the increased demand we are currently experiencing. Do you agree with the proposed increase?

Answered: 2,924 Skipped: 90



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	38.06% 1,113
No	61.94% 1,811
TOTAL	2,924

#	DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?	DATE
1	Council Tax is already at an all-time high & the service being received seems to be getting worse. The streets are scattered with litter. Dog walking routes are overgrown & have fly tipping rubbish left for months. Never once seen a policeman patrolling Guisborough's streets. Where is the Council spending the money???	1/17/2023 11:13 PM
2	This is the absolute minimum it needs to be increased. The proposed increase should be higher to deal with the increased calls on the service.	1/16/2023 4:54 PM
3	I agree with the proposed increase in principle, as I appreciate the cost of providing services has risen. However, I would like to say that the council, in my opinion, wastes a huge amount of our money annually and you really need to be held to account for this. In brief, and this is by no means an exhaustive list, I would point out the following catastrophic financial decisions made in the recent past: 1) Redcar's vertical pier!! ... hideous monstrosity, a complete waste of money, and now practically derelict. I recall seeing the proposal, saying how it would pay for itself in increased visitors to the town. Joke. 2) Saltburn cat-nab car park expansion... how on earth can you sub-contract building work to a company with no insurance?? and fail to provide them with plans of the sewerage infrastructure? I gather Northumbria Water are seeking £1.5M in compensation for the emergency repair works to the ruptured pipe. How are you going to pay this? Out of MY council tax increase?? There are numerous other examples I could give, but I'm sure you get the point by now. I think the council should be investigated for financial mismanagement and placed into special measures	1/16/2023 12:26 PM

4	I agree with the increase providing there is transparency on how the extra resources are used	1/15/2023 2:14 PM
5	The cost of living increase at the moment means everyone is having to pay more for food, heating and fuel and any further increases in council tax is not a good idea at present. If council tax increases have to be made it needs to be targeted at essential services such as care for the elderly.	1/14/2023 4:00 PM
6	If a slightly greater increase would ensure that service levels are not reduced, that should be considered.	1/14/2023 2:33 PM
7	Why not increase the business rates at the same time why don't you? That will certainly drive people away from local shops	1/14/2023 9:59 AM
8	Support the bone idle and workshy, as always. Let the working folk struggle.	1/13/2023 9:52 PM
9	I'm thinking of people I know who are struggling so much already.	1/12/2023 10:17 PM
10	Council tax in Redcar and Cleveland is ridiculously high already, and I don't see what Guisborough actually gets in return for it. There seems to be little to no investment in the town.	1/12/2023 7:27 PM
11	People have suffered enough with cost of living crisis , energy cost rises, mortgage cost rises, food cost rises, fuel cost rises. To impose a council tax increase will be the nail in the coffin for a majority of people, just unaffordable on top of all other living cost increases ♀ ♀ ♀	1/12/2023 4:51 PM
12	Imposing Parking Fees on Marske by Sea car parks is not legal as that land was bequeathed to the residents of Marske by Lord Zetland. The Council made the same mistake several years ago and had to change their plans. I understand the land catering for the car parks at Kirkleatham Museum and the walled garden were also left in trust to the people of Kirkleatham.	1/12/2023 2:43 PM
13	In reference to Cowbar top car park - charges come into effect 16-01-2023. I represent Whitby Sea Anglers Assoc www.whitbyseaanglers.com Our members like to fish the cliffs, Cowbar pier & Cowbar steel, however the parking charges from 18.00hrs do not allow parking for between 3 & 4hrs after 18.00hrs - we fish 19.00hrs - 22.00hrs on a wednesday & 18.00 - 22.00hrs on a sunday [October to end of March]. I spoke to Douglas Grey, Community Enforcement Manager 12th Jan 2023, and he has informed me there is, at this time, no way around the parking charges - its £15.00 from 18.00hrs. Even nif members arrive after 17.00hrs the machine will not accepte 4 hrs parking for £4.00. Which you should agree is a lot for a few hours fishing. Please could you advice. Kind regards Peter Horbury email peterhorbury05@aol.com Mob 07505 515665	1/12/2023 12:19 PM
14	Raising council tax will not solve any issues the council may have with maintaining services. All this will do is highlight of the council leaders and management that they are incompetent at their jobs. Do what they are paid to do, manage effectively within their budgets. Raising taxes in these difficult times will not buy their way out of a problem.	1/12/2023 9:53 AM
15	Parking to exercise at the woodland parks around the area is disgraceful. All it will do is stop people visiting or block up residential areas. Nothing like encouraging people to the great outdoors. Well dobe Redcar council. Most stupid thing to introduce.	1/12/2023 9:45 AM
16	I am a student and finding money is a challenging task as it is. Increasing the tax will only make this more challenging for me and many other youths my age.	1/12/2023 9:33 AM
17	We are paying more and more council tax but getting less services.	1/12/2023 8:41 AM
18	Cost of living is too high for people already this would increase financial hardship.	1/12/2023 7:44 AM
19	I suggest the council department managers got out of their offices and checked on the workforce during the day. Refuse collection vehicles parked up in the car parks of Guisborough every bin collection day. They have the longest lunch hours. Always parked up for at least 2 hours. No wonder bins get missed every week, resulting in unneeded overtime. Parking officers clocking off early and not finishing contracted hours. Or sat about in vehicles when they could be outside schools and colleges, targeting illegal parking. All of this is causing excess payments in wages.	1/12/2023 7:18 AM
20	What increased demand? We all have increased demands and struggling to pay our bills! Think you could be more specific.	1/12/2023 7:08 AM
21	There would be no improvement in the service provided.	1/12/2023 6:29 AM
22	The council wastes enough money without giving them more	1/12/2023 5:51 AM

23	I think the current cost of living crisis we are experiencing is hard enough and this would not only put further strain on households but would also show how out of touch with the people the council is.	1/12/2023 5:32 AM
24	The rise proposed does not guarantee services, only maintain 'as far as is possible'. Council workers were all given a pay rise, whilst subcontractors are told to cut costs?	1/12/2023 4:26 AM
25	We pay enough for very little I would like to know why so much is spent on providing taxis etc to school.If parents have cars why can't they take them as parents going to other schools have to.	1/12/2023 3:06 AM
26	We already pay high amounts, cannot afford to keep increasing	1/11/2023 10:25 PM
27	What service levels.Eston has had nothing for years the precinct is an eyesore and has been for decades the hills are a playground for motor vehicles of all types.The roads are full of pot holes.There are virtually no shops need I go on you should be paying us.	1/11/2023 9:02 PM
28	Tighten your belts, begin by chopping at the top of your executive officers and down over. It's the way this Council operates that is ineffective which results in inefficiency. You pull up the shutters to the public and it just comes out as financial cost elsewhere especially when dealing with complaints and suspect this Council spends a fortune of our money on Legal Advisers / Barristers / Vultures for want of a better word!	1/11/2023 9:02 PM
29	As a band D payee I think it's a disgrace we pay a lot now it doesn't sound a lot but adding it up different story	1/11/2023 8:32 PM
30	We're paying more than Westminster already!	1/11/2023 7:37 PM
31	We're paying more than Westminster already!	1/11/2023 7:36 PM
32	I think being in band E we pay more than enough perhaps lower bands should pay a more realistic start price . This would generate a better split of charges .	1/11/2023 7:15 PM
33	As a pensioner things are already going up too fast	1/11/2023 6:30 PM
34	Typical Labour Council mentality. Create extra resources by increasing charges on the tax payers and local businesses. Never a thought about increased efficiencies	1/11/2023 5:26 PM
35	I feel this is a necessary increase although not welcome.	1/11/2023 5:04 PM
36	My answer would be a yes, if I felt the money you receive at present was used in a more efficient manner. The hair-raising, waste of money. Banners that no one wanted. Street lights on the coast road put-up, taken-down. computer problems that lasts months. The list goes on.	1/11/2023 5:03 PM
37	If this will assist in stopping the proposed parking charges throughout the area then an increase in local tax is a good idea.	1/11/2023 4:48 PM
38	Council tax existing cost is enough and needs to be allocated to relevant expenses	1/11/2023 3:41 PM
39	Cut the budget where need to	1/11/2023 3:34 PM
40	I strongly Disagree with the proposed parking charges in Guisborough and othe East Cleveland towns and villages. I even understand that it was considered to charge for parking at the Leisure centres such as Guiborough Baths. Does the council really want to kill the baths and leisure(exercise) centre. How dumheaded can it be?	1/11/2023 3:00 PM
41	We already pay enough	1/11/2023 2:51 PM
42	If the services were shared evenly throughout the borough I would not have any major objection. As a resident of East Cleveland very few services are provided. Consider Moorsholm, Stanghow, lingdale, Boosbeck, margrove park, Chartons. Where are the library service, Health Clinics, Adult education services, etc.	1/11/2023 2:45 PM
43	Life is hard enough right now without charging for the privilege to make it harder. Are you trying to turn everywhere into s ghost town. You want more money cut your own wages as people have had theirs cut to the bone. Time to consider and consult the people who have voted and employ public servants.	1/11/2023 2:28 PM
44	Guisborough is struggling, with very little help from our council. Redcar gets the lions share of all money available. If you start these parking charges more shops and business will close.	1/11/2023 2:27 PM

	The council gets enough money from Guisborough rate payers. You cannot bleed this town dry. Stop spending millions at Redcar.	
45	Regarding the proposed increased. Parking charges, I just wonder what planet this Council is on considering the economic situation, this borough is perhaps one of the poorest in the country, there is in many cases no public transport, and a car is not a luxury, a necessity, yet you seem to think that to go to a high street or museum, is day out? Perhaps to save money the council would consider cutting expenses, etc I think not.	1/11/2023 2:15 PM
46	"Maintain service levels as far as is possible" and "meeting some of the increased demand we are currently experiencing" Ambiguous statements could you clarify further?	1/11/2023 2:12 PM
47	my bins have been missed a total of 7 times over the last year and im on assisted lift, in fact its not the case of missed they just don't come for my bins	1/11/2023 1:30 PM
48	These rises are not needed you need to cut staff numbers and or services	1/11/2023 1:19 PM
49	Lot of waste in budgets on minority objectives.	1/11/2023 12:55 PM
50	People cannot afford for the Council Tax to go any higher. We are being hit by price hikes from every angle. It does not help that sometimes it feels that we are not getting the services that we pay for. For example, where are the police when we need them? We are constantly being told about cuts to services yet Redcar and Cleveland want to put the Council Tax up? Why would it raise when the services are being cut?	1/11/2023 12:53 PM
51	It will put people off visiting these places ,thereby putting local businesses and places of interest in jeopardy	1/11/2023 12:16 PM
52	You have been given the power to raise up to 5%. Why are you not going further and doing more. Where's your ambition for better funded public services in our area? Instead you threaten to introduce parking charges which would be anti business and anti visitor and raise relatively modest sums for the council.	1/11/2023 11:59 AM
53	Increase slightly to take away your current plans to charge additional fees for parking across the area in line with comments sent to you by Simon Clarke and others. Example: My wife and I visited Kirkleatham a number of times (20 approx.) in 2022 for a walk in the woods and a coffee afterwards. We will NOT continue this if you charge us £1.20 plus for parking.	1/11/2023 11:35 AM
54	The current tax is already hurting the average person.	1/11/2023 11:31 AM
55	Council tax should be universal and paid by everyone even those on benefits	1/11/2023 11:21 AM
56	People don't have the money to pay the increase	1/11/2023 11:20 AM
57	Why should a full council tax payer have to subsidise everything. We get no help as it is, and we constantly get more and more money taken off us, in exchange for poorly run services and expensive parking	1/11/2023 11:17 AM
58	The increase at this time of the cost of, living crisis is an insult.	1/11/2023 9:18 AM
59	My council tax per month is already high enough and the split in use is already geared heavily towards social care. In other words, I already pay enough for others, no need to continue drying me out.	1/11/2023 8:51 AM
60	People are struggling. Even people in full time work. These are not Southern salaries that people are on. Why do we pay more than some residents in the most expensive areas of London? This so called levelling up isn't evident.	1/11/2023 7:27 AM
61	Wages are nit in line with the current inflation rate so costs need to either be cut or kept the same for an already struggling public.	1/11/2023 6:58 AM
62	I'd like to know what the specific increased demands are before any increase. I agree with maintaining services	1/11/2023 6:51 AM
63	People can't afford to eat at the moment with cost of living this doesn't help the people using food banks who work full time.	1/11/2023 5:22 AM
64	Full review of budgets is required, look at efficiency savings.	1/10/2023 9:28 PM
65	I already pay £250/month for a four bedroom house. I can't afford to pay more.	1/10/2023 9:26 PM

66	People are already struggling with the rise of everything else. Council tax going up, but services being provided going down. Bin collections have already become fortnightly, pot holes all over the place, no police presence what's so ever. I'm sure everyone in the council will still be getting large pay rises and bonuses though.	1/10/2023 8:50 PM
67	The Council should adress other means of balancing the books such as ineficiencies and outdated working practices	1/10/2023 7:21 PM
68	We are struggling to get people to fill our shops this would mean people wouldn't come into the town.. We should have free parking to encourage people to our lovely town	1/10/2023 6:50 PM
69	I strongly dissagree with the increase,when people are struggling enough. with Food and heating etc along with continual travel increases. If the council stopped wasting money on unnessasary project like building new offices when perfectly good council propertys where fit for pupose and some only recently renovated. Fabian road town hall to name on in perticular.	1/10/2023 6:35 PM
70	there's a cost of living crisis	1/10/2023 5:45 PM
71	Stick a little bit more in the shopkeepers council tax if they say that free parking is an incentive to get shoppers to come then let them support an increase	1/10/2023 4:00 PM
72	I believe increase are to be expected, however, given the current economic climate, increase should be delayed until we are in growth and inflation is seen to be coming down. Wrong time	1/10/2023 3:15 PM
73	with the cost of living at the moment we need no more increases	1/10/2023 2:58 PM
74	Our Council Tax is one of the highest in the country, yet the service we receive is not of a top standard.	1/10/2023 2:11 PM
75	Practically every year we have the same scenario with high rate increases resulting in one of the highest charges for band E properties in the country.	1/10/2023 12:00 PM
76	Practically every year we have the same scenario with high rate increases resulting in one of the highest charges for band E properties in the country.	1/10/2023 11:56 AM
77	Agree if the money is spent sensibly and Guisborough benefits for a change	1/10/2023 11:53 AM
78	Spreading the financial load across the Borough should reduce the number of those specific new or increased charges (see later) that are likely to have a strong negative effect on High Streets, local businesses and visitor numbers.	1/10/2023 11:51 AM
79	Spreading the load as widely as possible will reduce the number of those specific increases (see later) that are likely to have a strong negative effect on High Streets, local businesses and visitor numbers.	1/10/2023 11:46 AM
80	Council get enough money and if the money is not managed correctly why should we be paying more .	1/10/2023 11:46 AM
81	Don't you think we are all struggling enough !!!	1/10/2023 11:35 AM
82	I am against the parking charges on the high street.	1/10/2023 11:21 AM
83	As a Loftus resident I already pay more than other towns/villages in the borough.	1/10/2023 10:35 AM
84	Make this percentage higher to meet all the demands without charging for parking in all our towns that need support.	1/10/2023 10:34 AM
85	Families can't take anymore increases and tbh the families who pay band d and i increasingly fail to see what it is that I'm paying for in terms of services.	1/10/2023 10:16 AM
86	Nothing spent in guisborough all Redcar	1/10/2023 9:44 AM
87	I would have agreed if I could have seen some evidence of the council tax being spent in Guisborough. Unlike neighbouring towns we have poor amenities and public transport.	1/10/2023 9:40 AM
88	I don't think the council do enough to justify an increase.	1/10/2023 9:23 AM
89	Our council tax bill is already one of the highest in the country. Please stop this insane increase during these difficult times, manage the money you already receive.	1/10/2023 9:16 AM
90	Slash the Councillors pay and then start slashing all council staff pensions.	1/10/2023 9:14 AM

91	Property bands unfairly assessed. We are a three bedroom bungalow in E band. Surrounded by four bedroom houses in D band.	1/10/2023 9:08 AM
92	Family's are already struggling and for what I for one never see anything been done in guisbrough bins emptied every fortnight	1/10/2023 8:10 AM
93	The charges only ever go one way and that is up and I feel we never ever see anything positive as a result	1/10/2023 6:58 AM
94	But levels haven't been maintained for years, marske Vally gardens area and the headlands have been neglected and selfish, poor decisions made.	1/10/2023 6:14 AM
95	Why is someone that is already receiving full support, hit the least? Once again, the working families are hit the hardest.	1/10/2023 2:35 AM
96	The council raises rates every chance it gets with RCBC having some of the highest rates in England yet services are constantly diminishing or are sub-standard. The price increase should reflect the level of service provided.	1/10/2023 1:00 AM
97	As long as the funding was spent in my area - Guisborough. We seem to have very little given back from our taxes.	1/10/2023 12:03 AM
98	With everything else going up where on earth do you expect those on fixed incomes to find this extra money from, from paying £59 a month for gas/electric 16 months ago, my latest bill was £265 for 31 days. That's more than 25% of my income as I don't get that a week. WHERE AM I GOING TO GET ALL THIS MONEY FROM WHEN I DO NOT QUALIFY FOR MEANS TESTED BENEFITS	1/9/2023 11:43 PM
99	The working person and home owner is hit with price increases from every angle. The council services are poor and not worth the money we pay for them already	1/9/2023 10:55 PM
100	The cost of living is already ridiculously high and difficult to manage. You quote how much certain bands rise, will equate to per week but over the cost of a month or the year, its still extra money that people simply cannot afford.	1/9/2023 10:44 PM
101	I feel if the council didn't waste money on daft ideas like putting barriers on the car parks along the headland, moving bins next to zebra crossings so if you go to put rubbish in a car will stop...save money then put it towards council tax.	1/9/2023 10:36 PM
102	Investment in generic youth work needed. Youth Clubs essential to the development of young people	1/9/2023 10:31 PM
103	Rates are already too high. Too much mobey is wasted on vanity projects. If money was shared more fairly between borough there would be no issue with funding.	1/9/2023 10:00 PM
104	Redcar and Cleveland already has significantly higher council tax rates than many councils across the UK. However I accept that a 1.99% rise is much less than current inflation. The council should aim for the smallest possible rise each year to bring down the amount charged closer to the average for LAs across England.	1/9/2023 9:40 PM
105	I feel that an increase in parking charges will have a detrimental effect on the number of people coming into Redcar. The free parking areas are a real incentive to come into town to shop rather than going elsewhere.	1/9/2023 9:08 PM
106	We have nothing in Redcar and Cleveland. It's a cultural void and any heritage we do have we don't celebrate or cherish. The parks are terrible, access yo good outdoor play areas are embrassasing compared to other areas. Access to accessible parks and areas really are poor and not fit for purpose. The Kinney needs to stop been spent on Redcar! R and C is bigger than a Redcar our children deserve better than what's on offer in this area. You have funded and fought for three new school builds in East Cleveland. Two of which numbers on roll are falling! That's wasting money!! Our special schools are working in rooms with no heating, barely enough space to accommodate the children we are expected to educate. I could go on forever to be honest. I was born and brought up in Redcar and Cleveland but I have moved to a neighbouring authority where pay a good sum less council tax than my mum does in Redcar and Cleveland.	1/9/2023 8:50 PM
107	No no no	1/9/2023 8:32 PM
108	Guisborough businesses are struggling look how many empty buildings we already have we don't want to loose any more , parking charges will make me not want to park in Guisborough	1/9/2023 8:11 PM

109	Stop spending on projects in Redcar	1/9/2023 8:08 PM
110	The price incase is to high. I regularly shop at Guisborough.	1/9/2023 8:00 PM
111	Because wages have not increased to the cost of living increase and you are planning on putting parking charges in for loftus- so you will get revenue from that	1/9/2023 7:47 PM
112	The council really need to look at the council tax and the associated costs. More in particular single people that only receive 25 percent reduction when there are many, many households with multiple adults yet the only pay 25 extra than a single person In addition what do we actually get for our council tax? I raised this question for years but no one seems to be able to answer it in more detail than the details printed on the letter that you receive.	1/9/2023 7:45 PM
113	Are you trying to kill off Guisborough high street! because this madness for what must be a small return will certainly do so. Our high street needs help not the destruction that this stupid plan will cause.	1/9/2023 7:37 PM
114	Yes, as long as the revenue is spread fairly across the borough and Guisborough is not overlooked yet again.	1/9/2023 6:34 PM
115	The consumer pays enough already council needs to look at wastage and save money there is there any real reason why everyone must travel first class et cetera nor there is not why pass the cost to consumer when there is much more to be saved elsewhere	1/9/2023 6:19 PM
116	Yes, as long as the revenue is spread fairly across the borough and Guisborough is not overlooked yet again.	1/9/2023 6:11 PM
117	Government should be lobbied for more funding	1/9/2023 6:08 PM
118	As long as the extra funds are spent correctly across the whole RCBC area and not just in Redcar. Too much focus on Redcar 'rejuvenation' for little benefit to the wider community.	1/9/2023 5:56 PM
119	More parking charges will stop people shopping in our lovely town	1/9/2023 5:40 PM
120	I would like to see RCBC working more closely with the people of Redcar and taking time to answer their questions. The Council has a fairly grim reputation. However, individual officers seem to be committed to their role. It's time to really listen and involve!	1/9/2023 4:44 PM
121	It will Ruin Guisborough, Businesses will close down, lots of people will be made redundant, Guisborough will be a Ghost Town.	1/9/2023 4:41 PM
122	Death notice for businesses on Westgate. No provision for the owners and staff of the businesses that have to commute.	1/9/2023 4:10 PM
123	What do we actually get from the council. You report items that need attention and still waiting. Refuse services are required and used, but why do council buildings have lights on through the night same as lighting on Redcar front near to the pier. At midnight they should all be switched off. No need for lights on lamp posts at Xmas when money is tight. All services need some kind of payment when we are already paying high council tax	1/9/2023 3:41 PM
124	No one will go Shopping at all in Guisborough, businesses will shut down, people will be made redundant, and Guisborough will be like a Ghost Town ,if you impose these charges.	1/9/2023 3:33 PM
125	Should increase further. Inflation is way above 2% peoples wages reflect this so a small rise would be sensible and will make the council more sustainable.	1/9/2023 11:19 AM
126	It will have a detrimental affect on and already suffering highstreet .	1/9/2023 10:24 AM
127	The majority of public bodies would look for internal savings first and not fleecing the rate paying public. There is obviously a fair bit of slack/excess in the work force indicated by the number of council workers who are more interested on what's on their phones rather than dealing with the public and carrying out public works.	1/9/2023 10:04 AM
128	The difference between those paying full council tax and those on council tax benefits is far too much. Not all households paying full tax receive a high salary and this does not take this into account. Some households on benefits are becoming better off than those working	1/9/2023 9:54 AM
129	Should not be any higher as previous years have been ridiculous.	1/9/2023 8:20 AM
130	It's expensive enough as it is.	1/9/2023 12:42 AM

131	The town has only recently started to pick up custom please do not close it down by doing this!	1/8/2023 10:39 PM
132	The services for the Normanby area are very poor. Very little is spent on the area and the roads are a mess.	1/8/2023 10:38 PM
133	People are already struggling. Maybe look at your higher paid employees and evaluate their jobs. Do they REALLY deserve their salary?]	1/8/2023 10:14 PM
134	Time to re look at council tax. Some properties are not in the correct band accordingly to value of their properties Council tax not value for money, services etc. Lack of many and quality of others very poor.	1/8/2023 9:53 PM
135	Use the money fairly and honestly	1/8/2023 9:28 PM
136	With all the extra costs of living heating fuel and inflation this is mot acceptable	1/8/2023 9:23 PM
137	Council tax has become a burden, second mortgage. to the residents of the borough. Council has for many years borrowed so much, that the payments are like a mortgage, and funding for repayments has to be deducted from the Revenue Budget, and the balance is left to manage the councils finances.	1/8/2023 9:22 PM
138	Where a car park has been built eg newton under Roseberry, Branch Walkway I can agree with increases, but Westgate would reduce business in the town further endangering businesses and could further reduce rates from businesses leaving a downward spiral	1/8/2023 9:09 PM
139	As ever council tax looks like it is going to increase again this year, where is the money raised being spent?? There are more and more houses built therefore more c/tax payers, and I cannot remember a time when council tax decreased.....start thinking more outside of the box!! and I am not thinking about the current situation regarding car parking fees, which in my opinion(and many others) would be very silly if implemented. Here is a clue to your expenditure plans.....anything which costs taxpayers is bad, anything which does not cost taxpayers is good	1/8/2023 8:21 PM
140	I work on the high street and these prices are stupid it will stop business	1/8/2023 8:18 PM
141	The council taxpayer is already under great strain from cost of living across so may disciplines. It cannot be fair to just keep putting up the council tax year after year. It is becoming like a mortgage to many residents. It is certainly not value for money also. Especially if you fall just outside the support/benefit system as many do, i.e. pensioners. Our roads are very poorly maintained. Neighbourhood services is shocking. Our streets are dirty. council laws are not implemented, dog fouling etc Very poor youth services Regeneration is only focused on Loftus and also Redcar. The council tax payer of Greater Eston should be getting rebate of refund not an increase as we have been left behind. No swimming baths, recreation facilities are very poor. Only house building is taking away the very few green facilities that we have. So with the majority of house building being the only activity by this council in Greater Eston, the council receiving more properties to collect Council tax from, we are subsidising the rest of the borough.	1/8/2023 7:56 PM
142	Once again another increase yet we get less year on year through our waste services	1/8/2023 7:55 PM
143	I already pay full rate (Belmangate resident) and my road is a line of pot holes and the drains are blocked. Why should I pay more when the service won't change?	1/8/2023 7:51 PM
144	This is the highest increase I would agree to. No more.	1/8/2023 7:31 PM
145	The whole country is in debt so I feel that we should all, and that includes Local Councils, tighten our belts and live within our means. Many of us are on fixed incomes and find it difficult without the increases. Many projects sound great but must be put on hold right now, something to look forward to when better times do appear.	1/8/2023 7:21 PM
146	Councils were informed by Government over 10 years ago that they would have to be financed by 2020 from their own resources, council tax, business rates etc. To be organised as any large business has too. The debt of borrowing over the years has given an increase burden to the council tax payer. The council have to allocate a large percentage of there annual budget allocation from the Revenue budget which has to be taken out before any spending for the running of the council can be decided (allocations to budget/departments etc.) In these increasing difficult times, the burden cannot be placed any longer on residents with continual rises whose pockets are now empty.	1/8/2023 7:06 PM

147	<p>Apologies if you have received this already - am not certain my earlier submission was sent I am not in favour of any council tax increase until the council abandons its plans for new parking charges. We live in Easington and currently buy all our food and much else besides in small local shops and stalls in Loftus, Easington (farm shop) Saltburn, Guisborough. If these proposals are approved we will do what we used to do and get everything delivered at home via either Sainsbury, food, or Amazon, everything else. Your parking proposals will cause immense damage to local businesses. As for your proposal to introduce car parking at Loftus Leisure Centre, it is not only muddle-headed, it is wicked - not a word I use lightly. For anyone like me, in their sixties and using the swimming pool regularly to keep fit, your proposed charges will add hundreds of pounds a year to the cost of keeping fit - a cost very many people cannot afford. We are in the grip of a massive recession, I was paying 11p per unit for electricity 15 months ago, I am now paying over 30p a unit. As is everyone else. Your parking charges will cause huge damage to the local economy and disproportionately hurt the most vulnerable in our community. I see you are also looking to introduce parking charges in Cowbar. Again, is anyone at the council looking at what is happening in the local economy? Cowbar and Staithes and Saltburn were all heaving with tourists in September, October, November, December 2021. In autumn 2022, totally different. Deserted streets in the evening, pubs closing early as no customers, cafes closing early, some shops not opening at all. Cowbar and Staithes needs all the visitors, local and tourist, it can get. Anything which deters them - and entirely unnecessary parking charges on Cowbar will deter them - should not be implemented. The entire economy of Cowbar and Staithes is dependent on tourism. This survey I am completing is extremely hard to find and is deliberately structured in a way to deter people from responding. So it will get a low response. Had you done an easy-to-find survey that focused solely on the proposed parking charges and did not muddy the waters by asking other questions first, you would get a much higher response. The way you use these surveys is very cynical, the questions are very loaded, the survey seems designed to produce the answer you want. The Cowbar 2022 survey was the worst I have ever seen in this regard, the questions were along the lines of, do you approve of people shitting on your doorstep? There was no attempt on your part to gauge the extent and scale of the problem you were supposedly addressing.</p>	1/8/2023 6:54 PM
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149	<p>We in guisborough already pay more council tax when we don't have the amenities that other parts of the borough have</p>	1/8/2023 6:12 PM
150	<p>Council tax rates are already high enough, people can't afford to pay more when wages haven't</p>	1/8/2023 5:48 PM

	gone up at all	
151	No, do not support, you must stop these ridiculous parking charges	1/8/2023 5:18 PM
152	The council takes far too much and gives far too little back. Council is a joke	1/8/2023 5:01 PM
153	There is an increase every year, there is a cost of living crisis. People can't afford to pay more when the money is clearly being wasted.	1/8/2023 4:30 PM
154	This will kill the highstreet, I work in a hair salon and our clients are in 3+hours, then they want to go for lunch or coffee and to the shops, they won't be able to with these restrictions. Too expensive. We will probably loose business as well	1/8/2023 4:27 PM
155	People are struggling enough as it is with increased costs for everything, notably utilities. Bills can not just rise every year if wages are not. Residents do not own magic money trees. The council would be much better looking to make efficiency savings wherever they can.	1/8/2023 4:21 PM
156	Simply we cannot afford more increases with prices as they are including inflation and utility price increases.	1/8/2023 4:12 PM
157	I don't feel this rise reflects the current services the council have to offer. They have failed to put money back into the local community, local high street or help new businesses. The streets are filthy, broken glass which is left for weeks and seems to only disappear when it's degraded!	1/8/2023 3:47 PM
158	As a Band E property we are paying way too much council tax as it is .	1/8/2023 3:12 PM
159	If parking charges goes up, I wouldn't even do my hair and nails in Redcar!	1/8/2023 3:06 PM
160	At a time of crippling cost of living increases, as everyone is doing, the council should be cutting back rather than taking more money from the working families.	1/8/2023 1:55 PM
161	The disparity between different areas with the redcar and Cleveland catchment is disgusting. As an example I attend a gym that runs on what appears to be second hand equipment from the redcar gym, this is disgusting. The money spent on a cinema and vertical pear could have helped several projects outside of redcar and is in my opinion these people should ve made accountable.	1/8/2023 1:10 PM
162	Neither agree nor disagree	1/8/2023 12:45 PM
163	I feel that it is another strain on families & pensioners when the COL & utilities have increased exceedingly.	1/8/2023 12:28 PM
164	Cost of living crisis, fuel prices, food prices, heating prices.... Living is becoming unaffordable	1/8/2023 11:36 AM
165	It is unfair that this is done as a percentage so that people in lower bands pay a greater increase than those in a higher band. It is wrong to assume that those living in a Band A property are in receipt of full council tax support. I live in a Band B property and pay full council tax. Although I do not disagree with the increase it would be fairer to work out an average monetary increase and apply this across the board so that everyone pays the same increase.	1/8/2023 11:21 AM
166	You can't kept squeezing money from the public endlessly . We don't have unlimited funds	1/8/2023 11:15 AM
167	It depends where all this extra money is needed for?	1/8/2023 11:00 AM
168	Find efficiencies don't charge people more when they are so obviously already struggling.	1/8/2023 10:45 AM
169	People are already struggling day to lay let alone further price rises	1/8/2023 10:34 AM
170	I don't agree Redcar & Cleveland Council Tax is already to high people are facing a very difficult year due to the governments miss management of the economy you should be setting it at the same rate as last year	1/8/2023 10:30 AM
171	At a difficult time for businesses this would have another detrimental affect for them. The high street is already dying as it is without making people pay to visit.	1/8/2023 10:23 AM
172	People are struggling to pay any bills and now you want to add further increases in council tax payments What are we seeing for council tax payments??	1/8/2023 10:03 AM
173	I don't believe the current council tax is spent on essential things, if the council got their priorities right and listened to the people they wouldn't need to be greedy and increase	1/8/2023 9:40 AM

	payments, especially at a time when everyone is struggling already.	
174	Council tax just keeps going up and up, you can't gloss over it by giving a different excuse each year for increasing it. Council just wants to keep taking money from everyone. Take a look at yourselves and cut back on senior management wages and wastage.	1/8/2023 9:32 AM
175	We pay one of the highest council tax rates in the country already. I would be so opposed it the increase if the money was distributed more evenly throughout the borough. Guisborough gets forgotten about constantly in favour of other areas. How about give us a new leisure centre instead of Eston and Redcar? Or install a pedestrian crossing on Stokesley road in the town before someone else is ran over again	1/8/2023 9:06 AM
176	Increases are inevitable given the national price increases, however it would be ideal if the increase in council tax could be less as many will be financially drained this coming year	1/8/2023 9:00 AM
177	In this time of financial hardship, the council should be decreasing tax to assist people cope with the cost of living rises	1/8/2023 8:30 AM
178	It's a ffortune as it is with services getting less and less. Guisborough gets nothing whilst Redcar is piled with money for white elephants. Enough is enough.	1/8/2023 6:54 AM
179	High enough as it is ... one of the dearest on the country	1/8/2023 6:23 AM
180	You take inough money from the working people and squander it!!!	1/8/2023 1:43 AM
181	With the cost of living electric and gas charges increasing to outlandish levels where are the people going to find the money for yet another increase. The councilors may have had increases in line with inflation but a lot of us have not.	1/7/2023 10:53 PM
182	But you could maybe save money by stopping paying weekend overtime to council workers who sit in their vans up Errington Wood car park (and on the sewers road) during the week! 3pm onwards they seem to park up until finish time! A full day's work would mean overtime would not be required.	1/7/2023 10:44 PM
183	Yet another increase to already struggling home owners when energy costs have more than doubled is ludicrous	1/7/2023 10:07 PM
184	You have wasted millions on a computer hacking... We should not have to pay for your errors.	1/7/2023 10:07 PM
185	Our wages are already stretched with day to day life, feeding and clothing our children and keeping a roof over our heads. Another increase to full tax payers takes more away and we might as well not bother working.	1/7/2023 10:00 PM
186	Why Should we be punished anymore it's not our fault we need to survive too	1/7/2023 9:33 PM
187	If this is going to be done by raising and introducing parking charges in guisborough then no, I don't agree. The highstreet is struggling enough as is proven by the shops that have closed in recent weeks. Higher parking fees will be the nail in the coffin	1/7/2023 9:28 PM
188	It's about time the council realised that there's more than Redcar in Redcar and Cleveland and stop heavily taxing East Cleveland to fund Redcar,	1/7/2023 9:20 PM
189	More money should be invested in youth clubs	1/7/2023 9:03 PM
190	Justify putting prices up at all.	1/7/2023 8:57 PM
191	It's almost a given that Redcar & Cleveland Council increase the Council Tax year on year for no extra benefit or service to the public. Just one example to note, I've been complaining to our local councillors about the the state of the roads/pathways in Lark Drive for years! But it appears that you need to live in an affluent area of Guisborough to qualify for resurfacing work!	1/7/2023 8:55 PM
192	Suppose it's better than parking charges oooopppppssss that as well , no way closing the high street that is what your doing	1/7/2023 8:41 PM
193	What about the people who are pensioners living in this area. Guisborough is struggling as a market town. Increasing car parking charges will have a detrimental effect on the High Street. Small business will suffer. People will not pay to park and will go elsewhere. Why should people pay to attend Church/support local businesses. Guisborough will be a ghost town if car parking charges go ahead. People are encouraged for mental health problems to visit the countryside to get exercise and visit the gym they can't do that if car parking charges rise.	1/7/2023 8:32 PM

194	No money is spent in guisborough	1/7/2023 8:22 PM
195	Yes, how about organising a community event instead of hitting hard working tax payers. If anyone can organise such an event it is yourselves, 20/ 25 pound a ticket	1/7/2023 8:14 PM
196	With electric, gas and other household bills increasing there is already a strain on home owners.	1/7/2023 7:59 PM
197	Cost of living in all areas is already far exceeding any increase in salaries. Such rises will only increase strain further despite being seemingly small.	1/7/2023 7:59 PM
198	Sack some spare councillors instead.	1/7/2023 7:51 PM
199	Leave Westgate parking alone - leave it as it is.	1/7/2023 7:49 PM
200	How are people supposed to be able to afford this along with a 50% increase in energy costs and the rising cost of food. While getting nothing extra in return. The last year has seen a lot of weeks with reports of not even being able to empty bins on existing routes. Cleveland police by the look of it has stopped even responding to theft calls and instead just offer a crime number and counselling services. What is the increase paying for? And now they are wanting to charge double for parking at guisbrough woods! That's it take away the little pieces of freedom some people manage to get in life. The money doesn't even get put back into the woods it goes straight into Redcar and Cleveland's pocket. People are going to be pushed into not even managing to survive it's disgusting	1/7/2023 7:48 PM
201	I live in Guisborough and already pay over the odds for the return Guisborough receives.	1/7/2023 7:48 PM
202	Dont the cobbles On the hight st belong to Lord Guisborough? Never had to pay ! Will not Pay .why now with high Energy costs ? Next you will be charging in supermarket car parks ! Redcar Borough Council you given Guisborough Nothing you take it away from us and look after your own Town Redcar ! Its about time you looked after Guisborough for a change ! If you start these Parking charges our local Business will no longer survive because of the parking Charges Local people and tourists will shop Elsewhere !	1/7/2023 7:29 PM
203	The doctors surgery is near the car park also the chemist . These are frequented by us older people . It isnt right that we should be charged for parking when we are sready paying thro council tax . Also people who work locally shouldnt have to pay .	1/7/2023 7:26 PM
204	People's budgets are stretched enough without increasing council tax.	1/7/2023 7:15 PM
205	Why should we pay for the council's mistakes? Cyber attacks etc.	1/7/2023 7:10 PM
206	We pay £259 per month which is already extortionate. It's more than I earn in an entire week and we are expected to keep a roof over our heads and keep our family and kids fed clothes and warm.	1/7/2023 7:07 PM
207	Reducing waste and improving efficiency would be a better option	1/7/2023 7:04 PM
208	We need to see what you are spending it on.	1/7/2023 6:56 PM
209	Reducing waste and improving efficiency would be a better option.	1/7/2023 6:48 PM
210	Yes, this is progressive. Many older residents who like me own their homes outright won't even notice paying this extra amount. I would like the Council to make it clear to all Council tax payers how much the Government has cut Council funding since 2010, while costs of adult social care and children in care have risen. As family support has been reduced, parents can't cope and more children go into Council care. Please explain this continually.	1/7/2023 6:44 PM
211	Think we pay enough for our bins to be emptied never see a policeman except on the tv crime terrible everywhere. Poor famer at upsall farm guisborough had quad bikes tearing thru is land breaking fences and smashed his tractor. Phone 999 when they where still on his land not one policeman came out.	1/7/2023 6:33 PM
212	You don't listen anyway. We pay full tax and get nothing except dog muck, litter, weeds and mess	1/7/2023 6:31 PM
213	Council services are inadequate at the moment, so increasing more money whilst not looking at best value is annoying.	1/7/2023 6:22 PM
214	These parking charges would be devastating for local towns . People already finding it hard to pay for everything will be put off going to small local shops and travel to larger supermarkets	1/7/2023 6:19 PM

and shop on line! There are many independent businesses that rely upon passing trade! It couldn't have come at a worse time if it had to happen at all! Please reconsider your decision and think if the survival of our small high streets!

215	just simply no!!!	1/7/2023 6:16 PM
216	The uplift in parking charges is just pure robbery . It will kill the high streets and for countryside deter people from visiting	1/7/2023 6:03 PM
217	People are already struggling.	1/7/2023 5:52 PM
218	If the money was spread evenly around redcar and cleveland would be happy but the council are crippling guisborough the high street looks drab and high business rates are closing shops down lack of flowers in the spring and summer near the old Cross make it an uninviting area Hacking at hedge and bushes by inexperienced gardeners spoiling green areas .money pumped into Redcar Grangetown and Eston nothing into Guisbrough	1/7/2023 5:50 PM
219	We pay a lot already but don't receive the services and with further housing being built, it's only going to get worse	1/7/2023 5:22 PM
220	People are already struggling with the cost of living, we have 2 incomes and receive no help at all except the government grant for fuel which is due to finish in march	1/7/2023 5:19 PM
221	Are you really sure that you're using the current council tax wisely?	1/7/2023 5:19 PM
222	Stop wasting money on other things	1/7/2023 5:17 PM
223	Poor value for money this council. Very wasteful in my opinion	1/7/2023 5:01 PM
224	The whole country should pay the same for their bands, regardless of wether they live in a town, city or countryside. We are penalised because there are less people in our area than there are, for example, London.	1/7/2023 4:53 PM
225	The whole country should pay the same for their bands, regardless of wether they live in a town, city or countryside. We are penalised because there are less people in our area than there are, for example, London.	1/7/2023 4:47 PM
226	In Redcar and Cleveland, only Redcar sees the money paid from our council tax. Until there are major changes and funding for the smaller towns and villages, I will oppose any increase. Redcar is not the and will not be the hub of the North the council predicts it will be, no matter how much money you through at it. That pier monstrosity proves that. As they say, you can't polish a turd and Redcar is the turd of the area	1/7/2023 4:26 PM
227	People are struggling to pay these bills now never mind with a payment increase	1/7/2023 4:15 PM
228	Households not on benefits are already struggling with increases of gas and electricity and mortgages, wages have not gone up to cover this and a further increase would cripple a lot of working families	1/7/2023 4:12 PM
229	If it is true that Council Tax for Redcar and Cleveland is one of the dearest in the country, it should not be increased. Guisborough has no trains, reduced bus services, more new houses every year, footpaths in shocking states and more and more empty shops on the High Street.	1/7/2023 4:04 PM
230	Feel we pay enough taxes already and with the way the economy is right now lots of people are struggling to put the heating on never mind feed themselves for more increases to be made will only put more strain on everything and everyone.	1/7/2023 3:38 PM
231	stop waste. easy to grt residents to foot extra costs. we have pot holes everywhere i feel its more about miss management and golden pensions	1/7/2023 3:34 PM
232	I do not agree at all with the parking charges. It would encourage us to not visit the high street and support local businesses and infact support the mass supermarkets!	1/7/2023 3:34 PM
233	I think we pay enough for what we are getting for our money	1/7/2023 3:19 PM
234	with families already struggling through a cost of living crisis another council tax rise is downright ridiculous for people with no tax relief support. your pushing families into further poverty or difficult situations.	1/7/2023 3:16 PM
235	These increases are deterring visitors to attractions, getting out and about with these charges will make residents and visitors think twice about visiting especially with the cost of living the	1/7/2023 3:02 PM

council should be encouraging visitors not deterring them, any wonder our high streets and towns are suffering, get a grip and come down to reality, just daylight robbery if you ask me, despicable increases

236	During cost of living crisis we are in don't think adding to that burden to public will help the public at It only because Redcar and Cleveland Council in £8Million in debt because bad spending Redcar and Cleveland Council leaders should resign drop the increase which will effect public and local businesses maby drop taxes see if get people in the shops drop businesses rates let local businesses profit Remember Redcar and Cleveland Council serving We The People not yourself	1/7/2023 3:01 PM
237	Will this money be spent on Guisborough? Or Redcar ..again...	1/7/2023 2:58 PM
238	You have hundreds of new houses in Guisborough all paying council tax so why are you putting it up..And you very rarely spend it on Guisborough..You spend in Redcar and I never looks any better..	1/7/2023 2:55 PM
239	We pay enough council tax and get precious little for it as it is i.e no police when you need them, potholes, inadequate street lighting.....	1/7/2023 2:43 PM
240	We already pay a fortune as it is	1/7/2023 2:26 PM
241	Struggle to pay council tax without further increase	1/7/2023 2:17 PM
242	You need to spend the money we already pay more wisely. For example, the wasted money you intend to use moving the library in Redcar to a temporary building till it's new one is ready. Why not just keep it where it is and save the money? I see little investment in Eston and Normanby and hardly any street cleaning or road and path maintaince in the housing estates to warrant me or anyone else paying more in council tax.	1/7/2023 2:16 PM
243	These charges will put my job in jeopardy as I won't be able to efford the parking on the cobbles to come to work and it will kill the trade of Guisbrough	1/7/2023 1:35 PM
244	This is a reasonable increase, however, if Band A and Band D can be stated, why not the other Bands to ensure clarity for people.	1/7/2023 1:26 PM
245	This appears to be a quick and easy way to gather funding for Council's planned increases. Well news for you it is not. If you look into the idea it is rubbish. Enough of our local businesses are disappearing without restraints being put in place around parking charges and restrictions. Community need to shop so Ashwell as price increases saily you are going to extract more out of them in parking charges. You're always in a hurry to allow hew businesses to replace lost ones, take their rents but then this way restrict customers.	1/7/2023 1:20 PM
246	People are already struggling with the increase in energy and food prices, I think you are too far removed from reality and need to get out and talk to real people	1/7/2023 1:15 PM
247	Get someone in that can actually set a budget instead of useless amateurs	1/7/2023 1:05 PM
248	We pay enough at this point in time.	1/7/2023 12:38 PM
249	Why should hard working members of the public be penalised for all the money the government gave to businesses and now the businesses are closing due to electricity and heating and cost of living costs and we are having to pay for it.	1/7/2023 12:23 PM
250	Another nail in the coffin for businesses in guisborough, trading is very difficult at the moment and these proposed charges would be very damaging to all businesses in our town	1/7/2023 12:21 PM
251	Absolute joke to start charging for parking on Guisborough high st and leisure centre .. you will kill our high street and dissuade people from exercising.. is this to pay for more improvements in Redcar ???? Absolute failure as a local council	1/7/2023 12:13 PM
252	My concern is local government can increase there funding power with the touch of a button and the public MUST toe the line. Not only is public sector workers but also private sector workers are struggling due to the recession that is on going and they the people who fund the local council need to adjust there planning without extra monies. If we are all one then it should be across the broad. I do like to point out that all funding received to local council have a large percentage off funding allocated to pensions and wages interesting point you may consider. Also funding supporting development in various areas like Redcar sea front lay empty with any revenue coming back from the investment from local councils ideas. So the people running this section not do a comprehensive business plan to justify the large investments made.	1/7/2023 12:11 PM

253	Wiser spending would be a much better option	1/7/2023 12:10 PM
254	Currently people can even afford to keep the heating on so should be not increased this year	1/7/2023 12:04 PM
255	R&CBC are already high for council tax, on top of the increase of everything energy, fuel and food, families are already struggling to make ends meet	1/7/2023 11:39 AM
256	Thw redcar and cleveland rate is very high already nationally considering the nominal house price cost for the area. Far higher than the bulk of council districts for the south of england and as such i would not support a futher increase.	1/7/2023 10:58 AM
257	Already pay too much.	1/7/2023 10:45 AM
258	The services provided are poor at best, any money is ploughed into redcar to the detriment of East Cleveland and Guisborough. The amount of litter, pot holes, and air of general neglect throughout the Borough is appalling for the amount of council tax we pay.	1/7/2023 10:35 AM
259	I would be happy for an increase if say £10 if this would go to not introducing car parking fees and not cutting adultvsocial care.	1/7/2023 10:30 AM
260	It will kill the high street completely!!!	1/7/2023 10:27 AM
261	Manage the money you have effectively, as indeed the general public have to.	1/7/2023 9:53 AM
262	Inline with wage increases.	1/7/2023 9:50 AM
263	I specifically disagree with any parking charges at Kirkleatham museum for the following reasons : 1. It is hard to access other than by car as the road is not particularly safe due to bends etc 2. People may end up parking in Kirkleatham special needs school 3. The parking fee would put people off using the cafe 4. The museum should be trying to attract people to it as it is underused in my opinion 5. A lot go to use the park and it's not usual to pay parking fees for a park 6. Less people using the park and museum would be detrimental to child development and parents and children getting out and about 7. The cafe could have been a nice place to go and have a walk round the museum too but adding a parking charge would discourage people from using	1/7/2023 9:38 AM
264	Parking is a complete mess with no agenda that makes sense 2 hrs max stay in the pier car park is a prime example Restricted parking does not exist anywhere else so what is the reason!!!! The differences in price per car park is not fair And residents need local help where needed in areas of a shortage of free parking.	1/7/2023 9:17 AM
265	There needs to be a sensible approach as not all households can afford any more additional charges. Not everyone who needs help live in lower band housing.	1/7/2023 8:44 AM
266	More tax	1/7/2023 8:35 AM
267	Redcar and Cleveland has one of the highest council tax rates per region and a lower than average annual pay rate. Meaning this increase would negatively impact residents further at times of economic struggle for many households. Median annual pay (gross): £22,015 Council tax as percentage of median annual gross pay: 9.39% (Information from Taxpayers Alliance) The council should make savings internally, and reduce unnecessary expenditure. For example the costs associated with building the cinema in Redcar in the same location as the previous cinema which was damaged by tides. The new cinema is at risk from potential sea rises and erratic weather resulting from climate change, along with lack of parking making the longevity of the investment questionable. Also the decision to extend the Cat Nab carpark in Saltburn to increase revenue by adding additional spaces has potentially resulting in a huge burden to the taxpayer due to the damage to pipes and subsequent action needed by Northumbrian water. The council should cut excess spending and use funds for core services, I am sure most residents of the borough would agree.	1/7/2023 8:25 AM
268	The council do not prioritise it's budgets correctly. Large amounts on random features such as tuned in, The Hub, Virtual Pier is not enough. In the Redcar and Cleveland area, the money is tight for residents who are already struggling. Look at opportunities to create stable employment such as giving the go ahead for a stadium as a huge venue to the area. Creating jobs is key, jobs for locals and a reason for outsiders to visit and spend at local businesses so more income to residents who can then spend and pay more towards the council ! The services we get such as Ariva bus and trains aren't reliable and no thought given to these services providing at peak times. I still drive my children to and from school from skelton to	1/7/2023 8:09 AM

Saltburn because the bus time table is running times which aren't great. 2 buses running but with an 8.25am pick up when school starts 8.30am is not good enough. Better planning is required as we feel we pay for nothing.

269	People are facing unprecedented hardship at the moment and really don't need extra costs. Perhaps you should find better ways of managing the money you have already instead of wasting millions.	1/7/2023 6:02 AM
270	The money has to come from somewhere, so as spent wisely!	1/7/2023 5:23 AM
271	Redcar and Cleveland have one of the highest council tax rates in the country and the money is not spent wisely. Council waste a lot of money on our area. I don't mind the increase of the money was spent wisely and the local communities were asked what they want money spent on instead of the council just deciding and wasting it. Also, council tax needs to be brought back in house. It's an absolute shambles and has been for years!	1/7/2023 3:59 AM
272	Because we dont get nothing in eston ALL money spent or should i wasted on REDCAR or east cleveland and we get nothing. Been getting supermarket/new precinct for 10yrs still waiting!!! All you do is issue permits for take aways, beauty shops for the area. Also spent all that money on plluce station which is never open EVER and only used for a coffee shop for the so called police (pcso's). And after 4pm on fri no one local till monday morning. Even when there you cant speak to them gotta use a speaker phone which puts you in queue for 101	1/7/2023 2:12 AM
273	Currently going through a crisis financially Energy doubled Bank of England increase Now this	1/7/2023 12:15 AM
274	I would vote against parking charges as people will stop using local shops, due to paying parking charges that they can't afford. We are trying to encourage people to come to Loftus especially with the all the plans that have been put in place, not discourage them. I feel that it will cause massive issues as people won't park in existing car parks and will park on the streets. The street parking is already dangerous especially on Coronation Road we're people double park, resulting in you having to walk on the road as the cars on the path. Who would police the parking issues? As a housing officer I feel that it will create more work for everyone, as there will be a lot of parking complaints and people creating obstructions and there is not enough police and agencies to deal with this. We are already living in hard times and people can't afford to feed themselves and heat their homes never mind paying to go to their local shop.	1/6/2023 11:38 PM
275	Service levels are already at the minimum.	1/6/2023 11:13 PM
276	I would rather pay more council tax than pay to use the toilets on Saltburn seafront.	1/6/2023 11:03 PM
277	I agree in principle, but this increase must be spent exclusively on front line services and not on middle and senior management roles. We pay the highest band of council tax, so this increase will affect us the most.	1/6/2023 10:55 PM
278	This will kill off our high street! Small businesses are literally holding Guisborough together and this would be the end of them, absolutely shameful to even propose this.	1/6/2023 10:29 PM
279	You have the capacity to increase further. Why not do that rather than introduce damaging car parking charges	1/6/2023 10:20 PM
280	People are keeping the the beaches and streets clean	1/6/2023 10:06 PM
281	Council system and budget is terribly flawed with vast amounts wasted. I believe a full top to bottom review is held to ensure council money from tax payers is used sufficiently.	1/6/2023 9:52 PM
282	Sort the immigration crisis out and stop giving our money to privste hotels. It's costing us the tax payer 7 million a day to house asylum seekers. The home office is a joke. Why don't you make cuts to your own salaries as MPs instead of giving yourself wage increases and bonuses. Matt Hancock should be in jail aswell for what he did along with the rest of the medical staff/scientists who proposed sending the elderly back to care homes where they couldn't be looked after. Lockdowns too, destroyed this economy and small to medium sized businesses are on their knees. Disgusting. Stop eating our taxes before people have enough! You've cut NSH hospital beds by over 50% since the early 90%. Some of us are awake to see what's happening the dismantling of the NHS and the government being controlled by elitists and when did we agree to listening to Klaus Schwab? Your all a bunch of puppets. When are you going to stand up for the vaccine injured from the moderna and failed mRNA vaccines? When will you start telling us the truth about the deaths associated? Your all cowards.	1/6/2023 9:50 PM

283	Council tax unaffordable as is. More efficient council practices would save this money Eg Replacement recycling bin delivered, but the old bin wasn't automatically collected, needed another call and still awaiting it to be collected (over 1 month). This means 1 job has taken 2 calls and 2 trips by the council where it should have been managed with 1, most inefficient practise I've seen.	1/6/2023 9:37 PM
284	Our council tax is barely affordable as it is and council charge for almost everything on top this now too so don't actually know what we get for our money to be fair.	1/6/2023 9:34 PM
285	Would need to have some assurance of how this money would be spent to improve parts of Guisborough such as poor footpaths on Thames ave estate or improvements to local swimming pool for example.	1/6/2023 9:29 PM
286	You already receive approximately £200 per month from me which is more than enough!	1/6/2023 9:27 PM
287	It would be better if you could look at the inefficiencies in how the council is run	1/6/2023 9:20 PM
288	Everything increasing apart from our salaries Think everyone's suffering with cost of living this will impact finances	1/6/2023 9:19 PM
289	Wasting money (like Stockton council) on unthought out projects should be used to reduce council tax not increase it .	1/6/2023 8:37 PM
290	As long as that is the sum total and there are no extras like ' Adult Care' and 'Policing' If these are extras then no, give us the full package first.	1/6/2023 7:48 PM
291	I do not agree to any proposed increases in these very challenging financial times, Also any car parking charges are definitely not acceptable to the proof Loftus	1/6/2023 7:46 PM
292	What is happening to Eston and Normanby, very little investment, and services reduced, police can't control the wild motorbikes and crime in the area. The lunatics are running the asylum comes to mind, I've travelled the world and the sentence doesn't fit the crimes in the UK. We can't afford to cut police budgets this year.	1/6/2023 7:46 PM
293	Why not 2% instead of 1.99% seems deceiving from the start.	1/6/2023 7:44 PM
294	I don't mind paying extra when I see some benefit but apart from my bins being emptied there are less & less facilities for the local community (closure of many services & nothing for the kids) & apparently now enforcing parking charges which will kill the local high street & businesses further	1/6/2023 7:25 PM
295	Like we don't already pay enough? We pay enough and we get very little. Sort yourselves out.	1/6/2023 7:09 PM
296	I think that the charges are going to make things much harder for people to get by and and budget. Everyone has bills to pay and are stretched with growing costs of everyday things. Introducing parking costs at local shops and outdoor amenities are not going to help if anything they are going to make things more difficult.	1/6/2023 7:05 PM
297	Absolutely not We do not get value for money now for what we pay	1/6/2023 6:57 PM
298	We already pay a lot in council tax. Our wages have not increased but everything else is rising massively. How do you expect working people to cope. We cannot get help as myself and my husband both work. We are paying more for everything and expected to keep paying more and more to subsidise people who don't work and are on benefits. They get help from every direction.	1/6/2023 6:51 PM
299	I already pay a fortune in council taxes haven't had a pay rise in years how can you expect us to just keep paying more and more?	1/6/2023 6:48 PM
300	Council tax in Redcar and Cleveland is extremely high in comparison to the value for money. Pot holes don't get fixed. Road works after road works for thr same issues. Bins not emptied on time. The list is endless but what we pay now is a joke. In a cost of living crisis, we should be doing everything we can to reduce the burden on the ordinary, hard working, tax paying resident. In a world where you get more money on universal credit than you can a minimum wage job, I will not ever support such a proposal.	1/6/2023 6:45 PM
301	It's expensive enough	1/6/2023 6:43 PM
302	Guisborough which is part of Redcar and Cleveland is already the highest council tax band fee. Redcar and Cleveland should not be investing money in anything that is not related to Redcar	1/6/2023 6:41 PM

	In Cleveland like when the Icelandic bank collapsed. Any money should be invested back into the borough	
303	No	1/6/2023 6:36 PM
304	Yes i live in gladstone street we have disc parking these drivers are going to use this street not that they dont already rather than pay its discusting	1/6/2023 6:35 PM
305	As one of the highest council taxes in the Country I think its disgusting that they are even thinking if putting it uo. Especially living l'm Marske as we NEVER see any police presence, have one of the poorest facilities and never seem to get any money to make changes for the better.	1/6/2023 6:12 PM
306	I think we get an excellent service so if a small increase means the service will remain the same I am happy	1/6/2023 6:03 PM
307	My Band E council tax is like a second mortgage and just keeps going up, band E doesn't mean we have money it just means we have a big mortgage and are working hard to clear it. I've tried appealing as similar properties in Middlesbrough are band d but the out of date system doesn't allow such comparisons. We don't have children don't use leisure facilities. We do use normanby car park the support local business and Flatt's lane for exercise and you now want to charge us for this. With everything going up we can't keep finding more money and your also penalising local businesses.	1/6/2023 5:43 PM
308	The people of the area already live in one of the most deprived areas in the country with a higher than average council tax levied, local businesses are seriously struggling because local people have little to spend. Bearing in mind the current level of inflation which includes the extortionate high fuel prices and recent increases imposed on gas and electricity costs the raising of local council taxes is criminal.	1/6/2023 5:40 PM
309	People are financially suffering, also business will if public don't come to town because of rising car parking fees	1/6/2023 5:35 PM
310	Counsel tax is already very high and for households who receive no help increasing costs are making it difficult to meet bills. Wages are not increasing but every bill is.	1/6/2023 5:32 PM
311	We are in a cost of living crisis. This will only make things worse.	1/6/2023 5:28 PM
312	Working person always suffers. You need to streamline Redcar & Cleveland's management 1St	1/6/2023 5:03 PM
313	Don't you think we have suffered enough, it's wrong.	1/6/2023 5:00 PM
314	The council at present are doing nothing for the area . The roads are not great , the high street is dead because there is nothing there . Let's see progress and listen to people before you start charging more	1/6/2023 5:00 PM
315	We are one of the highest paying council tax areas in the country and our council doesn't listen to what people from the area want. Too many over paid management positions that are not needed in the council. My friend has been trying to launch her community based company for months and being held up by senior council staff not replying to messages or doing what they say they will do. It's unacceptable. The whole council needs a shake up and prove they are up to the job before that start expecting people to pay more money.	1/6/2023 4:42 PM
316	The land in question in Marske is owned by the residents and people of this village parking on windy hill lane should not even be considered as it is not the councils property	1/6/2023 4:22 PM
317	If these extra fund were used for visible things maybe people would not be against it, but it never is, you say things will be put in place but then never are, so no I don't agree with this proposed increase.	1/6/2023 4:20 PM
318	Should be higher.	1/6/2023 4:17 PM
319	This will have a detrimental, not to say devastating effect on the economy of Guisborough. The redcar and Cleveland council should be ashamed of even suggesting such a move.	1/6/2023 4:17 PM
320	We are all feeling the pinch at the moment so this small increase will hopefully help.	1/6/2023 4:14 PM
321	Why do you the council do you think it is ok to squeeze more and more money from the working class, who have worked hard all there life to try and better their family and	1/6/2023 4:12 PM

themselves. I can't afford to retire yet, because all we are seeing is price rises across the board yet my income remains the same. I have never seen a bobby on the beat and yet crime, anti social, drug abuse, knife crime, muggings are all on the increase. Roads and public highways are a continuous disgrace, shopping areas rundown, yet you want to introduce a parking levy for these area's. More and more money is wasted building unwanted and unnecessary projects to suit the council and not the people who you are supposed to represent. Don't ever forget it was the people who voted you into the position, we the same people can and will vote you out.

322	Too much money wasted	1/6/2023 4:01 PM
323	As long as money raised is used appropriately and for the benefit of householders.	1/6/2023 3:59 PM
324	Additional costs again and again, things are already far too expensive. When does it end.	1/6/2023 3:51 PM
325	We are all experiencing increasing charges for just living day to day and can't be expected to fund and increases	1/6/2023 3:50 PM
326	Its expensive enough council tax struggling to afford it even with a meer amount of benefit support.	1/6/2023 3:38 PM
327	Just as businesses are recovering from Covid and the cost of living the last thing we need is a deterrent for people using the high streets. If you need to raise funds from motorists how about installing some speed cameras on the trunk road and other places. People pass me every time in a 50 mile per hour zone doing 70 or 80 miles per hour.	1/6/2023 3:28 PM
328	The money must go to the communities.	1/6/2023 3:18 PM
329	Cut services and staff numbers. Look for internal savings. I oppose these increases	1/6/2023 3:14 PM
330	Cut services we can't afford this increase look at ways of saving Nd stop wasting money	1/6/2023 3:08 PM
331	We are going through a time of cost living. People are choosing between food or heating & your wanting to impose this? How is this fair? Local village towns should never have parking charges, this will drive away visitors & revenue for the small businesses.	1/6/2023 3:05 PM
332	Pay enough for very little srVICES	1/6/2023 3:03 PM
333	RCBC just waste money all the time I do not agree with raising prices because nothing is showed for it	1/6/2023 2:56 PM
334	The population's interface and the council is awful. Long waits on the phone constantly pressing this number that or or what ever. Twenty Mins wait is often the case. Often can't give the answer the caller is seeking first time which trashes the council's productivity. To justify any increase in council tax or wage increases, as an organisation you need to become much smarter. Make better use of emails and smart web page technology. Staff need to have more empathy and sympathy and go the extra mile to help.	1/6/2023 2:55 PM
335	We are already having decreased services. no amenities in normanby or teesville area. Shouldn't be paying more money for less services.	1/6/2023 2:55 PM
336	I would very strongly request that the plan to raise revenue through additional parking charges be rejected. The introduction of parking charges along Coast Road and Marske Square will massively discourage visitors to our town, impacting on local businesses. Those who do come will park in the residential side streets causing a safety hazard, a nuisance to the residents and unnecessary congestion. Charging to park at Kirkleatham Museum will, again, discourage visitors and local residents from using the facility which could, in the longer term, mean the museum, owl centre, play area and cafe becoming unviable and closing, which would be a huge loss to the area. Instead of spending money constructing vanity projects that the overwhelming majority of residents and local businesses don't want and wasting money by playing musical chairs with the library for example, the Committee should consider ways of using what funding it does have to encourage visitors, and facilitate local residents to shop locally and use the amenities their rates have paid for.	1/6/2023 2:52 PM
337	You take away more than you ever give. We pay more every year for less services.	1/6/2023 2:43 PM
338	Stop wasting the money you already have.	1/6/2023 2:42 PM
339	In my opinion,some of the proposed parking charges may be appropriate,but some definitely not! For example Me and my friends meet regularly at Kirkleatham Walled Garden cafe . To	1/6/2023 2:40 PM

add your proposed parking charge to the cost of our meal in the cafe makes it unaffordable and consequently we will go elsewhere ! My husband and I also have annual tickets for the garden and often go for an hour for a walk. Are we willing to pay a parking charge to do so ? I think not! The walled garden and cafe will become another white elephant! Consequential results need looking at honestly and the level of parking charges proposed seems to tell me as a Redcar resident ,that we cannot afford to function or be active in our own town ! Rethink and Compromise required !

340	Everyone is struggling as it is and what do we get for it?	1/6/2023 2:40 PM
341	The amount of new housing being built and increased council tax revenue should cover the additional cost .	1/6/2023 2:35 PM
342	Top heavy with management	1/6/2023 2:33 PM
343	This is a much more proportionate and affordable solution than the obscene proposed parking charges across the borough.	1/6/2023 2:33 PM
344	I disagree with the level of increase.	1/6/2023 2:30 PM
345	I disagree with the level of increase.	1/6/2023 2:28 PM
346	The council need to look closer to home to many staff	1/6/2023 2:20 PM
347	I appreciate the council need to recoup money but with other rapidly increasing bills this will have a big impact on the householder, especially those who don't receive any help and wages haven't increased. Could cut backs be made? A review of job roles?	1/6/2023 2:18 PM
348	I would be willing to pay a higher council tax if it ensured the retention of vital services (not councillor vanity projects)	1/6/2023 2:08 PM
349	We should be encouraging visitors to our town and not putting them off visiting	1/6/2023 2:04 PM
350	We are struggling has it is, barely making ends meet. Worrying our we will feed our children. With the rise of pretty much everything please don't increase council tax too	1/6/2023 2:03 PM
351	As long as the money is used to support the communities.	1/6/2023 2:03 PM
352	Money should be spent wisely, not on statues etc.	1/6/2023 2:02 PM
353	I agree but only if parking changes across the borough can be left unchanged	1/6/2023 2:02 PM
354	Proposed car parking fees across Redcar & Cleveland should NOT go ahead, I am completely against bringing in parking fees.	1/6/2023 1:58 PM
355	Adding extra costs to local people of redcar and cleveland in times of an economic crisis is unthinkable and a disgusting move by the redcar and cleveland councilors	1/6/2023 1:56 PM
356	Try getting rid of some councillors first to reduce the costs!! The council tax is disgusting as it is without it being increased even more...the huge groove worn into the road in front of my home was reported at least a half dozen times. It eventually foiled in very poorly and is already getting ripped apart!	1/6/2023 1:52 PM
357	The cost of living is currently so high my father has £7 a week to live off. Out of this he has to pay for food. He has currently stopped eating due to not being able to afford it.	1/6/2023 1:47 PM
358	The people across your region are struggling as it is. It's clear you're all out of touch with reality.	1/6/2023 1:31 PM
359	An increase in ct onto of all other increases is a terrible decision from the council.	1/6/2023 1:25 PM
360	The cost of living is high enough at the moment without adding further burdens on the working man when plenty of people who don't and won't work(there are many where i live in Grangetown) further adding to our burden	1/6/2023 1:25 PM
361	A lot of Redcar and Cleveland residents are struggling to put food on their table or heat their homes now. Where do you propose they find this extra money from? The council should be supporting residents during this difficult time not adding to their problems. Start looking at other ways to meet your financial demands and stop spending money on things the residents don't want and can't afford to pay for.	1/6/2023 1:23 PM
362	Council tax is already extortionate, in a cost of living crisis, this will break families and leave	1/6/2023 12:57 PM

	people in much more debt.	
363	I agree to raise the council charge taxes so long as parking areas in our district remain free of charge.	1/6/2023 12:53 PM
364	You are killing the Redcar and Cleveland borough with all your unfair increases in all manners of taxation and cut backs. We have a poor enough area without adding further to our burden.	1/6/2023 12:33 PM
365	The thing that annoy,s me is north road car park , what about the people who have to go to the doctor's , also what about all those stupid electric charging points,they will never get used, and last of all what about all the people who park outside McColls on double yellow lines will you be getting parking wardens in you will make a fortune.	1/6/2023 12:25 PM
366	People are struggling enough with the cost of living and paying more money to a council that's waste millions each year is quite frankly a joke. The council should order an independent review to highlight it failings instead of passing the burden onto tax payers.	1/6/2023 12:23 PM
367	People are struggling enough without the rise in council tax. This council waste millions every year yet expects tax pays to foot the bill.	1/6/2023 12:15 PM
368	We already pay way too much council tax for absolute disgusting services police social services and other services I don't think it's fair the amount of money redcar and cleaveland are receiving in council tax to pay for services that don't seem to do there job for the public asking us to pay more and then to start charging for parking please do get a grip resident's and public have had enough of our councils ripping us off and the goverment don't you think people are already struggling as it is as the country is in a crisis and now the greed is showing you had millions of pounds in 20 20 couldn't even be bothered to put a bench up In loftus to help a fellow senior I think its unfair on us at the poorer end we are on the bread line with families and elderly struggling already to keep.warm and now you want to make things worse talk about get rid of tourism and please do explain to the gazette where this money will be spent as we pay alot and nothing is changing our areas are derelict yet you have had the money already to sort these things out spending money on eyesores in redcar that no one wanted waste of time and wasting our money and then wanting us to pay more	1/6/2023 12:11 PM
369	We already pay to much ! For what exactly for bind to be emptied we're struggling as a low paid income family with no support. Thud would definitely not help.	1/6/2023 11:54 AM
370	I have had no increase in income and I can't now heat my home - how am I supposed to find money for a council tax rise	1/6/2023 11:52 AM
371	you should start charging the 2nd home owners the full 100+% COUNCIL TAX/BUISNESS RATES ETC AS THEY ARE CURRENTLY EXEMPT BUT YET RUNNING A BUISNESS AND MAKING LARGE PROFFETS are renting prtoperties as air bnb /holiday lets etcWHICH SEEMS VERY UNFAIRproperties as air bnb /holiday lets etc ALL RCBC WANT TO DO IS ROB/FLEECE THE RESIDENTS AT THE EXPENCE OF TAX EVASION TO BENEFIT TOURISTS THERE SHOULD ALSO BE A TOURIST TAX IMPOSED	1/6/2023 11:51 AM
372	As long as this was capped at that figure	1/6/2023 11:33 AM
373	Being in a "E band" which was a D band when bought but the delightful council took it upon themselves to increase my property to an E. I feel that I'm entitled to disagree with the proposed increase. My husband has lived in Guisborough all his life and I have most of mine but the town has deteriorated and no care or thought is given to it. The final straw to enforce high Street parking charges is criminal and I see just greed. We should be encouraging the growth of this town not discouraging. Just because we live here doesn't mean we have money which this council seems to think so and why we have the highest council tax in the area. Shame on you all	1/6/2023 11:26 AM
374	In times of financial crisis all fiscal measures that do not add value to council services must be removed, such as: 1. Remove the councillor £2k p.a. for local projects saving £116k p.a. 2. Cancel public realm funding, saving c£250k p.a. (c£1M over 4 year life of administration). Much of this funding is nothing more than vanity projects for councillors. 3. Introduce an activity based costing system to ensure that all money spent is properly justified and allocated. Officers will then see where their funds are being spent and can take action to reduce or remove them. 4. Remove any remaining credit cards from officers with one card allocated to each director for emergency spend and only in immediate crisis situations.	1/6/2023 10:38 AM
375	The problem is, it's not just an increase in the council tax, the parish contribution, social care	1/6/2023 10:15 AM

and police force go up too. So for somebody paying full whack who doesn't get any help towards the bill, it's a hefty increase

376	We have some of the highest council tax in the country and are one of the most underprivileged areas.	1/6/2023 10:12 AM
377	Local towns should be free or reduced parking in order for more businesses and people to work and shop . There is enough inflation with everything else .time to stop and protect our towns and people.	1/6/2023 9:25 AM
378	Use the £100k pot lying in a dormant account.	1/6/2023 9:20 AM
379	Make it 2.5% and stop the ridiculous idea of parking charges in and around our area	1/6/2023 9:19 AM
380	I am paying too much now	1/6/2023 9:11 AM
381	Before increase savings within council should be priority seems to me alot of poor decisions made on budgets - ie the ridiculous roundabout at top of ormesby bank - how much was wasted on this! Accidents waiting to happen.	1/6/2023 8:48 AM
382	People are already struggling to pay bills and buy food. To increase council tax will only result in more debt and homelessness.	1/6/2023 8:37 AM
383	Our council tax levels are already a ridiculous amount one of the highest in the country I believe, for services which are severely lacking.	1/6/2023 8:35 AM
384	people are alreadybeing crippled by fuel and food costs. Just another burfen that many cant afford	1/6/2023 8:26 AM
385	People are struggling with bills without further pressures	1/6/2023 7:36 AM
386	We pay enough council tax and the roads are full of pot holes	1/6/2023 6:42 AM
387	Everything is going up. Needs to be a point we're it stops. My wage doesn't go up. Getting beyond a joke now	1/6/2023 6:24 AM
388	I think charging people to park would stop them using our high street. Less people would visit the market too	1/6/2023 6:17 AM
389	Why should Loftus have a increase when you are taking funds away from the town council. Also Loftus has a very limited if any police authority present. Just because we have the station doesn't mean we see any police presence.	1/6/2023 2:44 AM
390	As a growing family myself and husband work extremely hard to provide for our children and ours/their future. However ourselves are finding stretching our finances harder and harder especially with the rising costs of living and to now add an increase in council tax I believe is not the right thing or time to propose this. Furthermore, i am sure this can be postponed and more thought for the people of our area and their financial circumstances/situation should be a priority, and not raising council tax would be much better received at this present time and maybe just a tad helpful?	1/6/2023 2:31 AM
391	With the cost of living crisis at present it's bloody scandalous what you as a council are proposing with everything, period! 😡	1/6/2023 12:49 AM
392	Not everyone receives benefits but are still feeling the effects of cost of living	1/6/2023 12:38 AM
393	I pay full council tax in band D. I am not ok with this increase. I can't afford to heat my home and it is now getting mouldy! I try to bleach these areas... maybe my house will now be classed as band C?	1/5/2023 11:39 PM
394	We are struggling to pay this now. I'm already in debt with yourselves and I have no more to give.	1/5/2023 11:30 PM
395	It would take away the small businesses on the High Street people will just go down too the industrial estate to shop cause its free parking I think it's dicusting that the council are going to charge local residents to park on the High Street in skelton we are a small village the shops are struggling as it is!!!!	1/5/2023 11:19 PM
396	dont you think we are skint enough	1/5/2023 11:09 PM
397	That council money is spent within the east Cleveland villages as well as Redcar and Lotus.	1/5/2023 11:06 PM

	The small villages are struggling	
398	I live in a three bed semi detached bungalow and am in Band E. I appealed this decision and it was rejected. House worth approx £300k. People living in detached houses worth over £500k and in a lower band. Time things were changed	1/5/2023 11:06 PM
399	Every single one of the residents in the borough face significant pressures!	1/5/2023 10:09 PM
400	Pensioners so any increase is a worry.	1/5/2023 9:56 PM
401	We see nothing for our money now and with the rising costs of essentials like gas, electricity and food, times are hard. Maybe if the councillors/politicians stopped getting luxuries like expenses, bonuses and large wage increases these increases wouldn't be needed	1/5/2023 9:46 PM
402	How can the council even propose an increase when nearly every household in the constituency is under pressure to cope with the disgraceful cost of living crisis we are currently trying to cope with.	1/5/2023 9:46 PM
403	Everyone is struggling with cost of living including gas & electric bills.	1/5/2023 9:37 PM
404	with all the increases this one is another nail in the coffin	1/5/2023 9:22 PM
405	I agree with inflation on council tax but shouldn't have to start paying parking on Guisborough high street or any other free parking as the council tax will cover any extra required	1/5/2023 9:06 PM
406	You already have had 1.99 % increase last year and a government 9% increase , then you plan to cut services, Be better at managing what funds you have , stop clawing money of an area that is considered to have deprived wards	1/5/2023 9:05 PM
407	We pay more than enough, and are services are continually cut.	1/5/2023 8:56 PM
408	People are already struggling to heat their homes and feed their families, they can not afford a further increase in council tax	1/5/2023 8:52 PM
409	Make the council leaner. Get rid of your bloat.	1/5/2023 8:37 PM
410	The additional money will be wasted just as it is now.	1/5/2023 8:36 PM
411	We have the highest council tax rates in the country stop using our money to fill useless projects in redcar and grangetown ... East Cleveland gets nothing	1/5/2023 8:34 PM
412	I am having trouble keeping to budget now and will not be receiving a pay rise	1/5/2023 8:23 PM
413	The cost of living is at a level which is impacted every family and I believe that the current finances can be spent more constructively than it currently is by eliminating wasted money on vanity projects and expenses.	1/5/2023 8:23 PM
414	I understand that the Council is under pressure with the cost of living as we all are. If the Council Tax is increased by the proposed amount, I want it to go towards social care and any projects in Guisborough. Redcar receives far more financial support than Guisborough and is improved, whilst Guisborough is declining and the residents here feel that all the Council's money is going elsewhere. We need services here and for our town to receive as much help as possible.	1/5/2023 8:21 PM
415	I think that the Government should be increasing their payments to you.	1/5/2023 8:10 PM
416	Pay enough for what appears not a lot. Roads are terrible it's pot hole city We have some of the highest council tax for surrounding area	1/5/2023 8:04 PM
417	I feel you should look at middle management within the council, there are managers managing managers. Jobs should be evaluated on a value for money basis.	1/5/2023 8:02 PM
418	To propose an increase when the council are receiving more council tax revenue from the new housing estates which are shooting up all over the borough is a disgrace in the current economic climate. What do we in Normanby actually get for our council tax fortnightly bin collections, no leisure facilities no road repairs unkempt grass ways whilst we watch our funds being spent in Redcar and East Cleveland	1/5/2023 8:01 PM
419	We already pay some of the highest rates in the country. Council should look to streamline operations and stop wasting money on things that are not required.	1/5/2023 8:00 PM
420	Do not implement car parking charges in skelton and saltburn you killed Redcar this way	1/5/2023 7:56 PM

421	We currently are still in the highest council tax payers in the entire country and yet our services are constantly being hindered. I don't see how further increasing them makes any sense when we have a very large number of residents paying this and seeing next to nothing return. We're also in one of the poorest economic climates in the country and are getting hit hard with another increase. I can't help but feel other things can be cut. Such as a 10% increase in fees in line with inflation when near none of the country has come close to any of their pay rises matching this.	1/5/2023 7:41 PM
422	The cost of living crisis is making life hard enough. Wages are not keeping up. This increase will add to the already hard times that my family face.	1/5/2023 7:39 PM
423	No increase to remuneration of Councillors or to the council leader. It is a disgusting way to head our services.	1/5/2023 7:18 PM
424	I am happy to pay the increase in order to keep essential services running	1/5/2023 7:14 PM
425	Too much	1/5/2023 7:07 PM
426	Would like clarification on 'as far as possible' and what proposed services will be degraded further.	1/5/2023 7:04 PM
427	I feel we are paying enough already and adding more charges will only cripple the town	1/5/2023 6:47 PM
428	Raising the money needs looking at carefully and shouldn't rely on putting parking charges in car parks affecting schools and local shops	1/5/2023 6:43 PM
429	Council tax is already too high, we can't afford more price rises, fuel, food, taxes. Apart from the bins I'm not sure where our money is going.	1/5/2023 6:32 PM
430	What does the rise equate to for full council tax payers in band C, B or A?	1/5/2023 6:31 PM
431	Tell me what service levels ?	1/5/2023 6:20 PM
432	No, I already feel that the way in which council tax is worked out is ridiculous. For example, myself and my wife live in our property. My neighbour has 5 people exactly the same house, same value and we pay the same amount yet they create more refuse etc...	1/5/2023 6:02 PM
433	Will Guisborough get any benefit from the extra money or will it go to Redcar as usual?	1/5/2023 5:56 PM
434	find more spaces for parking in Marske to ward the football ground	1/5/2023 5:52 PM
435	Can not afford any more increases you are pushing people to the end of their line	1/5/2023 5:27 PM
436	If council stopped wasting money on stupid projects e.g. moving library temporarily would not have to introduce such a large rise!	1/5/2023 5:22 PM
437	Just as long as it's actually going to services and not massive wage increases to the detriment of service users.	1/5/2023 5:12 PM
438	I would like to know how much is spent on solicitors when employees get taken to court for bullying this would help in you saving a lot of money on the 'budget'. Are the public able to access what our hard earned money is spent on?????	1/5/2023 5:06 PM
439	I can afford to support this but there will be a lot of borough residents who are really struggling to absorb this rise along with increased gas and electric, food, fuel and mortgage/ rent.	1/5/2023 4:47 PM
440	Cut back on the council's personal perks and functions.	1/5/2023 4:27 PM
441	Realistically we have to pay more at the moment everything is going up in price when you look at a weekly increase it isn't that bad	1/5/2023 4:20 PM
442	Why try to make things easier for people rather than squeezing families who are already struggling. The council are very quickly losing faith in the local community	1/5/2023 3:40 PM
443	I agree that the council tax needs to increase in order to help to finance the rising costs of social care and other services in the area.	1/5/2023 3:28 PM
444	The cost would be a lot more if I had to pay for local parking.	1/5/2023 3:27 PM
445	If my locality received a fair share of funding in return, rather than elsewhere. Would like me to see some transparency on revenue from council tax versus what each town receives back.	1/5/2023 3:00 PM

	Guisborough could do with new leisure facilities, swimming in a shed just doesn't cut it.	
446	The council tax in our area is already extortionate	1/5/2023 2:54 PM
447	There are numerous savings to be made before applying any increase: Cut councillor allowances by 10% Reduce councillor responsibility allowances by 50% (except the Leader) Remove the office of mayor and associated costs and elect a Chair of council at each AGM Abolish car parking charges where such parks generate income i.e. Leisure Centres - Shopping Areas Abolish the role of Community Development Officer Remove all administrative support for political groups and independents Introduce ID card security measures to councillor access photocopiers Abolish mileage allowance for any councillor travel within the Borough	1/5/2023 2:42 PM
448	People can not afford it	1/5/2023 2:38 PM
449	Nope council doesn't have right of say in Guisborough the people do and Lord Guisborough who owns the cobbles As council made up with idiots independent party and not spent much apart from town hall in recent years	1/5/2023 2:34 PM
450	What? You are seeking to charge us an extra £3,484 a year? 52 weeks x 67p per week? Even in Band B? WTF? There's a cost of living crisis! Why are you making people suffer even more? We don't all live in areas of affluence. Even those of us not in receipt of benefits are struggling at this time. The jewel streets in Saltburn used to receive European Development Funding because of the levels of poverty. How do you expect families to bear such an increase when they are already using the foodbank - even when employed? We already have one of the highest council taxes in the country, yet our services are poor and lacking. We have numerous burglaries and antisocial behaviour and not enough police or deterrents to address the issue; we have infrequent rubbish collection - every two weeks is not enough (and personally, we cannot use individual bins because we have a flight of steps to the back alley - so need to take our bags personally to communal bins - which are very few and keep being taken away / go missing; we have no-one policing parking in Saltburn - so people park across dropped pavements making it impossible for disabled people to cross without going miles out of their way - or people park in back alleys, blocking access for emergency vehicles and even people trying to walk/ride a mobility scooter or wheelchair through. Social care and Mental health services are abysmal - people are flinging themselves off the cliff every few months! The teenager - Callum - who did last year went to the GP but they told them there was a long waiting list - so he received no help and therefore committed suicide. Now, I know this was the NHS, but social care is your remit - surely something could have been done to plug the gaps!	1/5/2023 2:22 PM
451	People are already struggling and as somebody living in Guisborough, paying more than someone in Redcar all we see is money being spent everywhere but Guisborough. (I know some money is spent here but look at the difference in general facilities such as the swimming pools. Miles apart.)	1/5/2023 2:16 PM
452	We get nothing for it !!	1/5/2023 1:43 PM
453	I understand more money needs to be generated but I have serious worries about how this money will be spent.	1/5/2023 1:32 PM
454	We got one of the highest council taxes in the country for what?	1/5/2023 1:32 PM
455	There's a cost of living crisis at the moment, money is tight for the majority of people, why take more money from people?	1/5/2023 1:11 PM
456	People are struggling financially. This will not help	1/5/2023 1:06 PM
457	how much extra council tax revenue do you expect to raise through all the new housing developments throughout the Borough in the coming year?	1/5/2023 12:19 PM
458	I agree so long as the money is spent fairly across the area	1/5/2023 12:18 PM
459	I can't afford to pay it at the price it is now and our household has 2 full time workers	1/5/2023 12:02 PM
460	These car parking charges will Kill our high street altogether. Businesses are struggling to keep going now without pushing people to retail parks. There are lots of local people being employed in our town keeping our local economy ticking, let's not kill it	1/5/2023 11:39 AM
461	I think what is charged already is too high for the deprived north east as it is. I currently work full time and struggle with my bills as it is even with a slight reduction on my council tax for	1/5/2023 11:36 AM

living as a single parent does not help me. Please stop increasing this when your devices do not reflect the increases that you have made previously.

462	Although it is quite obvious that council tax is divided into various services, the public perception is that they pay this large amount just to 'get the bins emptied'. And to be fair...it's not far off the mark. Every single year, residential roads are left ungritted, and in many cases, dangerous. Roadworks seem to miraculously appear at the end of the council budget period..to ensure maximum allowance for the following year.	1/5/2023 11:22 AM
463	Although the council has a deficit I feel they should sort this out with the government and not just taking the easy option of increasing prices.	1/5/2023 10:49 AM
464	People are already struggling.	1/5/2023 10:16 AM
465	Increased spending should be throughout the borough - services / investment in Guisborough has been sadly neglected and are not in line with rest of the borough	1/5/2023 10:13 AM
466	As pensioners we are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet. Personally I don't think we get value for money from the council at all. They take more and more money from us and in return we get less and less. As a guisborian you might as well take guisborough off the map. There's very little to come to the high street for. Put parking charges up and there'll be nothing at all. Such a shame. I feel so sorry for the small shops struggling to keep going 🙄🙄🙄	1/5/2023 10:00 AM
467	Services need funding. The Government has cut support while costs and demands continue to rise. I'd be happy to pay my share even if it meant a bigger increase.	1/5/2023 9:48 AM
468	Naively , and with no budget brain , I feel that pressure should be put to burden on more affluent parts of the UK that pay similar Council Tax budgets to our Borough . It seems unfair with all the poverty our area experiences , that the remaining residents have to shoulder this, when they are likely struggling too .	1/5/2023 9:41 AM
469	Don't just put Band D and Band A to make it look like it's pennies. Include ALL Bands within the survey.	1/5/2023 9:24 AM
470	Don't just put Band D and Band A to make it look like it's pennies. Include ALL Bands within the survey.	1/5/2023 9:24 AM
471	So long as the money isn't wasted on ridiculous things that nobody actually wants, like the vertical pier, or maintaining services that are rarely used, but emotive - like Libraries in their traditional sense.	1/5/2023 9:13 AM
472	Our high street is in decline people are struggling to pay all utility bills. The decline of shops in our high street will be exacerbated by less people going to the local shops. The high street will become more and more unused shops will become vacant less people will use it. It's expensive enough for the local shops with the rates they have to pay less footfall will mean closing of shops more people on the dole less choice of goods.	1/5/2023 8:59 AM
473	Guisborough has high council tax but poor amenities, we should pay less	1/5/2023 8:50 AM
474	What exactly are increasing demands? We all have them and people are struggling financially already. I have supported R and C financially through a volunteer group already. Paths, courses and buildings. People are clearing streets, adopting spaces, to help the areas.	1/5/2023 8:30 AM
475	I think we all pay enough in taxes already, times are hard for a lot of people as it is with out the increase of council tax I think it is wrong to increase it an this will have a huge effect on daily living	1/5/2023 8:26 AM
476	At present the service offered by the council does not appear to be sufficient. This winter there has been dangerous ice due to a lack of gritters. There are huge potholes in the roads around Redcar & Cleveland causing damage to cars and hundreds of extra pounds in new tyres etc for road users. In the summer, the rubbish situation left by additional public visiting Saltburn and Redcar was disgusting, there is a lack of public bins and even after bins were "emptied" there continued to be waste strewn for meters around the public bins. I witnessed bin men dropping and leaving waste on several collections at Saltburn beach. I do not agree to pay an increased price if council services are not being properly delivered.	1/5/2023 8:14 AM
477	Putting charges on in our high street will just kill of any remaining business We need this highstreet up and running dont want to push people out of town.....	1/5/2023 8:13 AM

478	The council must look at their own spending and not attempt to pass the buck onto the struggling public. You have 51 salaried staff earning over £50,000 per annum. This equates to between £3.275M and £3.53M per yer. Look to yourselves first. Look to the government second. Your problems are of your own creation, not mine.	1/5/2023 8:09 AM
479	To rise the charges for parking in Guisborough and across the borough will no doubt have an affect on local businesses. The high street and local businesses are already suffering.	1/5/2023 8:08 AM
480	In the present climate the price should remain the same. People will stop using the very few shops that we still have.	1/5/2023 7:55 AM
481	Parking charges for visiting leisure facilities is a no go,you should be promoting the use of these facilities and parking charges on high streets will kill off small businesses East Cleveland has been forgotten about by Redcar and Cleveland council amenities are non existent	1/5/2023 7:54 AM
482	We pay enough for the limited services we have the council needs to manage their funds better	1/5/2023 7:44 AM
483	Use our money better	1/5/2023 7:19 AM
484	To have a few hours free parking encourages customers to use high street shops and facilities.	1/5/2023 7:14 AM
485	The local authority is poorly run and poorly financed. Why should members of the public suffer.	1/5/2023 7:07 AM
486	Council tax in Guisborough is too high already for people to afford and yet another increase is terrible. I strongly disagree with any increase it should be left as is, or even better reduced.	1/5/2023 6:59 AM
487	I agree to a rise in council tax however Guisborough services have not been improved like other towns in the area, such as the sports facilities, which is not inline with other sports centres. The proposed parking charges in the town will push people to shop out of town at the larger supermarkets where they can get everything under one roof rather than staying local and supporting our high street. We need to keep the 2 he free parking in the town to enable our high streets to be maintained.	1/5/2023 6:10 AM
488	NOR DO I AGREED WITH THE PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES IN LOFTUS AND OTHER SMALL TOWNS IN THE BOROUGH. LOFTUS IS NOT SALTBURN OR WHITBY. YOU WILL KILL OFF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES. MAYBE THATS WHAT YOU ARE WANTING! APPAULLING.	1/5/2023 5:28 AM
489	The cost of living is rising across all areas for all households, including bills, shopping and fuel. The council's proposed additional increases for council tax and parking on local highs streets will only make things more difficult for people. By doing so, will only negatively impact an already struggling high street, small independent businesses and local sellers. Less money into the high street will have a detrimental effect on these.	1/5/2023 2:46 AM
490	I think people are paying enough for substandard services generally. However due to the horrendous funding councils are being given from government I fear there is little other choice.	1/5/2023 2:29 AM
491	These charges will virtually kill Guisborough and turn it into a ghost town. All our lovely local independent shops will be badly affected. We will soon have no facilities either. I don't want to pay nor can I afford to constantly pay a parking charge several times a week. We get absolutely nothing.	1/5/2023 1:42 AM
492	as long as it is only a 1.99% increase and NO more	1/4/2023 11:59 PM
493	This is a very vague, at a time where everyone is struggling with cost of life increase you may want a serious and precise reason to ask more money	1/4/2023 11:46 PM
494	I live in a higher Council Tax bracket, why should we be penalised. We have worked hard to progress up the property ladder for over 30 years, starting in Council Tax Band A and now in E. Hard working people always get the brunt of price increases.	1/4/2023 11:33 PM
495	At the moment, households are really struggling, and the information provided is only regarding those who get support with council tax. As a household we do not receive any financial support with Council tax at the moment. Bills are increasing with the cost of living in which is having a huge impact on homes across the borough. Our council tax is paid monthly, and we see very little support from the council. In Brotton and east Cleveland especially the road are horrific and need resurfacing, there is very little money going in to making the area a nicer place. We received little support from police, and are often left feeling forgotten about. If money was	1/4/2023 11:27 PM

spent on necessities rather than knocking down buildings in Redcar town centre maybe the local authority may financially be in a better position.

496	Definitely, by any chance could we have the following : A high street that's worth shopping in A lord of the town that could be prevented from charging extortionate amounts of rent For businesses on the high Street well out of independent business rates budgets Leisure facilities that arnt based in a 1970's greenhouse... Planned demolishment in the 80's and still on the go today, freezing and always breaking down Crap policing in a town where crime is a significant issue drug's are significant along with murder and arson If you are going to increase council tax spend it on GUISBOROUGH not all of it in redcar and the smaller villages, Guisborough gets nothing, we are not all rich, many below the breadline but it's anticipated that due to lack of Council housing we are affluent... NOT TRUE	1/4/2023 11:26 PM
497	Can't you just let the increase be stable for a year or so	1/4/2023 11:16 PM
498	We should be supporting local towns not taking money from the people who are going to spend there	1/4/2023 11:15 PM
499	People are struggling enough already	1/4/2023 11:13 PM
500	Charging for high street parking will the small towns like guisborough they struggle enough without charging for cobble parking	1/4/2023 10:57 PM
501	I object to paying the same amount (less 25% sole occupancy) that some of my neighbours pay who have 6 people living in their houses, using a lot more of the council's services than I do.	1/4/2023 10:46 PM
502	All the new houses in Guisborough and you have to still put up the council tax? Just so you can spend it on Redcar...Not happy at all...	1/4/2023 10:30 PM
503	Understand the rationale given current increases generally. Neither agree not disagree.	1/4/2023 10:11 PM
504	We don't get decent services in Guisborough as it is. Money all goes to East cleveland refuse or South bank.	1/4/2023 9:44 PM
505	Too much already.	1/4/2023 9:36 PM
506	I see little return on my council tax contributions as it currently stands as is not good value for money.	1/4/2023 9:32 PM
507	I find it hard to agree to this proposal as I don't trust the words that are written. The explanation is vague at best. What exactly is being proposed? A rise in council tax, yes. But what services will this contribute to? And at what level are they being maintained? Why should the rates rise in line with inflation? Why is their inflation?? It seems the people in charge are failing in their task and are trying to push their problems onto others.	1/4/2023 9:31 PM
508	All rises hitting higher band houses d and above... This on top of any help with energy bills only going to lower bands. We pay more than anyone else yet get less in return totally unfair.	1/4/2023 9:23 PM
509	'maintain service levels ' the levered of service are well below Standard I live up flats Lane on the Conquest estate all of our footpaths are a trip hazard they are broken disgusting full of dog foul you can't walk your pushchair on the pavements if you have to walk on the road which again is another health hazard for streets are cleaner in Southbank and Grangetown than they are flats Lane it needs money spending on it there is nowhere for the children to play you can't send your children to the titty bottle park or up flats Lane Woodlands Park if they are only seven years old they need somewhere on the estate to play	1/4/2023 9:10 PM
510	I only agree to this is if visible improvements are made that the residents of redcar and cleveland can actually see/feel are in effect. If feels like promises have been made in the past regarding proposed funding yet it seems like the residents at times don't experience positive change.	1/4/2023 9:02 PM
511	We already pay enough and don't recieve a decent service	1/4/2023 9:00 PM
512	I pay enough as it is	1/4/2023 8:57 PM
513	Everyone is struggling financially. Give us a break!!	1/4/2023 8:54 PM
514	Run the departments more efficiently and cut back on management and red tape bureaucracy.	1/4/2023 8:53 PM
515	The state of the roads in this area are discusting. I pay a large amount of tax and see little in	1/4/2023 8:53 PM

return. I fear increases such as this are to cover the issues like having to pay a ransom due to poor computer systems.

516	The council should be correctly funded by central government, papering the cracks by stealth tax will not allow this to happen.	1/4/2023 8:44 PM
517	Cost of living rises this will add extra pressure on families already struggling	1/4/2023 8:34 PM
518	We struggle to afford to live as it is	1/4/2023 8:18 PM
519	People cannot afford it	1/4/2023 8:12 PM
520	Would it be considered to increase council tax for properties used as holiday lets and 2nd homes? Holiday lets and 2nd homes in East Cleveland are increasing significantly due to house prices and the proximity to the Cleveland Way, Whitby and the Coast. This impacts on affordable homes for local people and businesses/ people are making a significant profit which is not passed on to the local economy especially if they live out of area.	1/4/2023 8:09 PM
521	Council tax is already far too high for the service provided	1/4/2023 8:00 PM
522	Don't agree with increase - people living in band d & above are generally getting very little financial assistance with increases across utility bills etc We are struggling to cover bills this is another impact We work hard but don't receive support/benefits and seem to be paying for everyone else too	1/4/2023 7:56 PM
523	But I can understand the reasons why, although I never seem to see any great differences in what's on offer	1/4/2023 7:42 PM
524	How is the public expected to cover all the increases of living when their own pay is not being increased. Time the council should start helping its residents not fleecing them.	1/4/2023 7:33 PM
525	Tree the council has mis managed out taxes for years and this will not continue. Get a grip of spending then when you can show us the wages saved from so called executives then come back cap in hand.	1/4/2023 7:33 PM
526	Try spending in whole of this area not just Redcar or split into east cleveland and redcar and cut budget down the middle	1/4/2023 7:07 PM
527	I think you should have a re evaluation of the banding. Many houses are in the wrong band and you gain extra revenue from this. This should be easier with the use of software developments	1/4/2023 6:55 PM
528	Disgusting that you are trying to charge for car parking in Marske. It's going to affect businesses in the area. There will be less footfall which will result in job losses. Rather than adding unnecessary charges onto the already stretched tax payer maybe lose some of your stupid ideas that nobody wants that's going to cost a lot of money	1/4/2023 6:35 PM
529	With the cost of living crisis you cannot possibly expect families to be able to cope with yet more council tax increases when we are not managing as it is.	1/4/2023 6:28 PM
530	An increase in demand is in direct correlation with an increase in people / parties paying council tax at the current rate	1/4/2023 6:23 PM
531	If the extra money is not wasted	1/4/2023 6:21 PM
532	Surely there is other ways to get this UK cost of living increase back without crippling local business from stopping the punter from buying services in and around little village areas, my wife has a little Beauty Salon in Normanby that will be crippled, hopefully not closed down due to her clients moving to alternative areas that doesn't need parking charges. I'm sure the little village stores and other businesses will feel exactly the same, all this means is the bigger/larger supermarkets etc with its own free parking will win and eventually have nothing left from small business..! I feel very strong about this..! 😞	1/4/2023 6:16 PM
533	It is understandable that the council needs to raise funds if central government is cutting . While I personally can afford this I fear that many less well off who are struggling with cost of living may not be able to afford any rise .	1/4/2023 6:11 PM
534	With everything else going up this is disappointing	1/4/2023 6:09 PM
535	We already pay some of the highest rates of council tax in the country.	1/4/2023 6:08 PM
536	You can not just keep taking money people don't have any we pay and pay and get less and	1/4/2023 5:21 PM

	less shame on you all get rid of layer upon layer of local councillors	
537	Although does it need to be more given the parking charges that are also being proposed, presumably as a way to raise more finance.	1/4/2023 4:54 PM
538	There are other ways Redcar & Cleveland Council can improve it's income but your service staff are so lazy when points are put to them on the phone as well as those public facing i.e. waste collection, traffic wardens, etc.	1/4/2023 4:33 PM
539	The waste of money is outstanding, an example air blowing fallen leaves off the path on to the side of the path in autumn in the wind, pointless back on the paths in minutes. Stupid rules and signs never in forced, dogs in or out the park with or without leads.	1/4/2023 4:13 PM
540	Money never seems to be spent in the normanby area, seems like Grangetown and southbank get the money just for it to be ruined by local yobs	1/4/2023 3:45 PM
541	Cost of living is enough without increasing more bills	1/4/2023 3:32 PM
542	Council tax increases only pull people closer towards poverty, people dont budget money weekly, nor do you take it weekly. Its monthly. People already have stretched budgets, you are going to snap them not further stretch.	1/4/2023 3:31 PM
543	Make all OAP discounts means tested, the retired in society is a bigger piece of the jigsaw than ever, and many on very lucrative pensions that this working population will never be able to replicate, so balance the books and make it fair.	1/4/2023 3:29 PM
544	Proposed increase in parking charges are obscenely excessive.They will undoubtedly negatively impact small businesses. Local residents who already pay high levels of council tax should no be further penalised for spending their time and money supporting the local economy! It's ludicrous and will quite simply push people into out of town shopping or residential streets. Poorly thought out plan designed undoubtedly to fill the black hole of finances.	1/4/2023 3:16 PM
545	Your going to do it anyway. Services need to be paid for and your financial black hole. You need to make it clear that the raise is occurring because of the financial situation we are in and not to increase a service. Leave everything else alone - parking or increasing other services.	1/4/2023 3:05 PM
546	RCBC have wasted and lost millions of pounds of ct payers money, time they learned to budget properly	1/4/2023 2:59 PM
547	ridicules increases .no one minds paying , but £8 all day.£1.50 an our on guisborough cobbles .	1/4/2023 2:50 PM
548	If this is accurate I agree, however if there are hidden or associated costs or increases, then they need to be clearly stipulated before anyone could agree.	1/4/2023 1:45 PM
549	All household costs are rising, can this not be lower	1/4/2023 1:45 PM
550	The cost of running services have increased and therefore income needs to increase. The Government cant fund everything so I understand why residents need to contribute	1/4/2023 1:34 PM
551	As long as it is used to fund services the residents require	1/4/2023 1:33 PM
552	As long as it's no more than that. The council tax is high in this area compared to others.	1/4/2023 1:33 PM
553	We earn a modest income that is being depleted from various bill increases and this is not fair or ethical	1/4/2023 1:30 PM
554	The council needs to cut staff	1/4/2023 1:27 PM
555	Understandable that costs are rising.	1/4/2023 1:17 PM
556	Do not agree to any cuts in services, especially any changes to waste collection.	1/4/2023 1:07 PM
557	I am completing this in disgust with the proposed parking fees for local beauty hotspots. How can you charge folk for basically going for a walk and enjoying the outdoors and our local area. This will totally put people off from going out and enjoying these places, or them resulting in parking in inconvenient places where they don't have to pay to park, and therefore disrupting the local residents. Having to pay for just a walk down the beach at Marske coast road for example is an absolute joke. People come to these places and enjoy doing these things as it is good for their mental health. Marine Parade which is a personal one for me, firstly paying £2 for one hour, then £4 for 2 hours and £8 all day is absolutely shocking. I regularly surf there, in	1/4/2023 12:56 PM

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559	Council tax in Guisborough is already extortionate, you'll only waste any increase.	1/4/2023 12:31 PM
560	There is not enough information to accurately answer this question.	1/4/2023 12:13 PM
561	Council Tax is an unjust system only targeting homeowners with no recognition of the number of adult earning individuals live at the property, In addition the calibre of current officers employed by Redcar and Cleveland is woefully inadequate., they persistently under perform.	1/4/2023 12:01 PM
562	Band A don't pay as a consequence its left to others to pay it. Scandalous	1/4/2023 10:54 AM
563	We are already barely able to pay our bills as it is - how an earth do you think this is fair!?	1/4/2023 10:25 AM
564	People are suffering now and can ill afford any rise.	1/4/2023 10:24 AM
565	Normanby business will die if this comes in	1/4/2023 10:14 AM
566	Services offered are not across the whole of the area	1/4/2023 10:12 AM
567	May be if all the councillors took a pay cut. Just like all the managers in the nhs they are professionally incompetent. Just like the proposes parking, R&C council are the most expensive of all the 4 authorities and yet we get less value for money. So from that it must be assumed that the remaining 3 authorities are better managed. Like all politicians they are totally useless.	1/4/2023 10:11 AM
568	Council tax is an absolute rip off at best. Bins don't get emptied, extra rubbish isn't taken. When/if we need police and ambulance we have to wait hours, god forbid if the house was on fire how long it would take for the fire engine to turn up. We pay all this money which isn't even going where you say it is, otherwise our services would be there. We have problems we talk to local mp, we get told there's no funding. Too busy funding your own pockets.	1/4/2023 10:10 AM
569	If the increase is beneficial to council workers I understand the increase.	1/4/2023 10:08 AM
570	Should be no increase for those on council tax support. It's already £22 month for band A which is a weekly food shop.	1/4/2023 10:06 AM
571	In this present time of increases, gas up, electric up, diesel/petrol up, broadband up, food up, generally cost of living up,it's a kick in the teeth.. especially as in guisborough, Belmont house closing down	1/4/2023 9:35 AM
572	I do not agree with the proposed car park charges at various places across the Borough.	1/4/2023 9:28 AM
573	We pay enough and the services provided are not good enough	1/4/2023 9:18 AM
574	People of redcar can't even afford to eat, a massive increase in people using food banks is evidence for this!	1/4/2023 9:15 AM
575	People can't afford any increase no matter how large or small due to real & present cost of living crisis. Plus, you only mention those "receiving full council tax support" what about the	1/4/2023 8:59 AM

	proposed rise for those who don't receive any council tax support ?	
576	Think people pay enough at the moment and struggling	1/4/2023 8:56 AM
577	We get nothing we're we live both refuse collection before Christmas missed, then have to report this why when the work force know they have missed the collection	1/4/2023 8:22 AM
578	For the services we already get in Guisborough doent justify another rise in council tax	1/4/2023 8:16 AM
579	You need to provide more information. 'As far as is possible' suggests you are looking to increase rates and still reduce the service provided which is not acceptable	1/4/2023 7:59 AM
580	The proposed increases are going to put more financial pressure on people who are currently struggling to cope with the high levels of inflation and unprecedented high energy bills	1/4/2023 7:33 AM
581	You have increased this year on year when other councils haven't and we see nothing for it. East Cleveland is ignored and receives very minimal support from RCBC.	1/4/2023 7:27 AM
582	My salary has not increased now for 3 years, why when people are clearly struggling do you have to increase this, why can't you find a way of decreasing it?	1/4/2023 7:02 AM
583	It goes up every year, what choice do we have	1/4/2023 6:56 AM
584	People are struggling enough with the cost of living rises. Even this proposed small amount will be far to much for most people, including myself	1/4/2023 6:44 AM
585	Cost of living has gone up. But wages havent. EVERY year you have put the council tax up by 4% (2% + 2% adult levy) but we have seen a REDUCTION every year on services delivered.	1/4/2023 6:39 AM
586	My salary is not going up this year. This increase will only lesson the amount of salary that I receive. So why should my family suffer a further tax rise that we can I'll afford? I don't mind paying for something that I believe is good value, but this tax rise is because of your failure as a council to manage its books.	1/4/2023 6:36 AM
587	Get rid of senior Civil Servants on big salaries that are sitting in offices pushing paper around instead!	1/4/2023 6:35 AM
588	People can not afford to live now. Please don't make it any harder for everyone	1/4/2023 6:25 AM
589	It's high.How do you expect us to pay more year on year.	1/4/2023 5:54 AM
590	Those of us working in normal average paid jobs who get no benefits or reductions cannot afford these additional charges.	1/3/2023 11:34 PM
591	Those of us working in normal average paid jobs who get no benefits or reductions cannot afford these additional charges.	1/3/2023 11:22 PM
592	We don't get value for money as it is in Loftus, it's an absolute joke you want more!	1/3/2023 11:19 PM
593	Council's need to stop passing the pressures of central budget cuts on to residents who are struggling with a cost of living crisis. Challenge the government to increase council budgets to accommodate the increases needed to fund the services	1/3/2023 11:14 PM
594	Just more money for you to piss away.	1/3/2023 11:09 PM
595	Every year Redcar and Cleveland Council automatically increase council tax with no apparent thought of how people are supposed to keep paying these ridiculous sums of money. I am now paying over £2,500 per annum, these 4% and 5% rises each year now leads to significant increases every year. If private companies run into financial difficulties they either close down, cut salaries or reduce the number of staff. Assuming the council cannot close they need to carry out salary reviews. If they need to pay staff more then they need to reduce the number of employees. Councillor's allowances also need to be reduced. There are some people in full time employment who do not earn what councillors are being paid. Ordinary people simply cannot afford to keep paying more and more. If you don't have the money don't spend!	1/3/2023 11:02 PM
596	I think the council need to remain mindful of the cost of living crisis at present however the upkeep of the area and services are vital. More money needs to be spent on Guisborough	1/3/2023 11:01 PM
597	Unfair and unjust. You have not given any reasonable justification for this.	1/3/2023 10:52 PM
598	Randc Council tax is already very high in comparison to the rest of the country. As one of the poorer areas of Britain there should be a review of council spending rather than trying to raise	1/3/2023 10:51 PM

	more money out of Cleveland residents.	
599	Need more government support.	1/3/2023 10:36 PM
600	At present we are going through a cost of living crisis, is it really the right time to put even more pressure on the working person!!!	1/3/2023 10:32 PM
601	Just not affordable for a pensioner like me. Food prices up ... gas and electric prices up... we don't have an income anymore ... we can't absorb anymore price increases.	1/3/2023 10:26 PM
602	People are struggling enough. There should be no increases!	1/3/2023 10:14 PM
603	Instead of RCBC persistently increasing council tax and parking fees , which in the current cost of living crisis is going to put people under even more financial pressure. RCBC should refrain from incompetently wasting money on unnecessary building ventures such as The proposed Redcar Anchor Building , Water Spirts Hub and the Majuba Road Adventure Mini Golf. The cost involved must run into Millions of pounds which could be better invested into providing the necessary funding for the Borough's public service levels instead of taxing the local population. Goodness knows how much money the local authority has already wasted in purchasing 2 shop units on Tedcar High Street in order to demolish to make way for the UNWANTED Anchor Building. In my opinion the councillor's involved in such financial decisions are I'll equipped incompetent and unqualified to do so, which is why RCBC are in such financial dire straits!!!	1/3/2023 10:04 PM
604	We pay a lot already and people in Eston and Normanby are not receiving decent service or fair allocation of funding	1/3/2023 9:57 PM
605	The council should look to bring in new businesses and generate revenue that way	1/3/2023 9:44 PM
606	Council does nothing now no maintenance no facilities why should we pay more	1/3/2023 9:36 PM
607	Think it's inevitable with the pressures and the current Tory gov	1/3/2023 9:11 PM
608	In an ever growing cost of living crisis the last thing we need is another increase it's hard enough to hear our homes and fill our cupboards as is wages have not gone up but everything else has	1/3/2023 9:03 PM
609	Agree service levels need to stay at the same level if not improved and agree to pay for this, However I think the further need for the people receiving big salaries need to have there job evaluated in order to save money in condescending people's roles for people doing similar roles.	1/3/2023 9:03 PM
610	Stop allowing extra housing and look after what we have	1/3/2023 9:01 PM
611	An increase is inevitable, but it is essential Redcar & Cleveland keep the proposed council tax increase at a minimum.	1/3/2023 9:01 PM
612	Services have declined despite concil tax rises . Councils are now charging the public for many services and further increase during these times seem unfair and will likely only fund rising wage cost.	1/3/2023 8:55 PM
613	Everyone has suffered enough rises in the cost of living. Give us a break!!	1/3/2023 8:50 PM
614	I would support higher rates for those in houses with higher values and significant additional taxes for second home owners and owners of dwellings left vacant.	1/3/2023 8:42 PM
615	We pay enough already! We have a big house but only 2 adults and one child! Why should we pay more than a family of 4, 5 or 6!	1/3/2023 8:37 PM
616	However the council should keep any reductions to minimum considering the cost of living energy costs etc	1/3/2023 8:36 PM
617	There are efficiency savings you could make, use the revenue you get better, stop wasting it on advertising campaigns	1/3/2023 8:36 PM
618	We are experiencing the effects of rising costs of living and you choose se to charge people to park outside their own homes. You decide now is the time to charge people to enjoy playgrounds and local free beauty spots.	1/3/2023 8:34 PM
619	No people are struggling already,	1/3/2023 8:26 PM

620	A greater increase would not be as disastrous as most of the service cuts and increased charges. The increase is less than the extra I will have to pay to park to do my shopping.	1/3/2023 8:11 PM
621	Increasing Council Tax at a time when residents are experiencing a cost of living crisis is a disgrace. If anything the council tax should be reduced along with a reduction in services and cut in council waste such as councillor expenses, high volume of Agency social workers in senior posts, refuse collection etc.	1/3/2023 8:04 PM
622	I think the council is badly run and needs to look at its operating costs and investments. Costs go up every year and services are lost / new things are invested in such as vertical pier and Xmas lights are still on - Xmas is over and with the cost of electricity it's silly now.	1/3/2023 8:00 PM
623	Economise with the revenue receive already and cut out the waste	1/3/2023 7:58 PM
624	I am a single working (nhs nurse) parent, my budget has been stretched to breaking point with food, energy, petrol increases their just isn't that money available in my household.	1/3/2023 7:54 PM
625	Council tax is extortionate already and we are one of the dearest in the country. As a middle earning family any increase will have a negative impact and services are getting less and less despite costs increasing	1/3/2023 7:54 PM
626	I don't agree with it, but I understand why it may be necessary	1/3/2023 7:53 PM
627	Whilst I understand a lot of the council's money is spent on adult and children's social care, I see very little throughout the borough to show for how much we already pay per month other than complete white elephants and wasting of money on projects the residents are generally against.	1/3/2023 7:47 PM
628	I feel the local parks and other leisure areas are very well maintained in Redcar, compared to other areas of the country, so I hope the increases will continue to fund these aspects. Outdoor areas are important for maintaining physical and mental health, and removing these, or making them unsafe by not upkeeping will result in more costs to the local area in terms of poor health and wellbeing	1/3/2023 7:42 PM
629	This will cost more for the working people again. People who don't get universal credit. Hard working people paying more than we should.	1/3/2023 7:35 PM
630	If you are short of money to provide services, then making everyone contribute I believe is a fair system	1/3/2023 7:03 PM
631	Can't afford it as it is	1/3/2023 6:50 PM
632	I think by increasing the council tax on the people of the Borough you are in return depriving the people pushing them further into poverty. I believe you will cause more people to be needing more help from the council because of the raises you are proposing. For the services we "get" are getting less and less but you still insist on getting more money from us.	1/3/2023 6:40 PM
633	Why put our council taxes up when ALL employees have received a bonus that have ranged from £1000 to £3000. If the council need to save money reduce the head of the council team wages to accommodate	1/3/2023 6:39 PM
634	Let the councillors take a wage cut and stop building stupid things in the town	1/3/2023 6:35 PM
635	Currently everything is spiralling cost wise, it would be nice if just one thing aka council tax didn't go up for the year.	1/3/2023 6:29 PM
636	I dont get any council tax support and no benefits, I have a mortgage and the only support I've had in the crisis is the £66 a month for 6 month, I'm struggling already The school crisis with not enough schools to house kids mean I pay £160 a month to get my kids to school then I pay for school dinners so I'm paying secondary school approx £300 a month, then there's the cost of food and bills increase! My wages haven't gone up!	1/3/2023 6:25 PM
637	Council tax payments are recent introduction to people on full support and these people have seen significant increase over that of other residents in the borough. It is not fair to charge people a weekly food bill each month for service. The outsourcing of adult care services is an expensive exercise designed because in house directors of service are incapable of running business. Get directors that can do the job and bring service in house to save on exorbitant fees by the third party providers.	1/3/2023 6:24 PM
638	Cost of living is already high enough, wages do not reflect the increased cost of living.	1/3/2023 6:23 PM

639	We have volunteers cleaning streets Threats to take away our recycling bins (turner st) And u want to increase the people who pay to cover those who don't !	1/3/2023 6:22 PM
640	It has to go up but I would like to see it spent equally not just in Redcar	1/3/2023 6:17 PM
641	Yes. I am happy to add an extra £34 a year to make sure council services can continue	1/3/2023 6:11 PM
642	Nope	1/3/2023 5:55 PM
643	I do not currently see any improvements in the condition of the roads, cleanliness of public areas, police presence in & around Normanby, so where is the current council tax didn't.? In fact anti social behaviour is the worst I've known it in 50+ years, wrecking public open spaces & disregarding traffic rules. There is also no investment in Normanby high street - the opposite is true : proposed parking charges in normanby, Eston, Flatts lane will only continue to decline an already struggling economy	1/3/2023 5:47 PM
644	We pay more and more and get less and less! If we where getting what we payed for it wouldn't be a problem.more and more cut backs yet were paying more than ever !!	1/3/2023 5:16 PM
645	Cut down waste 3 councillors in loftus 600 pounds a month all sitting back doing nothing and not answering questions how many more is there.holiday let's not registered for council tax or business rates why not? In loftus alone mad aliases cottage and the 4 units above the old bank how many more that's a lot of unclaimed money	1/3/2023 5:06 PM
646	Item 217 Residents and visitors parking charges! How can the council charge when we have already paid our Road Tax? Is this not just a council rip off?	1/3/2023 4:55 PM
647	Yes but donot move the library temporary to Tuned In that area of Redcar is dead and you should not expect older people like myself to walk all the way down there when its in an accessible spot where it is. i GET VERY LITTLE REWARD OUT OF PAYING MY COUNCIL TAX AND THINK IT SHOULD BE LEFT IN ITS ACCESSABLE SPOT WHERE IT IS.	1/3/2023 4:46 PM
648	Make savings elsewhere e.g. councillors expenses and travel expenses.	1/3/2023 4:36 PM
649	Can the council tell residents without council support what the price increase would be as all residents are badly struggling to pay our bills..	1/3/2023 3:46 PM
650	I strongly oppose to item 217 of parking charges and permits	1/3/2023 3:16 PM
651	Money isn't spent in Guisborough where I live. I would like to see the budget more evenly distributed.	1/3/2023 2:29 PM
652	We have nothing left to give. You should be ashamed.	1/3/2023 2:27 PM
653	Residents of Redcar pay council tax. This proposed action to charge £20 for parking is outrageous for residents. I suggested in lockdown that residents should be supplied with a badge to put on windscreens Resident of Redcar. Just like a blue badge holders. Apply through the council for proof etc. Charge people from outside especially those with motorhomes that park up on the stray & promonade. Thank you.	1/3/2023 2:21 PM
654	£38 per year increase stop sugar coating it by saying 67p per week	1/3/2023 2:16 PM
655	Guisborough along with many other towns are struggling to keep the high street viable.How can introducing charges in anyway help this situation and encourage footfall into the town.Did any council member not see how popular the 2 hour free parking was . We are only a short drive away from more than adequate FREE parking in Coulby /Cleveland retail park and Teesside Park with a much better choice of shops. Think again councillors before Guisborough high street is a thing of the past. Regards Barbara Wells Guisborough resident (TS14 8AT)	1/3/2023 1:40 PM
656	If you spend the money wisely then there will be no need for increased council Tax. People are struggling enough.	1/3/2023 1:03 PM
657	Guess it's an inevitable increase, same as all other costs. Would not choose to pay more if given a real choice. Would rather council saved money by not moving library to inaccessible Tuned in!	1/3/2023 12:22 PM
658	an alternative would be to increase it by more and leave fees and charges as they are.	1/3/2023 12:16 PM
659	Neutral	1/3/2023 12:06 PM
660	Council tax is unaffordable as it is	1/3/2023 11:58 AM

661	The Council Tax for R&CBC is ALREADY one of the highest in England!!	1/3/2023 11:34 AM
662	You will only spend the increase on the down and outs within thw area.	1/3/2023 11:32 AM
663	I agree to it due to the cost of living going up, even for the council, however I would like to see a better budget structure report, not only which departments received funding from the tax but how that department spends it.	1/3/2023 11:22 AM
664	Times are hard. The council need to cut costs not dump on council tax payers	1/3/2023 11:20 AM
665	The 100percent increase in the charge to replace a lost (damaged or Stolen) Pensioner bus pass is excessive and should be kept at £10 which is already £2.50 more than North Yorkshire Council charge.	1/3/2023 11:19 AM
666	I would be happy for the increase to be higher if it maintained council services in full.	1/3/2023 11:17 AM
667	Stop wasting money on unnecessary schemes like dogs on leads in parks and moving the library temporarily. This council wastes more money keeping people away from the Borough than they could gain from attracting people in	1/3/2023 10:54 AM
668	There is currently a cost of living crisis and the services provided by the council are not sufficient to warrant a further rise.	1/3/2023 10:28 AM
669	We already pay 1 the highest in the country, we should not be asked to pay more	1/3/2023 10:26 AM
670	I object to the proposed parking charges in Eston, Normanby and Flatts Lane Country park. These charges will cripple local businesses which are already struggling. In Normanby we are currently plagued with rats which we know the council is refusing to manage. Why are we forgotten about in TS6? We pay our taxes as much as anywhere else and we continued to miss out.	1/3/2023 10:09 AM
671	Pay rise for councilers	1/3/2023 9:42 AM
672	People's income is not increasing..council need to learn to live within their means	1/3/2023 9:36 AM
673	We're already one of the highest in the country and one of the lowest paid areas. An increase again is ridiculous.	1/3/2023 9:19 AM
674	Because I appreciate it is necessary	1/3/2023 7:32 AM
675	The council nerds to make savings in-house	1/3/2023 6:56 AM
676	Stop spending money on ridiculous projects in Redcar! What on Earth do we get in Guisborough?	1/2/2023 11:16 PM
677	Absolutely not for the residents of Guisborough who do not see anywhere near adequate return for their council tax compared to residents of Redcar! Completely inadequate leisure facilities compared to Redcar and RCBC are intent on reducing Guisborough's small amount of free public accessible green space! The parks remaining are very much neglected compared to Redcar's parks which are properly maintained! We're lucky if we get the grass cut 4 times per year! Housing in Guisborough is increasing at an alarming rate, crime is increasing, but our police station is not even manned anymore!	1/2/2023 9:56 PM
678	I work for another local authority and understand the pressures. However I do feel redcar and Cleveland's services are very much lacking compared to nearby authorities, in theory I do agree there needs to be rises but when considering the kind of services RBC seems to offer compared to another authority it doesn't seem worth rises although no rise would seem to mean even poorer services	1/2/2023 9:30 PM
679	We can't afford and increase in council tax with everything else going up too.	1/2/2023 8:28 PM
680	Crazy. You want people to exerise but then charge for parking in a park...families taking their children. Obesity rising, they will choose to stay at home due to cost. Parks are the free option for those struggling. This won't be good for parkrun as volunteers won't pay £4 to contribute their time to the local parkrun community. People will park on the new estate, causing many problems. This won't be good for anyone.	1/2/2023 8:15 PM
681	There is a very clear and unfair distribution of the funding and investment in the RC Borough. More fast food outlets being permitted, lack of free resources for social and physical interaction and this is going to seriously impact on residents.	1/2/2023 7:34 PM

682	This should apply to everyone not just people on support	1/2/2023 7:10 PM
683	I'm not local	1/2/2023 5:43 PM
684	I think you are disgusting bringing parking charges in Normanby and eston the business are struggling with out you proposed charges it's out of peoples expenses so if u go fr a loaf of bread it's adding 50 p to the price well over the country's cost of living rises on everything I think you have to rethink we r not going to put up with this !!	1/2/2023 5:29 PM
685	The streets in flatts lane where I live are appalling. Pavements cracked and full of weeds and moss. Drains blocked as roads not been swept following extensive gas works on the estate. Dog mess everywhere, no bins, nowhere for children to play. It's never been so bad. Not in favour of paying more for a lesser service	1/2/2023 4:59 PM
686	Better management of current services would save enormously. For example, we had a couple of areas with uneven paving slabs near our home. One team of men came to repair one area then the within a couple of days another team came to repair the other slab. Literally metres apart. They said they were unable to spend an extra few minutes doing both at the same time as it wasn't on their job sheet. This is just one of many badly managed incidents.	1/2/2023 4:52 PM
687	We have a society of people who are overweight and need to access the outdoors, the increase in prices will just put people off! Sad!	1/2/2023 4:52 PM
688	We are getting less service and you want more money? And you are proposing to put car parking charges in Normandy? Are you hell bent on killing local businesses?	1/2/2023 4:51 PM
689	Would prefer efficiencies to be found	1/2/2023 4:44 PM
690	I am not opposed to the increase in principal what I do object to is unfair distribution of funds, Guisborough always seems to get an unfair deal	1/2/2023 4:09 PM
691	I am a widow, I have a small private pension, because I have some savings I am not entitled to any help! No, I do not agree	1/2/2023 4:08 PM
692	I rely on the Park Run at Flatts Lane every Saturday morning for my mental health and wellbeing. The proposed charges to the car park would have a direct impact on this. Please can you consider these proposals and the impact they will have on attendees of the Park Run. Thanks	1/2/2023 4:04 PM
693	Are the parking charges applicable in Redcar? as at present you get 2 hours free.	1/2/2023 3:55 PM
694	Why do we have to pay extra for services we don't get or want. We are really only paying for our bins to be emptied so unless the council workers who empty our bins are getting a pay rise then we should not have to pay extra	1/2/2023 3:14 PM
695	Every year the council tax goes up but services become less. More money gets spent "improving" Redcar whilst other areas receive less.	1/2/2023 3:11 PM
696	Why should council tax bands be used for increases? Why should I be discriminated against because of where I live?	1/2/2023 12:27 PM
697	What do we get for paying council tax. There are very few police on our streets. We pay for that service. So we in effect have the most exorbitant charges for emptying the bins. Because that's the only service I see being provided.	1/2/2023 12:25 PM
698	This is a reasonable rise. However I disagree with percentages. The rise should be 200 per household. My just over the average house price home is disproportionately hit. The bands already allow for that so lets keep everything in line. All need to be treated fairly. I do not agree with the proposed car parking charges and would like to see a cost benefit analysis per suggested site and an impact assessment on the sites local traders. I assume this is already completed as it would have been part of the decision making process for the consultation to occur. Can these documents be made public to support a full review of the proposals. May I suggest all policy is treated like this. Supports Councilor decision making and the Council Tax payers are supported in understanding the benefits and possible impact of Policy implementation.	1/2/2023 12:06 PM
699	What have you done with the 28% approx council tax rise over the past 12 years?????????	1/2/2023 12:01 PM
700	Less service for more money.	1/2/2023 11:53 AM

701	I struggle to see what benefits we already get from the monies paid. Poor roads and paths, no investment in public areas or walk ways. The only thing we currently benefit from is waste collection.	1/2/2023 11:48 AM
702	With the current costs of living issues and lack of pay increase to match , this will cause more families to struggle And why the largest increase on the one that are paying higher council tax already , and those who cannot claim any discounts as working. It appears to hit the one ones working yet again	1/2/2023 11:42 AM
703	If the money is spent wisely and not wasted on more useless projects.	1/2/2023 11:24 AM
704	Over pay for limited services being provided	1/2/2023 9:48 AM
705	This is a small rise which we can stomach, to ensure the books balance	1/2/2023 7:19 AM
706	Due to the war and energy price I think I s not the time to increase anything	1/2/2023 7:05 AM
707	I agree with the increase but I feel good waste bins should be collected every week. I also feel that more money should be spent in the Normanby, Eston, Grangetown and South Bank area instead of Redcar and East Cleveland who have had more than their fair share.	1/2/2023 12:01 AM
708	You have had several increases with the poll tax in the past few years. I don't see any benefits from my poll tax as it is so you need to stop waisting budgets and spend more wisely instead of hitting people for more and more money I for one not interested in paying any more poll tax or taxes in general it will only go to those that dont deserve it instead of those that do.	1/1/2023 9:27 PM
709	We are struggling enough	1/1/2023 8:48 PM
710	Why should I keep paying more than I should of when we have contacted yourselves by phone and email a number of times that my circumstances have changed. It isn't my fault the council has been ran by people who obviously don't know how to do it. How can you not have a QS on projects. How are you leasing land for a atrocious waste faculty that is awful to use if you have council land for it already. Was there a large brown envelope used	1/1/2023 8:47 PM
711	IN MY OPINION, WE PAY TOO MUCH in our area CONQUEST EST, FOR SERVICES WE RECEIVE	1/1/2023 8:46 PM
712	I think that this is ridiculous. We have already had things like bin collections reduced. The streets are covered in dog faeces and there is a real problem in terms of anti social and illegal driving on normanby road (near the village). There have been two incidents of cars crashing into parked cars in the last year. Every night cars go flying down there and there is no police presence whatsoever.	1/1/2023 8:10 PM
713	As inflation is running way ahead of the proposed increase it seems to me that services will have to be reduced to the detriment of those that really need them.	1/1/2023 7:37 PM
714	In this current cost of living crisis it is significantly irresponsible to increase council tax. When we are cutting back so should the council.	1/1/2023 7:34 PM
715	As inflation is running way ahead of the proposed increase it seems to me that services will have to be reduced to the detriment of those that really need them.	1/1/2023 7:22 PM
716	Reduce all councillors expenses, limit what they bldim for, therefore no need to carry out thus increase.	1/1/2023 7:05 PM
717	So long as this money is not wasted and is spent equally between the towns and villages and not ploughed into Redcar.	1/1/2023 5:24 PM
718	Charges in town will impact upon our already struggling businesses. KGV leisure centre parking fees are out of order when people already pay to use the facility inside. Most people use the facility for health and medical rehabilitation. This may become unaffordable. We need to encourage use of the centre or we may lose that as well!!! Howlbeck road into the Car Park is also in a very poor condition and has not been maintained. To add a charge for this would be adding insult to injury!	1/1/2023 10:45 AM
719	I objected to theses proposals to increase council tax and car parking charges	1/1/2023 8:39 AM
720	I would like to see more money spent in Guisborough. All we have had in recent years is house building. Money from extra council tax appears to be spent in other areas. Extra parking charges on Westgate particularly would impact on local trade and the charges on KGPF could	1/1/2023 8:31 AM

deter people from engaging in active sport which we are all being encouraged to participate in to facilitate our health and well-being.

721	Council tax is getting out of hand. Currently paying around £2,300 per annum for very little in relation to services. This cannot keep going up every year, it is getting unaffordable. When private companies are strapped for cash they either close down or get rid of people. Redcar and Cleveland Council needs to stop spending money on stupid projects in Redcar and start reducing the workforce	1/1/2023 12:03 AM
722	Council tax is already a lot of money each month to find on top of the increase in every other bill that has gone up! Wages haven't gone up and things are really tight as it is! Also lots of things are being left by the council on the estate I live on (galley hill)	12/31/2022 10:11 PM
723	Put all the borough on the same council tax as some towns pay more than others	12/31/2022 6:11 PM
724	I can agree to paying a little more tax but Not the proposed Guisborough parking charges. This will kill business in the town at the exact time it needs a boost	12/31/2022 5:37 PM
725	I disagree to ANY increase in parking charges. Our hight st must always provide free parking. I have friends who live in Nunthorpe, Redcar, coulby and Skelton who all shop here because of free parking and a pretty high st. Look what charging did to Redcar high st! It's now a ghost town. Support Guisborough for once. Protect our unique small town. Preserve its green spaces, make it a place people will want to visit and spend their money. We have some good shops, lots of lovely bars and cafes. We are small and friendly. I oppose all and any parking charge increase.	12/31/2022 5:00 PM
726	Another increase on the top of everything else might be too much for some families but it the money was going to be spent on policing, fire services and the NHS then this would be beneficial.	12/31/2022 4:54 PM
727	I agree so long as the money is spent in Guisborough as we usually miss out to Redcar and South Bank	12/31/2022 4:45 PM
728	I agree as long as Guisborough benefits not just Redcar. Guisborough is not treated fairly.	12/31/2022 4:33 PM
729	As per usual, the extra money made through any increase in Council Tax would not be invested in Guisborough only in Redcar as per every other year.	12/31/2022 4:32 PM
730	Make sure people concerned know Guisborough exists and pays council tax	12/31/2022 4:25 PM
731	No objection as long as the extra money raised will be for local services as it is local people who are paying it!	12/31/2022 4:20 PM
732	Stop throwing good money after bad in redcar and spend some in other areas. Also check you have experienced people working for the council and stop creating white elephants like the "Pier" and the long wait to open the cinema. Overspend on kirkleatham such an amount should never have been spent when so many basic areas lacked funding.	12/31/2022 4:00 PM
733	We need more value for money for what we already pay	12/31/2022 3:29 PM
734	We pay enough	12/31/2022 3:12 PM
735	Only if it stops Guisborough residents having to pay for parking. The shops here are rubbish, and could become even worse as no one will want to visit Guisborough from out of town. We pay enough in council tax to cover the parking fees. Even the council office has closed, that says a lot. The council need to wake up, smell the coffee and keep ALL the car parks as they are, that INCLUDES the WALKWAY CENTRE. This gets people and children out in the fresh air and exercising. Keep the fees as they are, thank you	12/31/2022 3:05 PM
736	I am not sure currently what the council actually do with what I already pay. No increase unless a full and transparent breakdown of expenditure including any proposed councillors wages and expenses.	12/31/2022 2:50 PM
737	We already pay far too much, with the additional cost of living rising elsewhere we simply cannot afford for our council tax to rise to, our wages are not rising	12/31/2022 2:42 PM
738	Higher bracket council tax payers get nothing extra as to the low council tax bracket	12/31/2022 2:41 PM
739	How much of this increase is to pay for the ineptness of the car park 'improvements' at Saltburn cat nab?	12/31/2022 2:27 PM

740	We are in a living crisis, we don't have extra money to pay council extra!!!!	12/31/2022 2:26 PM
741	Families are already squeezed enough with the cost of living without the council further increasing this burden, for absolutely nothing in return. We as a family are already looking at options to move away from the area due to sheer cost of the council tax alone compared to many other areas. In Guisborough we see nothing. Drive around and see the state of the roads, the paths around hunters hill are terrible, street lighting useless, waste facilities inaccessible unless you have a car, council offices closing, streets dirtier than ever. More and more housing built and services decreasing and yet the council continues to treat the residents of Guisborough as a cash machine so they can spend money elsewhere!	12/31/2022 2:22 PM
742	My above "yes" is conditional on seeing money spent properly in Guisborough. Over the nearly 20 years I have been here you have built more and more housing. Yet despite being asked at EVERY consultation, there has been no increase in services such as Doctors, Dentists, Schools and so on.	12/31/2022 1:51 PM
743	We pay too much already for very few services. All we have is bin emptying. No gritting so far this winter. We are in band D and we feel extremely taken advantage of for what? Guisborough is just being heavily built on to provide more money for Redcar. Time to stop screwing your residents who are already in dire straits.	12/31/2022 1:50 PM
744	Not sure what we get for our money at existing rates.	12/31/2022 1:43 PM
745	As I work for a (different) council, I understand the need to raise council tax. It would be nice to see more benefit from it as a Guisborough resident.	12/31/2022 1:39 PM
746	Private landlords should pay a levy towards their tenant's' council tax if that tenant is in receipt of council tax benefit. Air BNB and other tourist accommodation should be subject to a separate council tax scheme.	12/31/2022 1:33 PM
747	This will not help regenerate the town which has seen many shops close due to various reasons and I have been told by others they are on the brink due to a drop in foot fall. It will also mean we will have to pay to go to church and as the churches are also struggling to keep going while doing so much good for the community they serve it seems an idea which will mean more pressure will be put on other local services that help those in need.	12/31/2022 1:14 PM
748	To greed of council,. Everything is or has gone up,	12/31/2022 1:02 PM
749	All the increases need to stop. Many peoples wages are not increasing at this rate so I sure how we are expected to cope with constant rises to our utility bills.	12/31/2022 12:34 PM
750	Residents cannot afford to keep paying more money for fewer services. Guisborough residents pay more than others, which is unacceptable. We will soon have even less when the council vacate Belmont House. Residents of East Cleveland will be at a disadvantage again, having to pay to travel to Redcar.	12/31/2022 12:34 PM
751	Guisborough doesn't get any money spent on it so why should we pay more council tax. The roads are mess, the high street is filthy and shop fronts are disgusting.	12/31/2022 12:33 PM
752	I have lived in Guisborough all of my life & have NEVER had to pay to park on the cobbles on Westgate. I am lucky that I live a 15 minutes walk from town. When I do park there I always use my disc to park on Westgate. The last few month it has been busier and I have used the local car parks, with 2 free hours. This has been great, especially when I only need to be in town for to collect a prescription or return library books, or am calling on my way back into town to do these jobs. I am extremely annoyed at the proposal to charge to park at King George Playing field. I take my daughter swimming there once a week. On top of paying £98 for 12 weeks swimming lessons, I am now going to have to find a further approximately £75 per year to take her for a 30 minute lesson. As a single parent, this is a big chunk out of my budget. I want my daughter to learn to swim as this is a life skill which may save her life in the future. I also feel that this will have a detrimental effect for attracting tourists to our town. Parking, especially when you have to find change to park, will put people off if they have decided to stop for a quick coffee on route to or from somewhere else. Applying increased parking charges at Saltburn will also have a detrimental effect of attracting people to the town.	12/31/2022 12:31 PM
753	Services seem limited as it is , why should we pay more .	12/31/2022 12:30 PM
754	Stop vanity projects in Loftus and Redcar.	12/31/2022 12:06 PM
755	I don't agree with council tax rises whilst ever the elected members insist on making ill thought	12/31/2022 11:23 AM

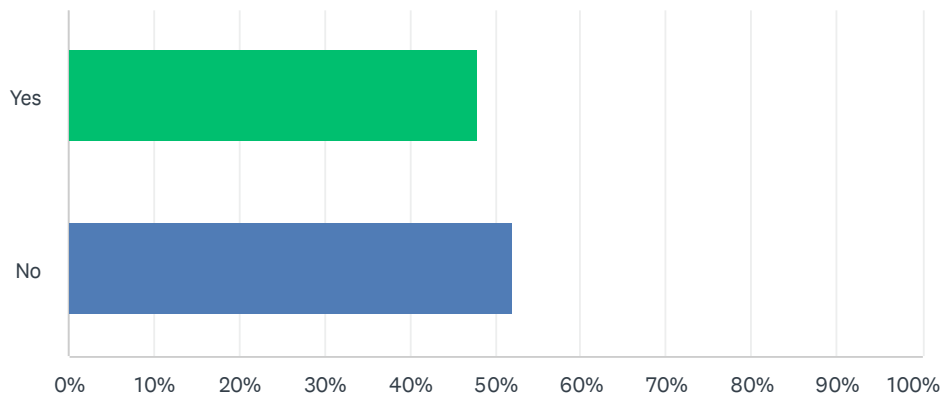
	out decisions with regard to so called leisure facilities.	
756	WHERE DO I GET THE EXTRA MONEY FROM.I CANT ROB IT OFF PEOPLE LEAGALLY.LIKE YOU CAN	12/31/2022 11:22 AM
757	Agree,but the narrative to the question is too vague. There is no information here about what services and to what level they will be maintained too. What are the areas of likely increased Demand?	12/31/2022 11:18 AM
758	Our finances are stretched too much. There is nothing left to cut back on. I live on a road that needs resurfacing! I am sick of money being pumped into Redcar, not always wisely either, when Guisborough is withering and dieing.	12/31/2022 11:09 AM
759	Guisborough seems to be the lost town in Redcar and cleveland. If the council could show people what we would benefit from the rise then I may agree to it. Investment needs to be made 8n Guisborough which is the ancient capital of Cleveland	12/31/2022 11:09 AM
760	You get enough cash from us. Budget a bit better.	12/30/2022 4:41 PM
761	This is misleading. You say maintain services as far as possible. What services would give. Having moved here From the South your services are poor and are not if an acceptable level. You are selling your people short	12/26/2022 8:52 PM
762	I'd have said Yes if I believed the increase was to be spent on sensible projects. It won't be, by the time the councillors have creamed their cut from the budget then the rest is wasted on frivolous things for Saltburn and Redcar it'll be a waste of money, AGAIN.	12/26/2022 5:07 PM
763	Which services have increased demand?	12/26/2022 4:06 PM
764	I would like to know where the increased demands in service levels are occuring??	12/26/2022 4:01 PM
765	We're in the middle of a cost of living crisis and I just don't know how much more people can take. Everything has risen so fast, way above wages or benefits, people of all levels are becoming desperate for a break, but instead more & more rises are happening. People are literally freezing cold in their own homes. It's devastating to hear so many heartbreaking stories of real struggles and sacrifices being made. At this time of crisis there should be a freeze on rises for a couple of years to allow people to get through this awful difficult period.	12/26/2022 1:18 AM
766	There is more houses in guisborough so there is revenue from council tax. We have not had any gps and this cause impact on primary care. Local council service are been reduced and sold off. All revenue seems to go to redcar and not to guisborough and East cleveland.	12/26/2022 12:50 AM
767	67p a week is not too bad if you can afford it	12/24/2022 9:08 PM
768	We are badly let down by central government with their grant funding. Why should we pay more for less services provided. Fees and Charges - most of them appear to be over the current inflation rate.	12/24/2022 10:17 AM
769	Much more transparency is needed in RCBC to warrent such an increase. The councils actions seem shady at best, detailed accountability needs to shown to the public. Common sense appears to be lacking in most areas of council decision making, which results in money being wasted.	12/23/2022 10:08 PM
770	It is not the right time to put extra pressure on households that are already struggling	12/23/2022 8:59 PM
771	Something needs to put into place for the current rat problems	12/23/2022 5:33 PM
772	To much money wasted on things Redcar don't want or need	12/23/2022 2:33 PM
773	The rates are already too heavy	12/23/2022 2:17 PM
774	Only if the increase is frozen for 3 years.	12/23/2022 1:58 PM
775	As long as it's spent across the whole of the council area and not just Redcar	12/23/2022 1:32 PM
776	Half the bins don't get emptied and rubbish all over the alleyways not sure people get any value in what they pay now. Also the water drains are never cleaned out .	12/23/2022 11:43 AM
777	We dont get enough for what we pay now	12/23/2022 10:52 AM
778	Ionlybifvits to save jobs and not loose services	12/23/2022 10:45 AM

779	Why does Redcar council always prune from the bottom rather than go to the top of the tree where savings could be made?	12/23/2022 9:57 AM
780	People are already choosing between eating or heating their home without any other bills rising. Appalling idea.	12/23/2022 7:02 AM
781	People are struggling with the cost of living and putting things up only makes it worse , this government has brought the country to it's knees.	12/23/2022 6:58 AM
782	I live in Guisborough and the council tax paid already far outweighs what we get in return	12/23/2022 2:41 AM
783	People are struggling at the moment this will push people Futher into poverty	12/22/2022 8:41 PM
784	Roads and maintenance in general to the highways are beyond a joke, poor quality and time consuming always over the estimated timescale. Waste collections every fortnight despite the constant rises why can't we go back to weekly?	12/22/2022 8:35 PM
785	We already pay the highest in the country fir band A. .The council don't even repair the payment on our street because its private. (Not owned by me). I pay the same rate of council tax as others but get no service regarding Road, pavement, drain repairs or gritting in icy conditions. I pay enough already.	12/22/2022 6:16 PM
786	Stop pumping loads of money into regenerating Redcar constantly. It's unfair. You hike up council tax year on year and we're yet to see any of it unless you live in Redcar. It's Redcar AND CLEVELAND.	12/22/2022 3:58 PM
787	We can't afford it we're putting things up and we're getting less and less	12/22/2022 1:47 PM
788	Hitting us all again in these economic uncertain times, Blaming everything on the government, When RCBC basically isn't fit for purpose after being ran in the ground over years of mismanagement and oversight by councillors, Wasting money constantly on Redcar while neglecting other areas yet those areas provide huge amounts in council tax with nothing in return !! A nice new cinema and crazy golf course in REDCAR, TS6 still waiting on Eston centre being redeveloped and the Baths Being demolished etc no change at all redcar gets everything sorted first	12/22/2022 11:42 AM

Q2 The Adult Social Care Precept provides additional funding towards the growing demands for adult social care services. Because of increases in demand for adult social care, without the precept, there is a risk that carers could experience delay in being supported, waiting lists may increase for social care assessments and there could be a reduction in some services.

For a full Council Taxpayer in a Band D property, the rise of 2% would equate to 67p per week, or 8p per week for someone in a Band A property receiving full council tax support. Do you agree with the Adult Social Care Precept increase?

Answered: 2,844 Skipped: 170



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	47.89% 1,362
No	52.11% 1,482
TOTAL	2,844

#	DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?	DATE
1	Please clarify how the current money is being spent/allocated.	1/17/2023 11:13 PM
2	I think 1% is quite enough in the present financial climate.	1/17/2023 4:57 PM
3	Again - this is an absolute minimum - THIS NEEDS TO BE HIGHER. People are being failed by the system - investment and review is needed, and this requires proper funding.	1/16/2023 4:54 PM
4	See above	1/16/2023 12:26 PM
5	You won't actually spend the money on this. You'll put it into a tram system across Redcar seafront.	1/15/2023 4:54 PM
6	Provided it is ringfenced and only used for this purpose	1/14/2023 11:24 AM
7	Have more councils run care home cheaper with better service.	1/12/2023 6:52 PM
8	Adult social care should be funded on a national scale. We have an ageing population and the rich should be made to pay more. This is unacceptable ... the cost of care should not be	1/12/2023 4:14 PM

	placed upon council tax payers but levied on those with the broadest shoulders.	
9	Imposing Parking Fees on Marske by Sea car parks is not legal as that land was bequeathed to the residents of Marske by Lord Zetland. The Council made the same mistake several years ago and had to change their plans. I understand the land catering for the car parks at Kirkleatham Museum and the walled garden were also left in trust to the people of Kirkleatham.	1/12/2023 2:43 PM
10	Dont agree with this additional rise as you're already maintaining services as per question 1	1/12/2023 1:10 PM
11	How would it be Insired the money is actual allocated to it's attended purpose.	1/12/2023 10:40 AM
12	I am a carer for my wife and when I have asked for advice and availability of any help I am always met by a brick wall. If they're having problems with costings, get them to shop around for better deals and services....its called value for money.	1/12/2023 9:53 AM
13	Help for vulnerable people doesn't exist within Redcar and Cleveland even with all the recent increases! Therefore more increases aren't going to help	1/11/2023 11:09 PM
14	Increases are crippling the working class	1/11/2023 10:25 PM
15	Because you are already not providing the care were needed and in the case of my Mam that has resulted in her needless death for which there will be a price to pay in law, which goes back to the point previously made. This is disgraceful mismanagement and abuse of the elderly, and the sniveling crooks responsible will be accountable to the law.	1/11/2023 9:02 PM
16	I think the job they do deserves credit and think the people who employ them should pay better wages	1/11/2023 8:32 PM
17	I agree as long as the money is actually sent to this area!	1/11/2023 8:14 PM
18	Again higher bands are paying the bulk of rise should be a higher start price.	1/11/2023 7:15 PM
19	This would help the nhs especially the crisis we are in at the moment	1/11/2023 5:40 PM
20	As in my previous comments, how much has been generated by increased efficiencies. I worked in this area in another Authority and the abuse of the system was phenominal. The executive didn't want to know because it would require them to earn their large salaries. There are many good well-meaning people working in Socioial Care but there are others who take advantage of the system.	1/11/2023 5:26 PM
21	I don't feel it would be used correctly.	1/11/2023 5:03 PM
22	Individuals need to pay for their care	1/11/2023 3:34 PM
23	This is a health need therefore Government (Westminister) need to look at the country as a whole and not fragment it. It is something we will all need at some point in our lives, not a bare minimum.	1/11/2023 2:28 PM
24	This should be done out of general taxation, not on the rate payers, the majority would be private house holders, who own property, as we all know a property is sold to pay for social care, thereby ensuring the householder pays at least twice.	1/11/2023 2:15 PM
25	"Risk that carers COULD experience" "MAY increase" Will it or won't it?????	1/11/2023 2:12 PM
26	this should only be charged if anyone in a household uses any of the adult social care services	1/11/2023 1:30 PM
27	The service is dreadful now throwing more money at it won't improve it you need to get your staff to work smarter and talk to one another.	1/11/2023 1:19 PM
28	Needs more investment from government as numbers are sure to increase. It's a postcode lottery as to whether or not there is sufficient funds for care services.	1/11/2023 12:55 PM
29	If the money goes to adult social care	1/11/2023 12:30 PM
30	check out high earners wages	1/11/2023 10:54 AM
31	Any increase at this time of the cost of, living crisis is an insult.	1/11/2023 9:18 AM
32	Same as above. My council tax per month is already high enough and the split in use is already geared heavily towards social care. In other words, I already pay enough for others, no need to continue drying me out.	1/11/2023 8:51 AM

33	Part of the issue is the council providing too many services. I understand that they try extremely hard to assist people. However the expectation on the council by some members of the public is too great.	1/10/2023 10:33 PM
34	I already pay £250/month for a four bedroom house. I can't afford to pay more. Perhaps review where you waste money and redirect spending rather than taking the easy option of increasing taxes at a time when people are genuinely struggling financially.	1/10/2023 9:26 PM
35	there's a cost of living crisis	1/10/2023 5:45 PM
36	See above	1/10/2023 12:00 PM
37	See above	1/10/2023 11:56 AM
38	Rather than this 2% increase, surely the growing demands on social care justify the full 3% increase that current Government rules allow?	1/10/2023 11:51 AM
39	Surely this is an area where the Council should use the maximum discretion that current Government funding rules permit, which is 3%?	1/10/2023 11:46 AM
40	Council get enough money and if the money is not managed correctly why should we be paying more	1/10/2023 11:46 AM
41	As a Loftus resident I already pay more than other towns/villages in the borough.	1/10/2023 10:35 AM
42	Increase the council tax to cover these costs. Use the reserves you have during this unprecedented time of difficulty.	1/10/2023 10:34 AM
43	The whole service needs a review and redesign.	1/10/2023 10:16 AM
44	Waiting lists are excessive anyway	1/10/2023 9:44 AM
45	Slash the Councillors pay and then start slashing all council staff pensions.	1/10/2023 9:14 AM
46	This should be happening regardless. Without the impact on our council tax.	1/10/2023 2:35 AM
47	Understandably with an aging population, the need for Adult Social Care will continue to rise and it is vital that this help is available. However, this increase will only affect those middle earners who do not meet the thresholds for benefits and will further push them towards the poverty line whilst those on full benefit entitlement will be unaffected.	1/10/2023 1:00 AM
48	Proportionate to locality. Ever increasing need here & should be a priority over such like as moving Redcar library temporarily - better use of funds please! Social care needs it more than a out of the way library.	1/10/2023 12:03 AM
49	Although I agree in principle, I don't have the money to pay your increases	1/9/2023 11:43 PM
50	We spend too much money on social care	1/9/2023 10:55 PM
51	I feel, adults that go into care and own their own homes get penalised and people on benefits continue to get free help...how can this be fair?	1/9/2023 10:36 PM
52	Adult services get enough, if you can help young people young enough, when they become adults, problems can be prevented. It is imperative that young people have something to do	1/9/2023 10:31 PM
53	I agree that the rise is less than inflation, however all possible efficiencies should be actively explored within the system before increases in charges for adult social care precept are considered.	1/9/2023 9:40 PM
54	No no no	1/9/2023 8:32 PM
55	Because all the increases add up and wages are not increasing with the price of inflation	1/9/2023 7:47 PM
56	Adult care is very important more importantly all care is very important	1/9/2023 7:45 PM
57	I think we all have to get used to paying something for services. I also believe that there is a huge amount of 'transparency' needed from the council, and, a huge amount of education required for the general public to understand what services cost.	1/9/2023 4:44 PM
58	This should be fully funded by the government, not locally.	1/9/2023 4:37 PM
59	As long as proper care is given and needs are met	1/9/2023 3:41 PM

60	Sometimes I am concerned that the money set aside for the Adult social care precept goes into refurbishing property at considerable expense for staff to work in. Whilst I appreciate that staff need suitable accommodation, I would like to be assured that the bulk of the money is for the actual needs of the service users	1/9/2023 1:15 PM
61	There are many areas where efficiencies could be made, for example transport for vulnerable people, this system needs a full review and it's right to simply say we cannot turn our backs on vulnerable people. We shouldn't but that doesn't mean we should just have an open cheque book.	1/9/2023 12:39 PM
62	The users should contribute more themselves.	1/9/2023 11:19 AM
63	Adult social care services appear to be on an exponential costing its about time some finance was removed from the fat at the top and down to the carers down the bottom of the pay scale therefore increasing direct hands on numbers. To many chiefs and not enough Indians.	1/9/2023 10:04 AM
64	The difference between those paying full council tax and those on council tax benefits is far too much. Not all households paying full tax receive a high salary and this does not take this into account. Some households on benefits are becoming better off than those working	1/9/2023 9:54 AM
65	Our elderly population is increasing and they need to be looked after properly they have paid their dues to society.	1/8/2023 10:38 PM
66	With great hesitation. Lack of fiscal management going back over 20 years. Lack of maintenance of councils care homes, council closed same, opened the door for all private care homes. Lack of future planning years ago by council Council had a home help programme, but axed that years ago, which supported and gave care to many who needed it in their homes. Now we see care in the home as a "important" way forward for social care. Successive governments have let the system down, with no forward planning. for a growing elderly population also.	1/8/2023 9:53 PM
67	Build new cottage hospitals a la Brotton, The Stead, and Belmont, for examples. Some of the old ways worked, and would stop the endemic bed blocking. Convert the offices of Belmont House into a social care hub.	1/8/2023 9:28 PM
68	Not happy, but both the council and government has made huge mistakes here. The council over 20 years, lost their own care homes, opened the door for privatisation of care homes. They also had home help scheme which supported the social care system, care in the home. But axed this. We now see care in the home being pushed as one avenue to eliviate/support the social care system. Successive governments over 20 years or more has failed to address the social care system, leading us todote to the burden on our hospitals.	1/8/2023 9:22 PM
69	It is obvious that there is need for additional support for adult social care	1/8/2023 9:09 PM
70	I personally would like to see a return to the council ran social care home, ran correctly these would also be income generating, whilst been ran to the correct standard.	1/8/2023 8:21 PM
71	Reluctantly, for it has been over 20 years of bad fiscal management of this council and also success governments failures to address this serious problem, which has now to a serious climax. Council got rid of there care homes, they did not maintain them for many years. Leaving the door open to private care homes. Council also abandoned the Home Help programme, which did facilitate for may care in the home. Which has now come a full circle as Care in the home is now seen as a important part of social care!	1/8/2023 7:56 PM
72	I agree if this is included in the council tax increase, not if it is an extra charge.	1/8/2023 7:40 PM
73	I agree, providing all efficiencies are met.	1/8/2023 7:21 PM
74	Social care has been for many years on the "back burner" with successive governments. Council gave up their care homes. Doors opened for private care homes. Councils home help schemes which supported care in the home for many was abandoned. Now, many years later, it is a scheme that is recognised as helping and called "care in the home."	1/8/2023 7:06 PM
75	I am not in favour of any council tax increase until the council abandons its plans for new parking charges. We live in Easington and currently buy all our food and much else besides in small local shops and stalls in Loftus, Easington (farm shop) Saltburn, Guisborough. If these proposals are approved we will do what we used to do and get everything delivered at home via either Sainsbury, food, or Amazon, everything else. Your parking proposals will cause immense damage to local businesses. As for your proposal to introduce car parking at Loftus	1/8/2023 6:54 PM

Leisure Centre, it is not only muddle-headed, it is wicked - not a word I use lightly. For anyone like me, in their sixties and using the swimming pool regularly to keep fit, your proposed charges will add hundreds of pounds a year to the cost of keeping fit - a cost very many people cannot afford. We are in the grip of a massive recession, I was paying 11p per unit for electricity 15 months ago, I am now paying over 30p a unit. As is everyone else. Your parking charges will cause huge damage to the local economy and disproportionately hurt the most vulnerable in our community. I see you are also looking to introduce parking charges in Cowbar. Again, is anyone at the council looking at what is happening in the local economy? Cowbar and Staithes and Saltburn were all heaving with tourists in September, October, November, December 2021. In autumn 2022, totally different. Deserted streets in the evening, pubs closing early as no customers, cafes closing early, some shops not opening at all. Cowbar and Staithes needs all the visitors, local and tourist, it can get. Anything which deters them - and entirely unnecessary parking charges on Cowbar will deter them - should not be implemented. The entire economy of Cowbar and Staithes is dependent on tourism. This survey I am completing is extremely hard to find and is deliberately structured in a way to deter people from responding. So it will get a low response. Had you done an easy-to-find survey that focused solely on the proposed parking charges and did not muddy the waters by asking other questions first, you would get a much higher response. The way you use these surveys is very cynical, the questions are very loaded, the survey seems designed to produce the answer you want. The Cowbar 2022 survey was the worst I have ever seen in this regard, the questions were along the lines of, do you approve of people shitting on your doorstep? There was no attempt on your part to gauge the extent and scale of the problem you were supposedly addressing.

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77	<p>With this and the previous questions increases, its already more than a £50 a year increases, and I haven't seen the rest of the questions yet!</p>	1/8/2023 5:48 PM
78	<p>Why should a tax payer struggle to put food on the table so a smack head on benefits can be fed, and clothed?</p>	1/8/2023 5:01 PM
79	<p>There is an increase every year, there is a cost of living crisis. People can't afford to pay more when the money is clearly being wasted.</p>	1/8/2023 4:30 PM
80	<p>Why on earth has this been allowed to spiral as a problem to the levels where it requires additional funding year on year? Again, people have enough financial stresses as it is without</p>	1/8/2023 4:21 PM

	compounding the issue further. The council need to re-evaluate where they spend their funds and what is a priority.	
81	Again we cannot accept any more charges, this is a country wide problem, the council should lobby the government for more funding.	1/8/2023 4:12 PM
82	I don't feel the increase would be seen in improving social care settings.	1/8/2023 3:47 PM
83	You do not indicate if this is another 68p per week on top of the council tax rise. It would be substantial if it was	1/8/2023 3:15 PM
84	When my mother and father were in their twilight years and both ill and requiring extra support we received no help from the council whatsoever so on the strength of that I don't believe we should be contributing to other peoples care now .	1/8/2023 3:12 PM
85	We are paying the highest tax in the UK. we do not deserve to be more hammered	1/8/2023 3:06 PM
86	At a time of crippling cost of living increases, as everyone is doing, the council should be cutting back rather than taking more money from the working families.	1/8/2023 1:55 PM
87	There is no evidence this will improve services	1/8/2023 11:36 AM
88	It is unfair that this is done as a percentage so that people in lower bands pay a greater increase than those in a higher band. It is wrong to assume that those living in a Band A property are in receipt of full council tax support. I live in a Band B property and pay full council tax. Although I do not disagree with the increase it would be fairer to work out an average monetary increase and apply this across the board so that everyone pays the same increase.	1/8/2023 11:21 AM
89	Cut costs elsewhere first . The waste is horrendous , I know I used to work for RCBC Get rid of tiers of inept management and jobs for the 'boys'	1/8/2023 11:15 AM
90	I'd like to see this go directly to the care worker rather than the care system	1/8/2023 11:00 AM
91	Families should be made to take responsibility for their older family members amd charges not be imposed on everyone.	1/8/2023 10:45 AM
92	So that's another 2.00% we will have to find and its only the second question on the survey	1/8/2023 10:30 AM
93	Local councils should continue to place pressure on central government regarding the lack of funding available in this area.	1/8/2023 10:18 AM
94	As above....band d property owners are struggling with bills without additional financial support like many lower band properties receive. Everyone needs financial support and not higher payments	1/8/2023 10:03 AM
95	Each year a different excuse to raise council tax. Payment for me already is like a mortgage payment cost.	1/8/2023 9:32 AM
96	This should be budgeted better and not passed on to the resident. In addition to the council tax increase this is a bit too much.	1/8/2023 9:00 AM
97	This funding can be found from elsewhere instead of increasing tax on struggling people	1/8/2023 8:30 AM
98	Takes too long to get an occupational assessment, then you are basically fobbed off told there's lack of funding! I don't believe everyone should pay for adult social care if you don't use it why should you have to pay!	1/7/2023 11:48 PM
99	See above	1/7/2023 10:53 PM
100	You have wasted millions on a computer hacking... We should not have to pay for your errors.	1/7/2023 10:07 PM
101	The tax payer should not have to foot the shortfall, no pay rise in income but more to pay out. It remains unfair.	1/7/2023 10:00 PM
102	Why Should we be punished anymore it's not our fault we need to survive too	1/7/2023 9:33 PM
103	More spent on young people	1/7/2023 9:03 PM
104	Any increase well I know we have to level rising costs but in parking charges everywhere in Guisborough our town that you want to close because it's part to keep Redcar open as your charges are not rising you are keeping the first 2 hrs free apart from the strand	1/7/2023 8:41 PM

105	Government should fund this in the North. Raising car parking charges in a struggling market town is not the answer. Small business who are the heart of our town will suffer.	1/7/2023 8:32 PM
106	I don't believe it's right to increase the charge for something that is already not delivering as it should be. I can't understand how you can find money to rejuvenate old buildings and then they sit and bring nothing to the area, but no money to actually increase the carers wages, which would then bring in more people to the job and help out more than anything else you suggest? The only way out of this ASC crisis is to encourage more carers, and they don't get paid enough for what they do anyway (speaking as someone who currently works for RCBC ASC)	1/7/2023 8:30 PM
107	Yes, organise a wonderful concert and reap the rewards.	1/7/2023 8:14 PM
108	See above-same logic	1/7/2023 7:59 PM
109	This is necessary to maintain services. As an occupational therapist I understand the need for these services and indeed more services.	1/7/2023 7:57 PM
110	Sack some spare councillors instead.	1/7/2023 7:51 PM
111	Carers who care for a family member give up their working career in order to give their family the proper care they deserve. This is taken for granted and those carers live on pennies. People who give up their life to care for others should be compensated more than what they are. Often these people are scraping by with the scraps the government deem them worthy of. People in need of care find it difficult to qualify for the extra help they need or to get equipment that is needed	1/7/2023 7:48 PM
112	This is an area which should not be compromised.	1/7/2023 7:43 PM
113	Another increase!!	1/7/2023 6:56 PM
114	The council needs to make sure that it is engaging with partner organisations, such as the NHS in our area	1/7/2023 6:44 PM
115	Please see the above answer. All of us could be just a day away from becoming disabled and it's in everyone's interest that Council services are maintained and developed to respond to this. Please keep telling residents the facts.	1/7/2023 6:44 PM
116	Ye for social care I agree but get the people on the dole out to work. They should be made to do voluntary work especially litter picking. In Skelton and guisborough there group going round litter picking. Mostly retired people. Get the people on benefits doing 2 hours a week	1/7/2023 6:33 PM
117	As the elderly are now living longer, provision should be in place by looking at how tax is proportioned now. Not charging those who are already struggling.	1/7/2023 6:22 PM
118	It is the same argument! People just can't cope with more increases at the moment!	1/7/2023 6:19 PM
119	My Dad is in full time care in a home and it already costs us nearly £4000 per week, whilst I understand people need support services, there has been no help given to us and its cost him over £130k over the last 3 years for his misfortune of having a severe stroke. We pay enough into the Social Care system.	1/7/2023 5:52 PM
120	I wish there was another way of addressing this issue	1/7/2023 4:55 PM
121	We already pay enough!!!	1/7/2023 4:53 PM
122	We already pay enough!!!	1/7/2023 4:47 PM
123	If provisions were properly assessed and better managed, the existing funding would suffice	1/7/2023 4:26 PM
124	But from other council or government funding not the working tax payer in this current climate	1/7/2023 4:12 PM
125	As above	1/7/2023 3:38 PM
126	As above we get increases in everything raising council tax again what for we do our own sorting of recyclable waste, council just collects, roads are in atrocious condition as are footpaths, sort these out	1/7/2023 3:02 PM
127	Same as comment has above Redcar and Cleveland Council leaders should resign from they role Redcar and Cleveland are in financially in red debt don't pass it on to public it your fault not public we in cost of living crisis and you think great raise taxes We got some great MP like	1/7/2023 3:01 PM

	Simon Clarke Jacob Young doing good jobs Don't raise taxes by effecting business and local people find a way make profit with local events which helps local businesses and public can enjoy these events	
128	See comments above about full disclosure	1/7/2023 1:26 PM
129	Find another way of funding	1/7/2023 1:15 PM
130	It's Families job to look after their elderly.	1/7/2023 1:05 PM
131	We pay enough at this point in time.	1/7/2023 12:38 PM
132	But only if is going to the correct people not for people that need help due to a self inflicted illness ie drug and alcohol users.	1/7/2023 12:26 PM
133	Disagree due to everyone paying enough at present	1/7/2023 12:11 PM
134	Local Authorities need to build their own nursing homes again and take responsibility for their ageing population who have paid into the system for years and the pressure off acute hospital beds	1/7/2023 12:04 PM
135	As long as this was not an additional increase and would be covered by the original increase in council tax.	1/7/2023 11:54 AM
136	As long as this was not an additional increase and would be covered by the original increase in council tax.	1/7/2023 11:53 AM
137	I do agree with social care increases in the area, but feel the budget needs to better budgeted and planned	1/7/2023 11:39 AM
138	See above	1/7/2023 10:30 AM
139	Again, as mentioned so much wastage in your council. More support is needed for social care, manage your funds better.	1/7/2023 9:53 AM
140	Let's just pay the extra We live in a time where the aging population need help I believe there is a cultural shift occuring where people do need a fair wage a wage to attract the right people and to look after our aging population	1/7/2023 9:17 AM
141	This is a very important area that we as a community need to resolve. I would like to see councils being more transparent with investment in this area. Ensuring that initiatives are reviewed regularly for value for money and patient quality improvements otherwise should be scrapped and or immediate improvements made, ensure that engagement with the right experts to prevent wasting money.	1/7/2023 8:44 AM
142	I firmly believe you are not managing your current budget adequately - changes need to be made to your processes.	1/7/2023 6:02 AM
143	As above	1/7/2023 3:59 AM
144	Seek it from the government we pay enough already	1/7/2023 12:15 AM
145	Government should be funding this not local authorities.	1/6/2023 11:13 PM
146	Again, this rise most coincide with an audited look at overspend on adult social care more broadly. There will be ways to reduce waste.	1/6/2023 10:55 PM
147	This mess has been caused by the government	1/6/2023 10:06 PM
148	It is estimated that the Baby Boomer generation controls around 80 per cent of UK private wealth and property is expected to account for 70 per cent of transferred wealth. This needs looking at! Increasing taxes on millennials is not good economically!	1/6/2023 9:52 PM
149	Sort the immigration crisis out and stop giving our money to privst hotels. It's costing us the tax payer 7 million a day to house asylum seekers. The home office is a joke. Why don't you make cuts to your own salaries as MPs instead of giving yourself wage increases and bonuses. Matt Hancock should be in jail aswell for what he did along with the rest of the medical staff/scientists who proposed sending the elderly back to care homes where they couldn't be looked after. Lockdowns too, destroyed this economy and small to medium sized businesses are on their knees. Disgusting. Stop eating our taxes before people have enough! You've cut NSH hospital beds by over 50% since the early 90%. Some of us are awake to see	1/6/2023 9:50 PM

what's happening the dismantling of the NHS and the government being controlled by elitists and when did we agree to listening to Klaus Schwab? Your all a bunch of puppets. When are you going to stand up for the vaccine injured from the moderna and failed mRNA vaccines? When will you start telling us the truth about the deaths associated? Your all cowards.

150	I have no idea what this does, who it supports or why, so unwilling to have to pay more for it.	1/6/2023 9:37 PM
151	An increase is acceptable provided the additional income is spent in the designated area and not "siphoned off" for other purposes	1/6/2023 9:36 PM
152	If I needed any adult social care for myself or family I'm sure we'd have to pay for it ourselves as it would probably be means tested so don't see why I should have to pay more for others too.	1/6/2023 9:34 PM
153	Do more to cut crime, thus reducing costs being haemorrhaged on this. Money can then be better shared out. People are skint & do not need to be paying more	1/6/2023 9:30 PM
154	You should not be using emotional tactics to support an increase	1/6/2023 9:20 PM
155	This is an issue which needs sorting out properly by central government. I have no problem with those who can afford it contributing more to social care but there is something wrong when well off people who remain healthy do not have to contribute their share. We need an increase in income tax for over 50s to help pay for care to balance this out.	1/6/2023 8:49 PM
156	This should be funded by private contractors and care providers as this is (their business) and should not be propped up by the Tax payer . They don't give money back to the tax payer when they make massive profits .	1/6/2023 8:37 PM
157	Should also consider financial assessments for stays at meadowgate	1/6/2023 7:42 PM
158	The council should manage the funds better People are struggling and tightening their belts. Looking at the figures of pending saving you have declared for next year - this should be happening now and should have happened last year Too many pen pushers on high salaries	1/6/2023 6:57 PM
159	More money again!!!!!!	1/6/2023 6:51 PM
160	I pay far to much already	1/6/2023 6:48 PM
161	The increase should be lower, please explain why it's 2%.	1/6/2023 6:43 PM
162	Coming from someone who suffers with mental health I am yet to see where my money goes as all the services I have access to are either charity or NHS pays.	1/6/2023 6:03 PM
163	I look after my elderly father and am not entitled to any help so am forced to live on £10000 a year so nit I don't agree with an increase fir this	1/6/2023 6:03 PM
164	We can't afford more increases everyone is struggling even working people who are not getting rises with inflation. People on benefit are and yet they not paying their council tax!	1/6/2023 5:43 PM
165	Demand for social care increases proportionately with the level of depravation in the area. I would suggest that the council invest in projects that will create more jobs and attract visitors to the town instead of wasting money on a new library that only the minority of residents will use.	1/6/2023 5:40 PM
166	As above	1/6/2023 5:32 PM
167	🙄🙄🙄	1/6/2023 5:03 PM
168	I would want a plan and proof this money is being used towards this	1/6/2023 5:00 PM
169	Is this on top of the extra increase if so def not	1/6/2023 4:46 PM
170	You should have enough money already to be covering these costs. Cut management and get people in jobs that are needed on the ground.	1/6/2023 4:42 PM
171	If it is actually used to improve social care.	1/6/2023 4:26 PM
172	The social care sector across the board needs extra support, it's a valuable service that does not get recognised enough for what they provide.	1/6/2023 4:20 PM
173	I do not agree because you appear to have found money to buy a local law firm yet are increasing costs for the taxpayer	1/6/2023 4:17 PM

174	Definatly needs more investment	1/6/2023 4:01 PM
175	again carnt keep upping council tax !	1/6/2023 3:38 PM
176	I do find it strange that everyone in my street pays On a different Council Tax band for very similar houses maybe it's time they were reassessed.	1/6/2023 3:28 PM
177	This money must go to social services.	1/6/2023 3:18 PM
178	This service is currently badly run. You never see the same person. You have far too many staff in this department now.	1/6/2023 3:14 PM
179	I have first hand experience of this service it is appalling and very badly managed.	1/6/2023 3:08 PM
180	Why should some people pay for their care and other get it paid for I do not agree with putting prices up to pay for those whe want a free ride	1/6/2023 2:56 PM
181	The council make it very difficult for elderly people to access the benefits that are available. To say more I would be repeating the above.	1/6/2023 2:55 PM
182	Just another way for taxpayer money to be passed to private companies, pay the carers the extra 2% ontop of a well deserved rise then yes	1/6/2023 2:42 PM
183	I do question the increase in demand in regards to those who ' want' and those who 'need'. Throughout my mental health community work I needed to pose that question continually, to the professionals as well as clients. You'd be surprised at how hard people/ services were working to provide wants which are often endless yet not essential!	1/6/2023 2:40 PM
184	See above	1/6/2023 2:35 PM
185	Residents are not a endless stream of funds to pay for councils poor management	1/6/2023 2:33 PM
186	There is no breakdown of any proposed increases.	1/6/2023 2:30 PM
187	There is no breakdown of any proposed increases.	1/6/2023 2:28 PM
188	As previous comment	1/6/2023 2:08 PM
189	Adding extra costs to local people of redcar and cleveland in times of an economic crisis is unthinkable and a disgusting move by the redcar and cleveland councilors	1/6/2023 1:56 PM
190	People need care and should not be penalised.	1/6/2023 1:47 PM
191	I agree,but only if we have more Social workers. My Daughter has not had a review of her Budget for almost 4 years. It's ridiculous.	1/6/2023 1:42 PM
192	Further increases at the time are not needed	1/6/2023 1:25 PM
193	A lot of Redcar and Cleveland residents are struggling to put food on their table or heat their homes now. Where do you propose they find this extra money from? The council should be supporting residents during this difficult time not adding to their problems. Start looking at other ways to meet your financial demands and stop spending money on things the residents don't want and can't afford to pay for.	1/6/2023 1:23 PM
194	I agree that they need more funding but via council tax is not the way to do so.	1/6/2023 12:57 PM
195	So long as the cases are genuine and not just malingerers	1/6/2023 12:53 PM
196	If the money was spent correctly and not wasted.	1/6/2023 12:34 PM
197	Why should this increase when there isn't any service we are paying for none existent services it's another con to get money our of hard working people who actually do there job	1/6/2023 12:11 PM
198	As stated above..	1/6/2023 11:54 AM
199	See previous comment	1/6/2023 11:52 AM
200	THE NATIONAL INSURANCE INCRERASE IS SUPOSED TO PAY FOR SOCIAL CARE	1/6/2023 11:51 AM
201	My feelings are as above, we already pay a high council tax	1/6/2023 11:26 AM
202	Use the £100k pot lying in a dormant account.	1/6/2023 9:20 AM

203	There is already enough money in this fund	1/6/2023 9:19 AM
204	You should manage your funds better I absolutely do not agree with this	1/6/2023 9:11 AM
205	The government should foot the bill for the increase.	1/6/2023 8:37 AM
206	Perhaps services should be managed better	1/6/2023 8:26 AM
207	I believe finances to support this can be sourced elsewhere, raising council tax is putting further strain on those that do the caring also.	1/6/2023 2:31 AM
208	With the cost of living crisis at present it's bloody scandalous what you as a council are proposing with everything, period! 😞	1/6/2023 12:49 AM
209	If I require assistance for respite help towards a dementia patient receive no benefits once again I have to pay for this respite care	1/6/2023 12:38 AM
210	Adult social care is appalling and non existing	1/5/2023 9:46 PM
211	We need to protect the elderly. The difficulty is done elderly don't pay any bills for living in residential care homes whilst others pay full charges'	1/5/2023 9:37 PM
212	You already have had 2% and increase last year a government 9% increase , then you plan to cut services, Be better at managing what funds you have , stop clawing money of an area that is considered to have deprived wards	1/5/2023 9:05 PM
213	See above comment	1/5/2023 8:52 PM
214	Make the council leaner.	1/5/2023 8:37 PM
215	The council get enough they don't know how to budget	1/5/2023 8:34 PM
216	As Above	1/5/2023 8:23 PM
217	As above	1/5/2023 8:23 PM
218	The adult social care services need adequate funding. If this service has sufficient funds it will help the crisis in the NHS by freeing up beds and helping the people that really need it. My husband is disabled with a terminal illness and so we have seen first hand the demand on this service.	1/5/2023 8:21 PM
219	Adult Social Care is vitally important to me. I rely on paid Carers. The rate of pay needs to rise, or people will leave for supermarket jobs etc.	1/5/2023 8:10 PM
220	I dont understand how that is a service inline with refuge collection etc..	1/5/2023 8:08 PM
221	This should be funded from central government.	1/5/2023 8:00 PM
222	Same reasons already mentioned	1/5/2023 7:39 PM
223	Would like evidence on how the additional funding is being used and that it goes to its intended use.	1/5/2023 7:04 PM
224	Less housing more care in the community	1/5/2023 6:43 PM
225	I feel this should be looked at on an individual basis as some people in social care may be having more money than people who are working	1/5/2023 6:32 PM
226	As above	1/5/2023 6:31 PM
227	No we are not cash cows for government services	1/5/2023 6:20 PM
228	I do agree with the increase but I feel the council tax brackets should be re-evaluated based off of house occupants.	1/5/2023 6:02 PM
229	Is unclear whether this is on top of the increase mentioned in Q1. One rise is OK, multiple rises is not.	1/5/2023 5:34 PM
230	I have said yes to the first question and expected that the increase was across the board, I don't agree to individual increases that add up to a massive increase to council tax as everyone is suffering from the current problems due to inflation.	1/5/2023 5:12 PM
231	See above	1/5/2023 5:06 PM

232	As above.	1/5/2023 4:47 PM
233	Anything to help social care is useful	1/5/2023 4:20 PM
234	I would support a slightly higher increase 3%	1/5/2023 4:09 PM
235	Regardless of which council tax band people fall under EVERYBODY I speak to is struggling with there current outgoings including council tax and private businesses that set up like euro car parks as one example who take on private land in order to catch people out and demand money from the average hard working man. Why doesn't the council focus on helping the local community's they are supposed to be here for. Decrease outgoings do not increase people's payments, its bad enough people are fined for leaving a bin out, fined for overstaying in what should be a public car park, can't receive the support they require, pay more than they can afford in council tax all you do is squeeze an already struggling community	1/5/2023 3:40 PM
236	Pay staff decent salaries to recruit and retain professional standards of care.	1/5/2023 3:00 PM
237	NHS budget should also factor in social care aspects	1/5/2023 2:51 PM
238	I agree that such services should be funded - but not by local residents, who are already paying highly. This should all be funded centrally - by central government. There is a massive budget/service deficit already - but you are seeking to charge us an extra £3,484 a year? 52 weeks x 67p per week? There's a cost of living crisis! Why are you making local people suffer even more? We don't all live in areas of affluence. The Saltburn jewel streets used to receive European development funding because of the levels of poverty. We already have one of the highest council taxes in the country, yet our services are poor and lacking. Social care and Mental health services are abysmal - people are flinging themselves off the cliff every few months! Surely something could be done to plug the gaps without charging people huge amounts across the board! We simply cannot take this hit. If the council can't afford to run essential services - declare yourselves bankrupt. Let central government pay.	1/5/2023 2:22 PM
239	The system needs to be managed better rather than just throwing more money at it. Going forward the need for help will only increase further so will the only solution be to keep raising taxes?	1/5/2023 2:16 PM
240	As long as the revenue goes to social care and not spent elsewhere	1/5/2023 2:08 PM
241	As above	1/5/2023 1:32 PM
242	I agree that more needs to be done to increase Adult Social Care, but there's a cost of living crisis at the moment, money is tight for the majority of people, they don't have additional money to pay.	1/5/2023 1:11 PM
243	Social care is being covered by changes in National Insurance	1/5/2023 1:02 PM
244	This system is increasingly being abused, with many people using it as an opportunity to evade having to look for work . More scrutiny is needed in vetting applicants, not just throw money at those that don't deserve it. It only takes away from genuine persons in need.	1/5/2023 11:22 AM
245	none	1/5/2023 10:49 AM
246	These services are essential, and need every penny you can raise	1/5/2023 9:48 AM
247	Don't just put Band D and Band A to make it look like it's pennies. Include ALL Bands within the survey.	1/5/2023 9:24 AM
248	Don't just put Band D and Band A to make it look like it's pennies. Include ALL Bands within the survey.	1/5/2023 9:24 AM
249	Once again though, the money needs to be put into the services for residents, not spent on refurbishing buildings for staff. I noted how many offices/buildings were refurbished for social care following the first 2% levy!	1/5/2023 9:13 AM
250	Social care should be supported by government.	1/5/2023 8:30 AM
251	Why increase our council tax, you send enough money to other countries, or spend millions on illegal immigration, start looking after your own country first.	1/5/2023 8:18 AM
252	This is a government funding issue. The local people should not be taxed further.	1/5/2023 8:14 AM
253	As a home owner and with other bills going up ie... gas electric we do jot need more rises in	1/5/2023 8:13 AM

	Council tax	
254	The council must look at their own spending and not attempt to pass the buck onto the struggling public. You have 51 salaried staff earning over £50,000 per annum. This equates to between £3.275M and £3.53M per yer. Look to yourselves first. Look to the government second. Your problems are of your own creation, not mine.	1/5/2023 8:09 AM
255	Having 3 family members already lost their savings and their homes to social care. We certainly shouldn't be paying again	1/5/2023 7:55 AM
256	What this survey doesnt make clear is, do you mean 'another' 67p or is this included in the general increase to service mentioned in Question 1?	1/5/2023 7:43 AM
257	Seems to be needed from what you have stated.	1/5/2023 7:14 AM
258	Again, there should be no increase. Waiting lists for assessments are long anyways.	1/5/2023 6:59 AM
259	This need should be supported by the government, not the people. Everything is already drastically increasing and paying even more for council tax will only have a negative impact.	1/5/2023 2:46 AM
260	Again we have a huge cost of living crisis. More money is not going to lower referrals for support or the increasing demand for services. It is not going to create more beds in homes or support carers in staying in work.	1/4/2023 11:27 PM
261	My mother died waiting for care in her own home, I was told by the bed manager in James Cook University hospital my mum was bed blocking, we begged him to let her stay for one more night whilst my dad awaited pcr results, they kicked her out, in her nightie 10pm at night, dad tested positive the next morning mum was admitted a couple of days later with covid she got off my dad and died 2 weeks later. Still no home care, there is no social services so dont want to pay for a non existant service.	1/4/2023 11:26 PM
262	Adult social care support is essential. However, there are those who need support and cannot get it. As the daughter of someone in their 80s and acting on their behalf I now fully recognise how adult / council services do not support elderly with official systems. People in their 70s/80s DO NOT all know how to use the internet, have wifi or computers. They don't use the internet on mobile phones. Many cannot hear well even with hearing aids. They cannot sit on the telephone for the endless time someone takes to respond or go through the ridiculous press one, press two nonsense on answerphone systems to get to speak to a person. Try to make the systems they are expected to access and use - USER friendly for the elderly.	1/4/2023 10:11 PM
263	I was a full time carer of a vulnerable adult for 5 and a half years. Repeatedly asked for support and was told the services were not available. No point paying money to a service that doesn't exist.	1/4/2023 9:32 PM
264	Why is their a need for more money, again, in line with inflation. Maybe those in power should sort out inflation.	1/4/2023 9:31 PM
265	Everyone should pay same amount..we all get the same care if needed	1/4/2023 9:23 PM
266	Same as previous comment. I'm sceptical as to whether or not the increased pay will improve things	1/4/2023 9:02 PM
267	See previous	1/4/2023 8:53 PM
268	Too many people take advantage of this system, the council should be clamping down on fraudulent claimants rather than continue to fine decent working people.	1/4/2023 8:53 PM
269	The council should be correctly funded by central government, papering the cracks by stealth tax will not allow this to happen.	1/4/2023 8:44 PM
270	We pay enough	1/4/2023 8:18 PM
271	I'm 73 I've been waiting six months for someone to come and see me	1/4/2023 8:12 PM
272	Adult social care is not properly overseen and there will be people who receiving support without it necessarily been needed however some people would be able to manage independently if given the correct training to do so. If services are needed from social care then the individual should at least pay a contribution towards that service from the benefits proportional to what they receive and not to leave them unable to meet their basic needs. There are cases I am aware of where someone is receiving PIP, DLA, Mobility car/ transport	1/4/2023 8:09 PM

and working either legitimately or not alongside receiving services. There needs to be a more thorough assessment in partnership with Department for Benefits, health, social care, the individual and family to ensure all services are proportionate, appropriate and best value.

273	As above	1/4/2023 7:56 PM
274	How is the public expected to cover all the increases of living when their own pay is not being increased. Time the council should start helping its residents not fleecing them.	1/4/2023 7:33 PM
275	Again this council throws good money after bad if it was organised properly money wouldn't be such an issue.	1/4/2023 7:33 PM
276	As long as it is spent properly & wisely on the actual social care & not on council salaries or parties or Micky mouse diversity roles.	1/4/2023 7:21 PM
277	Yet again, hitting the most vulnerable in society with price rises they can't afford.	1/4/2023 6:28 PM
278	If it is used properly	1/4/2023 6:21 PM
279	Surely there is other ways to get this UK cost of living increase back without crippling local business from stopping the punter from buying services in and around little village areas, my wife has a little Beauty Salon in Normanby that will be crippled, hopefully not closed down due to her clients moving to alternative areas that doesn't need parking charges. I'm sure the little village stores and other businesses will feel exactly the same, all this means is the bigger/larger supermarkets etc with its own free parking will win and eventually have nothing left from small business..! I feel very strong about this..! 😡	1/4/2023 6:16 PM
280	Social care needs a lot more financial support and I am prepared for tax ykk ok support this	1/4/2023 6:11 PM
281	I feel it is imperative for adult social services to be a priority for the council.	1/4/2023 5:23 PM
282	As above	1/4/2023 5:21 PM
283	Social care must be a priority	1/4/2023 4:54 PM
284	Should be funded from Central Government	1/4/2023 4:52 PM
285	Too much money is being wasted that the additional costs are inevitable. This will be the same year on year going forward.	1/4/2023 4:33 PM
286	Unable to access social workers as working from home, never answer the phones so unable to provide a service	1/4/2023 4:13 PM
287	Fully fund within social services, rather than paying exorbitant rates to private providers and you shouldn't need this increase.	1/4/2023 3:29 PM
288	I believe we need a strong social care but whether it actually pays for it or your just filling your financial black hole.	1/4/2023 3:05 PM
289	a lot of these people had the same chances as me	1/4/2023 2:50 PM
290	I understand the suggestion for a rise in council tax, however, without a full picture of where the council has and has not spent last years budget. I'm unable to form an opinion either way. What I am concerned with is the suggestion that parking charges could be introduced to park on the coast road in Redcar. This is completely unacceptable! I have lived in Redcar East the majority of my life, the beach is without doubt the single most important part of the area to me, my family, and friends. I park the car there at least once a day to walk my dog (twice on the days I'm off work). To even suggest that people may now have to pay to enjoy this activity is frankly disgraceful! I'm one of many people who use this area to park and enjoy the beach/headlands daily, something that will undoubtedly become unfeasible should charges be introduced, which will have a huge negative impact on many local people's lives. This will force cars further in to the surrounding Redcar East residential areas to park, causing tension with local home owners and no doubt safety issues, considering the extra congestion and that many of these roads feature on local bus routes. Policing this will come at a cost that would surely negate the income generated from charging people to simply enjoy the best our area has to offer, like we always have done...without having to pay a fee. This is the first time I've involved myself in council matters in 40 years, but this is something that I feel very strongly about. I know many people whose daily/weekly trips to the beach (using this parking area) factor hugely in their mental wellbeing, something people are now genuinely concerned and worried about with the announcement of this suggestion. I know many local surfers who share	1/4/2023 2:38 PM

similar concerns with regards to further charges being introduced in areas of Saltburn too. Surfers could now face paying up to £8 to practice their hobby, dog walkers/walkers/families could now face paying over £1 a time to enjoy Redcar's stray and beach area. For me personally, that's daily and twice daily on my days off. That could be nearly or over £20 a week/£80 a month to walk my dog in the same place I always have done for the last 12 years! That is something we cannot accept nor stand for! Charges like these directly discourage local people from living their lives the way they always have, enjoying the natural beauty of their local area. It would directly discourage visitors to the area, visitors who may spend money in local shops, cafes etc. It all seems counterintuitive to boosting local business profits and the physical and mental health of local people. I have raised the issue with Allison Barnes, who agreed with me, whilst explaining the financial difficulty the council faces, this is not the way to generate funds. This would really hit people hard. I sincerely hope the ramifications of this suggestion are fully considered and the idea is scrapped quickly!

291	Clarity that the monies raised would go directly to adult social care. Annual publication of monies raised and detail of how spent.	1/4/2023 1:51 PM
292	As per my comment above.	1/4/2023 1:45 PM
293	As above. Care home bills are increasing due to wage growth, utility costs and food. This will need to be funded by the Council partly through increased council tax income	1/4/2023 1:34 PM
294	I	1/4/2023 1:33 PM
295	Is this in addition to the CT increase?	1/4/2023 1:33 PM
296	We pay tax and national insurance and council tax. Inflation only seems to be affecting bills and not income. When I come rises in-line with inflation... bills should increase at that point	1/4/2023 1:30 PM
297	Please can the increase in change in demand, since pre covid years (18/19 and before) be demonstrated.	1/4/2023 1:22 PM
298	Is this in addition to the 1.99% increase suggested in question 1? There is not enough information to accurately answer this question.	1/4/2023 12:13 PM
299	This was a short term fix and now is a permanent tax, its should nit occur	1/4/2023 10:54 AM
300	This question is unclear - is this increase in addition to that specified in Q1 or included? If included, my answer is Yes	1/4/2023 10:49 AM
301	You have cut some of these services	1/4/2023 10:12 AM
302	Government need to man up and take action instead of using our money for their expenses. Make them take a pay cut instead of increasing our taxes. Half of redcar and Cleveland live below the poverty line as it is. We just can't afford all of these increases.	1/4/2023 10:10 AM
303	Should be higher charges for those in higher bands to encourage the elderly to downsize and free up housing.	1/4/2023 10:06 AM
304	Absolutely not a proposed 3.99% increase on council tax as as a whole would push people further into debt!	1/4/2023 9:15 AM
305	AGAIN you only mention those " receiving full council tax support"	1/4/2023 8:59 AM
306	People pay enough at the moment	1/4/2023 8:56 AM
307	See above comments	1/4/2023 7:33 AM
308	Again find another way to do this instead of taking more money from people who are already struggling.	1/4/2023 7:02 AM
309	As first	1/4/2023 6:56 AM
310	We pay enough! Use funds more wisely.	1/4/2023 6:35 AM
311	Everybody should pay something towards there own	1/4/2023 5:54 AM
312	As above we cannot afford these increases.	1/3/2023 11:34 PM
313	As above we cannot afford these increases.	1/3/2023 11:22 PM
314	Council's need to stop passing the pressures of central budget cuts on to residents who are	1/3/2023 11:14 PM

	struggling with a cost of living crisis. Challenge the government to increase council budgets to accommodate the increases needed to fund the services	
315	Unjabbed carers were fired during Covid and it didn't bother you then.	1/3/2023 11:09 PM
316	Whilst appreciating the need to fund social care, as previously stated, the council cannot continue to just increase council tax which is now a major financial burden for many people.	1/3/2023 11:02 PM
317	Same reason as above	1/3/2023 10:51 PM
318	Again we need more government support	1/3/2023 10:36 PM
319	Instead of RCBC persistently increasing council tax and parking fees , which in the current cost of living crisis is going to put people under even more financial pressure. RCBC should refrain from incompetently wasting money on unnecessary building ventures such as The proposed Redcar Anchor Building , Water Spirts Hub and the Majuba Road Adventure Mini Golf. The cost involved must run into Millions of pounds which could be better invested into providing the necessary funding for the Borough's public service levels instead of taxing the local population. Goodness knows how much money the local authority has already wasted in purchasing 2 shop units on Tedcar High Street in order to demolish to make way for the UNWANTED Anchor Building. In my opinion the councillor's involved in such financial decisions are I'll equipped incompetent and unqualified to do so, which is why RCBC are in such financial dire Straits !!!	1/3/2023 10:04 PM
320	Hospitals are at breaking point and often because there is a delay while people wait for social care	1/3/2023 10:01 PM
321	People can't afford these increases. Social care is a vital service and there should be better government funding.	1/3/2023 9:57 PM
322	You'll take the money as usual but nothing will improve	1/3/2023 9:36 PM
323	The quality of support is pathetic so if there is an increase in precept mirror it in quality of service	1/3/2023 9:20 PM
324	Think you are being cunning confusing people here	1/3/2023 9:11 PM
325	The government should be inputting more into at home care service was unpaid Carer's are saving them a small fortune	1/3/2023 9:03 PM
326	No. As the cost of living goes up adding an extra 67p per week maybe the difference to someone putting the heating on in there house or food in the stomach	1/3/2023 9:03 PM
327	Is this on top of the 1-99%in the previous question ?	1/3/2023 9:01 PM
328	Its a no just because I don't understand what adult social care precept is and what the implications are.	1/3/2023 8:55 PM
329	As above	1/3/2023 8:50 PM
330	What does receiving full council tax support	1/3/2023 8:46 PM
331	We are band D or E but not well off so why should we pay more than others whose rates are cheaper?	1/3/2023 8:37 PM
332	I don't think just increasing taxes is the answer, services should be made more efficient and fit for purpose	1/3/2023 8:36 PM
333	No because the money is not spent on elderly care and not managed efficiently or directly but a bought in service. PLEASE PUBLISH FULL ACCOUNTS SPENT ON DIRECT SERVICES FOR ELDERLY CARE	1/3/2023 8:26 PM
334	Government are supposed to be Levelling up are they going to increase what councils in the north get per person ????	1/3/2023 8:17 PM
335	What exactly is this money being spent on. Your key respite centres such as Gervaux I. Skelton are never taking adults that have been referred to them. Your social care budget is being wasted on Agency staff who are overpaid instead of paying a sensible salary to staff on a permanent contract. You outsource and over pay the companies you outsource to. The council is fiscally irresponsible in this area. Rather than increasing taxes to raise income to fund these lavish excesses you should engage a finance director/profession to get a proper	1/3/2023 8:04 PM

	grip on your spending and budgets (rather than trusting it to senior social workers who no little about finance).	
336	However is this in addition to first cost and how is the cost 1.99% being shown as the same 67p week as 2%?	1/3/2023 8:00 PM
337	I believe that the social care bill should be picked up by the people who require it. Not by families who can't afford to live.	1/3/2023 7:54 PM
338	Again, why is it always council tax that is the go to??? It's too expensive as it is.	1/3/2023 7:54 PM
339	This will cost more for the working people again. People who don't get universal credit. Hard working people paying more than we should.	1/3/2023 7:35 PM
340	Adults can take care of themselves.	1/3/2023 7:05 PM
341	It's an essential service, it has to be done	1/3/2023 7:03 PM
342	Ensure care homes are funded correctly lots of residents still in receipt of full benefits whilst fully funded and others are not (see harmony house as an example) Bring carers services in house Look more closely at property transferred to adult children to avoid care home costs	1/3/2023 6:52 PM
343	Get funding from elsewhere, make them pay	1/3/2023 6:50 PM
344	The rise should be higher for those in higher value properties.	1/3/2023 6:24 PM
345	If this is what it's used for	1/3/2023 6:22 PM
346	This should be covered by regular tax payments	1/3/2023 6:17 PM
347	We have an aging population with co-morbidities which need social care. The maths for keeping the same amount of funding yet treating more people just don't add up. Again, this must be funded and a small rise in council tax is justified.	1/3/2023 6:11 PM
348	Let them use some of there benefits	1/3/2023 5:06 PM
349	FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED ALL THEIR LIVES, AN PAID INTO THE SYSTEM, WE ARE BEING PUNISHED AGAIN.	1/3/2023 4:46 PM
350	No	1/3/2023 4:36 PM
351	We have nothing left to give. You should be ashamed.	1/3/2023 2:27 PM
352	I don't agree with rises in both council tax and adult social care. We have a very high council tax in our area already. Those in more expensive properties pay more for the same or less service. It doesn't mean we have any more disposable income because we live in a nice area/higher band. The increase isn't a small amount with the rises in other bills. I do agree to protect the vulnerable members in our community.	1/3/2023 1:15 PM
353	As a full time carer with zero support I do not support this increase!	1/3/2023 12:22 PM
354	Social care is important and lowers the pressure on NHS	1/3/2023 12:05 PM
355	This should be a Central Government concern!!	1/3/2023 11:34 AM
356	Why should I pay for people poor choices in life.	1/3/2023 11:32 AM
357	Again the council needs to become more efficient the same as other businesses	1/3/2023 11:20 AM
358	Should come from central government this rise	1/3/2023 11:15 AM
359	I'm confused is this an extra 67p on top of the 67p in the previous question as you've quoted 1.99% then 2%	1/3/2023 10:54 AM
360	Councils should pay the full rate for care services and not put the burden on those who are self funding also those who are self funding should not also be expected to pay this addition.	1/3/2023 10:47 AM
361	So is this as well as the council tax increase so the overall increase is £1.34p for D band.	1/3/2023 10:39 AM
362	Lies	1/3/2023 9:42 AM
363	Again live within your means	1/3/2023 9:36 AM

364	I fear there will not be enough carers	1/3/2023 7:32 AM
365	Is this in addition to the increase in the first question? So unclear. Whoever devised this survey needs a different job.	1/2/2023 11:16 PM
366	Too much money is being wasted in other areas which could be used for adult social care services. I'm sure the closing of Belmont House in Guisborough which had running costs of £642k per annum will help with funding in this area.	1/2/2023 9:56 PM
367	There is an increase of 2% in the above question, this would therefore be an increase of 4%.	1/2/2023 8:56 PM
368	No, I have worked all my life, and because I have some savings, I'm not entitled to anything, but a relative, who has never worked has a full care package, it's not a fair system!!	1/2/2023 4:08 PM
369	I would willingly pay extra for adult social care.	1/2/2023 3:55 PM
370	Yes it it really does go to theses services	1/2/2023 3:14 PM
371	2% on two different questions would equate to a 4% rise.	1/2/2023 2:49 PM
372	As above	1/2/2023 12:27 PM
373	The service doesn't work now and cannot see that changing no matter how much money is thrown at it.	1/2/2023 12:25 PM
374	I already am to pay increased taxes. I am not paying this twice. The Council had an excellent youth intervention team challenging young people and parents about their behaviour and how this affects them and others. The Council paid for empty beds following Covid. Perhaps leading on the success of Eston, could the Council not deliver residential elderly care itself? No issue paying for good care, but much care is poor and does not look to creating a good standard of living for residents. If the residents have to be inventive about how their budgets are used, ask businesses to do likewise.	1/2/2023 12:06 PM
375	Not sure how this would benefit those who have worked all their lives, paid contributions and when they need help have to use all their savings and assets to pay for care and support.	1/2/2023 11:53 AM
376	Manage the purse strings better!	1/2/2023 9:48 AM
377	stop wasting money, ie: the Normanby election cost 11k and it starts all over again in April	1/2/2023 7:56 AM
378	Again, this needs to be addressed as we could all require this service in the future	1/2/2023 7:19 AM
379	The NHS should be more funded not private sector with tax payments	1/2/2023 7:05 AM
380	More money should be spent more wisely on Social care!	1/2/2023 12:01 AM
381	The government already makes the majority of people receiving care pay towards it. I feel that yes services are underfunded but this is due to the Tory government trying to privatise everything. People cannot afford gas and electric as it is. It's a big vicious cycle that we can't seem to get out. Everything is rising in price other than wages.	1/1/2023 11:33 PM
382	Budget management needs to be sorted and training provided so budgets are not waisting on none beneficial services or unwanted managements teams	1/1/2023 9:27 PM
383	We are contributing enough th as it is	1/1/2023 8:48 PM
384	You need to learn how to run things properly	1/1/2023 8:47 PM
385	ONLY YOU ARE GENUINE CASE	1/1/2023 8:46 PM
386	Care services are desperately underfunded and the elderly in particular require support from all of us.	1/1/2023 7:37 PM
387	Care services are desperately underfunded and the elderly in particular require support from all of us.	1/1/2023 7:22 PM
388	I hope the council will be open and honest about the spending of our council taxes.	1/1/2023 6:18 PM
389	Would not agree to this as most people that pay are not benefiting from it, i.e., people that have worked for living and saved for their future.	1/1/2023 12:00 PM
390	I believe the infrastructure needs correcting before any further increase, wait times and support	1/1/2023 10:12 AM

	have always been delayed an increase will not correct this without the processes being overhauled first.	
391	It's important to continue these services as it keeps people out of hospital and a decrease would impact the health service as a whole.	1/1/2023 8:31 AM
392	Whilst agreeing that there needs to be provision for social care, the council cannot simply keep raising taxes by these amounts every year. Again, reduce staffing, reduce number of councillors and there allowances. Stop imposing more financial hardship on people every year.	1/1/2023 12:03 AM
393	Make the council tax the same across the towns as some pay more than others for their banding	12/31/2022 6:11 PM
394	The resident and carers have paid enough NI contributions towards this service I believe we are being used as lining other peoples pockets	12/31/2022 5:48 PM
395	This should come direct from the Government. They must take responsibility for the issues their policies have caused.	12/31/2022 5:00 PM
396	This would help with the backlog in hospitals and gps too.	12/31/2022 4:54 PM
397	More money needs to go into this sector.	12/31/2022 4:33 PM
398	Make sure Guisborough gets there share	12/31/2022 4:25 PM
399	Something has to be done re: the Social Care System. Money is important but could probably do with a complete overhaul. I honestly don't know much about it but it seems to have been unworkable for decades , not just down to the Tory government!	12/31/2022 4:20 PM
400	But needs to come out of the " daft ideas" budget.	12/31/2022 4:00 PM
401	We pay enough taxes in everything	12/31/2022 3:05 PM
402	So the full increase in council tax would go fully to adult social care. Or have is the questionnaire misleading. There is a need to improve adult social care but not enough detail to support at this point as cannot see how logistically this is possible.	12/31/2022 2:50 PM
403	As above, now is not the time to squeeze harder on already struggling families.	12/31/2022 2:22 PM
404	I have said "no" because this is not clear. Is this ontop of the 1.99% mentioned at the top or in addition to it? This is not transparent.	12/31/2022 1:51 PM
405	Reduce the number of managers in the system and save money.	12/31/2022 1:50 PM
406	People and their families should shoulder more of the burden. We have all our lives to plan for old age. I'd rather give the youngsters somewhere to live.	12/31/2022 1:49 PM
407	Nor currently using this service but likely to need it soon.	12/31/2022 1:39 PM
408	Pay enjoy council tax, perhaps MPs forgo pay rises	12/31/2022 1:02 PM
409	Same as above comment. The council should consider its spend on staffing. It has just appointed a second Assistant Director for Adult services. A totally unacceptable additional spend when the LA are already short of money!! The LA should be looking at staff retention, find out why staff are REALLY leaving their employment and joining neighbouring LAs!	12/31/2022 12:34 PM
410	Again I am a single, Lone parent, it my wages and no one else's who pays my bills. Any increases, how ever small affect by budget and what I can afford to do with my daughter. Make cuts to the wages of the people who sit in offices and don't do anything all day apart from try to get more money out of the residents of Guisborough, who don't see anything for the council tax we pay!	12/31/2022 12:31 PM
411	I only agree if this money is ringfenced for Adults Social care	12/31/2022 11:23 AM
412	CAN YOU.GUARANTEE IT WILL GO.TO SOCIAL CARE AND NOT IN YOUR POCKETS OR GOD FORBID REDCAR	12/31/2022 11:22 AM
413	I am a user of some services the delays are horrendous as is.	12/31/2022 11:09 AM
414	Social care for all should be free and not means tested	12/31/2022 11:09 AM
415	You already get Government (taxpayer) cash for the social care precept. You cannot expect to	12/30/2022 4:41 PM

	increase everything and not face a backlash. The taxpayer will have nothing left to live on. As a pensioner, this means I must choose to eat or heat.	
416	Why should this be linked to council tax?	12/29/2022 11:21 AM
417	I diaagree that reaidenta who already spend their own money caring for family should.have to subsidise thozе whos familys get financial support through many other means and benefits.	12/29/2022 11:08 AM
418	Why should this be linked to council tax?	12/29/2022 11:03 AM
419	About time high packages of care were reassessed and savings made! Massive savings to be made here Both care in the community and residentilal	12/29/2022 6:04 AM
420	So is this a guarantee of no delays. This survey is biased and poorly put together. You should be embarrassed and ashamed by the lies you are perpetuating.	12/26/2022 8:52 PM
421	There was the words 'risk' and 'may' mentioned. There should be no unnecessary rises in a time of crisis and extreme financial hardship for so many people, for something that may not happen.	12/26/2022 1:18 AM
422	There is already a delay and poor resources.	12/26/2022 12:50 AM
423	Adults with autism should receive much more help and this increase should go towards helping adults with autism	12/25/2022 9:22 PM
424	My mum is supported by the health call this helps her stay in her own home	12/24/2022 9:08 PM
425	This new precept should be dealt with by central government and not passed to local authorities. Again this is just central government passing the buck. They are a disgrace.	12/24/2022 10:17 AM
426	Again poor management and deligation of funds is responsible for lack of services. Services are not improved, RCBC seem unable to not waste funds. Shame on you.	12/23/2022 10:08 PM
427	As above, it is not the right time to put extra pressure on households and families	12/23/2022 8:59 PM
428	Culture is part of this budget surely this is not an essential service there fore why is this budget not been reviewed and staff structure decreased to help for the essential services of adult and children ?	12/23/2022 7:02 PM
429	I agree with increasing the adult care budget. However, adult care needs to review how they commission and contract with providers as they are unnecessarily wasting money. Managers need to have an understanding of contracts and finances and stop putting people at risk and increasing complaints. For example most providers have a week's cancellation policy for their services. Unfortunately your managers don't understand the implications of this as one of your managers terminated a care package because "it was too expensive" and then arranged for an alternative care package to be delivered by another company, as a consequence of the cancellation policy, the result was: the local authority still had to pay the costs of the "terminated" care package for a week as they failed to give notice, and they then increased their costs by paying the new provider for a service to be delivered whilst still paying the other provider to do nothing! If costs are to be saved they should have given the first provider notice to terminate and then commenced the new provider the day the contract ended; not paying both at the same time.	12/23/2022 2:17 PM
430	Social care is in crisis people are stuck in hospital far too long blocking beds . Which then adds to wards full of healthy people with no where to go . Should never been privately owned homes they are only in it for profit !	12/23/2022 10:45 AM
431	The council needs to find an alternative way of funding this other than increasing council tax bills.	12/23/2022 7:02 AM
432	Don't believe any of it provides services for social care .	12/23/2022 6:58 AM
433	Social care needs reviewing as there are many who receive benefits beyond what is reasonable.	12/23/2022 5:28 AM
434	In the current cost of living crisis the proposed increases are ludicrous	12/23/2022 2:41 AM
435	People are struggling	12/22/2022 8:41 PM
436	This should be funded by the Government using the taxes and NI that these people needing support have paid all their working lives	12/22/2022 8:06 PM

437	My mother receives no financial support for private nursing home fees. She's had to sell our family home to cover these and receives no better care than those getting it paid for by social care. Totally unfair.	12/22/2022 6:16 PM
438	As stated previously stop increasing tax and spending it on stupid, unnecessary things. You don't support carers regardless if you increase the tax.	12/22/2022 3:58 PM
439	Funding for social care is essential the proposed increase is necessary and if anything too low.	12/22/2022 1:46 PM
440	Should be funded nationally	12/22/2022 12:45 PM
441	Only agree if it's actually used for that purpose	12/22/2022 11:42 AM
442	Adult and social care should be means tested and the council should be strict and have annual checks on the people using and needing the service too many people use the service when they could be able to afford things themselves like paying for taxis to get children to school themselves	12/22/2022 11:35 AM

Q3 The council manages its Capital Investment Plan on a rolling basis, investing in infrastructure to maintain service delivery and in projects to stimulate sustainable growth in the borough. The money which funds our projects is provided to the council as specific grants which cannot be used for any other purpose. We cannot use this money to fund our day-to-day services. The plan includes aims to reduce our carbon emissions through more use of renewable energy sources and electric vehicles, help residents to live more independently with more disabled facilities and adaptations in their own homes, maintain the borough's road network, and provide the right facilities and accommodation for the children in our care. Our major regeneration projects include the delivery of extensive plans through the Redcar Town Deal and Loftus Future High Street Fund. Overall, for every £1 invested by the Council we will attract £2 of external funding, increasing the value generated by our investment. Do you have any comments about the Council's proposed Capital Investment Plan?

Answered: 779 Skipped: 2,235

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Why are we not seeing any of this money being invested in Guisborough!?? With all due respect, Redcar & especially Lotus are not towns which are likely to attract people from outside of the North East. Neither are appealing with the violence & drug related issues that are well known to take place in these areas. Guisborough needs additional support from the Council to help businesses stay open and attract people to come & visit.	1/17/2023 11:18 PM
2	There is not only REDCAR that needs regeneration.	1/17/2023 5:00 PM
3	There is no point in regeneration if nobody has any money to spend. Do you think about the maintainable costs of all of this regeneration you won't be getting £2 for every £1 spent on that	1/17/2023 2:50 PM
4	Be open and transparent about what is coming in, and what is being spent. Though the public will be shocked at the actual costs. What has been earmarked for the the proposed Rural Prosperity Funding? Have rural communities and businesses been engaged with this? Children's Services appear to be failing the most vulnerable, leading to more families not managing and needing a higher level of intervention. In the short term, this is hard for those involved, in the medium and long term it can be a disaster not just for them but for the wider society. What is there needs to be supported whilst improvement are introduced.	1/16/2023 4:55 PM
5	See previous comments	1/16/2023 12:27 PM
6	Don't do this because investing money into Redcar is a waste of time. It's a lost cause just admit it. You're just fueling the druggies and installing worthless garbage that nobody will care about. People in redcar only care about drugs and ciggies. Invest money where it's not just being burnt (quite literally) like Guisborough! Guisborough is actually a decent looking town where people would like to visit. I don't imagine many people abroad look at Redcar and say "let's go there kids". Probably because if they did go their kids would turn into alcoholics. On the other hand, Guisborough is somewhat attractive and clean in comparison to such a place. Invest money where it's worth while. And as for Loftus, you may as well shove £100k up your arse. If you put the money towards updating Guisborough's highstreet it will actually be worthwhile for tourism. To conclude, why would we want to put our OWN money towards a wreck of a town, towards drug trafficking?? All the best, a Guisborough resident.	1/15/2023 4:57 PM

7	Too much money has been spent on unnecessary projects. It is wasteful and should be able to be redirected to where it is needed most, not on these 'schemes'. If this money cannot be allocated to other resources it needs to be addressed by central government to change this wasteful use of funding.	1/14/2023 4:03 PM
8	Redcar has had plenty of money through previous schemes	1/14/2023 11:25 AM
9	Skelton has a lovely High Street, with a very small car park. People visit the High Street to shop, meet friends for coffee, etc. If the proposed on Street parking charges come into effect, it will kill our High Street. Shops/cafes will most likely close, due to lack of customers, which in turn will make the High Street into a ghost town. It will also cut off elderly and people with mobility issues, who rely on their cars to park on the road, while going to the post office, bakers or butchers.	1/14/2023 8:43 AM
10	No.	1/13/2023 3:21 PM
11	There has been talk for yeras about improvements but vert little to no action	1/13/2023 7:57 AM
12	Yes! Why does all of the money always go to Redcar? If you want to attract people into the area, so as to generate revenue from tourism and higher footfall, then invest in somewhere that is appealing and where people are more likely to go, e.g. Guisborough. Think of the numbers who go to Yarm and Northallerton, because of their High Streets. Guisborough could have the same and more because of its proximity to the woods and North York Moors. Instead, it's sunk into Redcar, with no signs of any improvements. Similarly, what is the purpose of investing in Loftus? Money should be shared more fairly.	1/12/2023 7:31 PM
13	Agree with proposal	1/12/2023 3:14 PM
14	Imposing Parking Fees on Marske by Sea car parks is not legal as that land was bequeathed to the residents of Marske by Lord Zetland. The Council made the same mistake several years ago and had to change their plans. I understand the land catering for the car parks at Kirkleatham Museum and the walled garden were also left in trust to the people of Kirkleatham.	1/12/2023 2:43 PM
15	There is a fundamental flaw in the plans to introduce parking charges at Guisborough and Loftus. The aim to stimulate economic growth is in contradiction to penalising and discouraging visitors who would be spending money at businesses in these areas. We already have what looks like a dystopian shopping centre in Redcar where visitors have historically been put off of visiting; resulting in empty retail stores, a proliferation of charity shops, pie shops and low end discounters. This is in spite of the natural pull that Redcar should have given its geography and demographic size - a really pretty location - with a huge population with no choice but to go elsewhere for their social, entertainment and shopping needs. I know there is great work going on in Redcar - but this is to redress the type of actions the council is about to unleash upon Guisborough and Loftus.	1/12/2023 2:41 PM
16	Always too focused on Redcar and not surrounding towns, e.g. Guisborough. We have been waiting more than 2 years to get the roads repaired where we live. Should be roads be general maintenance and not 'capital investment'	1/12/2023 1:13 PM
17	Finding is focused a lot on Redcar, and main areas miss out finding should be allocated more fairly, maybe by revenue of a town or number of residents.	1/12/2023 10:42 AM
18	I principle this seems to be acceptable but I do note that Guisborough does not enter into the Redcar and Cleveland considerations any where except to grab as much money from the residents as it possibly can.	1/12/2023 9:49 AM
19	The council need to stop wasting money. They spent a lot on the beacon which is now a white elephant, have a huge building at Belmont House which will become a waste of space and continously seem to think these big open spaces are what people want.	1/12/2023 8:43 AM
20	How would the improvements affect us traffic ?	1/12/2023 7:05 AM
21	It would be good to see more money being spent in Guisborough.	1/12/2023 5:45 AM
22	Who decides on 'the plan'! Every £1 invested could be wasted! When will the people of Redcar have a say?	1/12/2023 4:27 AM
23	Use best quotes from local businesses rather than be committed to extremely expensive businesses that inflate prices once they are guaranteed the business. Improvements need to continue but costs need to be under control. External funding must be sourced	1/12/2023 12:07 AM

24	Maybe stop wasting money on new buildings when there are building for for purpose already within R&C such as Redcar library	1/11/2023 11:11 PM
25	Again referring to the provision of facilities in disabled residents homes. Who are actually getting these because it's clearly apparent this Council is not even following the letter of the law in the Care Act 2014 resulting in needless tragic consequences in my Mams case. In reference to money being spent in our towns, this Council is also spinning the same yarn at every budget because very little progress is made with the clear decline of our high streets yet this Council will pick on single residents out to pick on for misconceived court actions support by its cronies in the courts.	1/11/2023 9:10 PM
26	Why is your "plan" to "aim" to do something. Surely the plan should be you saying "we are going to do this in order to achieve this". There are no details on what the Capital Investment Plan is so how can we comment on it?	1/11/2023 7:47 PM
27	I don't believe investing in the electric car chargers is a good use of funds, investment in energy efficient housing projects such as solar would be better	1/11/2023 7:44 PM
28	Redcar used to be attractive to visitors now full of charity shops, nothing worthwhile to see & so needs an overhaul it's just a dump	1/11/2023 7:40 PM
29	Do not agree with the funding of renewable energy projects because I do not think they are value for money. Electric vehicles are too costly to purchase and a costly draw on our energy resources when they need charging	1/11/2023 6:34 PM
30	You want to spent millions on these fantastic villages/towns. Then you want to charge for parking. That will make them ghost towns. so why spend the money.	1/11/2023 5:15 PM
31	Please remember there are many villages under your jurisdiction, not just Redcar.	1/11/2023 5:06 PM
32	No	1/11/2023 4:48 PM
33	Agree as long as proper monitoring and review of placements are in place and there is an overseeing committee who decides on placements	1/11/2023 3:43 PM
34	Perhaps the council will consider giving Guisborough it's proportional share of council expenditure, instead of 'wasting' it at Redcar.	1/11/2023 3:01 PM
35	Yet again Redcar sees another investment. There are other towns.	1/11/2023 3:01 PM
36	See above, All the money spent on Loftus and Redcar. Where is the regeneration in East Cleveland?	1/11/2023 2:47 PM
37	There are other areas in East Cleveland, which have not seen any investment of any kind in years, the outlying villages in particular, pavements, and roads have detariated greatly, it is recognised that redca and lotus need help, but so does all the villages, we pay our rates as well, but receive only basic services, .	1/11/2023 2:23 PM
38	"Overall, for every £1 invested by the Council we WILL attract £2 of external funding" what data or study is this statement based on? Or do you already have external funding secured? Which you can share to prove the statement to be correct?	1/11/2023 2:16 PM
39	yes mostly apart from getting a totally useless art gallery	1/11/2023 1:31 PM
40	No to any car parking fees	1/11/2023 1:30 PM
41	Electric cars are not needed now why are you going to replace existing vehicles now with them. Hold off until you can afford them. What is the rush?	1/11/2023 1:20 PM
42	Don't have enough information to comment.	1/11/2023 12:56 PM
43	What about Guisborough, and villages which is poorly funded, Redcar had million of pound spent on peir, cinema up grade on the front area.	1/11/2023 12:33 PM
44	None	1/11/2023 11:36 AM
45	The loftus high street funds have been granted years ago, when will the results be finally visible? Loftus used to be a trendy town with cinemas and was well known in the area.	1/11/2023 8:55 AM
46	It's ridiculous	1/11/2023 6:55 AM

47	If it's paid parking yes	1/11/2023 5:23 AM
48	Brotton?	1/11/2023 12:30 AM
49	No	1/10/2023 9:27 PM
50	We are being blackmailed by the green lobby and I personally do not agree with it	1/10/2023 9:13 PM
51	No	1/10/2023 9:09 PM
52	Yes. Fill the empty shops on the already half abandoned High Street, rather than investing money into making new shops and what will pretty much be a wind tunnel on the high street.	1/10/2023 8:53 PM
53	Spend it in the Borough fairly. Stop putting all resources into Redcar. Other parts of the Borough pay Council tax too.	1/10/2023 7:23 PM
54	no	1/10/2023 7:20 PM
55	Concentrate on looking after tax payers money, rather than chasing some flower power idea your going to save the planet. You should also look at moving some areas of the council back to there rightful boundrys. I.E. back into North Yorkshire maybe that way you can support Redcar and not rub salt in peoples eyes when it comes to walking away saying sorry no money left.	1/10/2023 6:39 PM
56	What about investment in Guisborough? The Town Hall is a disgrace it looks unfinished and dirty. The High Street is in decay and your answer is to increase parking charges that no one can afford at the moment with the current inflation problem. Car parking at the Forest Walk walkway is now causing people to avoid paying by parking on Farndale Drive. I have lived on TS14 8JX for 36 years and have never known it being such a problem. On a weekend they are parked near Lyndale right along Farndale Drive and it is an accident waiting to happen because it is impossible to get past all the parked cars. When is Guisborough going to get a decent swimming pool? It just keeps getting refurbished. It should have been knocked down and rebuilt years ago.	1/10/2023 6:05 PM
57	If you implement the parking charge proposals you'll be wasting the money as no one will pay those increases. Do you want to destroy local businesses?? Madness!!	1/10/2023 5:49 PM
58	there's a cost of living crisis. Do not pass on the costs of non-essentials to residents.	1/10/2023 5:46 PM
59	Hope the money is put to good use as this Council seems to waste money with stupid projects that may look good but are not sustainable and are not maintained.	1/10/2023 5:38 PM
60	Quite a lot has been spent on Redcar and still no improvement - get Guisborough sorted out	1/10/2023 4:01 PM
61	No	1/10/2023 3:15 PM
62	Always the focus is Redcar! Spend some money elsewhere. We've been waiting three years for your workman to come back and repaint yellow lines that they dug up in TS6.	1/10/2023 2:31 PM
63	Any growth will come from three principal sources which are industry, retail and leisure. All three have been heavily impacted by Covid 19 and the resulting recession. Your budget proposals for car parking charges will impact both retail and leisure.	1/10/2023 12:05 PM
64	As a Guisborough resident, I've been disappointed with the apparently relentless emphasis on capital investment in Redcar, presumably at the expense of such investment in this town and elsewhere.	1/10/2023 11:56 AM
65	Start by banning log burners. The pollution is horrendous	1/10/2023 11:55 AM
66	No	1/10/2023 11:54 AM
67	No	1/10/2023 11:47 AM
68	Keep it going Invest in something for the youth. Not the elderly as elderly people will die soon. We need to interest the youth in Guisborough	1/10/2023 11:10 AM
69	No	1/10/2023 10:37 AM
70	Investment now will attract more funding in the future	1/10/2023 10:35 AM
71	You propose Capital Investment for Redcar and Loftus, but as usual Guisborough is missed out as the 'poor relation' yet again	1/10/2023 10:19 AM

72	No	1/10/2023 9:41 AM
73	Throwing away money. Surely the money can be spent on other council services.	1/10/2023 9:17 AM
74	Need to stop pollution from all the log burners. What happened to smokeless fuel laws? It's like going back fifty years	1/10/2023 9:10 AM
75	No	1/10/2023 8:11 AM
76	Encourage the and bring forward the use of alternative electric vehicles (electric scooters) for short journeys which reduces emissions and reduces congestion in our town.	1/10/2023 7:01 AM
77	Invest in Guisborough- consult the people and stop spending on rubbish projects in Redcar - we in Guisborough don't benefit from them but have funding taken from us!	1/10/2023 12:04 AM
78	I don't understand what you have written	1/9/2023 11:44 PM
79	.money definitely needs to be spent on our high streets and providing useful things in the area, like a bowling Alley, or an areana these investments would have a massive positive effect on the surrounding areas bringing revenue into the tired areas creating more jobs.	1/9/2023 10:40 PM
80	More investment in young peoples services is needed	1/9/2023 10:33 PM
81	again, money siphoned to Loftus and Redcar and other places are ignored. Electric vehicles are an expensive luxury at a time when you are asking to increase council tax. There are cheaper options which have a similar carbon footprint.	1/9/2023 10:03 PM
82	More investment and well thought out planning is required for cycling infrastructure, particularly in Guisborough. Secure cycle storage in the high street would promote active travel, as would safe cycling links through to Middlesbrough	1/9/2023 9:44 PM
83	It's not just Redcar and Loftus that needCapital investment! The parks in Skelton, Brotton and Saltburn are awful, broken and old.	1/9/2023 8:52 PM
84	Regarding Electric vehicles, please do look at the full implications that charging of vehicles will have on the grid. Eg, if more 2 vehicles in a small street were charging, this could result in power outages due to overloading the grid in that area.	1/9/2023 8:46 PM
85	You say the money comes from outside funding. You spend time and money facilitating these schemes so stop that and you'll save money. Eg why does Redcar need another street leading to the sea front? There is already a street each side of the proposed development.	1/9/2023 8:11 PM
86	It seems you are only spending to get double external funding! How can we afford electric cars in the first place, therefore putting more charging points in loftus car park and then charging to park is ridiculous	1/9/2023 7:50 PM
87	Would like to understand where the money is used and should be down to public consultation	1/9/2023 7:45 PM
88	Loftus ,for the population has had more than its fair share of funding the independent leader or the council seems to divert as much funding to that area leaving Eston and Normanby totally underfunded	1/9/2023 7:38 PM
89	What is this for, more funding for Redcar!	1/9/2023 7:37 PM
90	What about investing in Eston it is dire it needs a whole new makeover half the shops are shut the other half take aways disgraceful. Been left for the last 25/ 30 years to go to rack and ruin.	1/9/2023 6:31 PM
91	Charging for parking in Gboro. As a resident I pop to the high street a few times a week to shop, go to the cafe and the library. I would not be able to afford to pay for parking at £1.70 a time. The businesses are going to be negatively affected as you can park for free at other places.	1/9/2023 6:25 PM
92	Still no mention of Guisborough. This Capital Investment plan overlooks our town.	1/9/2023 6:13 PM
93	Please do not create projects/ buildings without guarantee of on-going maintenance. Too many projects can be seen to decline without ongoing support.	1/9/2023 6:10 PM
94	Don't focus on Redcar and other 'deprived' areas. Towns such as Guisborough contribute a large percentage of council tax and therefore there should also be focus on these areas for investment.	1/9/2023 5:59 PM

95	Whats happening in guisborough	1/9/2023 5:29 PM
96	It would be nice if Guisborough got a bit more investment, rather than a majority going to Redcar	1/9/2023 5:04 PM
97	I'd like to know more about this.	1/9/2023 4:45 PM
98	No	1/9/2023 4:41 PM
99	Where is the investment in Guisborough?	1/9/2023 4:39 PM
100	As far as I can see, Guisborough is being used as a cash cow to subsidise Redcar and the rest of the places in the industrial periphery of Middlesbrough, eg Eston and South Bank.	1/9/2023 4:11 PM
101	Why does Redcar always get pay outs to update facilities Eston is in a state and nothing happens.	1/9/2023 3:44 PM
102	It won't work, the council haven't got anything quite right yet in Redcar, destroyed the high street, too many charity shops. The Hub was a waste of money, and the cinema took forever.	1/9/2023 3:38 PM
103	Clearly the council need to invest - however at times of financial uncertainty there are certain things which it would be more sensible to put on hold. The result of trying to increase revenue for the Council by increasing charges leads to knock on effects that have a detrimental impact on existing services. I am very concerned about the proposed increases and introduction of parking charges in almost every area of the Borough. Firstly this needs the installation of equipment to collect the charges - and the provision of staff to empty, maintain and monitor them. If it is considered necessary to have remote payment systems this would cause huge problems for people who are less confident with mobile technology. Additionally, the electric car charging points are within car parks - would people have to pay to park as well as to charge their vehicles? This does nothing to incentivise changing to electric vehicles. The extent of the proposed charges to even include a dropping off charge is almost laughable. Secondly - this will cause huge problems for visitors to High Streets which are just managing to see an upturn in their businesses - basically it will kill the High Streets - they will lose custom to out of town shopping areas where there is free parking and free bus service. The cafes and beauty businesses will also suffer. Where off street and residential parking is available, people will abandon their car parks and head for alternative spaces. Redcar is very difficult to park in - so I avoid going there - I am obviously not the only one as the shops etc have become empty or turned into charity shops. As such it is requiring considerable investment to regenerate it. What about volunteers - many places rely on volunteers - are they going to have to pay parking charges to carry out their volunteering? What about areas where the public car park is the main parking place for people visiting the doctors surgery? Not fair at all. I also feel that the filth on our High Streets needs addressing. Walking the children to school involves keeping a sharp eye on the ground to avoid dog dirt, vomit and food waste.	1/9/2023 1:30 PM
104	Renewables electric vehicles are not zero carbon !	1/9/2023 11:27 AM
105	The Redcar high street building needs looking at. everything the council build is a mutli use hub. We need something that can return the Council's investment.	1/9/2023 11:21 AM
106	You are trying to regenerate local high streets like Loftus but are also planning entirely new parking charges which are quite frankly punitive and will DETER residents and visitors alike from using these high streets and local businesses. Skelton retail park has entirely free parking. Where do you think people will go?	1/9/2023 10:26 AM
107	TS6????? The usual areas funded and the usual areas neglected.	1/9/2023 10:05 AM
108	invest in somewhere other than redcar because thats where all the money always goes	1/9/2023 9:28 AM
109	I feel that other parts of the Borough are being neglected by lack of investment. Eston WAS allocated regeneration funding years ago which the current council members decided to re-allocate elsewhere; Teesville and Normanby are also in need of an upgrade; Normanby Road itself needs immediate attention, especially on the approach to Normanby crossroads.	1/9/2023 8:39 AM
110	Disappointment in the amount of investment that occurs in Redcar as apposed to Guisborough. Investing in Guisborough would surely generate more revenue.	1/8/2023 11:09 PM
111	No	1/8/2023 11:06 PM
112	Capital investment funds should come from central government.	1/8/2023 10:39 PM

113	People are struggling to pay their energy bills so how many people are planning to invest in electric vehicles?? Details of plans would be helpful instead of mentioning redcar and loftus 'plans'	1/8/2023 10:17 PM
114	How can you have sustainable growth, when the council is only planning and investing in 2 areas, Loftus and Redcar. Leaving the rest of the borough Greater Eston behind. The massive house building programme in Greater Eston, will bring in lots of council tax, but with nothing for families, no support for young people, or the elderly. The death knell for our town and local centres, Eston and Normanby has been at the bottom of the priorities of this council. Affecting the health, wellbeing and mental health of our residents. Which goes against the councils mantra in its local plan, for a diverse borough for all residents and business. Adopted by the full council.	1/8/2023 9:57 PM
115	High Street retailing, as it has been from the 1960s to the present, will continue to decline. Owners of semi derelict units need to be legislated better so that the prevalence of urban eyesores is ended.	1/8/2023 9:31 PM
116	Poor roads surfaces and infrasture. Councils needs to consider more thoroughly planning applications appertaining to traffic increase, flow and managements. Huge mistakes have already been made, allowing the Trunk Road, Normanby Road, Normanby High Street Crossroad, over capacity and dangerous at times. Going against consultants advice at the time presented to the planning committee. Councils regeneration has been tunnel vision, focused only on Loftus and Redcar. Leaving behind the so called Greater Eston in Limbo, Eston Town Centre, Normanby, Eston Recreation and Swimming Baths. The council has also had to steer its own funding into Loftus and Redcar to support their proposals. etc. This has been totally unfair, especially as one third of the councils population lives in the so called Greater Eston Area. There is a lack of poor youth services and support for the young people of this area and the borough.	1/8/2023 9:29 PM
117	Remember Guisborough is part of R&C evtra housing recently needs increasing of school and medical facilities	1/8/2023 9:12 PM
118	Also it would be a good idea to let the group of Redcar Business men build the new Coatham Arena (provided they provide all funds for building, and a healthy contingency for extra work required....all deposited into bank) as it would be income generating for the pubs/restaurants of Redcar (and by default be good for the area!!)... and i dont live in redcar as your not asking!!	1/8/2023 9:12 PM
119	The people of Redcar and Cleveland have spent years watching 'investments' going into Redcar that no-one cares about, such as the vertical pier. I'm worried that the council will continue to fund regeneration projects in Redcar that are a waste of tax payers money.	1/8/2023 8:43 PM
120	Concentrate on practical requirements which residents, not visitors, need. Refuse the frills... fancy signage, expensive art work, elaborate design. Plain and simple can still be attractive. Art from residents, young and old, is more interesting and better than paying huge fees to a professional. Do some research and find ways to get the right shops to Redcar....shops for local residents, including those who used to travel to Redcar when M&S was here.	1/8/2023 8:04 PM
121	There are other towns/villages desperate need of regeneration other than Redcar like eston square normanby and many others	1/8/2023 7:57 PM
122	Most people in this area cannot afford an electric vehicle, so that part of the plan should be put on hold. Also, the Loftus plan cannot attract people to the town if, as proposed, all car parks are to charge. We will be bypassed as folk will go to shop in free retail parks nearby.	1/8/2023 7:28 PM
123	It has all been focused on Loftus and Redcar. Why. Leaving behind the other 3rd of the borough, the councils so called Greater Eston. Which nearly a third of the population of Redcar and Cleveland live. The council has seemingly also steered councils funding into these projects in Redcar and Loftus. The council has failed the residents in this part of the borough and should actly received a reduced council tax bill.	1/8/2023 7:10 PM
124	I feel the carbon emissions part of the plan should be put on hold, most people in this area cannot afford an electric vehicle just now, and should wait for the national plan for renewables to become a realistic project.	1/8/2023 7:02 PM
125	No	1/8/2023 6:54 PM
126	No	1/8/2023 6:49 PM
127	No, if its not going to cost us more in council tax and its going to bring more to the area, then	1/8/2023 5:51 PM

its a good idea. However if this involves whacking parking fees everywhere across the Borough then I don't think it's a good idea, we live right behind Skelton high street. If parking charges are brought in on the High Street, people will block our road even more than it already is with residents, we don't want people blocking or parking on our drive to avoid parking charges as part of fund raising ideas.

128	Some investment in Guisborough is required.	1/8/2023 5:32 PM
129	All lies.	1/8/2023 5:01 PM
130	What about Eston & Normanby? For too long Eston and Normanby have been looked past. The money already spent in Redcar has been a waste, the vertical pier for one, the shelters/bus stops that are filled with drunk/druggies. Time to start investing in other areas	1/8/2023 4:32 PM
131	Why does the Council's economic plan only mention Redcar and East Cleveland? Do you forget you serve other areas of the Borough? Have you been to the forgotten areas of the Borough recently? Unfortunately until you recognise and start to show more of an interest in the rest of the Borough, I and many other residents of TS6 and surrounding areas will be unable to support he council in their short sighted and narrow minded plans.	1/8/2023 4:24 PM
132	Our comments are as above, we cannot afford and increases in council tax or otherwise, again the council should lobby the government for support especially as they promised to level up the Noth South balance of funding and investment. Most of our industry has gone now.	1/8/2023 4:16 PM
133	Why is nothing seemingly getting invested in Guisborough? It's always Redcar ir East Cleveland	1/8/2023 4:06 PM
134	We've had terrible road conditions for use, with many roads neglected.	1/8/2023 3:49 PM
135	Yes . The money always seems to go to the same areas every time . As above Redcar and Loftus. It's about time those places took a back seat and money was channeled into other areas of the borough. Redcar especially has had thousands spent there recently what with various projects other places such as Guisborough get a new flower planter and proposed car parking charges .	1/8/2023 3:18 PM
136	Add more services to the hospital And make Redcar more attached to businesses rather than chasing them out....	1/8/2023 3:07 PM
137	No comment	1/8/2023 1:55 PM
138	Smaller villages are forgotten, which seems to be the norm.	1/8/2023 1:45 PM
139	Providing these funds are proportionally divided between the towns I have no issue.	1/8/2023 1:11 PM
140	No	1/8/2023 12:29 PM
141	No	1/8/2023 12:18 PM
142	The Council continues to pore money into Redcar without considering the needs and viability of other important areas of the Borough. Guisborough being a classic example. To make matters worse, you are proposing to introduce car parking charges into the town centre which is going to turn people away from the town, particularly visitors, which is rediculous.	1/8/2023 12:18 PM
143	Why is nothing being invested in Guisborough? Increasing and introducing car parking charges is not the answer. You need to stop spending on white elephants such as the Redcar pier and put funding into areas where it is needed instead of fleecing the tax payer. Use empty buildings to their potential and stop redirecting amenities such as the Redcar library when they are already in a fit for purpose building. Stop wasting money.	1/8/2023 12:13 PM
144	Where did the money ear marked for the Eston square regeneration go please? We have been led to believe over many years that money had been made available to assist the area, yet we are constantly being told our council is applying for a levelling up grant for this!	1/8/2023 12:07 PM
145	Redcar council have a history of failing to deliver on time, in budget Why should we agree to this with no guarantee of improvements internally first	1/8/2023 11:41 AM
146	Rather than focusing on particular areas it would be much more prudent for the council to focus their investment in providing electric vehicle charging points across the borough. There are only two in the town where I live which is just not enough. Also no consideration has been given to where residents living in terraced housing are going to charge their vehicles. I strongly	1/8/2023 11:26 AM

	believe this funding would be much better focused in this area rather than regenerating high streets which are never going to be successful again.	
147	Stop throwing good money after bad into Redcar . It's had an offensive amount of money in the past yet it's still a shit hole . No one goes there who lives locally	1/8/2023 11:16 AM
148	We agree with more electric charging points	1/8/2023 11:02 AM
149	I support this	1/8/2023 10:42 AM
150	Electric vehicles are a fad, gear towards those and alienate others who can't afford a new electric vehicle	1/8/2023 10:35 AM
151	I do not think this plan is clear enough for me to form a proper judgement	1/8/2023 10:19 AM
152	Why is all the money going to Redcar? There are other towns/villages that require money to help generate them	1/8/2023 10:18 AM
153	As a Guisborough resident it is becoming increasingly obvious that our own high street is in rapid decline and becoming a less desirable place to shop. More investment is required before it is too late and our independent retailers need supporting and encouraging to ensure that Guisborough is a place that people DO want to visit.	1/8/2023 9:55 AM
154	Don't know enough about it to comment. This page does not tell us anything other than to try encourage people to pay more themselves toward the council costs to get funding whilst offering only simplistic information.	1/8/2023 9:34 AM
155	I whole heartedly disagree with the car parking charges. We want to attract people to shop local yet put restrictions on them. Our high streets are suffering enough with the cost of living and a reduced amount of money to spends and then you as a council make it even harder for people. If you go ahead with these charges then shame on you, people loosing their lively hood and the ability to provide for their families	1/8/2023 9:24 AM
156	The plan aims to improve disabled facilities and adaptations in own homes - excellent, good use of grants but, this funding should also cover question 2 about social care	1/8/2023 9:05 AM
157	The funding requires equity across the authority and this does not seem to be the case	1/8/2023 7:18 AM
158	what about other towns	1/8/2023 7:13 AM
159	Spend some money on Guisborough! We get nothing.	1/8/2023 6:55 AM
160	Sack lanigan	1/8/2023 5:51 AM
161	What about guisborough all our money goes out of the town!! This needs to stop feeding the FAT CATS	1/8/2023 1:45 AM
162	No	1/7/2023 11:51 PM
163	It won't happen!	1/7/2023 11:49 PM
164	No	1/7/2023 10:45 PM
165	Don't buy expensive electric vehicles until such time that the council is in a financially stable enough position to buy these vehicles with robbing decent working people year in year out! How do we sustain our cost of living increases when our wages don't increase!	1/7/2023 10:10 PM
166	Rubbish... You have wasted millions on a computer hacking... We should not have to pay for your errors.	1/7/2023 10:08 PM
167	Stop charging for everthing going to kill gusiborough and Skelton high street with parking charges	1/7/2023 9:34 PM
168	What about the rest of Cleveland again nothing for Guisborough apart from higher council tax and business rates, and a cut in services and help	1/7/2023 9:22 PM
169	The roads and pathways in Guisborough are third world quality, fact. Potholes get filled in only to reappear in a few months, again this clearly shows a waste of public money, rather than do the job right first time, the Council prefer to do it twice, three times and more, however this is not the case if you live in an affluent area of Guisborough, fact. Have any of our councillors bothered to walk round Falcon Way and the joining cul-de-sacs? Therefore asking for money for poor quality service repairs is just a joke!	1/7/2023 9:11 PM

170	I live in Nunthorpe, what benefit would improvements in Redcar and Loftus provide me?	1/7/2023 8:58 PM
171	No no no to parking charges rising to the level you want them to no no no disgusting upsetting everyone especially small buisnesses individual as they are are great in Guisborough but extra stress on those trying to live a normal life and get through as best we can . This is an extra burden especially with gas and electric so no no no don't do this thing	1/7/2023 8:45 PM
172	More investment needs to be focused on guisborough as members wish to move to North Yorkshire Council due to lack of support from redcar and Cleveland Council.	1/7/2023 8:43 PM
173	There is currently no recycling happening in the council building I work in, as there are no facilities to even recycle plastic or paper, and same in previous building I worked in. I'm all for reducing carbon emissions, but perhaps looking closer to home to start with?	1/7/2023 8:31 PM
174	Yes, how many thousands upon thousands have previously been wasted on your whitecelephants, I could name quite a few. No business sense at all.	1/7/2023 8:15 PM
175	I'm not sure if this is the correct place to comment on the proposed parking charges. I have concerns that the health and well being of residents who rely on their cars either as a support re mental health ie me or as a mobility aid to access areas like the beach. I often sit and look out to the sea when I'm too anxious to get out of the car. Now free it will suddenly cost me everytime I spend several hours down there. I will therefore not go as often as I currently do. Those who can't walk as far as the beach and take their cars will be deterred as will those walking their dogs. As part of health and wellbeing agenda this would seem to work against this. The local shops will also suffer and businesses with reduced footfall. If businesses fail then we will have even less shops. I won't pay to go into the walled garden and into the cafe plus parking. Nor would I pay to park at the museum. This is the same with Marske and Saltburn.	1/7/2023 8:06 PM
176	No comments	1/7/2023 8:00 PM
177	N/A	1/7/2023 7:59 PM
178	Stop being entirely inept. Who on earth came up with charging for high street parking? How to destroy guisborough. Bu two cares ey, long as redcar is ok You should all be sacked. Idiots!	1/7/2023 7:52 PM
179	As long as we have really useful things like a vertical pier and all the rusting abominations that litter the boroughs roundabouts. The park near Tesco on the trunk road had one of the toys dismantled the first day of the 6 weeks holidays by council workers and from what I can gather still hasn't been rebuilt but yes let's invest in other opportunities throughout the area	1/7/2023 7:51 PM
180	Where is the investment is Guisborough?	1/7/2023 7:49 PM
181	Yes, where is the money for other areas in the council district. Do these plans benefit any of those? Guisborough for example.	1/7/2023 7:32 PM
182	You leaving Guisborough out again!	1/7/2023 7:31 PM
183	I feel I must say that the council is wasting money putting in slow chargers for electric cars. When shopping a car can only be charged for about 10/15 miles on these. There a 2 in Skelton which I've never seen used. This is not helped by petrol cars parking there. They seem to be putting a few in the car park on fountain st in Guisborough. The only fast charger in the area has not worked for a long time. This is not encouraging people to go electric .	1/7/2023 7:18 PM
184	Stop taking money from Guisborough and wasting it in Redcar! Spend some on Guisborough rather than charging residents of Guisborough who see no benefit!	1/7/2023 7:11 PM
185	I struggle to believe this statement of every £1 inveted etc as a similar line has been peddled over the years , I'm thinking of the Redcar Vertical Pier, the Recently opened and refurbished Town Hall in Guisborough , the cock up with Belmont House in Guisborough the list goes on.	1/7/2023 7:06 PM
186	Mnothing mentioned about regeneration of Eston again!	1/7/2023 7:05 PM
187	What about Guisborough?	1/7/2023 6:57 PM
188	This may not be relevant, but I'm concerned about the shortfall in the external money for the renovation of the Albert Memorial in Saltburn Valley Gardens. The Council's valuable resources shouldn't be used to prop up disintegrating ancient monuments mainly used for anti-social behaviour. Again probably not relevant, but I was disappointed to find Redcar Beacon closed	1/7/2023 6:52 PM

	because of anti-social behaviour, when I took my family to see the view from the top in late December. Building this was a poor decision. My message is please don't waste money facilitating white elephants.	
189	Aside from the Town Hall there doesn't seem to be much investment in Guisborough	1/7/2023 6:45 PM
190	Spend it wisely, for a change!	1/7/2023 6:43 PM
191	The details given here are not clear enough to comment on. Seem to be a few unrelated statements.	1/7/2023 6:37 PM
192	All decisions should prioritise minimising impact on the environment	1/7/2023 6:35 PM
193	No good ideas Loftus high street looks a mess	1/7/2023 6:34 PM
194	No capital investment in Normanby and Eston. Both areas full of beauticians, Narberth and takeaways	1/7/2023 6:32 PM
195	Let the council listen to the opinions of residents and take note. Far too many times the council do not listen; but already have a plan that is often underhand and verbally agreed.	1/7/2023 6:23 PM
196	It's just going to affect the town, people just can't afford it	1/7/2023 6:09 PM
197	There are perfectly good offices in GUISBOROUGH you should be using not elsewhere	1/7/2023 6:04 PM
198	No comments to offer	1/7/2023 5:55 PM
199	Invest on Guisbrough instead of just Redcar	1/7/2023 5:51 PM
200	Yes	1/7/2023 5:20 PM
201	Just to include more than just Redcar and Loftus as you seem to throw good money after bad in both areas and nothing ever changes	1/7/2023 5:04 PM
202	Spend something on Guisborough High Street and services within Guisborough.	1/7/2023 5:00 PM
203	Only benefits two areas. Redcar have had a lot of investment over recent years. What about Guisborough, Brotton etc too.	1/7/2023 4:59 PM
204	What do you intend to do with all of the electric car batteries when they are at the end of their life? Landfill??? You give all of the larger villages money but what about Brotton??	1/7/2023 4:50 PM
205	What about some investment in Guisbrough?	1/7/2023 4:40 PM
206	With regards to parking charges in Guisborough I would choose not to visit Guisborough High Street if there was a cost to park, I visit now purely for convenience living at Charltons however for the few things I go for I would just go to a local convenience store I do not pay for parking where ever I go I rather to retail parks or park a distance from the car and walk into places, park at Morrisons etc or I would go up to B and M I feel that there is a lot of places closing down at the moment and it starting to look scuffy with all the charity shops closed banks, M and Co closing soon. That charity shop in the old Dorothy Perkins looks unsightly its losing its character. Also Guisborough Council offices closing too, why reduce footfall by increasing parking charges its a joke	1/7/2023 4:37 PM
207	A stupid amount of money has been invested in converting an old building into new shops in Loftus. This was well above a reasonable amount, God only knows who did the work but they certainly saw the council coming! Plus, it wasn't needed!!!! Why spend money to move in 2 existing businesses and not attempt to drive new businesses into the dozens of existing empty spaces. The money would have been better spent providing rate and rent support for new business	1/7/2023 4:30 PM
208	Spend money on the people not on white elephant projects.	1/7/2023 4:23 PM
209	Always Redcar and Loftus never Guisborough or local villages!	1/7/2023 4:13 PM
210	Yes, the long awaited work on Eston Square should be given priority,	1/7/2023 3:56 PM
211	you are not doing a very good job at it the roads are dreadful	1/7/2023 3:35 PM
212	Yeah going Green like Carbon agenda is not in public interest its in Global elite agendas like WEF which our Government work together with then Government passes down on local Council which will financially collapse Council in long run Government don't care Council will	1/7/2023 3:09 PM

get blame which technically Government fault like migration crisis it costing local council money to put people in Accommodations then you got social services for the kids and then you got the Human Trafficking which no one talking about them you got council wasting money no wonder your in 8million in the red bad management which fall in the leader of Redcar and Cleveland Council should resign Going Green go broke

213	Absolutely sick of you lot spending our money on Redcar. Flatten the place, please. It would save the rest of us a fortune!	1/7/2023 3:06 PM
214	The investment isn't coming from the council is it No it's coming from us the council tax payer, say it as it is and be honest for a change, plans for Redcar are a waste as you won't give to the town what the residents want or need, this is just a way of wasting money yet again, Give the residents what they want .	1/7/2023 3:05 PM
215	Please direct some income to Guisborough. We are losing our council building and the highstreet is struggling. More charity shops and takeaways than independent shops. All facilities now in Redcar.	1/7/2023 2:56 PM
216	It needs to be shared out more evenly	1/7/2023 2:45 PM
217	Yes, you waste enough money in Redcar and for what? Pier is an eye sore, vandalism destroys anything else you try. Guisborough gets a refurbished toilet block	1/7/2023 2:27 PM
218	I'd like to see some regeneration in Eston and Normanby, 2 areas you have neglected for over 20 years. The businesses are struggling and ASB is on the increase yet you fail to recognise that this are of R&CBC needs regeneration too. The absurd idea of introducing parking charges will only have a negative impact on the small amount of businesses we have.	1/7/2023 2:21 PM
219	Absolute joke We're trying to make a living by comin to work these charges will force me to leave my job	1/7/2023 1:35 PM
220	Far too little detail in terms of apportioning funding. I would be wholly in favour of improving services for children in care. It's such a generalised statement that it's not clear whether the aim is to further invest in children's services or maintain day to day service.	1/7/2023 1:31 PM
221	When????	1/7/2023 1:21 PM
222	Electric vehicles are a con and will not be in service ten years from now then you will be asking for more money to dispose of the highly toxic batteries	1/7/2023 1:07 PM
223	Parking charges in Loftus will close down businesses. The high street will be a ghost town as more people vanish to free out of town shopping and the internet.	1/7/2023 12:45 PM
224	People are struggling to eat never mind affording electric cars	1/7/2023 12:39 PM
225	Good to do this	1/7/2023 12:35 PM
226	I would also like money to be spent in Guisborough	1/7/2023 12:33 PM
227	Already commented	1/7/2023 12:13 PM
228	Would like to see further information on this topic before commenting	1/7/2023 12:12 PM
229	Too much money has been wasted in the past on Council (or individual leaders) "vanity projects", which have required remedial intervention (e.g. the Redcar Beacon and "Tuned In"). They give me no confidence that any future Capital investment will be used wisely.	1/7/2023 12:00 PM
230	I think it is good to invest in the area and improve it. It is good but only of these projects remain on budget and on time.	1/7/2023 11:57 AM
231	When will Guisborough see some investment? We need a major upgrade on leisure/swimming facilities., Thanks	1/7/2023 11:41 AM
232	Broadly agree with the investment plan.	1/7/2023 10:59 AM
233	No	1/7/2023 10:45 AM
234	NotSurprised at redcar getting yet more investment, it is a pit to throw money in with no obvious improvement. The town centre is desolate, and putting a few model penguins on the sea front does not detract from that..Loftus is desperate for I nvestments and improvement , as are all the East Cleveland villages. Guisborough gets overlooked time and again, we have	1/7/2023 10:41 AM

	an ancient swimming baths which should have been replaced 50 years ago, but again the money was spent in redcar. Its no wonder residents have no faith in the council.	
235	Electric cars are not viable and no more money should be spent on providing charging points. The use of carbon neutral power should be a condition of any permissions for new projects.	1/7/2023 10:34 AM
236	All investment is centred around Redcar where some very expensive disaster decisions have already been made. More funds need to be directed towards the historical and ancient capital of Cleveland!	1/7/2023 10:29 AM
237	The council is poor at attracting capital investment - regeneration staff are not dynamic and have no vision or appreciate what the locals need and want. Bids are submitted and if won no budget for maintenance - so everything just ends up run down - incompetence!	1/7/2023 9:52 AM
238	Guisborough roads are a disgrace- if investment was guaranteed here rather than Redcar I'd be happy	1/7/2023 9:39 AM
239	I'm happy from what I see It's unfortunate the cat nab car park missed all it's objectives though	1/7/2023 9:18 AM
240	I understand why there's the need for capital investment but it must be targeted at the right things. Putting huge numbers of electric charging points in much needed spaces for conventional vehicles is not well targeted! There simply is not the need, nor will there be in the foreseeable future, for huge numbers of charging points when the local population can not afford to buy or run electric vehicles and it's the locals who need the spaces, not wealthier visitors who don't com here anyway!	1/7/2023 9:08 AM
241	This must be used effectively and efficiently, decisions on what and when initiatives are to be carried out taking into account the needs of the people and future impacts	1/7/2023 8:47 AM
242	Its a tick box exercise and using carbon emissions as an excuse to increase parking charges. The services we get such as Ariva bus and trains aren't reliable and no thought given to these services providing at peak times. I still drive my children to and from school from skelton to Saltburn because the bus time table is running times which aren't great. 2 buses running but with an 8.25am pick up when school starts 8.30am is not good enough especially if the bus is late or doesn't show. Better planning is required as we feel we pay for nothing. Car park charges especially 50pto drop off in skelton will close businesses down and then residents income will reduce as no jobs. When we can just order online to which increases delivery drivers on the road is absolutely crazy an defeats the object. Less money in residents pockets means less money the council recieve.	1/7/2023 8:15 AM
243	What is happening with M&S High Street to Sea Front? Why isn't Coatham Arena being taken seriously?	1/7/2023 6:22 AM
244	Again, I think you need to change the way you manage finances. Before planning changes to areas listen to what the residents need and want and act on that. Millions were spent on the vertical pier in Redcar - what an eyesore that turned out to be - waste of public money . Just one example	1/7/2023 6:06 AM
245	Not sure, council should listen more to the local community	1/7/2023 5:25 AM
246	Please look to extend programmes in all areas not just Redcar and Loftus. Yea roads need prioritising, apple orchard at Skelton is horrendous with pot holes every year. Reducing carbon emissions is important.	1/7/2023 4:02 AM
247	Why is it ALWAYS Redcar Town & Loftus that gets all the money and cant even do what promised in Eston for new precinct and shops not even got toilets and you still want to charge for car parks for £2ph	1/7/2023 2:15 AM
248	Pulling down old buildings to replace with new in the middle of Redcar highstreet is not needed or wanted and will be a waste of money like the hub was and tuned in	1/7/2023 2:10 AM
249	I believe in the Investment Plan for the whole of the Redcar and Cleveland area we must look after our economy by looking after the people. The economy could thrive more if affordable easy access transport was available to outlying villages who could access more readily the facilities you are supporting. There is however council nepotism towards Redcar to the expense of other small towns and villages. You cannot blind side the people.	1/7/2023 12:56 AM
250	Stop wasting money on the fality of Carbon footprint and carbon neutral nonsense.	1/7/2023 12:36 AM
251	The council should minimise capital expedite as this impacts on the revenue budget re interest	1/6/2023 11:14 PM

	payments.	
252	Agree completely with investing in renewable energy and reducing emissions, however, this runs contrary to the constant stream of new housing estates being built in the borough on green land. This must cease, as it only adds extra workload to RCBC, and reduces the attractiveness of the area for existing residents.	1/6/2023 10:56 PM
253	Should consult with public on use of capital monies.	1/6/2023 10:49 PM
254	Business connected with the tourist industry, air bnb and second home owners seem to be doing quite well. Fund it through them	1/6/2023 10:11 PM
255	Yeah, your global warming claims are unsubstantiated. Climate change has never been proven to be caused by man, never. Carbon dioxide is extremely valuable to the climate it promotes life. Your trying to control society with this nonsense that were killing the planet, renewable energy farming causes more damage to the environment than co2 emissions. Water vapour is the leading cause of global warming and that's a natural process, so stop lying to us. I reject net zero, I reject the global establishment and I reject the new world order!	1/6/2023 9:58 PM
256	Progress is good, again I am worried at the skills the council have to "invest" in the future of the area. It's claimed that children at school today will have jobs in the future that currently don't exist! With that in mind any money spent needs public consultation and help from expertise within the energy sectors etc	1/6/2023 9:56 PM
257	Investment in filling potholes Better public transport (no services from saltburn to skelton post 1900 for example) More thought in how its spent, eg guisborough bypass, road narrowed with chevrons in middle and edge of the road, why werent the edges made a cycle route rather than unusable waste of road.	1/6/2023 9:41 PM
258	Spend it on filling pot holes in the roads and resurfacing roads please. Use it to help fund evening bus services to rural East Cleveland on an evening. It's disgraceful that you can't back from Redcar or Saltburn to Skelton after 7pm without having to go further away to get another bus back.	1/6/2023 9:39 PM
259	How would this money also be used to support the high Street in Guisborough as there are concerns that possible car park.charges will have a big impact on people visiting the high street and supporting local independent traders	1/6/2023 9:32 PM
260	There is no infrastructure to support electric vehicles and there zero emissions is questionable when you look at what is required to manufacture them and where does the electricity come from to charge them?	1/6/2023 9:22 PM
261	Do not use PFP again	1/6/2023 8:50 PM
262	Using money well starts by savings made from wastage buying new council tricks is good for the environment but riding around in a camera car is not as this is environmentally destructive	1/6/2023 8:39 PM
263	No	1/6/2023 8:02 PM
264	no	1/6/2023 7:54 PM
265	Electric vehicles result in a higher carbon footprint due to the manufacturer process. Rising electricity costs resulting in equally high running costs as petrol or diesel vehicles. The cost to buy is hugely higher than the petrol or diesel equivalent . Very poor resale value due to battery lifespan.	1/6/2023 7:54 PM
266	Yes, invest in more apprenticeships we are getting left behind, Germany are training up young Syrians in skilled jobs, such as manufacturing building trades and electrical distribution, and ground works, they will exit recession long before us We need work schemes in the area.	1/6/2023 7:52 PM
267	I agree with the planned proposals, its a sensible way to spend the funds in the current climate	1/6/2023 7:45 PM
268	Spend only what is necessary to make our area safe and attractive to visitors.	1/6/2023 7:09 PM
269	Absolutely disgusting You are killing the local economies High streets are struggling to survive now You should be investing in the high streets not trying to shut them down	1/6/2023 7:00 PM
270	Money being given to fund these things but those of us who pay full council tax are still struggling.	1/6/2023 6:52 PM
271	Sick of all the green rubbish just go back to normal please	1/6/2023 6:50 PM

272	It seems to me that Redcar continues to get the grants. I've lost count of how many times it's had regeneration grants and grants to upgrade shops or attract new business. I'm sorry but Guisborough and other area such as Saltburn constantly misses out. You can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. There has to come point when Redcar cannot keep draining the remainder of the boroughs grants and funds	1/6/2023 6:49 PM
273	Does this really exist where is the money for eston	1/6/2023 6:36 PM
274	No	1/6/2023 6:15 PM
275	Your plans are pointless are rubbish. Your plans won't bring people to the area to spend money. Where's the entertainment facilities. Where is the arena, bowling, attractions. People don't come to Redcar just to pay parking. Get out of your chairs walk the front and look at it. Then ask yourself what will bring people to the area.	1/6/2023 6:05 PM
276	What about Eston Square...Eston , Normanby, teesville , south bank and grangetown?? The places you're quietly trying to push under a carpet!! Incest in these places AS WELL...	1/6/2023 5:49 PM
277	How are you managing these things. If current contracts are anything to go on we are dealing with lazy workmen cutting grass to substandard whilst others watch. We have a tip with containers so high I'm expected as a 5ft lady in my fifties to lift stuff over my head to get it inside whilst the staff stand and watch. We have Eston not been regenerated since the year for! We spend s lot money on things like silly piers tho?	1/6/2023 5:46 PM
278	Unbelievable. This from a council that can't even maintain a single public toilet in the town.	1/6/2023 5:43 PM
279	Is on top all the money spent over the Number of years in redcar front high Street And the wonderful vertical pier . Not to mention Saltburn front .all of these in the past have cost millions and none if them have been managed in the right way and usually ended costing twice as much as projected if they were lucky . JUST MANAGE WITH PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING. NOT WHO THINK THEY NOW WHAT THEY DOING. THE EASIEST THING WOULD BE JUST TELL ALL SMALL BIUSNESSES TO CLOSE BEFORE THEY GO BANLRUPT.	1/6/2023 5:35 PM
280	The council spent a lot of money unnecessarily, they should look to ave money elsewhere rather than costing residents more in every possible areas	1/6/2023 5:33 PM
281	Better ways to spend looking after voters	1/6/2023 5:30 PM
282	I'll believe it when I see it	1/6/2023 5:29 PM
283	That's right. Focus on rEDCAR 😞😞😞😞	1/6/2023 5:05 PM
284	We have not heard enough about it . We don't see where this money is going or planning to go .	1/6/2023 5:00 PM
285	Not enough done for eston and Normanby	1/6/2023 4:47 PM
286	Have you ever considered spending money on places other than Redcar?	1/6/2023 4:43 PM
287	What is the councils debt level	1/6/2023 4:35 PM
288	I think over the past years Redcar has taken a large amount of the funding that could be used in other areas that get very little from the council, I get Redcar is up and coming but other areas need to be looked at too, I grew up in Loftus and it needed support years ago but always went a miss that was over the past 30 years ago, now these other areas like Eston and Normanby need that extra support but is that going to take decades, probably more than one, Redcar seems to trump all the other areas and for me this is wrong	1/6/2023 4:26 PM
289	It would be interesting to see how much was paid to buy a local law firm!	1/6/2023 4:18 PM
290	The council might think they 'invest', however it is my view, indeed experience, that the council wastes taxpayers money.	1/6/2023 4:18 PM
291	No	1/6/2023 4:17 PM
292	Replacement of council vehicles with electric ones should only be done, once the depreciation of existing ones is exhausted. No Replacement should be done unnecessarily.	1/6/2023 4:10 PM
293	Do not bother with the through way from Redcar High Street to the sea front. It will only be an	1/6/2023 4:10 PM

	empty wind tunnel. Do not move the Library and do not waste any money renovating Redcar Station.	
294	It seems the decisions are made by people who dont understand what the public really need & so much is wasted. also the investment is not shared throughout the area.	1/6/2023 4:03 PM
295	I feel bad hat any increases will discourage investment in our community. Get these funds from central government and wait for more business to come to our area which will bring more investment. Councillors could also not claim expenses	1/6/2023 3:52 PM
296	It would be nice if Guisborough benefited- the roads are in a terrible state - potholes getting worse	1/6/2023 3:46 PM
297	DO NOT CHARGE FOR PARKING IN GUISBOROUGH ! ABSOLUTE RIDICLOUS IDEA !	1/6/2023 3:38 PM
298	Why is it necessary for every bit of grass in Guisborough to be mowed like a bowling green? If the council wants to save money they could plant wild flowers and bulbs. The grass would only need to be mowed twice as year and your employees could be put to other tasks.	1/6/2023 3:35 PM
299	There is no such thing as man made climate change, is just a cash cow thought up by a greedy government.	1/6/2023 3:32 PM
300	Absolutely ridiculous that you are thinking of charging for kirkleatham museum parking a museum that hardly gets used. Near enough everyone that drives there is a parent to use the park / visit the museum with their children and this is a cheap morning or afternoon out which is very rare for Redcar for anything to not charge. I strongly suggest you think again before the museum looses even more custom due to silly parking charges. This will only result in people parking on the street which is already a nightmare with the school traffic.	1/6/2023 3:32 PM
301	It is bias towards areas such as redcar when eston and surrounding areas are ignored	1/6/2023 3:27 PM
302	Loftus Future High street fund is a separate fund with money already obtained from government under the regeneration of the high street scheme it should not be referred to here.	1/6/2023 3:19 PM
303	Ys why should we fund plan in Redcar it is a run down area. Loftus is the same. No body wants what you are suggesting. The consultation program was not well published. No one wants to go to Redcar.	1/6/2023 3:16 PM
304	Save money by not moving the library.	1/6/2023 3:13 PM
305	Review your own contracts instead of charging the tax payer for your stupid decisions	1/6/2023 3:13 PM
306	Yes why use expensive electrical cars.	1/6/2023 3:09 PM
307	As usual the plans are used to improve the same places over an and over yet places like, Eston, Normanby, Grangetown are left to rot when proposed plans are constantly being taken away and denied.	1/6/2023 2:59 PM
308	RCBC waste money day in day out maybe a decent accountant would be better than someone who is clueless	1/6/2023 2:57 PM
309	I would like to see the actual figure for this statement to be meaningful. Tell honestly about the fiasco called the vertical pier.	1/6/2023 2:57 PM
310	Waste of money. Electric cars etc are the biggest oxymoron going.	1/6/2023 2:56 PM
311	Does external funding mean privatisation? If it does I cannot agree.	1/6/2023 2:55 PM
312	Random numbers that don't work out, electric vehicles are currently a false economy, ticks green boxes without doing anything, that and cobalt becoming a new version of the blood diamond industry	1/6/2023 2:44 PM
313	Can't do everything for everybody!	1/6/2023 2:42 PM
314	Electric vehicles are not as green as we are made to believe, the green agenda is just more taxation under a new name	1/6/2023 2:35 PM
315	Not enough information.	1/6/2023 2:29 PM
316	Put it back a few years no other country reducing emissions	1/6/2023 2:22 PM
317	Instead of increasing charges all the time why not look at savings within. Get rid of ineffective	1/6/2023 2:22 PM

	lazy staff, cut waste and use those savings to fund the he increases	
318	No	1/6/2023 2:18 PM
319	I am not sure why the Loftus High street regeneration is being mentioned here when this has it's own funds already obtained from the government .	1/6/2023 2:06 PM
320	Lower rates on empty properties to get rid of all boarded up shops	1/6/2023 2:04 PM
321	Wasting effort and resources which could be focused elsewhere. Prioritise improving existing services that the council provides. Redcar and clevand Council can't even collect bins on time!	1/6/2023 1:59 PM
322	Where does the external funding come from and does it have to be paid back...look at the news with the hub!!	1/6/2023 1:54 PM
323	No	1/6/2023 1:47 PM
324	TS6 needs more investment. Eston and Normanby get left behind. We also need our Swimming Baths replacing	1/6/2023 1:43 PM
325	Do not use any of the council tax payers money to fund this. Only use the grants available. Now is not the right time to spending our money on things that are not necessary when we are all struggling and cannot afford to pay any increase in our council tax.	1/6/2023 1:27 PM
326	Please consider other areas not just redcar.	1/6/2023 1:26 PM
327	No	1/6/2023 1:25 PM
328	Cost against actual usage is simply not worth it yet, nowhere near enough electrical cars in use in the area to justify this , maybe 5 yrs time	1/6/2023 1:13 PM
329	Spread investment out across Redcar and Cleveland fairly. Not all investment needs to be in the same town.	1/6/2023 12:59 PM
330	No	1/6/2023 12:58 PM
331	Yes please don't forget Saltburn-By-The-Sea we are part of Redcar and Cleveland but appear to be the poor relations.	1/6/2023 12:55 PM
332	We live in Guisborough and there doesn't seem to have been much investment over here just more houses and less shops. From where we are looking Redcar gets the most investment and Guisborough resident's pay the most. So no wouldn't like to fund anything else that's wasn't directly in our postcode.	1/6/2023 12:37 PM
333	Redcar and Cleveland council need to remember that Redcar and Cleveland just doesn't mean Redcar. The amount of money spent of Redcar compared to the rest of the borough is a shock. Resident's of guisborough feel forgotten about and having spoken to numerous people of the matter they would rather leave the control of Redcar and Cleveland council and instead join North Yorkshire or even hambleton	1/6/2023 12:27 PM
334	Only think about what you spend .	1/6/2023 12:26 PM
335	Have you seen the state of your investments eyesore in redcar is the biggest joke I think the council is literally taking the mick out of residents now the High Street in loftus with all these traffic lights ect your plans are pants your investments are not needed you have literally illegally took the flower park in loftus	1/6/2023 12:13 PM
336	Have you fully costed the use and purchase price of electric vans, there is information out there that shows the planned use of electric vans for the post office is a massive costly mistake!	1/6/2023 12:01 PM
337	Sounds very positive	1/6/2023 11:56 AM
338	No Seems well thought out.	1/6/2023 11:55 AM
339	No comment	1/6/2023 11:53 AM
340	ALL THE COUNCIL DOES AS WASTE FUNDS ON SUCH THINGS AS A CINEMA THATS TO SMALL THAT THERE HAVING TO WASTE MORE MONEY GETTING SOMEBODY TO RUN IT AND THERES THE WASTE OF BUYING DERELICT BUI;LDINGS IN REDCAR	1/6/2023 11:53 AM

341	Hold current position as the people are unable to bare any further costs	1/6/2023 11:52 AM
342	Don't kill Redcar and Loftus or any village regeneration with plans to charge for parking Don't focus on becoming greener, be economical. If it's cheaper for petrol, have petrol	1/6/2023 11:35 AM
343	No	1/6/2023 11:34 AM
344	The Council cannot afford to put any new money in any new projects. Money needs to be spent on people not material things. There are far to many community things that only a minority use.	1/6/2023 11:34 AM
345	The parking charges are crazy will just get people to shop at bigger retail stores and not use local shops	1/6/2023 10:47 AM
346	There always seems to be a lot of money invested in Redcar but there are many more towns and villages within Redcar and Cleveland perhaps the money could be distributed more fairly	1/6/2023 10:17 AM
347	No	1/6/2023 9:31 AM
348	Investment needed in other parts of the Borough such as Eston	1/6/2023 9:26 AM
349	Good strategy, but also look at including private business investment.	1/6/2023 9:21 AM
350	An arena in Redcar would help promote all of this money that is required to improve the area	1/6/2023 9:20 AM
351	Stop focussing on carbon emissions and get rid of any net zero policies . No. I do not support my council tax money going towards any environmental carbon emission reduction. Stop throwing money at Redcar. It's had enough spent on it. Stop trying to fudge the figures mixing up accommodation for children in care & carbon tax! It's ridiculous. Focus on the social care budget by all means but cease & desist this ridiculous push on environmental taxes. Enough.	1/6/2023 8:51 AM
352	No because I would need to see more detail	1/6/2023 8:47 AM
353	The council wastes a lot of money on ridiculous things that people can ill afford. Instead of planning to put car parking charges in small villages and raise taxes invest in what will benefit people.	1/6/2023 8:40 AM
354	I think most of the redevelopment of loftus is a big waste of time and money, there are many other issues which need addressing before money is wasted on this so called development.	1/6/2023 8:37 AM
355	RCBC should prioritise reducing carbon emissions and protect the planet from increasing climate change (& if too costly to minimise the environmental impact then a project should not proceed)	1/6/2023 8:31 AM
356	I doubt that the public approve most of the council plans. Consultations are simply a PR excercise, survey questions loaded to produce the " correct" answers	1/6/2023 8:30 AM
357	Having electric cars doesn't do a great deal for climate change	1/6/2023 7:52 AM
358	Why don't you start cutting back on the big wigs in the council,who have been draining money out it for years	1/6/2023 6:25 AM
359	Do not agree with spending yet more money on Redcar. Other areas are being neglected	1/6/2023 3:55 AM
360	What so all the investment can go back into Redcar itself and not the other areas of East Cleveland. Especially Loftus, the only reason Loftus is getting the work done it is os because the local councillors themselves fought and fought for it to happen and the money is coming from central government themselfe,otherwise rcbc would make sure Loftus was left to wreck and ruin. So no I don't agree.	1/6/2023 2:47 AM
361	Nope	1/6/2023 12:49 AM
362	Regardless of what ever investment are proposed the roads and various high streets are a disgrace	1/6/2023 12:40 AM
363	Not sure why it's always Redcar that qualifies for 'facelifts' and other regeneration projects. Yes loftus needs attention. So does Brotton, Lingdale and Boosbeck.	1/5/2023 11:42 PM
364	No	1/5/2023 11:19 PM
365	More and more money spent in Redcar! It is Redcar and Cleveland. We need decent transport infrastructure in east Cleveland, people cannot travel to and from work or for recreation	1/5/2023 11:09 PM

	purposes, and all new recreational are based in Redcar or that way, i.e. new cinema.	
366	NO	1/5/2023 11:06 PM
367	Money is not spent on sensible ventures. Instead it is wasted on buildings that are not used or schemes that are not required	1/5/2023 10:41 PM
368	No	1/5/2023 10:37 PM
369	It's a waste of time, has anyone asked what the public want	1/5/2023 9:48 PM
370	The council is do out of touch with developments in the world, every single pound they have in there coffers wi simply be squandered by the inept council and its very poor out of date leader.	1/5/2023 9:48 PM
371	There have been regeneration projects that will have cost a lot of money that have not benefited the local economy. The vertical pier being one.	1/5/2023 9:39 PM
372	No	1/5/2023 9:36 PM
373	What prove do you have that your projects will have a proven 1-2 ratio of external funding ? The external increase is likely through. Teeswork TVCA works Increasing high streets is a grand concept but then taking another 4% for the second year off properties is incredibly short sighted as many are deprived wards already	1/5/2023 9:08 PM
374	No.	1/5/2023 8:57 PM
375	No	1/5/2023 8:53 PM
376	The investment plans are always in the same are and they never make any actual real difference. It is amazing how many unused council initiative buildings remain unused. Make better and more informed investments into things that people will actually use.	1/5/2023 8:41 PM
377	Ensure there is ample free parking for visitors to Loftus to encourage visitors which will boost local business. Put Loftus on the tourist map.	1/5/2023 8:39 PM
378	Stop spending money on redcar it's a dead zone! Loftus is Constantly having money ploughed into it and is still a shit hole	1/5/2023 8:35 PM
379	Why do Guisborough never seem to see any benefits from any of these schemes. The council tax paid by Guisborough residents does not get reinvested in our town.	1/5/2023 8:35 PM
380	We need Guisborough to receive funding. The residents here feel let down by the Council. We pay our Council Tax but receive little or nothing for it from the Council. Money needs to be invested in Guisborough for a change, to stop the decline of this lovely town. Redcar seems to get everything whilst Guisborough gets nothing. This must change.	1/5/2023 8:23 PM
381	I don't think it's the right time to be putting a lot of investment into sustainability. I think every resident of Redcar and Cleveland needs to be warm and well-fed without recourse to warm and food banks. The money should go into supporting residents, particularly the disabled and cared-for children and young people. Until we get a Labour government who will redress the current cruelty and disdain, the council should put people before sustainability etc, in my opinion.	1/5/2023 8:14 PM
382	I agree Loftus needs a face-lift but the plans for arts etc. Is not what the people of Loftus need, the need basic life needs on their doorstep so they don't have to travel, and cheaper public transport to get to jobs.	1/5/2023 8:06 PM
383	How do you plan to meet the need of your ever growing elderly population without engaging in preventative service. Invest heavily in social care teams and your OT services to allow these to be proactive rather than reactive!	1/5/2023 8:04 PM
384	Again our money being spent in other areas but normanby	1/5/2023 8:01 PM
385	The roads are like something out of the third world, half of the parking spaces are being taking up by electric charging points that are never being used	1/5/2023 7:58 PM
386	Seems ok	1/5/2023 7:41 PM
387	Redcar Redcar Redcar & little for the anywhere else Loftus being the exception. Redcar AND CLEVELAND Council not a Town Council. So let the rest of the area see some of the	1/5/2023 7:31 PM

	regeneration initiatives. But as we know it's another classic consultancy which is totally ignored by this Council	
388	As usual it's Redcar that is receiving more funding.	1/5/2023 7:17 PM
389	Regeneration projects should be open and transparent and residents should have the opportunity to comment or put forward new ideas	1/5/2023 7:16 PM
390	More bins for dog poo bags to reduce littering. More facilities in town such as dodgems or alternative fairground based rides instead of outside pursuits such as crazy golf.	1/5/2023 7:12 PM
391	No need for electric cars	1/5/2023 7:08 PM
392	What investment it Guisborough, Westgate is on its knees with empty shops. Great to see the town hall but that's all	1/5/2023 6:53 PM
393	How necessary is it to change Redcar high street???	1/5/2023 6:45 PM
394	How does this fit with proposed parking charges? It's all very well getting grant money for regeneration but how do the proposed new charges fit with the objectives of these projects? It doesn't seem like joined up thinking to me. High Street businesses need people to use them in order to survive. Introducing parking charges in town centres will be a huge block on this. Please learn the lessons of Redcar when it comes to the impact of parking charges.	1/5/2023 6:40 PM
395	Maintaining the roads especially potholes on major roads is a joke. Apple Orchard is dangerous with huge holes all along the stretch someone on a bike be killed. They fill the holes and the first bit of rain or frost and it all comes put again, the road needs a redoing ASAP.	1/5/2023 6:39 PM
396	Needs to be more accessible parking without high fees for people to use these investment plans.	1/5/2023 6:34 PM
397	No marske is at the back of the q, when it comes to redcar council spending.	1/5/2023 6:22 PM
398	No.	1/5/2023 6:06 PM
399	Exercise caution and due diligence	1/5/2023 6:02 PM
400	As usual no money is being given to Guisborough. How many more white elephants does Redcar nee?	1/5/2023 5:58 PM
401	All sounds lovely, but it needs to reach the people. Good road structure is important, as are all the things mentored, but without access to jobs, doctors, good schools, dentists, all you have is struggling people living near a few who benefit from better provisions in very specific areas.	1/5/2023 5:39 PM
402	No	1/5/2023 5:30 PM
403	I think the council need to really evaluate what and where their money is spent do it is sent to the right places that need the money.	1/5/2023 5:28 PM
404	No	1/5/2023 5:27 PM
405	Forget electric vehicles the infrastructure is not in place yet to make the move to that system, services will suffer if vehicles spend more time charging than being used.	1/5/2023 5:15 PM
406	See previous comments. Also listen to the people, vertical pier, I have not heard of one person who supported or thought this was a good resource of money.	1/5/2023 5:07 PM
407	All of this will be for nothing if proposed parking charges result in loss of footfall in towns, closure of businesses and increased unemployment.	1/5/2023 4:49 PM
408	It appears to myself and the majority of people living in Redcar that the money already invested in development in Redcar has been misspent on white elephants and purple monstrosities.	1/5/2023 4:45 PM
409	Electric vehicles have stalled, people cannot afford these new cars nor the current kwh electric fees. This should be delayed until a sensible model for charging costs and buying these vehicles is available.	1/5/2023 4:28 PM
410	Sounds great !but what about guisborough ,the council offices are closing another empty building!parking charges on a high street that already has lost two businesses this year m&co snd frade	1/5/2023 4:22 PM

411	Guisborough continually appears to not benefit from Capital Investments plans year on year	1/5/2023 4:11 PM
412	I have an electric vehicle and believe the council has done nothing to provide free charging stations promised years ago... it practically cost the same as fuel now. An investment plan there would be helpful. You are failing your communitys	1/5/2023 3:43 PM
413	Investment in Guisborough please! Leisure facilities need upgrading before anything else is spent on Redcar. Where is our share?	1/5/2023 3:01 PM
414	Support sustainability, very much so! Greener living.	1/5/2023 2:52 PM
415	1. Return the £750k back to Eston for local business regeneration. 2. All capital projects should be re-engineered to fit within budget rather than use further borrowing to deal with effects of cost of living crisis. 3. All capital schemes should be based on a three year pay back.	1/5/2023 2:46 PM
416	We need more independent living and people taking jobs	1/5/2023 2:39 PM
417	Given the current state of the cost of living, you need to look vary carefully at major projects and consider how essential they are, in the scheme of things. It was fine when we received European funding, but given the current state of the economy - capital investment on 'extras' , non-essentials and vanity projects should be minimal. And - if we are paying for Redcar and Loftus, how is Saltburn going to benefit if most regeneration funding is going elsewhere? Why would we have to pay for this, effectively? We have enough real problems of our own. Parking is a ridiculous problem here - particularly for tourists. (Don't even think of charging residents... or providing 'free' parking permits - because we still won't be able to park outside our house, and even if you lure us into 'free' permits eventually you will charge us for admin, policing, and signage for that, too). With your capital monies, why not buy land and build a carpark out of town or quadruple the capacity of Cat Nab carpark (instead of foolishly planning to reduce it by adding campervan parking and useless picnic benches?) Why not work with public transport providers to ensure safe, comfortable, frequent and reliable travel to deter people from driving locally at all, or to service a park and ride to avoid congestion?	1/5/2023 2:37 PM
418	Joke	1/5/2023 2:35 PM
419	Despite all the investment in high streets, none are thriving and many independent businesses are struggling to stay afloat. Again, lots of money for redcar and Loftus but I believe Guisborough highstreet has so much potential but rather than ease the burden on established independents money seems to go to new unproven projects, many of which might not succeed in the long term.	1/5/2023 2:20 PM
420	Redcar centre is a money pit, it will always drain the council funds. More forethought is required for future improvements. Residents from other areas feel let down and believe their own area has been forgotten.	1/5/2023 2:12 PM
421	Exactly for central redcar mostly we pay enough	1/5/2023 1:34 PM
422	No	1/5/2023 1:33 PM
423	This is a good idea. We need to bring more investment to the area	1/5/2023 1:12 PM
424	Yes, there is little point investing in high streets if you then charge residents to visit them (car parking proposals) while out of town places have free parking eg b&m/aldi conglomeration at Skelton.	1/5/2023 1:05 PM
425	I think we should suspend all investment in development and direct funds to social support and health care	1/5/2023 1:03 PM
426	Years of neglect in the Loftus area with regeneration that has not been fully embraced by the community. I may have misunderstood but thought the funding came from central government. There is no transparency with regards to previous grants.	1/5/2023 1:02 PM
427	What is proposed for guisborough and marske?	1/5/2023 1:01 PM
428	i believe one of the proposals for Loftus Is to modify the current traffic signals layout at the junction of A174/Westfield Tce. The aim being to "reclaim" the land outside the disused shop. What will this cost, who will be funding this and what is proposed for the little bit of land that will be gained?	1/5/2023 12:24 PM
429	With so many shops being closed/due to close in Guisborough and the closure of the council building as well as the market no longer being as vibrant as it used to be I would like to see a	1/5/2023 12:21 PM

	focus on the town. We often appear as a poor relation in comparision to Redcar/Loftus etc. I can't see how charging for parking will help either.	
430	Speak with the local people for longer about the projects. I know you tried to get the opinion of the local people in Loftus but I know there's loads of people that got missed and didn't know the projects was going ahead untill it was to late. The money getting spent on coronation park is a total waste. And so is knocking down totally usable shops and flats to make a square	1/5/2023 12:06 PM
431	Reduction of carbon emissions, and the use of electric vehicles is nothing but a pipe dream at the moment. Wasting money on this...at the added cost to the general public is nefarious and obscene.	1/5/2023 11:25 AM
432	By proposing a charge for parking in Loftus people will not come from out of town, The locals cannot afford to pay charges, shops/businesses will shut and all the good work which has been done in recent years will be totally wasted.	1/5/2023 11:07 AM
433	As I have no children or parents I have no interest in these areas. The road network is in a poor condition in respect of road surfaces and as such this should be a priority area for spending. The proposals for Redcar town centre are not very good, buying and demolishing M&S and Goodwins buildings to provide a thorough fare to the sea front makes no sense at all and is money wasted. The council need to be looking at attracting new shops to the town and be realistic in their charging structure for rents etc. Moving the library makes no sense as it is already central and accessible.	1/5/2023 10:58 AM
434	Once again the plan does not invest in Guisborough - roads / pavements are neglected and in a state of disrepair	1/5/2023 10:14 AM
435	I live in guisborough. With what will we benefit from? Once again redcar is top of the list Leaves me puzzled.	1/5/2023 10:03 AM
436	Anything for Guisborough?	1/5/2023 10:01 AM
437	Not enough local consultation and community input. Schemes seem to be designed to generate headlines rather than have impact at grassroots level	1/5/2023 9:49 AM
438	Seems a decent idea . I think supporting people to live in their own homes is always a better long term plan than them ending up in the care system .	1/5/2023 9:43 AM
439	Stop with the electric vehicle scam. Renewables are a scam. We need Nuclear or fossil fuel energy. If we were indeed in a 'climate crisis' then Redcar & surrounding areas are about to go under water which has been predicted since the 1990's. Yet here we are in 2023 still living on the coast.	1/5/2023 9:28 AM
440	You're wasting the money if you introduce parking charges - people will not go to the High Streets if they have to pay for parking. Who actually goes to Loftus anyway? I can't see you attracting tourists.	1/5/2023 9:15 AM
441	Should guisbrough not have some funding for improvement	1/5/2023 9:11 AM
442	Guisborough never sees any form of investment so we will pay more in taxes and that money will never be seen again in Guisborough, it will simply go to the likes of Redcar and similar 'up and coming' areas. This is a view most people in Guisborough hold.	1/5/2023 9:04 AM
443	Invest more in he rest of Cleveland rather than dormanstown and Redcar	1/5/2023 9:01 AM
444	Cannot comment as the details of the plan are not known.	1/5/2023 8:40 AM
445	No to parking fees in Guisborough. We need to regenerate the high street not kill it. Present shops struggling already. Shops closing and empty. Ridiculous idea to pay for parking ... only to get money for R and C which probably wont be spent on Guisborough. Parking at swimming baths and bowks club .. ridiculous. People need these facilities. Need expanding not making difficult to access. . .Will kill leisure centres important for health, fitness, social care, and mental health. If these could be improved in town less people would need less care This will effect from young to elderly.	1/5/2023 8:38 AM
446	All corrupt, we were allocated a funding and we put plans in on what the work would cost, now all of a sudden there isn't enough money to do said regeneration, yet all the local councillors have all of a sudden opened pubs, air bnb ect bought 1 or 2 businesses when they were bankrupt, it all stinks of corruption	1/5/2023 8:22 AM

447	Spend the money wisely - it is still the public's money and must not be squandered when there are residents in dire need.	1/5/2023 8:11 AM
448	I doubt that's true!	1/5/2023 7:47 AM
449	This is a completely pointless exercise. Electric vehicles are a pipe dream in its fullness of expectations. Please validate where this imaginary money is proposed to come from.	1/5/2023 7:22 AM
450	We lost millions investing in Iceland	1/5/2023 7:21 AM
451	Electric cars aren't the answer,their batteries for a start! These hydrogen boilers are no good either, I'm disgusted people are been forced on a trial in Redcar!?!?	1/5/2023 7:18 AM
452	Put a tax on log burners. We live next door to one, the smell from it is horrendous. We can't have our windows open or washing out. What happened to the smokeless fuel restrictions	1/5/2023 7:09 AM
453	Where has Guisborough been included in this plan? Only Redcar and Loftus are mentioned above. Split funding fairly and equally.	1/5/2023 7:02 AM
454	Please use some money to improve and invest in Guisborough. Please make improvements to the road surface of A171 from Windlebridge- I have emailed the council several times and not had a response.	1/5/2023 6:54 AM
455	You aim to reduce the carbon footprint but by putting parking charges into the high street where we stay local for shopping, people will have to increase their carbon footprint to drive much further to the larger stores.	1/5/2023 6:12 AM
456	YOU ARE SPENDING MILLIONS ON LOFTUS REGNERATION AND NOW PLAN TO FINISH OFF ALL SMALL BUSINESSES BY INTRODUCING PARKING CHARGES. REDICULOUS. YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF RCBC NOT HAVING A CLUE ABOUT ITS SMALL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS NEEDS. WELL DONE FOR DESTROYING THE HARD WORK OF SMALL BUSINESS PEOPLE. YOU JUST LOST MY SUPPORT!	1/5/2023 5:30 AM
457	When are you going to start and put the road network back on a level that it is supposed to be at ????	1/5/2023 1:47 AM
458	No mention of Guisborough. It's as if ee don't exist.	1/5/2023 1:44 AM
459	Too much money being invested in Redcar. The money spent so far has not attracted more people to the town. It should be spent equally across the Borough.	1/5/2023 1:08 AM
460	Why does Redcar (absolute dump) get all the funding??	1/5/2023 12:05 AM
461	Money should only be spent on schemes that will actually bring in visitors to spend money, not eyesores such as the Beacon or the under used Tuned in.	1/5/2023 12:00 AM
462	These facts do not appear true. Businesses are not being supported to stay open, with the current financial crisis, families are more reluctant to spend money. Money could be invested elsewhere rather than knocking down buildings.	1/4/2023 11:29 PM
463	Guisborough pays a hell of a lot but gets nothing, even the mini bus that went round the estates twice a day has been withdrawn... We get nothing, but contribute the most. Redcar they sorted the high street, built a new sports complex etc, Guisborough we are still swimming in a greenhouse.	1/4/2023 11:28 PM
464	The continuing lack of investment in Guisborough, when compared to the vast sums spent elsewhere, leads to a deep mistrust of the Council from many people who reside here.	1/4/2023 9:54 PM
465	Why does Guisborough not get any significant investment from the council. We are not the affluent town you all percieve us to be.	1/4/2023 9:46 PM
466	So far, I have see more failed projects than useful ones so please don't do any more. They seem to be a waste of money. And again there is a huge lack of specifics in this explanation of a proposal. How do you propose to reduce carbon emissions? Through use of renewable resources, but how?	1/4/2023 9:40 PM
467	I would like to be able to see a copy of this investment plan	1/4/2023 9:33 PM
468	Disagree 100% with proposals charging for carparks in Loftus North Road and High Street and Skelton High Street as this will discourage individuals & visitors to local shops and independent traders and divert to Retail Parks. Loss of free parking will reduce Local business	1/4/2023 9:27 PM

revenue and lead to reduced local employment. Villages will become ghost towns, increase unemployment and lead to greater deprivation. Keep the carparks free and you'll retain income, employment, improve local Residents to stay and live locally and attract more visitors.

469	Stop spending money in Redcar they already have enough facilities in that town they get money thrown at it left right and centre the same as Loftus there is nothing being spent on Eston precinct Normanby village parks for children to playing I live in Flatts Lane there is nothing for children to do around here they can't go in play of flats Lane Park it's too far away for young children to go it is also not safe they risk been killed by the Quads and the motorbikes something needs to be done	1/4/2023 9:12 PM
470	No	1/4/2023 8:53 PM
471	Why do you keep investing in Redcar? if you don't invest in Guisborough it will end up like Redcar or Loftus.	1/4/2023 8:46 PM
472	None	1/4/2023 8:45 PM
473	The capital investment plan needs to be sustainable and not just done and left, continued investment into the plans is crucial. Reasonable parking charges to support the sustainability, possibly with an offer attached to a parking charge to 'spend' or 'use' in the area where the individual is visiting. Example could be a free cuppa at a local bakery, 10% off a main meal at a local restaurant/ pub thus incorporating and promoting local businesses to visitors and locals alike. Developing a visitor of the month 'raffle' by using parking meters where registration are inputted or encourage the use of Ringo and collect data from each area e.g., Redcar, Saltburn, Guisborough, Loftus and give a 'prize' to encourage further visits to the area. More illegal parking monitoring and fines to generate income to put back into the local area and future sustain the capital investment plans. Give the communities something back and encourage visitors to use local resources. More monitoring of traffic speeds, speeding fines working in partnership with the police and agreeing 'sharing' the funds raised through fines etc and making the roads safer for all users. Local businesses not being able to use car parking for their company vehicles or local garages parking cars they are working on for sometimes days/ weeks taking up valuable space for genuine visitors as well as making the appearance of the car park like a salvage yard! Working with local groups (including Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts, Youth Clubs, Community groups, local schools) to develop a community champion project with awards, rewards and acknowledgment similar to Duke of Edinburgh to promote, educate and develop the community members young and old to be prouder, love and look after where they live. Reducing the need for employing street cleaners. Have a rotation of existing street cleaning teams who are out daily in Redcar/ Guisborough but sporadic in other smaller villages/ towns across the area. Investing more in the more rural parts of the authorities area, it may be a surprise but the local authorities area is greater than just Redcar. Improve and increase the public transport in particular to and from the rural villages to allow people to access more employment opportunities. An example of this would be that a young person aged 18 (generally and factually females)working for a care provider who's last care call is at 10pm (way beyond any working hours of a social worker) and can't get a bus until 11pm leaving them vulnerable to a significant level of risk, having to walk 3 miles home in all weather conditions or relying on someone to pick them up reducing their ability to develop as independent adults. Or employment opportunities for any age from 13-67 years of age in Redcar or Whitby but the last bus home is 9pm leaving them unable to accept employment that is any later than the last bus home. Meaning more Young people not getting the opportunity to develop transferable and employability skills, or an older person unable to or not wanting to leave the benefits system continuing to be reliant on others being responsible for them and having access to related benefits such as council tax reductions or rent paid for them.	1/4/2023 8:42 PM
474	Investment plan is OK, but what will it be invested on? No doubt more will just be spent on the lost cause that is redcar	1/4/2023 8:21 PM
475	When will we see anything happen. Its all talk so no evidence we can trust you	1/4/2023 8:19 PM
476	Plan seems alright, but the money needs to be invested in places other than redcar. For example, saltburn skatepark was left for locals to raise funding for recently. If that was in redcar I strongly believe it wouldn't not have needed that...	1/4/2023 8:18 PM
477	It's always redcar	1/4/2023 8:13 PM

478	Direct investment towards Guisborough. There has been extensive housing developments and no capital infrastructure developments to match.	1/4/2023 7:56 PM
479	Don't waste money on expensive and inefficient electric vehicles. The pollution moves down the way to gas/coal power stations so keep cheaper diesel cars until hydrogen cell cars are available.	1/4/2023 7:50 PM
480	It isn't a capital investment it's an area investment. Too much money spent on public consultation processes for stupid ideas.	1/4/2023 7:44 PM
481	Where is the investment in Guisborough , always Redcar!	1/4/2023 7:44 PM
482	Build a concert arena on Cotham bowl!	1/4/2023 7:43 PM
483	The people of Redcar asked for an arena and you failed to listen. It is the residents of Redcar who pay taxes for services in this area. Not some jumped up executive getting paid £80+pa who does not even live in the area. People will vote for change and it will happen.	1/4/2023 7:35 PM
484	Don't be doing useless stuff at least spend it wisely & not throw money away for the sake of it.	1/4/2023 7:25 PM
485	NO	1/4/2023 7:08 PM
486	Sounds like a good plan, I approve	1/4/2023 7:00 PM
487	There seems to be a difference in where the money is being spent / applied for with a bias towards Redcar. What is the split on where the money is being spent compared to where the money is collected. Not seen any figures to highlight this	1/4/2023 6:58 PM
488	I don't agree with adding parking charges near the stray or at the top of Saltburn bank just to generate more revenue for the council. I live in Redcar and regularly use the stray to park as I have old dogs and two very young children and this makes it very easy for us to use our local beach and Zetland park. We often also go to Saltburn to do the same thing and we also spend money with local businesses. Money is very tight for our family. We work full time, have high childcare bills and we try to keep our days out to a low cost. Adding parking charges to go to our local beaches could start to rule that out for us. Everything is rising. If we then need to pay to park out of the tiny bit of money we have left after every tax we already pay, it will cause issues for us as a family. I understand people can park in Morrisons for free if tourists but for a local residents who want to go to the beach with a very young family and older dogs, that's too far away from the stray area and set lane park. I am a social worker and fully understand budget constraints as it impacts my profession in one way or another on a daily basis and I do agree that to pay for services the money needs be generated but as a local resident who uses the stray and Saltburn many times a month, this would greatly impact on our expenditure, which is already minimal. I know many families, dog owners and surfers who uses the stray and Saltburn daily who I know would agree. Kind regards, Natalie cox	1/4/2023 6:43 PM
489	The regeneration plans... For Majuba car park these look fantastic. For the town itself once again it seems you the council haven't listened to it residents. Stop funding contemporary vanity projects such as the beacon and the hub. As late as the 50's the town enjoyed a booming tourist trade, this trade can be found up and down our coastal towns such as Saltburn, Whitby, which people flock to for their heritage and old charm. Walk down Redcar high street and look up, you'll see that we still have there for us we just need to revive these buildings, bringing back our heritage and the charm to the town	1/4/2023 6:33 PM
490	The plans for Loftus have already been cut back and are not going to provide the town with the full remodel that is needed to prevent further decline. Most of Loftus' residents seem to think that great things are coming to the town, but so much has already been shelved it feels like only half a job is intended before it anything even starts.	1/4/2023 6:32 PM
491	Again using the money wisely and make sure that everyone is accountable	1/4/2023 6:23 PM
492	Surely there is other ways to get this UK cost of living increase back without crippling local business from stopping the punter from buying services in and around little village areas, my wife has a little Beauty Salon in Normanby that will be crippled, hopefully not closed down due to her clients moving to alternative areas that doesn't need parking charges. I'm sure the little village stores and other businesses will feel exactly the same, all this means is the bigger/larger supermarkets etc with its own free parking will win and eventually have nothing left from small business..! I feel very strong about this..! 😞	1/4/2023 6:16 PM
493	Please tell me how reducing carbon will save the planet when it's small amount just an excuse	1/4/2023 6:12 PM

	to tax us since the 70's I've heard different things and nothing has happened to the earth	
494	Don't apply for funding if you can't maintain the capital projects! Budget for maintenance of these capital projects.	1/4/2023 5:38 PM
495	It's a joke roads are dangerously neglected now you are banning people cycling on some off road areas saltburn seafront and Skelton woods etc you waste awed council tax shame on you all	1/4/2023 5:25 PM
496	Lots of comments that have been made on other surveys but never listened to by the council - the industrial eyesore proposed for the seafront, moving the library to tuned in, the arena knock back and so on	1/4/2023 5:22 PM
497	Please make sure you are using art and culture to attract investment and visitors. The offering in this field is very sparse at the moment.	1/4/2023 4:56 PM
498	No confidence in your ability to deliver. See the Hub , Tuned In , Redcar Tower etc.	1/4/2023 4:53 PM
499	Too much of a bad joke to comment.	1/4/2023 4:36 PM
500	Council vanity projects, yet another mini golf course and shipping containers, when a 5k venue was suggested and rejected without consulting with community, look at the money, jobs and investment scarbrough outdoor arena generates. And green but building yet another incinerator, complete joke	1/4/2023 4:17 PM
501	No	1/4/2023 4:04 PM
502	Electric vehicles cost more money, we are doing minimal things costing maximum amounts financially. Additionally they dont have the milage capacity to do a proper job in winter in the council area.	1/4/2023 3:33 PM
503	Instead of asking for increased parking fees at our beauty hotspots, install electric charging points there and use the profits from them to offset the parking charges. Try and have some joined up thinking, each of the council projects seems to be a band aid over one area rather than a long term plan.	1/4/2023 3:32 PM
504	No - the area needs regeneration and and it's needs to be a focus. A focus within community regeneration rather then building and capital needs to be explored.	1/4/2023 3:06 PM
505	Totally object to the blatant attack on the motorists , no one can afford the folly of electric vehicles. Yet in a time of economic hardship, RCBC add further costs to already hard pushed family's. Time for you all to resign	1/4/2023 3:02 PM
506	redcar again that's a surprise . vertical pier(white elephant. sea wall (cant see over).its a dump why spend more on it	1/4/2023 2:52 PM
507	The council are considering charging for parking in North Road car park Loftus. I would like to point out that this car park is used by people who live in the nearby streets and have no option but to leave their vehicles in this car park because there is nowhere else for them to park. We have lived in Robinson Tce, a few yards from the car park, for 48 years and because of the parking restrictions outside our house we have no option but to leave our car there when we're at home. This situation applies to many more of our neighbours too. How are we expected to pay the fees you are introducing? The solution would be to provide residents only free parking or extend the small car park further up North Road which has space for only five residents cars!! Surely the councils first consideration should be the numerous local residents who have to use North Road car park!	1/4/2023 2:22 PM
508	more work needs to be done on the basics: filling in pot holes. regular clearance of drains, especially autumn/winter when full of leaves.	1/4/2023 1:54 PM
509	There is not enough information here or detail to comment.	1/4/2023 1:48 PM
510	Should money not be set aside when times are good and then these reserves used in good times. It would be silly not to do so.	1/4/2023 1:38 PM
511	There is enough swimming provision in the Borough. We don't need another pool in Eston. Building another pool will give the Council a further financial burden.	1/4/2023 1:35 PM
512	Saltburn is in dire need of funding. The rails along Marine Parade are a disgrace and unsafe.	1/4/2023 1:34 PM
513	No	1/4/2023 1:31 PM

514	It's failed in many parts of the Borough before, you only have to look at the state of just about every town.	1/4/2023 1:27 PM
515	If cannot now be afforded, in current financial landscape, put the brakes on until can afford.	1/4/2023 1:24 PM
516	Charging for parking in Loftus will only kill it off more than it already is.	1/4/2023 12:55 PM
517	Why only seemingly focus on Redcar? There are other towns that need improvements, look for example how Guisborough high street is going downhill. Although the townhall is nice, as a resident I have no use for it, whereas shops are shutting frequently and more should be done to maintain the high street	1/4/2023 12:36 PM
518	no	1/4/2023 12:31 PM
519	Not without more information at this point.	1/4/2023 12:15 PM
520	Mainly agree with it. I would like to see Marske and New Marske be improved, as nothing has been allocated for many years from council budgets.	1/4/2023 12:11 PM
521	Again woefully inadequate with no long term master plan. You are simply chasing grants with little preparation and constantly falling short on the investment needed. Many proposals are councillors vanity projects with little purpose.	1/4/2023 12:03 PM
522	Do not wish to see car parking charges introduced in Guisborough	1/4/2023 11:21 AM
523	Regeneration is essential to attract visitors to our borough, encourage footfall to our shops and make R&C a better place to live, work or visit. Parking fees totally inhibit this process. Free parking at shopping areas, leisure facilities and hospitals, surgeries and health centres should be sacrosanct.	1/4/2023 11:06 AM
524	Yes under no circumstances should the LA borrow money for a pool at eston. We cannot afford the council tax as it is.	1/4/2023 10:55 AM
525	Your previous developments in Redcar have not attracted the footfall or businesses estimated. They have been plagued by vandalism and poor design. The library has barely been operational since development and yet you are moving it. Allow the market to develop the commercial services and buildings - your experience demonstrates that you are not capable.	1/4/2023 10:54 AM
526	Has there been a thorough assessment of the current areas of emission?	1/4/2023 10:39 AM
527	Lies	1/4/2023 10:15 AM
528	HOW CAN YOU CLOSE BELMONT HOUSE and then produce this information	1/4/2023 10:13 AM
529	No, it's a good idea, although I think you should use the money as intended.	1/4/2023 10:13 AM
530	When investing in thd high Street, consider keeping the lease fees low to allow businesses to survive snd encourage business and properties to be filled.	1/4/2023 10:10 AM
531	Yes it should encompass the whole borough not just loftus and redcar. Guisborough has half population redcar or double population Eston . Guisborough leisure centre is falling apart and the roads and pavements and drains are in terrible condition.	1/4/2023 10:08 AM
532	The council needs to realise these projects should be spread equally across the borough- far to much concentration on Redcar itself with limited success in regeneration	1/4/2023 9:44 AM
533	I would like to see evidence of funds attracted to the area, if true funds are made why does the tax keep going up. As regards to facillities for child care why do we have such a high demand. Why does the tax payer keep paying for other peoples failings. Parents should be educated to look after their own off spring.	1/4/2023 9:23 AM
534	Don't spend the money unwisely as usually is the case. Actually seem approval from residents of the borough before deciding on your wild ideas.	1/4/2023 9:16 AM
535	No	1/4/2023 9:00 AM
536	Yes this is good for the future but nit right now . Times are hard	1/4/2023 8:58 AM
537	Any proposal which will enable or encourage others to live independently has my vote	1/4/2023 8:36 AM
538	It needs to include provisions for a park and ride	1/4/2023 8:00 AM

539	So you have a shortfall of £9.5 million, which was approximately the cost of the new cinema in Redcar, and which was absolutely pointless to build this facility since the 3 screens barely get filled with customers? I don't mind a small hike in council tax, but proposing car park charges everywhere is going to kill businesses. The residents and locals from surrounding areas who visit and support businesses in Marske, Skelton, Guisborough, Redcar, Staithes etc will suffer if these car park charges go ahead. You will take away our freedom to park free to enjoy visiting the beaches and other locations as many of us will not be able to afford to pay the ridiculous car parking charges you are proposing. What's the point in living here in Cleveland anymore, or even living at all? :-(We now looking at moving away from Cleveland since learning of this proposed budget plan.	1/4/2023 7:32 AM
540	Disagree with the proposal to introduce parking fees to e.g. Westgate.	1/4/2023 7:29 AM
541	Stop talking and start doing. Listen to residents	1/4/2023 7:29 AM
542	Seems ok if you actually manage to change the state of some of the high streets you mention. Loftus is a disgrace.	1/4/2023 7:05 AM
543	What's the point in getting extra investment into the area when all you plan on doing is driving (literally) people away from the area with the overpriced and unnecessary car parking fees right across the borough, which will do nothing but damage the local economy and push more cars into residential areas as people try to avoid paying the extortion prices you're suggesting. Short sighted and clueless! Every single person in the borough is dealing with rising costs and are having to budget their money I'd suggest you get your accountants to do the same as I'm certain there will be areas you can improve internally to help save money before destroying this area further.	1/4/2023 6:50 AM
544	I have seen very little improvements in loftus to justify the amount of money that has been spent	1/4/2023 6:45 AM
545	It's all a bit too little too late in my opinion. Personally I	1/4/2023 6:37 AM
546	The council here couldnt run a piss up in a brewery. Highest rates with everything in Loftus amd cleveland,budget correctly and wouldnt need to take more money off folk for parking just cause all these charging points are going in we have to pay for them alot of people around these parts cant afford teslers electric cars we have a normal cars that dont need charging think before you put your brains into gear and think of the people, and also fix the roads they are a disgrace with pot holes mend them correctly so potholes dont reappear council years back did them properly just waste money now.	1/4/2023 1:20 AM
547	Eston and Normanby receive nothing - it needs addressing Children in care need investment and safeguarding as a priority There should be help available to assist those being cared for in their own home as this eases the pressure elsewhere however it needs monitoring and needs to be fairly distributed	1/3/2023 11:25 PM
548	The council talks to suit itself and not benefit the people living in the area	1/3/2023 11:19 PM
549	As usual you talk a good game but the reality is services, roads, decimated youth centres are miles away from what they were.	1/3/2023 11:12 PM
550	Pause the dredge.	1/3/2023 11:07 PM
551	If the council has to invest money to attract external funding, where is this money coming from. Do not invest what is not there to spend. It is amazing how much money gets spent in Redcar compared to elaeewhere in the borough.	1/3/2023 11:06 PM
552	No	1/3/2023 11:05 PM
553	Money is regularly spent on Redcar town and other East Cleveland towns when guisborough town is struggling with maintaining its high street and retaining business.	1/3/2023 11:04 PM
554	Started to charge to park in my little village is not acceptable	1/3/2023 10:56 PM
555	All regeneration needs better, and more focused management. Public need to be consulted more openly. Those who are affected the most or stand to either lose out or benefit should have their views aired publicly. RandC Council continues to give the local area what a minority of council staff think they want instead of spending money to benefit the wider majority.	1/3/2023 10:55 PM
556	You won't get people coming to the town with the ludicrous car parking charges	1/3/2023 10:43 PM

557	It would be good to see some investment made in Guisborough. Money is always spent on Redcar.	1/3/2023 10:28 PM
558	Eston!!	1/3/2023 10:24 PM
559	I would hope that before Hugh Streets are addressed funding to address antisocial behaviour and building community support would be paramount. No more tuned in buildings that are still fairly empty and not used.	1/3/2023 10:23 PM
560	Please improve safety and accessibility for cyclists. This is a true low emissions project	1/3/2023 10:13 PM
561	Instead of RCBC persistently increasing council tax and parking fees , which in the current cost of living crisis is going to put people under even more financial pressure. RCBC should refrain from incompetently wasting money on unnecessary building ventures such as The proposed Redcar Anchor Building , Water Spirts Hub and the Majuba Road Adventure Mini Golf. The cost involved must run into Millions of pounds which could be better invested into providing the necessary funding for the Borough's public service levels instead of taxing the local population. Goodness knows how much money the local authority has already wasted in purchasing 2 shop units on Tedcar High Street in order to demolish to make way for the UNWANTED Anchor Building. In my opinion the councillor's involved in such financial decisions are I'll equipped incompetent and unqualified to do so, which is why RCBC are in such financial dire Straits. Personally the grants awarded to the Local Authority will better utilised towards supporting and updating facilities in the homes of disabled people and repairing the pot hole strewn roads across the Borough.	1/3/2023 10:10 PM
562	What about Guisborough?	1/3/2023 10:03 PM
563	You need to support residents in Normanby and Eston too. More money should be available to safeguard children especially those in care.	1/3/2023 9:59 PM
564	NA	1/3/2023 9:40 PM
565	No	1/3/2023 9:36 PM
566	Much needed	1/3/2023 9:34 PM
567	Why do you include adaptations for disabled? That must be kept separate as part of social services	1/3/2023 9:21 PM
568	None	1/3/2023 9:20 PM
569	Loftus - I can't understand why? How are you using to support disabled people to access their own homes? Plan for road networks?	1/3/2023 9:15 PM
570	Like to see the council use these platforms to actually get what the people of Redcar want before going full steam ahead and them informing the public	1/3/2023 9:05 PM
571	What about Guisborough, what about keeping the free parking	1/3/2023 9:04 PM
572	too much money spent on redcar its bottomless pit and no amount of money will improve it	1/3/2023 8:56 PM
573	Regeneration projects should be rigorously tested to ensure an investment is as closely related to economic growth outcomes as possible and those projects most likely to deliver those outcomes should be prioritised. Projects which seek to deliver growth through 'quality of life' improvements are luxuries in the current climate and often thinly veil the priorities of vested interests (including councillors and locals with soap boxes).	1/3/2023 8:48 PM
574	I think Redcar has had enough spent on it	1/3/2023 8:47 PM
575	Please don't spend money on any more White elephants like the pier thing in Redcar! Complete waste of money!	1/3/2023 8:39 PM
576	I don't think they are ambitious enough, the council consistently deliver projects that the people who live here don't want, like the beacon. Building a crazy golf venue without a operator in place, running the risk like with the cinema that it won't be fit for their purpose	1/3/2023 8:39 PM
577	Current library had solar panels fitted paid for by the public. This building is planned to be moved to another building costing a large amount of money to do to then be moved again. The current building is then to be rented out but where does the money go and what about the big outlay on solar panels.	1/3/2023 8:39 PM

578	If there is investment in attractions you don't want to then charge more for car parking as people won't visit. It's expensive enough as it is for a day out let alone increased parking charges	1/3/2023 8:38 PM
579	Very limited when targeted on only two areas	1/3/2023 8:36 PM
580	The proposed car parking charges everywhere is absolutely outrageous! Yet just another tax.....when businesses are struggling and councillors are just not in touch with the communities they serve. From my understanding this land was bequeathed to the people of Marske and not the Redcar and Cleveland BC!	1/3/2023 8:30 PM
581	Don't go to Redcar as development and projects do not support diversity or inclusion for all but specific groups. Projects are slow to materialise and only support major Redcar and not outlying Parishes	1/3/2023 8:29 PM
582	Shouldn't you be investing more. At a return of 200% it's more effective than holding down hope increases in Council Tax.	1/3/2023 8:13 PM
583	It is a start but could do with refining by financial experts. External funding this could attract is good but your focus should not be on external funding you can attract but instead be on the Return on Investment that your capital investment plan and external funding will deliver. Not clear why there is a focus on Loftus.... Not somewhere most residents can get to easily.	1/3/2023 8:07 PM
584	Over the last 10 years saltburn has been changed from a quiet seaside town with happy residents to a busy tourist destination with no thought or care of its residents. Marske is beginning to be ruined like this too. Please do not extend this to all areas of the Borough!	1/3/2023 8:06 PM
585	No money spent in Guisborough.	1/3/2023 7:59 PM
586	Many Borough residents are against the Redcar Town centre plans which, as usual, seem to be disjointed and lack cohesion. Buildings such as Tuned In, the Hub and the "wonderful" vertical pier (no way of recording sarcasm, unfortunately) are virtually empty and hugely underused, the cinema appears to be doing well (which is great) but is in the wrong place, the seafront benches/shelters etc look horrible, the boating lake is still empty, the Council seem to be opposed to the possible investments for the Arena. The purchase, demolition and redevelopment of the M&S/Woolworths site has been heavily criticised with the worry of a wind tunnel effect. All of these developments have been the subject of surveys (the results of which seem to have been totally ignored) or requests for public comments which are also ignored but the comments and suggestions from local people who know our area have proved to be more accurate than the council's "experts".	1/3/2023 7:57 PM
587	It will mean you are charging us for free activities meaning we can't do free things like go to the beech/park/ museums all things that are essential for children by charging car parking means we can no longer do them things. My children are entitled to fresh air and exercise you charging for parking is removing that from them.	1/3/2023 7:56 PM
588	Ensure VFM is top priority especially when procuring services and also prioritise social value for the towns where work is taking place.	1/3/2023 7:56 PM
589	The plan for increasing electric vehicles cannot possibly make a significant difference since most if the housing stock is without drives or private access to charging points. Plus the cost of electric vehicles is beyond the reach of most. The Redcar and Loftus plans look good, but long term will there really be enough income generation to keep it going after the council has stopped propping it up?	1/3/2023 7:56 PM
590	The needs of other parts and towns in the Borough also need to be assessed and planned for.	1/3/2023 7:53 PM
591	No	1/3/2023 7:36 PM
592	Keep it simple Stop going for growth and concentrate on our foundations for those who live here We do not need a hotel a golf course or anything else at the minute	1/3/2023 7:13 PM
593	Do it properly instead of wasting money like usual.	1/3/2023 7:08 PM
594	Let's see some funding to improve Guisborough for a change. A new leisure centre for example	1/3/2023 7:05 PM
595	Listen to what residents actually want. They know the areas they live in better than you	1/3/2023 7:02 PM
596	Stop wasting money on REDCAR!!!	1/3/2023 6:54 PM

597	Parking plans will drive people away from natural spots, museums and high streets. Proposed costs of parking is much too high and will deter people like myself from using them. People will park on local estate roads rather than pay causing traffic issues	1/3/2023 6:52 PM
598	I would like to see proof of this £2 return for every £1 invested	1/3/2023 6:42 PM
599	Scrap the proposed hydrogen plant	1/3/2023 6:39 PM
600	Provide something that makes the area a better place over all. People like myself and my husband have good jobs but now the extra is being sealed up by all the increases, meaning our property still won't get the new heating system or the radiators we need so why do others get to live the life of comfort by we can't.	1/3/2023 6:31 PM
601	It completely ignores the second largest town in the area, Guisborough and disproportionately negatively affects those residents.	1/3/2023 6:25 PM
602	I am disappointed in the choices in the past that I have little confidence in the spending of our tax money. Money was stolen on top of that with no care. Vertical pier brings no one to Redcar, The hub is not used to its full potential and glass windows on a sea front ? Horse, surfing and yoga hub being built does not suit the majority in Redcar and surrounding towns. When will the spending be more for the majority and for the future of the area ? Eston needs a leisure centre, vertical pier in Redcar would attract all ages and timeless, Eston is a through road to Redcar and needs a face lift for attracting business that will help the surrounding towns Spend wisely and for the majority	1/3/2023 6:24 PM
603	No	1/3/2023 6:23 PM
604	Redcar again! What about other areas	1/3/2023 6:17 PM
605	I think some of the decisions such as the sale of Belmont House are sensible but have not been fully explained publicly so have received negative press and comment. More needs to be done to inform the public of the rationale for these decisions.	1/3/2023 6:13 PM
606	No	1/3/2023 5:56 PM
607	Yes, it's very narrow minded : concentrating on Redcar.....what abt Eston, Nornanby, South Bank.????	1/3/2023 5:49 PM
608	Invest in plans that will bring in revenue, I.e. tourism and business	1/3/2023 5:38 PM
609	Why have you just bought new diesel bin wagons I've seen a bathroom conversion done in loftus recently it is a bodged up disgrace the cost was shocking and the finished job passed before it was finished what a waste of money	1/3/2023 5:11 PM
610	NO	1/3/2023 4:46 PM
611	No - you've successfully disguised the plan in a way which gives the impression that Redcar and Cleveland is a collection of small communities when it isn't.	1/3/2023 4:40 PM
612	We have nothing left to give. You should be ashamed.	1/3/2023 2:27 PM
613	Guisborough main street (Westgate) needs investment to encourage take up of the many empty retail units.	1/3/2023 2:25 PM
614	I disagree with it	1/3/2023 2:17 PM
615	Include Guisborough in this we are always last on the list.	1/3/2023 1:42 PM
616	No	1/3/2023 1:30 PM
617	Approve the Redcar arena.	1/3/2023 1:00 PM
618	No comments	1/3/2023 12:46 PM
619	Council has been offered massive investment in Redcar with the Bowl and chosen not to listen to people or what would be best for town. Council ignored 6,000 people voting for Bowl, for regeneration it would bring and benefits to town....how can we trust them.to do anything in best interest? Council purchased old M&S building for huge sum when waiting 12 months would mean huge saving - ridiculous waste of money and the proposed plans have changed beyond recognition without proper thought or consultation. People voted for one thing then Council changes ideas to little benefit if everyone!	1/3/2023 12:26 PM

620	It's fine. Don't fund a pool in Eston if government don't back it! waste of money - there are loads of pools about.	1/3/2023 12:18 PM
621	Guisborough would benefit from investment to maintain its current businesses	1/3/2023 12:07 PM
622	Too many BAD investments, ill considered projects have ALREADY been made by R&CBC in the last 8-10 years. NOT GOOD ENOUGH!	1/3/2023 11:36 AM
623	I believe the council needs to look at how it is investing. Currently Steve greens proposal on an arena has been shelved, yet the council insists on a new hotel, that in itself puts further competition on local business, i.e the park hotel, the Clacton and several other smaller hotels. We don't really need a new hotel unless there is something to bring more people that want to stay. The arena proposal would have done this. I also think knocking down the old marks and Spencer building and creating an open space probably won't attract any more people and that investing in the purchase of that particular building was not the right thing to do in the first place. And finally, crazy golf, really? The very attraction that we all walk past in every other seaside town because no one wants to use it. I think serious business proposals from the local area should be considered much more in the future.	1/3/2023 11:27 AM
624	Money should be put aside in the good times so this money should be coming out of reserves	1/3/2023 11:23 AM
625	Not at this time	1/3/2023 11:20 AM
626	Every Pound spent should be scrutinised, To ensure no throwing away money needlessly As councils tend to do	1/3/2023 11:17 AM
627	Sounds good if it actually happens	1/3/2023 10:56 AM
628	Investment in the towns is good but some of the projects are not.	1/3/2023 10:50 AM
629	Recycling yes. Purchasing electric vehicles? Who for ? They are too expensive to buy and don't help the environment as the carbon production costs outweigh the benefits. How will the batteries be recycled ? These will contaminate for ever. Renewable energy sources probably include Hydrogen, this uses 8x more gas to produce than using gas , electricity is also produced by gas to provide top up of electric when there is no wind or sun. Why not just use gas? This earth will not run out of gas for 5 million years by which time we will have other energy sources from other planets	1/3/2023 10:46 AM
630	Some of the money spent on things is a complete waste of money. It's time people started listening to the residents of redcar and Cleveland. Some examples include the purchase of Marks and Spencer. And the construction of a crazy golf course	1/3/2023 10:30 AM
631	The council needs to listen to local people regarding things like a Pier or Arena instead of following its own agenda.	1/3/2023 10:28 AM
632	Always Redcar what about eston and normaby south bank grangetown all you do is to take our money to rebuild a dump Redcar scrap parking or you will kill these places car park charges are a joke you will kill shops and the flats lane park	1/3/2023 9:51 AM
633	What about investment in battery storage?	1/3/2023 9:41 AM
634	Is Guisborough being included in any Capital Investment Plan?	1/3/2023 9:31 AM
635	You may want to include home energy usage's surveys and the benefits of insulation that may be possibly subsidised by the council	1/3/2023 9:27 AM
636	Where's the money for Guisborough? Redcar yet again rakes it in.	1/3/2023 8:05 AM
637	Loftus needs support. Redcar has had so much thrown at it. The sea front is great but the High Street is only busy on Friday, the people need the money before infrastructure,	1/3/2023 7:35 AM
638	Guisborough town Center requires regeneration, the shopping needs a town plan to support business	1/3/2023 6:58 AM
639	It's too focused on Redcar. Guisborough High Street is in a terrible state and now parking charges are proposed.	1/2/2023 11:18 PM
640	No	1/2/2023 10:02 PM
641	What about Guisborough???? Redcar Redcar Redcar!!	1/2/2023 9:59 PM

642	No comment	1/2/2023 9:45 PM
643	WHAT ABOUT ESTON AND NORMANBY??	1/2/2023 8:11 PM
644	Distribute it evenly throughout RC. Invest in projects that provide free resources for residents such as social youth clubs, sports facilities. Promote projects and advertise for volunteers from local residents and improve the sense of community spirit again. Cooking classes, finance training etc. Group area clean ups etc.	1/2/2023 7:39 PM
645	More support for pensions & the elderly to stay in own homes	1/2/2023 7:11 PM
646	I'm not happy about where the money is spent. I don't live in Redcar or Loftus I live in TS6.... We need to stop spending in Redcar and have plans for all the boroughs.	1/2/2023 7:11 PM
647	Do not introduce charged parking on Guisborough high street. Small businesses will suffer.	1/2/2023 5:06 PM
648	Electric vehicles are not cost efficient and you know it - shop pushing the green agenda on people who can hardly afford it - an electric van is probably double the price of a petrol or diesel	1/2/2023 4:53 PM
649	No comment	1/2/2023 4:40 PM
650	Scrap the carbon emissions plan, it's not cost effective in this financial situation the country is in.	1/2/2023 4:13 PM
651	I object to paying anything towards Redcar and Loftus when we in Eston get absolutely zero from Redcar and Cleveland Council its shameful!	1/2/2023 3:58 PM
652	Why are you developing Redcar Majuba road, it is not required. The money should be spent on more pressing things Also why are you wanting to charge for car parking in Eston and Normanby. You should be encouraging. People to shop local to protect the local economies. I try to buy everything local In Normanby but if you introduce parking. It will Drive business away down to Tesco/Aldi in trunk road where parking is fee. It's madness to even think of charging for parking , the local shops are juts starting to pick up since Covid and if you go ahead with parking charges you will kill it	1/2/2023 2:08 PM
653	Not enough info	1/2/2023 12:28 PM
654	Not in favour where has the money gone for Eston revitalisation???	1/2/2023 12:26 PM
655	Other Council's have managed this successfully. Good to see Belmont going. Prime site and not needed. The changes should start to return profit to be used to further invest.	1/2/2023 12:08 PM
656	Stop wasting council tax payers money on fanciful carbon neutral. If you want to make a difference put solar panels on every roof in Redcar and Cleveland at a discounted price!!!!	1/2/2023 12:03 PM
657	I think the Nunthorpe Swans corner was a waste of money.	1/2/2023 11:56 AM
658	Yes , why is it Redcar and East Cleveland yet again It's about time Eston and Normanby were looked at	1/2/2023 11:43 AM
659	You are letting Normanby and Eston decline in its own infrastructure and gucysdjng once again on Redcar and ital areas.	1/2/2023 11:23 AM
660	Let people charge their vehicles at home!	1/2/2023 9:48 AM
661	I think the Redcar Town Deal and Loftus Future High Street Fund have little impact on Guisborough.	1/2/2023 9:04 AM
662	Yes but struggling to see why Guisborough is not having any developments - do grants get applied for?	1/2/2023 8:45 AM
663	I'm disappointed that the plan again attracts funding for areas of the borough which have already had substantial funding for a significant number of years now and yet other areas are left without support. Guisborough being a good example.	1/2/2023 8:25 AM
664	No it's not the time for green energy white elephant schemes what don't work	1/2/2023 7:07 AM
665	Redcar and East Cleveland again. The rest of us don't exist!	1/2/2023 12:02 AM
666	The council need to look at their own carbon footprint- you ask residents to recycle, yet you don't do it in your own buildings. More investment is needed in providing for children in care	1/1/2023 11:51 PM

	yourselves. Too much money spent on renting accommodation for young people- you should be buying the properties yourself and not renting.	
667	This should be focused on improvements for residents rather than tourists	1/1/2023 9:57 PM
668	Redcar and Loftus yet again! How about investing in eston, normanby, South Bank and Grangetown. Eston is an eyesore and has been promised funding for years and you've never delivered.	1/1/2023 9:49 PM
669	Spread it out a bit Eg not just REDCAR AND East Cleveland	1/1/2023 8:49 PM
670	I don't trust the council to do it and they need a major oversight by central government	1/1/2023 8:48 PM
671	None of it ever comes to normanby/Teessville	1/1/2023 8:10 PM
672	Anything for guisborough	1/1/2023 7:46 PM
673	Stop wasting money chasing the green project, it's expensive and will ultimately fail Sort our the boroughs roads, they are a disgrace. Please remember that there are more areas than Redcar, how about investing some money in Eston and Normanby.	1/1/2023 7:40 PM
674	I believe that the cost of adaptations to enable individuals to live at home can be disproportionate and unfair to others deserving of need. Is there any scrutiny of adaptations made and their longevity of use?	1/1/2023 7:27 PM
675	Spend it wisely	1/1/2023 7:19 PM
676	Why yet again is ALL money going to Redcar and East Cleveland, quite disgraceful all round.	1/1/2023 7:06 PM
677	I feel very strongly about the amount of money ploughed into Redcar and Loftus.. Eston was promised a great deal of money for Eston precinct many years ago, it's never been allocated and our lovely area is sorely neglected 😞	1/1/2023 6:16 PM
678	Carbon emissions are irrelevant, electric vehicles are an utter waste of money and resources and renewable energy sources are a joke at best.	1/1/2023 5:38 PM
679	Why is it Redcar Town or Loftus? There are far more areas in the district. Areas that need support too.	1/1/2023 5:38 PM
680	When will there be fair investment for all the towns in the Council's area? All the money invested goes into one town Redcar while assets are stripped out of other towns which in turn is running down the whole area while Redcar still hasn't changed.	1/1/2023 5:28 PM
681	I would like to see a graph highlighting total spend in Redcar compared to total spend in all the other towns under this councils responsibility.	1/1/2023 4:27 PM
682	Too much money is spent on Redcar when the authority has many other towns and villages to promote. Guisborough has very few facilities, baths is getting run down. More could be made of cycling routes, woods, links to Nunthorpe Station and beyond. Instead money is poured into Redcar, stupid pier, small cinema, refurbished high street and sea front. Land is being sold for housing , providing more council tax yet facilities are dropping	1/1/2023 3:37 PM
683	Wasting money on Redcar station why spend millions improving a building that you lease. Most spending is been done in Redcar and East Cleveland whilst other areas are neglected.	1/1/2023 12:03 PM
684	If you wish for support you should treat each area fairly, Guisborough is like a poor relative to Redcar, it's about time you started investing properly in this town bring the market town back to its former glory, invest in identifying the Priory to increase tourist footfall, incentives to market traders etc	1/1/2023 10:16 AM
685	Again would like to see more investment in Guisborough. We lost out on a theatre years ago and given the proposed parking charges new baths such as Loftus has would be beneficial.	1/1/2023 8:34 AM
686	Far too much money spent in Redcar at the expense of other areas, areas that probably have the highest council tax burden	1/1/2023 12:05 AM
687	Each year it seems that Redcar is targeted for additional funding, what about some regeneration targeted at Guisborough from the council.	12/31/2022 9:57 PM
688	More Investment in Guisborough would be welcomed. There is a perception that R&CBC investment us Redcar centred and that not enough or a reasonable proportion of investment is	12/31/2022 8:25 PM

	provided to Guisborough.	
689	Why is all the funds aimed at Redcar, millions have gone into this town and the high street is still a dump. We are Redcar and Cleveland, it seems the council forget the other areas. Loftus does need investment but do people really want a hotel? Guisborough the ancient capital is forgotten though the income from larger council tax is just absorbed into the city of Redcar. The town has grown but we have access to council facilities via a library? The council want green credentials but have taken of the local bus service, the town is congested with cars as a result, 600+ homes on the outskirts means everyone has to use cars to get to shops etc. The car park charges will bring in a income but it will only go to Redcar.	12/31/2022 6:57 PM
690	Why is all the investment in Redcar?	12/31/2022 6:11 PM
691	Do	12/31/2022 6:06 PM
692	What plan do you have to increase services in Guisborough? The parks for kids are tiny and not maintained Redcar has a cinema, boating lake, excellent leisure centre, Locke park. Guisborough has a very poor park at KGV field and Belmont park which is small and not maintained well.	12/31/2022 6:02 PM
693	What about Guisborough were is our share!!!	12/31/2022 5:50 PM
694	Where is the investment coming to Guisborough? Only to Redcar all the time	12/31/2022 5:37 PM
695	SPEND SOME MONEY ON GUISBOROUGH. We live our SMALL town and we take care of it. Our council needs to support us. Our roads are in dreadful condition, especially Galley Hill area. We need more flowers in the high St, more trees and bushes around the roads which are becoming busier, landlords should be forced (fined) to look after their properties, both outside and in. Stop destroying our green spaces. Encourage local schools to learn about our woods and participate in environmental activities there. Do not increase parking charges which would stop people from traveling here to shop in our high St. Have a zero tolerance approach to antisocial behaviour, littering and vandalism. Our small town should have protected status due to its history and age. Instead of destroying it, the council should be taking care of it. You have moved all your service offices to Redcar to make it harder for us to access RBC. We deserve better for the high rates we pay.	12/31/2022 5:11 PM
696	I don't live in Redcar or Loftus so don't understand why the money from residents in Guisborough can't be spent on improving our hometown.	12/31/2022 4:56 PM
697	You spend spend spend spend money on Redcar and it is STILL a dump. It's about time other communities had a fairer share of the pot. Instead of wasting money on Mary Lanigan's vanity projects, get the roads in order - road maintenance is the worst it has ever been.	12/31/2022 4:53 PM
698	Again, Guisborough must benefit NOT just Redcar. Guisborough residents pay their taxes and we get nothing. Everything is taken away from us, even the council offices which will have a devastating effect on the town.	12/31/2022 4:35 PM
699	Yet again no money invested in Guisborough.	12/31/2022 4:34 PM
700	No	12/31/2022 4:26 PM
701	No - wherever you live, you want the best for your own town. Not everybody can benefit but as a Guisborough resident I would like to see more money eventually coming our way!	12/31/2022 4:22 PM
702	Redcar is not the only high street. High streets that thrive are not all the modern monstrosities that R&CBC create by putting ones keeping the traditional high streets smaller shops. Large shops are now all in out of town parks so we need to encourage small businesses and give them a helping hand. Helmsley, Yarm, Northallerton are more traditional and although struggling are faring better	12/31/2022 4:05 PM
703	What about Guisborough? All the funds go to Redcar (and lucky Loftus on this occasion). Houses galore being built in Guisborough with no extra facilities for the expanding population - still only 2 doctors surgeries which is exactly the same as 30+ years ago!	12/31/2022 4:04 PM
704	Why are the council office buildings up for sale or hire? And who on earth allowed the spending of God knows how much on that white elephant monolith outside the building. Don't blame COVID for the closure, blame yourselves for mismanaging your finances.	12/31/2022 3:56 PM
705	No	12/31/2022 3:23 PM

706	Yes sick of paying for redcar Guisborough and surrounding villages get nothing	12/31/2022 3:13 PM
707	If it brought new retail shops, better roads, then yes. No money has been spent here for years, even the baths are rubbish and we are being asked to pay for parking there, someone is having a laugh at our expense	12/31/2022 3:08 PM
708	Investments are important But paying to park in Guisborough would kill the already diminishing high street People will vote with their feet !	12/31/2022 3:08 PM
709	What return are you currently getting from these investments? Are the improvements proving beneficial? and when will these benefits be able to develop other parts of the borough that are currently being neglected?	12/31/2022 2:54 PM
710	We are desperate in guisborough for funding it has become a poor town with a broken down high street full of charity shops and empty shops not the town it use to be	12/31/2022 2:43 PM
711	The borough does very little for cyclists and should be promoting cycling more actively and funding safe cycling initiatives.	12/31/2022 2:36 PM
712	Whilst I support an increase in council tax in principle, I object to the fact that none of it seems to befit residents in Guisborough. We are always at the back of the queue. There is mention of increased parking charges for Guisborough - will Guisborough see this ploughed back into Guisborough projects?	12/31/2022 2:34 PM
713	As long as there is some investment in Guisborough I have seen precious little in recent years despite the massive increase in residents with all the new housing estates that have gone up.	12/31/2022 2:30 PM
714	Redcar, redcar, redcar... it's always about redcar. Nice to see loftus finally getting a look in (and it needs it), but there are other towns and villages	12/31/2022 2:29 PM
715	Again, no improvements for Guisborough, just more withdrawal.	12/31/2022 2:23 PM
716	What about Guisborough ?!? introducing car parking fees will be the end to the high street. I drive into town on my lunch and spend money In Local shops any fees to park would mean I wouldn't do this and shop else where at weekends any fees introduced would be detrimental to the town. Any fees at King George playing field would be the end on the swimming baths / gym what about encouraging people using these facilities not introducing barriers. This would also have massive effect on Guisborough football club and on match day only creating parking issues else where. They are trying to increase attendance not discourage it	12/31/2022 2:22 PM
717	Neither of these plans contributes to guisborough residents. In fact you plan to make things worse by introducing charges for parking in the high street cobbles. Absolutely outrageous.	12/31/2022 1:54 PM
718	No mention of Guisborough as usual.	12/31/2022 1:52 PM
719	Where can I read it?	12/31/2022 1:51 PM
720	Parking charges drive customers away and they will never return. Motorists are just used as a cash cow to generate money but it will devastate the high streets even further.	12/31/2022 1:48 PM
721	Where is Guisborough mentioned in these capital investment plans?	12/31/2022 1:44 PM
722	It doesn't seem to involve Guisborough! There is a bias within this Authority and a willingness to use the residents of Guisborough to fund Projects which have nothing to do with us. We get precious little from RCBC and this is just rubbing salt into a very sore wound.	12/31/2022 1:44 PM
723	Yes, what about Guisborough?	12/31/2022 1:17 PM
724	Hard to comment when such little is known about it.	12/31/2022 1:16 PM
725	Guisborough Westgate is rumoured to be under consultation for parking charges even though we have never been charged to use this facility before and it is currently a parking disc system. I strongly disagree to this idea. I feel charging parking on west gate cobbles guisborough Wicklow result in a negative way for our local business in terms of footfall as people may choose to shop in the supermarkets, b and m etc. which offers free parking. I also feel as a guisborough resident of 40 years that the convenience of parking on westgate is a right to be able to 'pop to the shops' I got one will not want to pay a parking charge on westgate and therefore will take my custom else where although such a shame for the local hardworking business owners.	12/31/2022 12:41 PM
726	Stop pushing electric vehicles! They are not the answer. I work for an independent Opticians in	12/31/2022 12:38 PM

Loftus. You have taken away car parking in the main car park in Loftus, by adding electric charging points. This has taken parking away from our customers who use the car park to access shops and businesses in Loftus. Many of our Patients have limited mobility & struggle to find suitable parking with in an easy walk of our practice.

727	Again will Guisborough see any of this money?	12/31/2022 12:34 PM
728	There will be no growth as people cannot afford to spend money!!	12/31/2022 12:34 PM
729	No	12/31/2022 12:30 PM
730	It's not fully inclusive across the Borough	12/31/2022 12:13 PM
731	Stop spending the majority of the money on Redcar, there are other parts of this borough that just get scraps!	12/31/2022 12:09 PM
732	Haven't seen it	12/31/2022 12:07 PM
733	YOU HAVE ENOUGH OF OUR MONEY TO INVEST I HAVENT GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE MY CHILDREN TO THE PICTURES AND I WORK FULL TIME IN SOCIAL CARE BUT YOU STILL WANT MORE FROM US	12/31/2022 11:27 AM
734	Don't do it	12/31/2022 11:24 AM
735	The Council needs to keep all Council Taxpayers informed about exactly where this money is being spent and how much.	12/31/2022 11:23 AM
736	Yes, appreciate the restrictions of these capital grants but are there robust plans in place for ongoing revenue Costs? Are these truly economically sustainable?	12/31/2022 11:21 AM
737	Yes. FORGET ELECTRIC VEHICLES. They are a fallacy. They come at an unacceptable cost (lives) of lithium/cobalt batteries mined in other countries. The batteries are non-disposable. We are not stupid and know electric vehicles are NOT good for the planet. Just wait till they all plug into the grid after return from work. They will cause blackouts. Stop believing the lies.	12/30/2022 4:45 PM
738	Yeah	12/29/2022 4:17 PM
739	I disagree with what and how money is spent. I have seen no evidence to support the claim that £1 spent attracts £2 investment.	12/29/2022 11:22 AM
740	I disagree with what and how money is spent. I have seen no evidence to support the claim that £1 spent attracts £2 investment.	12/29/2022 11:05 AM
741	East Cleveland receives absolutely nothing as far as I can see. I've lived in Loftus most of my life and it is the worst state. I have ever know.	12/27/2022 9:16 AM
742	The ROI sounds poor and almost all local govt projects underperform targets do the return could actually end up substantially lower than 2:1. As a project professional what qualifications do your project managers have and what is there experience of successful delivery?	12/26/2022 8:55 PM
743	The plans for Loftus are a joke, money spent where not needed and things that did need updating and sorting are being left. Priorities all wrong and complete waste of time and money	12/26/2022 5:29 PM
744	The reduction in carbon emissions is just rubbish to allow you to tax us more. Stop being so gullible.	12/26/2022 5:09 PM
745	Putting eight electric charging points in North Road car park is excessive as in the Cat Nab park at Saltburn, a popular tourist destination, has merely two !!! No need for eight in Loftus North Road car park!!	12/26/2022 4:05 PM
746	Money needs to be distributed equally to other areas in the Borough, opportunities for facilities and growth are required in all of the towns.	12/26/2022 1:24 AM
747	I think the counsel services need a review of how much money is wasted	12/26/2022 12:51 AM
748	Im sorry, a lot of your projects seem a waste of money. The Hub, the pier, the crazy golf course on majuba road to name a few	12/24/2022 9:09 PM
749	Guisborough continues to be forgotten about and hosts a large population	12/24/2022 4:39 PM
750	Yes - Guisborough is always ignored and no investment given. The local authority have closed Belmont House which is a corporate mistake. We all await the levelling up fund bid for round 2	12/24/2022 10:19 AM

- I wonder what the government will give us - all - partial - or nothing!

751	Unfortunately selling the town and its people for monetary investment is short sighted and insulting. Money would be better spent improving what already exists and maintaining the facilities already in place.	12/23/2022 10:12 PM
752	Guisborough never gets a share of the money spent, we are just used like a cash machine for Redcar.	12/23/2022 9:00 PM
753	Where is Eston in this plan why is it only Redcar and loftus being listed where does the leader live ? Is that in one of these areas should other areas not be invested in as these were on the agenda long before loftus	12/23/2022 7:03 PM
754	Stop wasting it on pointless stuff and instead give the go ahead for an arena that will constantly generate income into the local area	12/23/2022 6:56 PM
755	Stop adding car parking charges otherwise no area will rejuvenate	12/23/2022 5:06 PM
756	Spend some of it out of Redcar! Eston and Normanby have had zero capital investment for years	12/23/2022 3:03 PM
757	I am totally against the Hydrogen conversation plan. And I think the planned project re- the Marks and Spencer/ Woolworths is not what the residents of Redcar want, but as usual the council will carry on regardless then in a few years they will convert it to something else as they have done with the Hub, the Beacon and Tuned In.	12/23/2022 2:40 PM
758	Why is there no reference to the proposed coatham arena as this could be, if approved, a major contributor to the future growth of the area? Whilst this project is to be funded with private money it will obviously have an impact on services and growth in the borough. I Disagree with suggestions about increasing parking costs in Redcar as this will not encourage people or visitors into the town. If anything it will reduce footfall even further	12/23/2022 2:22 PM
759	Sounds fine to me although mental health is increasing and long waits for appointment s that could be added to list	12/23/2022 10:47 AM
760	I agree with more in house residential provision for children in care. I don't feel that we should continue to invest in reducing carbon emissions.	12/23/2022 10:17 AM
761	But DO you actually attract the external funding?	12/23/2022 9:58 AM
762	Sounds good	12/23/2022 8:53 AM
763	It's discusting that people have to pay to park there vehicle out side there own houses when there already struggling with the cost of living .	12/23/2022 7:04 AM
764	No. That all sounds good.	12/23/2022 7:03 AM
765	They was supposed to be new properties getting built on station road Redcar that got scrapped and a golf course built let's hope it lasts and it don't get vandalised.	12/23/2022 7:00 AM
766	Think it's great apart from the encouragement of electric car use, which in reality is more damaging to environment with how materials are mined and in reality the infrastructure isn't available in the country to provide clean electric for these cars yet , so we still need our old methods to provide this. I'm more of a fan of the hydrogen future if it can be developed safely	12/23/2022 6:20 AM
767	This is great but get the basics right like maintaining the water level in the boating lake, opening the beacon viewing platform to the public, fixing the clock in the high street etc before embarking on new projects.	12/23/2022 5:32 AM
768	You must consult the local people about what they want. Lots of previous expenditure is now wasted on buildings that aren't used to their full potential.	12/22/2022 8:07 PM
769	It seems the future highstreet funding is being spent on council owned buildings in Loftus and not the actual highstreet buildings which is what was needed to tidy up the Town. Zetland terrace is apppauling. I beautiful flower park with a covenant on it has been destroyed for parking. The library will be located off the highstreet and a carpark crested in hall grounds, the more attractive residential area of Loftus. Crazy, Loftus folk completed consultation documents . We're these actually considered?	12/22/2022 6:21 PM
770	Loftus project is falling apart so much bad planning and some very big financial boomshells to come tonight very soon	12/22/2022 5:16 PM

771	There's other places other than Redcar. (Not including (Loftus). Redcar has had millions spent on it and yet places like Eston, Normanby, Grangetown, Skelton are looking worse for wear. It's disgraceful.	12/22/2022 4:00 PM
772	The Council's capital expenditure in Redcar over the last few years has improved the town for residents and visitors.	12/22/2022 1:49 PM
773	You seem to waste a lot of money	12/22/2022 1:48 PM
774	Lack of detail here is unsurprising, if we invest £1 we secure £2 external funding. How much are you investing and where?	12/22/2022 1:02 PM
775	I don't know, I can't find a copy of it anywhere?	12/22/2022 12:54 PM
776	We have spent millions on vanity projects with no obvious improvement in the borough. No confidence in the plans dor Redcar and Loftus. You are flogging a dead horse.	12/22/2022 12:48 PM
777	Redcar and loft us aren't they lucky!!! Oh More EV vehicles does that mean we won't see 2/3 councils workers sat in vans parked up running the engines in all weathers with either heating or air on	12/22/2022 11:44 AM
778	Service delivery should be controlled and monitored and published to the public so that we can see exactly how services are being delivered and how much its costing for each service so services that are not performing can be scrutinised The council should look at employing its own service for highways for line painting and road repairs instead of contracting it out then the council could make money by contracting its department out for that service and more would be saved as the team can do jobs whenever they arise instead of contracting one off jobs out to private companies By doing this the council would save more money so would have more money to re invest in the Borough	12/22/2022 11:44 AM
779	Must be value for money and in line with community aspirations	12/21/2022 5:25 PM

Q5 Do you have any further comments about the budget proposals?

Answered: 700 Skipped: 2,314

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I am totally against any increase in Council tax at this time. The Council need to focus on better management of the funds it receives in the same way any private company has to.	1/17/2023 11:25 PM
2	The Council Tax Support to the Town and Parish Councils should not be withdrawn, This is still provided by central Government - a proportion of it should still be passed on.	1/16/2023 4:55 PM
3	See previous comments	1/16/2023 12:27 PM
4	Yes. You should rethink where your money is going.	1/15/2023 4:58 PM
5	Strongly agree with proposed increase in Council tax at a time when cost of living is out of control and many people are already struggling financially. Working class people having to rely on food banks in the 21st century is unbelievable. Expecting to continuously expect people to pay more and receive less is ridiculous. The Council need to better manage budgets and finances and perhaps look at restructure and minimise some executive roles/ posts within the organisation. I would be interested to know how many people within redcar and cleveland have not paid Council tax and if this been followed up? If not this is an exercise that would possibly counter balance having a Council tax increase?	1/15/2023 12:17 AM
6	Be more efficient, reduce staffing where possible and concentrate funding on essential services.	1/14/2023 4:07 PM
7	I suggest you do away with all these so-called carbon reducing/green ideas - no one in the rest of the world is doing this. We pay twice as much for our energy as, say France and Germany. You should have a panel of people with common sense you are compelled to consult before going along with stupid ideas!	1/14/2023 10:04 AM
8	Do not put parking charges on Skelton High Street. This would effectively kill our High Street, as people would no longer use the shops or cafes there.	1/14/2023 8:46 AM
9	Please stop pissing our money up the wall.	1/13/2023 9:52 PM
10	I'll pay more council tax, but will avoid paying any parking fees introduced by the council instead travelling and spending my money in areas with free parking.	1/13/2023 8:43 PM
11	SCRAP THE PARKING CHARGES	1/13/2023 2:45 PM
12	all councils need to go back to consertive government and demand a total rethink	1/13/2023 7:59 AM
13	People are struggling already without increases in council taxes. Council tax should be means tested or every one pay the sane as we all get the sane services	1/12/2023 7:55 PM
14	keep your allowances on hold	1/12/2023 4:57 PM
15	Take a step forward and do not regress on parking.	1/12/2023 4:24 PM
16	Imposing Parking Fees on Marske by Sea car parks is not legal as that land was bequeathed to the residents of Marske by Lord Zetland. The Council made the same mistake several years ago and had to change their plans. I understand the land catering for the car parks at Kirkleatham Museum and the walled garden were also left in trust to the people of Kirkleatham.	1/12/2023 2:44 PM
17	Stop wasting the money you have and pay councillors etc less	1/12/2023 2:34 PM
18	No	1/12/2023 10:43 AM
19	Stop the proposed new parking charges, it will kill local businesses.	1/12/2023 10:02 AM
20	More time needs to be spent deciding how to not waste money!!	1/12/2023 8:46 AM
21	Parking charges are not a good idea on Guisborough high street (Westgate) It will drive people away from local businesses who are already struggling. Stop wasting money on Redcar and	1/12/2023 7:22 AM

	share it around our Borough equally.	
22	To increase car parking I feel this will only deter people from coming to Guisborough and will push people towards bigger towns or Stokesley where there is free parking.	1/12/2023 6:01 AM
23	Cut no of councillors and there allowances and their free parking haven't a clue who councillors are for my ward or what they do never hear anything about them doubt if I'll vote again	1/12/2023 3:10 AM
24	As above !!!	1/12/2023 12:07 AM
25	In a cost of living crisis the local authority should be helping people not costing more! Maybe if the LA spend their funds correctly there wouldn't be a shortfall. For example missed bin collections happen on a different day even if reported before lunchtimes therefore costing more in wages, fuel and expenses. Support for Children with SEND having to go to tribunal even when need is clearly identified costing more in legal expenses and compensation due to failures.	1/11/2023 11:23 PM
26	Specifically regarding the Windy Hill car park in Marske, please check with your legal team as this land is held in trust for the use of the people of the parish and a previous administration was unable to enforce any parking charges on the land because of this.	1/11/2023 9:57 PM
27	Hire officers that are professional to residents needs! and sack the rest!	1/11/2023 9:18 PM
28	I do not agree with any of the proposed car parking charges in the Redcar and Cleveland area in particular Normanby car park and flats lane country park	1/11/2023 8:17 PM
29	Get a better accountant	1/11/2023 7:42 PM
30	Parking fee % increases in saltburn are far higher than redcar. This is not fair	1/11/2023 7:38 PM
31	Do not bring in the parking charges.	1/11/2023 5:08 PM
32	Shouldn't charge more to public as everyone is struggling. Shouldn't bring marske into charge for parking as local shops and patients at local surgery and local school will suffer	1/11/2023 3:36 PM
33	Please see, and act , on the above	1/11/2023 3:04 PM
34	We are in a cost of living crisis and some people can barely afford to feed themselves without more costs/fees adding to this	1/11/2023 2:56 PM
35	The rate payer like everyone else has a limited income, I have one private pension, this is taken up in its entirety, by the rates, paying tax again after paying for a pension, to pay tax.	1/11/2023 2:31 PM
36	you should put any budget changes and proposals out to public consultation as its the public you expect to pay for all this	1/11/2023 1:42 PM
37	Parking charges at Flatt's lane will kill off the site completely. Why charge people for visiting our local area and doing outdoor activities, surely this is not promoting a healthy lifestyle. Also all that will result in is people parking dangerously on the main road resulting in accidents.	1/11/2023 1:34 PM
38	No to any car parking fees being introduced	1/11/2023 1:32 PM
39	I oppose the car parking fees in Redcar Skelton and Guisborough you certainly know how to drive people out of town centres.....	1/11/2023 1:23 PM
40	Don't have enough information about specific proposals. Look at departments to save money in bureaucracy and effectiveness.	1/11/2023 1:03 PM
41	Stop hitting the motorist and abolish the idea of increased parking charges. These will only cause further financial problems to families and also reduce footfall to struggling local businesses and social amenities.	1/11/2023 12:23 PM
42	Do not disadvantage local business by introducing Car Parking Charges. They have struggled through the pandemic and need support. Thank you. M Tarrant.	1/11/2023 12:05 PM
43	Once again, stop any and all thoughts of introducing new parking fees or increasing the cost of existing parking fees.	1/11/2023 11:40 AM
44	It is more than probable that, given the will, that by cutting back superfluous services and excesses which are observed by all residents daily, that the budget could be brought under control without adding extra inflationary costs to residents of the borough.	1/11/2023 11:32 AM

45	Budget Nd expenditure should be fully visible. ALL EXPENDITURE. Including councillors allowances and entertainment (fully itemised by individual councillors)	1/11/2023 11:29 AM
46	Car parking Charges in places where there are none currently will probably escalate the closure if what few high street shops we have in redcar & Cleveland. People everywhere are incensed by this proposal.	1/11/2023 11:25 AM
47	You don't listen so what's the point. Just hit the working man and keep him down in the gutter	1/11/2023 11:24 AM
48	Stop wasting money.	1/11/2023 9:21 AM
49	Stop wasting money on Redcar and distribute money more evenly around the district.	1/11/2023 7:34 AM
50	If parking charges are introduced to certain towns etc, this will kill the town as people will travel 5 minutes down the road and park for free in the next town. This is not in the best interests of the public at all and is instead a money making scheme by the council.	1/11/2023 7:01 AM
51	Under current economic conditions introducing the parking charges like you are proposing is unviable. We are trying to maintain the decking high street, not kill it. The high street is on the brink of none exsistance	1/11/2023 5:34 AM
52	No	1/10/2023 9:30 PM
53	No	1/10/2023 9:11 PM
54	I saw that there was going to be an increase of double in parking charges in places like Saltburn, Guisborough forest Walk way, Roseberry Topping but worst of all Kirkleatham museum. Its a place for families to go for an inexpensive day out. This will effect trade at the museum, the owl Centre and the new cafe. You are going to destroy a lot of businesses and jobs. Expect an increase in people in people signing onto job seekers.	1/10/2023 9:00 PM
55	Marine parade in Saltburn really needs something doing about the camper vans and if they have to be allowed to park then they should be charged a competitive fee to do so, and spaces should be limited so that there is plenty of space for day trippers. Also there should be a limit to how many nights they can pitch up gor	1/10/2023 8:53 PM
56	I think the council should look at how it spends public money before asking the public to pay more.	1/10/2023 8:46 PM
57	Ditch the parking fee proposals	1/10/2023 8:39 PM
58	It will kill the town. As a former resident and now near daily visitor I wouldn't bother anymore I would go visit my family sure but I am someone who likes to shop local. Why this is even proposed is unbeknownst to me. During a cost of living crisis this will just ruin even more lives. Serious rethinking needs to be done.	1/10/2023 8:36 PM
59	Car parking charges is not the answer, the council has spent a small fortune on the high streets including skelton and loftus and parking would destroy the trade which would take years to rebuild!	1/10/2023 8:00 PM
60	I would like to know the percentage of income from the different areas of the Borough and compare it with investment/spending for those areas. If the Council was more honest about its monies it might didpel the widespread belief that the Council is really called Redcar and Redcar Council	1/10/2023 7:26 PM
61	no	1/10/2023 7:23 PM
62	Stop. people have had enough of your lip service or RCBC doing this that and the other. then when real people need supporting bump the poll tax up. Never changed and always a POLL TAX	1/10/2023 6:41 PM
63	Council Tax I can agree with - the rest no. Absolute rubbish	1/10/2023 5:51 PM
64	I have read about the proposed parking charges on the cobbles in Guisborough and am appalled at them. They are exorbitant in the first instance and will definitely put people off using the town centre. There are a number of small businesses for whom this will be catastrophic, meaning they will cease trading and Guisborough will become yet another ghost town with empty shop units all along Westgate. It will also affect places such as all the churches, who offer services to the public the council seem unable or unwilling to do. The Bridge charity, based at the Methodist Church, will struggle to continue to offer the services to	1/10/2023 5:47 PM

the community as their volunteer helpers will be faced with enormous car parking charges. I am involved with a group at this church, providing much needed company to mature ladies, many of whom are widows, who may not see anyone else during the week. These proposed charges will mean that those of us who volunteer to run the group will be faced with hefty charges each week, so we may have to close down. As the council offers no social help to this sort of group, I sincerely hope that they can live with the devastation this will cause to the mental and social well being of these ladies. It seems blatantly obvious to me that none of your councillors has any idea of what takes place in the town centre and all you want is yet more money from folks who are already struggling. I find it almost unbelievable that, in 2023, Guisborough, a once thriving market town, should require the services of not only a food bank but also a community shop, run by volunteers, because the government and local council have no interest in the town.

65	No to car parking charges. Are you trying to destroy local towns and businesses?? Not any thought gone into this proposal!!	1/10/2023 5:42 PM
66	I have specific objections to the proposed guisborough high street parking charge. With the current climate both with inflation and the rising cost of living, this proposal will have a almost immediate negative impact to everyone who uses this service and I feel that local objection/ opposition towards RBC will grow. RBC need to listen to their people And this is the wrong tax at the wrong time	1/10/2023 3:18 PM
67	If you wasted less money you wouldn't need to keep raising more.	1/10/2023 2:35 PM
68	Think again	1/10/2023 12:16 PM
69	Why can I not comment on specific proposed charges, such as abolishing free parking on Guisborough Westgate and nearby spaces (a big potential hit for small businesses there that are struggling to keep financially viable and provide the varied and attractive goods and services that Guisborough desparately needs to keep and expand?	1/10/2023 12:12 PM
70	Any cuts to council services should be strongly opposed but increases in car parking charges be carefully balanced against the likely damage to the local economy..	1/10/2023 12:03 PM
71	No	1/10/2023 11:48 AM
72	Agree with everything but parking proposals	1/10/2023 11:13 AM
73	No	1/10/2023 10:40 AM
74	Need to rethink the whole proposal this is not what the residents want.	1/10/2023 10:39 AM
75	Penalising folk and discouraging visitors to the Borough, especial to Guisborough	1/10/2023 10:33 AM
76	I do not want charges in the Windy Hill carpark at Marske by sea.	1/10/2023 10:22 AM
77	I think I said enough in comment box four	1/10/2023 10:08 AM
78	Chief executive and other salaries should be cut as well as unnecessary expenses	1/10/2023 9:46 AM
79	Do not impose parking charges in Guisborough. You have already killed the High street, this madness will continue the trend.	1/10/2023 9:17 AM
80	If you start charging for the car park on windy hill lane, it might increase the risk of accidents as parents might drop children off at the road side.	1/10/2023 7:12 AM
81	Stop making the general working families pick up the pieces. We are already at rock bottom.	1/10/2023 2:37 AM
82	There must be more sustainable ways to generate income than to continue to drive families further into financial hardship with parking fees and council tax price hikes	1/10/2023 1:07 AM
83	Think again & maybe stop wasting money in Redcar moving libraries on a temporary basis!	1/10/2023 12:10 AM
84	No	1/9/2023 11:45 PM
85	Please do not cut youth services, the backlash will cause more issues than keeping it, and investing money there	1/9/2023 10:36 PM
86	Your proposals are generally just waffle. There is no substance to them. What are your regeneration plans for loftus? Why is more money being spent in Redcar? How will the	1/9/2023 10:08 PM

	proposals double the investment? just "they usually do" doesn't cut it. The vertical pier in Redcar shows you cannot be trusted with investment. You all need to try harder! MUCH harder!	
87	Strongly disagree with additional charges for parking.	1/9/2023 9:51 PM
88	PLEASE see above!	1/9/2023 9:01 PM
89	Other than the increase in healthcare the rest is a shambles, but would we expect anything else from the current council. Shame on you.	1/9/2023 7:51 PM
90	It is only the people who work and pay council tax this has impact on people on benefits should pay £1 out of their benefits per payment to help pay for all the freebies they get	1/9/2023 7:42 PM
91	Stop spending more money than we have.	1/9/2023 7:39 PM
92	Inept Poorly planned Gather facts first before high handed statements.	1/9/2023 6:33 PM
93	Mismanagement of this council is horrifying, sheer volume of money and funds wasted without tension is disgraceful. That only could proposals be withdrawn. Council taxes could potentially be cut, easing. The cost of living for all the crisis and money wasted should be ashamed of yourselves.	1/9/2023 6:26 PM
94	If you charge for parking at Kirkleatham Museum you will have to charge at the Walled Garden or everyone will park there instead.	1/9/2023 6:12 PM
95	Stop focusing on Redcar so much!	1/9/2023 6:07 PM
96	I am totally opposed to increasing parking charges as the proposed increases are way above inflation ie a days parking at the Branch Railway park would be £8! Also charging for parking on Westgate, Guisborough would do a great deal of harm to the local traders and is a very short sighted approach.	1/9/2023 5:10 PM
97	You need to rethink totally the carparking strategy, it is very poor and not at all forward thinking, or of benefit to the community and the visitors that we would like to attract to spend money in the borough.	1/9/2023 4:50 PM
98	I'd like to know when there are meetings to attend.	1/9/2023 4:48 PM
99	No	1/9/2023 4:42 PM
100	There shouldn't be any increase in the carparking charges in guisborough. It's already incredibly difficult to park due to the layout of the place, and if there are charges people won't be able to afford to come and visit or run errands in the town. Local small business & everyday people are struggling significantly in this economy and these businesses rely on us consumers to generate their income. If there are new parking charges introduced it adds even more cost onto an already expensive trip, which could be too much for people to afford. People are going without things like bread and eggs, so even a small increase or creation of parking charges, even if it is only £1-2 will be a cost too high. The local businesses rely on the everyday people to cover their costs and generate their revenue so if more people can't visit guisborough and trade with the businesses, the businesses will have less money to cover the evergrowing costs of maintenance and taxes, which will close doors and drastically effect the local community, as there will be less opportunity and things to do locally.	1/9/2023 4:21 PM
101	Disagree with parking fees in eston and normanby we don't have much in either place so to start charging we will become ghost towns. Charging on guisborough high street do you want that to become a ghost town too, people will shop online and stores will close. The cost you are wanting to park on guisborough high street is way out of budget you are just being greedy. If you have to charge why not charge small amounts like 20p. Plus you can only park for 2 hours as it is. I Wonder whether the restoration of guisborough town hall has actually been worth it. Have people stayed there. Is it worth doing the same to loftus town hall I do wonder	1/9/2023 3:58 PM
102	No	1/9/2023 3:48 PM
103	I have a family member who uses your services mainly as they are disabled and we have had zero support over the last year from any social workers or other members of the council and they feel neglected. You need to be putting more funding into training them than building pointless art projects that cost more than it would to employ more experienced staff!	1/9/2023 3:29 PM
104	I understand that prices have gone up - but it is unfair that the payment to cover things like the Internet Hacking and the repairs at Saltburn Cat Nab car park should come from ordinary	1/9/2023 1:36 PM

people, who are struggling financially, through taxes of the sort that you are proposing. The council is trusted to look after the needs of its residents - and seems to waste money on unnecessary things - plans done in detail for consideration instead of a brief draft and ballpark figure of costs rather than detailed drawings and plans for things which may or may not be approved. The system of tendering for costs for works would be better if you didn't simply go for the cheapest tender despite the fact that the people awarded the tender may not be up to scratch. In other words make sure the people you give tenders to are capable of carrying out and completing the work on time rather than just looking at the initial tender which may have to be increased or delayed.

105	Hardly anybody knows about to this budget why do you reckon that is and the consultation form is badly set out	1/9/2023 11:40 AM
106	Think again and remember your duty to serve local people.	1/9/2023 10:33 AM
107	I can appreciate that it is a difficult time for all of us and raising additional funds cannot be easy. However the average family has seen no increase in their income over a number of years and with the recent rise in the cost of living along with mortgage payments increasing, hitting families with some of these proposals is farcical. It's time for a change in government so as to bring fresh ideas rather than just simply applying increases across the board, and hitting those working the most	1/9/2023 10:10 AM
108	the parking charges are stupid because all it will mean is more of the highstreets will close down because no one will pay to park so the shops will close and that means less money for everyone	1/9/2023 9:31 AM
109	As well as the above introduction of charges to recreation areas (Guisborough forest walkway, Flatts Lane and Newton under Roseberry to name a few) are not necessary and will stop people visiting what is a beautiful part of the country.	1/8/2023 11:15 PM
110	Maybe consideration should have been given during COVID to save money on wages. For example road maintenance and other outdoor safe procedures where distance wasn't a problem and could have easily been maintained instead of paying people to stay at home. Other professionals certainly didn't get this pleasure.	1/8/2023 11:12 PM
111	Yes do not start charging for our local car parks otherwise you will finish off all the local shops!	1/8/2023 10:44 PM
112	Talk in laymans terms instead of 'in terms of' and actually set out in black and white what is proposed A full Council employee Job Evaluation and salary regrading is necessary and that might fund your economic shortfall!!!	1/8/2023 10:22 PM
113	Freeze councillors salaries. Takeaway councillors extra payments for chairs/vice chairs of committee. Only one leaders payment, stop opposition leaders payments. Not necessary. Stop councillors Napps funding saving neary half a million pounds. Stop councillors public realms funding/spend a massive saving to the borough	1/8/2023 10:02 PM
114	Imaginative financial management may slow the overall neglect that epitomises the Borough today	1/8/2023 9:37 PM
115	What actually do some of the higher earners who work within R&C council actually do?	1/8/2023 9:24 PM
116	What the point	1/8/2023 8:04 PM
117	Not going to be popular but must be done	1/8/2023 7:36 PM
118	No	1/8/2023 6:54 PM
119	No	1/8/2023 6:50 PM
120	Leave the parking fees as they are	1/8/2023 6:15 PM
121	Good luck: I'm well aware that RCBC have had £millions taken from the budget for the last 13 years.	1/8/2023 5:57 PM
122	Please reconsider the parking charges, you'll kill of the remaining high streets and tourism	1/8/2023 5:19 PM
123	Look at what equipment is being stored unused and then purchase of same is made as there is not a stock take of what equipment is held by the local authority in buildings.	1/8/2023 4:38 PM
124	Nice to see that Eston, Normanby and the rest of TS6 are being refused to be acknowledged again. Maybe the residents in this area should withhold our council tax?	1/8/2023 4:27 PM

125	We strongly oppose the council's proposals the charge for parking in Guisborough town and leisure facilities , we cannot afford it and will certainly affect local businesses.	1/8/2023 4:19 PM
126	Don't want parking charges on marine parade	1/8/2023 3:54 PM
127	MORE SERVICES TO THE HOSPITAL IS NEEDED	1/8/2023 3:08 PM
128	Please be fair, we are under pressure from all directions, life is for living not existing.	1/8/2023 2:19 PM
129	Nothing extra to add	1/8/2023 2:00 PM
130	No	1/8/2023 1:12 PM
131	In a year when inflation is at an all time high, all that Central and Local Government can come up with is to raise prices, with no thought to the cost of living crisis that is being quoted as the worst since the end of WW2. Raising prices across all areas of business will only contribute to the current crisis.	1/8/2023 12:37 PM
132	Not at the moment	1/8/2023 12:29 PM
133	Better redistribution of funding. Redcar and Loftus won monies to help them, use it for those towns. The other funding/monies needs to be spent on the surrounding areas.	1/8/2023 12:29 PM
134	no	1/8/2023 12:21 PM
135	Why yet again has there been no mention of money to assist Eston and Normanby? The place is over run with vermin of both the human and animal kind. The area is rotting!	1/8/2023 12:10 PM
136	I don't believe Redcar council are capable of delivering, monitoring and managing the current budgets so why should any increases occur	1/8/2023 11:43 AM
137	From this consultation it is not really clear what the budget proposals are other than you intend to increase council tax rates.	1/8/2023 11:29 AM
138	Back to basics and stop stretching budgets like stupid new cinemas no one will use or maintaining on building like the stupid pier no one wanted ... but you wouldn't listen .	1/8/2023 11:20 AM
139	The proposal to charge for parking on Westgate in Guisborough is nonsense including the charges proposed and would have a severe impact on businesses which are already struggling	1/8/2023 11:04 AM
140	as a Guisborough resident i support the campain to get our town back into north y	1/8/2023 10:42 AM
141	Council needs to seriously review its budget again.	1/8/2023 10:22 AM
142	Do not introduce a parking charge on westgate guisborough!! This will destroy our struggling high street. Many residents will not be able to pay the charges but rely on the high street for local services, groceries, pharmacy and the churches	1/8/2023 10:22 AM
143	Parking Charges The high Street will die You are asking people to pay to park everywhere-visiting Gp, dentist, shops, cafes, restaurants, exercise People will park in residential areas instead creating parking and safety issues	1/8/2023 10:07 AM
144	Its high time Redcar and Cleveland council spread the money around instead of wasting millions on Redcar and the rest of the area not seeing much of anything.	1/8/2023 9:53 AM
145	NO parking charge increases and no new charges at places such as Kirkleatham museum, walled garden, and visitor attractions. I pay vehicle taxes, council taxes etc and should be able to park for free in my hometown, or anywhere else for that matter, councils just use this as a cash cow. People numbers will reduce if introduced and therefore spending in that area will reduce. Council are narrow minded on parking charges and just see easy money for little service. People will not attend the locations in order to save money therefore reducing spending income.	1/8/2023 9:41 AM
146	It is going to be a difficult year for everyone, councils and residents. Try to keep additional costs to a minimum, thus avoiding an increase in applications for reduced council tax.	1/8/2023 9:16 AM
147	Don't make drastic actions of cutting services as this can and will impact in a negative in the long term. Possible reduction of services my be a short term solution but at least people will still be receiving a service.	1/8/2023 7:32 AM
148	Cut the fat cat wages, then reevaluate	1/8/2023 6:57 AM

149	Parking charges in guisborough, skelton is horrific. High streets are suffering as it is, you impose charges, people will stop popping for a wander round the shops. Surely the money can be found from elsewhere ie stop paying for kids who don't want to Learn in mainstream schools by sending them elsewhere, make the parents take them to the "schools" you are funding their travel for. Why should the rest of us pay for these things?	1/8/2023 12:21 AM
150	Please remember people are already struggling. Imposing parking fees is pointless if there's no shops/attractions to visit!	1/7/2023 10:57 PM
151	Whilst fully understanding that there is a shortfall in money- I don't think adding parking charges to the few places that are actually free in Redcar is fair. The likes of kirkleatham museum- which is an amazing place for families to visit, take a picnic & make a day of it in the summer- adding a parking fee will stop a lot of families being able to enjoy it. We are in a cost of living crisis- gas & electric is sky high- food has increased massively- we as a family are hugely stretched & stressed with money as it is and now we probably won't be able to enjoy a free day out as the cost of parking will stop that for us. Redcar are always trying to get more people into to town and the surrounding areas to increase the revenue and this is massively going to slow it down again. It's just so wrong in many ways. Yet again the poorest will suffer hugely as it will stop so many people being able to go out.. I honestly hope that the parking fees are reconsidered and stopped as I know it will stop us being able to enjoy our town. Very sad times.	1/7/2023 10:47 PM
152	Have you asked for the publics suggestions as to where to bring in money?	1/7/2023 10:05 PM
153	Stop making things more expensive and services worse.	1/7/2023 9:46 PM
154	The proposed car parking charge for Westgate in Guisborough has not been thought through. Anyone with ounce of common sense will understand that the small shops along Westgate depend on the free parking for their customers. Take a look at what happened to Redcar when this was introduced, the place still looks like a ghost town! Are you really expecting the public to pay £1.70 to park after all the other hikes in prices, mainly because of the Government's failings? There are big brand names already leaving Guisborough and this will only continue if you keep squeezing the public. The council needs to stop wasting money and manage their funding's better, for a start get rid of half the councillor's, you don't need them, they are a waste of public money, fact. Hoping this is meaningful insight, and that they give you the opportunity to rethink your proposals.	1/7/2023 9:41 PM
155	Stop bringing in charges for parking in guisborough and Skelton it will kill these towns. Get a grip	1/7/2023 9:34 PM
156	And as for the parking charges. I think the cost to put parking meter and people to patrol these areas need to be publish at how much it will cost to do and at what cost to local business it will effect	1/7/2023 9:25 PM
157	THINK WHAT DAMAGE YOU ARE GOING TO DO TO THE TOWNS FOOTFALL EVEN MORE EMPTY SHOPS LESS RATES AND TRADE GOING ELSE WHERE I.E. TEESSIDE PARK	1/7/2023 8:55 PM
158	I need a lot more information	1/7/2023 8:51 PM
159	Do not agree with charging for parking on Guisborough cobbles - or at least that extortionate amount. There's already nothing to bring people into the town and that will dissuade people more so. Like mentioned above, although will not be as easy as charging for parking - look at all the illegal parking especially during school times and after 5pm (town houses behind Guisborough) and ticket some cars! Dorset Road is another example	1/7/2023 8:34 PM
160	I disagree to the parking charges on the highstreet in guisborough	1/7/2023 8:24 PM
161	The axing of the teesflex bus service as it currently stands is disappointing. I've several friends and friends parents who use this to keep in dependant and go out during the day to do their shopping especially in the east Cleveland area. This keeps them active, stimulated and prevents frailty. The alternative is an increased use of services as the older population become more housebound. If they exercise less they are more prone to falls and injuries which the health and social care services have to then pick up. I know times are hard but it feels as though you are just adding to everyone's financial pressures at the moment and not allowing them any positive outlets. How about giving an hours free parking at the beach and Marske Saltburn etc to allow people to quickly pick up their prescription or walk their dog. Re teesflex replace this with a set service. Ie on a Thursday a bus will go around Skelton and upto asda/b	1/7/2023 8:19 PM

and m so that these places can be accessed at least once a week and can be fuller as a result.

162	Yes, someone with proper business sense needs to help you making decisions.	1/7/2023 8:17 PM
163	If the community was getting the things it needed then the coat increase wouldn't be such a kick in the teeth for community members. When people are relying evermore on food banks and charity's that help with the cost of EVERY DAY LIVING for the council to announce an increase in these times to fund overpaid MPs who are charging tax payers ridiculous fees and expenses for things that should not be covered by expenses feels like a kick in teeth to the community and its members. Then have the cheek to try and charge double to go for a walk in the woods!?! Absolutely abysmal. Stop taking people's happiness and peeing on it	1/7/2023 7:56 PM
164	You are all useless fools. Stop trying to destroy high streets!!!!	1/7/2023 7:53 PM
165	RCBC need to start investing fairly in Guisborough. Leisure facilities need looking at by those with experience and skills to make sensible and cost effective decisions. Stop wasting money and time with half thought concepts.	1/7/2023 7:52 PM
166	We need to support our high street by not imposing parking fees.	1/7/2023 7:47 PM
167	I don't see difference in services you get from the increase in tax. We have been getting less service everytime the council tax goes up.	1/7/2023 7:37 PM
168	Inefficiencies within the management at RCBC need to be addressed before the council starts to further penalise the paying public. As if life hasn't been hard enough for people in this area over the last few years.	1/7/2023 7:31 PM
169	None at the moment	1/7/2023 7:21 PM
170	I am disappointed but not surprised by the Conservative M.P.s and councillors attacking these proposals for their own political advantage rather than working to ensure that the funding of Councils for dignified services by the Government is adequate. I support the Councillors who are alerting the public to where the blame lies.	1/7/2023 7:10 PM
171	If you introduced parking fees in Guisborough you WILL kill all businesses. Sell Belmont house to a company such a Primark get Guisborough to how it used to be. We are sick of hearing excuses from the council you can't keep blaming covid and brevity for your lack of action	1/7/2023 7:02 PM
172	I appreciate that money is tight, with only the government being tighter, but we need to attract people to our area and promote active lifestyles	1/7/2023 6:51 PM
173	Not made public early enough. I only found out about plans through social media	1/7/2023 6:42 PM
174	Let car parks be free; like in many European countries. This will encourage visitors and allows for those to visit who are already living on a budget.	1/7/2023 6:26 PM
175	Yes get rid of your council leader	1/7/2023 5:38 PM
176	Are the council really trying to be as economic as you should be with council tax? We pay the highest council tax in the country pretty much, with increased housing you will be making a lot of money so I hope no money is getting wasted.	1/7/2023 5:22 PM
177	Do better and have some compassion.	1/7/2023 5:22 PM
178	See above	1/7/2023 5:12 PM
179	Do not introduce high street parking charges in Guisborough ass this will kill an already struggling high street.	1/7/2023 5:03 PM
180	Make up the shortfall by cutting useless spending and make an effort to collect owed council tax from people and business rates from businesses	1/7/2023 4:24 PM
181	They need to have a serious think of how it will affect local families, and the ones not on any benefits	1/7/2023 4:14 PM
182	I feel this is inappropriate to ask considering how hard times are at present and this should be delayed until a necessity	1/7/2023 3:40 PM
183	Yeah leader of Redcar and Cleveland Council should resign	1/7/2023 3:27 PM
184	Day light robbery	1/7/2023 3:08 PM

185	Yes leave Guisborough alone!!	1/7/2023 3:06 PM
186	I strongly object to any car parking charges on Westgate/ high street in Guisborough as this will have a massive detrimental effect on local business - I would not go to Guisborough for high street if I had to pay as I can go to Stokesley high street for free instead. Applying fees to the cobble and high street parking is a very bad idea. Please don't do this to our lovely town. People won't stop as they pass through if they have to pay	1/7/2023 3:05 PM
187	I am strongly against the car parking charges you are intending to introduce in Eston and Normanby. We are not a tourist area and therefore the businesses mainly rely upon the residents. The introduction of parking charges will stop people from coming to what is already a neglected area by the council therefore having a greater impact on a struggling area as it is.	1/7/2023 2:29 PM
188	There is a great deal of comment In Guisborough about proposed car parking charges in Westgstr. Given that the excellent 2 hours free parking is coming to an end in May 2023, this seems.very short sighted	1/7/2023 1:36 PM
189	It is hard enough being UK resident currently without taking more from residents many of whom do not have roof over their heads Budget proposals - well why not get it put off residents???	1/7/2023 1:26 PM
190	How do you think people can afford to pay more money when struggling to feed their families	1/7/2023 12:42 PM
191	Cannot comment without a 10 word question that does not support with information	1/7/2023 12:14 PM
192	Leave parking alone in Guisborough- the parking disc scheme on Westgate is fine as it is.	1/7/2023 11:43 AM
193	As above.	1/7/2023 11:11 AM
194	With regards to raising council tax. Minim wage people will struggle to contend with this during these times. When you have to chose between heating your home and feeding your children's and yourself already a raise in this is unacceptable I. I have yet to see anything extra the council have done to raise the council tax by 2% Roads are worse than ever with potholes	1/7/2023 10:57 AM
195	The idea of removing the 2 hours free parking will sound the death knell for all the town centres. The shops are struggling as it is, but people will just go to out of town shops where they dont have to pay for parking. It is one of the most stupid ideas in all your proposals. You will kill off the cafes as people won't pop in for a coffee and a quick look round the shops if they have to pay astronomical parking fees. Who is going to pay£8 at the walkway for a couple of hours walk with the kids? Again, people will go elsewhere. It is false economy and the trades people and shop / cafe owners will be the ones to suffer. More boarded up shops to look forward to.	1/7/2023 10:53 AM
196	How much did this lack lustre consultation survey cost????	1/7/2023 10:39 AM
197	It's a 'Redcar and CLEVELAND' council- remember to also serve its ancient capital!	1/7/2023 10:32 AM
198	With inflation and cost of living increasing it is very difficult for everyone to pay for any addition increase in charges.	1/7/2023 10:16 AM
199	We pay too much for individual taxis transporting kids around the region. Some children require the support, some are purely exploiting the system and hence hard working and local high street business owners are suffering.	1/7/2023 9:37 AM
200	You need to have the people making the decisions understand design planning Which is clearly missing This is not a dig it's an educated observation from an ex R&D engineer who is left speechless at some decisions this council makes. le cat nab car park First of all it should have been clear the objectives could not be made and that price Vs delivery unattainable.	1/7/2023 9:24 AM
201	You are at great risk of losing the support of your own people if you push these too far!	1/7/2023 9:23 AM
202	Do you have collaboration from across the area with a diverse range of people to really understand everyone's issues/problems and fears. I feel decisions are made without considering the wider issues other than how do we fund this, people have ideas that are not been listened too	1/7/2023 8:54 AM
203	Focus on creating new and secure jobs for the area. We need a venue / stadium before we can accept paying increases	1/7/2023 8:16 AM
204	white on black writing makes it hard to read the questions	1/7/2023 8:02 AM

205	We don't get any help because we have saved for our retirement so have to pay in full and others who get hand outs live Like iords why is that ? Q	1/7/2023 7:52 AM
206	I totally disagree with your plans to implement new car parking charges throughout the borough - our high streets are dying and we need to encourage people to shop there - parking charges will discourage this. Also people should not have to pay to park where they go to exercise be it the gym, a local park, the beach, beauty spot, etc. parking should be free to encourage people to get out in the fresh air.	1/7/2023 6:14 AM
207	Listen wisely to your community	1/7/2023 5:26 AM
208	A big shake up needs to happen within the council. Need to get better at consulting people about what they are doing and asking what people want instead of doing what they want regardless. Also, council need to stop wasting money and invest better into local communities. Stop trying to take money in from local peoples pockets through parking etc and give them more incentives to spend in local towns instead of going further afield.	1/7/2023 4:13 AM
209	They are shit	1/7/2023 2:11 AM
210	Look after the people and businesses Stop charging unnecessary fees	1/7/2023 12:19 AM
211	Please learn from the recent furore around parking at Saltburn Leisure Centre. They eventually settled on a free grace period because it was recognised that many users are only there for a short turnaround, such as picking up and dropping off. Removing the free period on Westgate Guisborough or introducing punitive parking charges in Skelton will make me think twice about visiting. No idea where I'll go for dry cleaning now.	1/6/2023 11:39 PM
212	Unfortunately government are not providing local authorities with the funding that is required to provide essential services. The council should brief the media that funding is insufficient alerting them to the consequences.	1/6/2023 11:17 PM
213	Ultimately, the Council is being stretched too thin, while a lot of its focus and investment is too narrowly focused on specific areas. Again, the trend of allowing new housing estates to cover the entire landscape is not the solution; you will gain more council tax, but this won't offset the demand on roads, schools and doctors, while it will also increase rates of crime, litter and other related issues that only add to the workload of RCBC overall. I would also reiterate the need to maximise investment in raised council tax onto frontline services - such as waste collection; transport; clean and green; streetscene etc., and look to declutter with middle and senior management. Thank you.	1/6/2023 11:01 PM
214	Parking charges should not be implemented.	1/6/2023 10:57 PM
215	Our comments and remarks will make no difference as your decisions are already made.	1/6/2023 10:20 PM
216	The general public are stretched enough. Find other ways. Look for internal efficiencies like everyone else has had to	1/6/2023 10:13 PM
217	Stupid.	1/6/2023 10:11 PM
218	In the many years been a resident at Redcar and Cleveland, I'm optimistic about the future with the changes at the old SSI site, investment at Wilton and the growing IT sector. The council really need to promote more growth and wealth, and getting shops, restaurants and businesses established which can be used to bring in additional council taxes. The likes of parking charges etc will be detrimental for this, unless it does what other councils do, like 1 hour free parking and then charged.	1/6/2023 10:08 PM
219	Stop wasting our money on global agendas that you talk about behind the scenes that get no media attention like Davos. You will not win.	1/6/2023 9:59 PM
220	The council need to look at becoming more efficient in their practises - like why does one man come round in a van and take all the bin bags out of the public bins and tie them up and leave them next to the bin for another van to come round and collect them. Also make some money by fining dog walkers who allow their dogs to foul and not pick it up. Patrol the stray at Redcar, beaches, parks, streets and issue fines. Have traffic wardens on patrol outside of schools to fine the people who insist on parking illegally and dangerously in order to get as close to school as possible. We are constantly expected to pay more and more and other than collecting our rubbish I have no idea what the council actually does for us as a family.	1/6/2023 9:54 PM
221	Rather than putting costs up, you should enforce the possible fines now which would make	1/6/2023 9:50 PM

much more. For example fine the people who park in the cycle lanes on windemere drive and bowland road all day and night. There is at least 10 cars parked there all the time, £70 fine each is £700 a day, thats £255000 per year for 5 mins of walking. Apply this to the dangerous parking on double yellow lines everywhere, and the parking outside schools and you will more than cover any shortfall. More wardens checking dog walkers for poo bags etc. Put some effort in for a change rather than just taking money of hard working people

222	This is pure greed	1/6/2023 9:28 PM
223	MAKING MONEY STARTS BY SAVING MONEY	1/6/2023 8:40 PM
224	The council needs to be more transparent with there ideas and involve the residents in big decisions.	1/6/2023 8:10 PM
225	As above	1/6/2023 8:03 PM
226	no	1/6/2023 7:55 PM
227	Wasnt enough info in this survey, ypu havent given residents an option to feedback on different propsals, need more than yes/no answers. If everyone says no will the proposals not got ahead?	1/6/2023 7:49 PM
228	I do not agree with the proposed parking charges for Marske, kirkletham museum etc. This will discourage people from visiting, in turn reducing footfall and have a negative impact on the business's.	1/6/2023 7:30 PM
229	I pay £1.60 per day to park all day in middlesbrough - as a r&c resident I had to pay over 5.00 to park in redcar when asked to cover another branch 1 day - shocking!! As a taxpayer I feel let down that normanby gets nothing but surrounding areas get all of the investment	1/6/2023 7:29 PM
230	They are preposterous	1/6/2023 7:04 PM
231	Ridiculous expecting hard working people to pay.	1/6/2023 6:53 PM
232	Stop wasting money on stupid green agendas	1/6/2023 6:52 PM
233	The parking charges that are going to be introduced at kirkleatham and the stray are shocking. People can't afford anything and now they can't even go play in kirky park for free? Appalling! I think the council need to re look at the budget and get rid of the dead wood	1/6/2023 6:51 PM
234	Cut headcount and expenditure where needed, and publish the results.	1/6/2023 6:47 PM
235	Thank you for the opportunity of speaking	1/6/2023 6:13 PM
236	Yes. Put the money into the services Ben houchan has proposed as that will make people stop in the area to spend money. Build more attractions and put money into locke park build an upto date play area. Give the residents something to be proud of not another carpark	1/6/2023 6:09 PM
237	It's a farce...it's back handed deals to pacify the greedy councillors	1/6/2023 5:53 PM
238	Parking charges imposed will do nothing but discourage visitors to our town and beaches. Even the local people will visit the sea fronts and town centre less frequently which in turn will result in more businesses struggling and even closing down. Not a very wise decision in the current climate.	1/6/2023 5:52 PM
239	Have no faith in R&C your out of touch! Worse thing about moving to Normanby is leaving Middlesbrough council	1/6/2023 5:49 PM
240	See above - absolutely shocking idea	1/6/2023 5:38 PM
241	Mu thoughts won't make any difference. Local authorities will continue to waiste money and time	1/6/2023 5:37 PM
242	Unnecessary	1/6/2023 5:34 PM
243	Maybe rishi is right about people needing to do maths for longer because obviously whoever has been doing the books over the past number of years could do with a little extra studying! It should never have been allowed to become so bad in the first place! Don't penalise hard working and loyal residents!	1/6/2023 5:34 PM
244	I support the increase in council tax. I do not support the increase in parking charges in some areas and introduction of parking charges in others, and think this is a big mistake.	1/6/2023 4:57 PM

245	Stop wasting money and only spend it on what's needed.	1/6/2023 4:46 PM
246	If you charge to park in Marske people will just park on the roads that are free,	1/6/2023 4:38 PM
247	Take a look at the needless expenditure ie moving the library at Redcar? Start saving money by not doing what's not necessary and if needs must cut the pay of the top execs sitting on the council in opulence! Put a salary cap on, let's be generous and say 30k year, that's 250% more than I get anx I have to survive!!	1/6/2023 4:30 PM
248	These budget proposals are ludicrous. It's not good the council trying to blame the government for the poor state of finances within Redcar and Cleveland. Much of the financial problems being faced by this council are the result of years of mismanagement.	1/6/2023 4:21 PM
249	I	1/6/2023 4:20 PM
250	Leave parking in all areas free for at least 2 hours, without this then hospitality will miss out big time, I may do a quick shop but I won't be going in for a meal or to meet a friend, this will have a negative impact on my mental health as I rely on meeting a friend for a chat or other groups will suffer, keep fit for elderly, craft groups, mum's and toddlers, mind your head groups, other therapies. These are thing you can not do at home, people need to get out and about. We need to improve our access to community activities and not put the nail in the coffin ! Please stop the proposed parking charges !	1/6/2023 4:15 PM
251	Leave car parking alone	1/6/2023 3:53 PM
252	We can't afford any more - our council tax is one of the highest in the country with one of the poorest services/ Lack of amenities	1/6/2023 3:51 PM
253	The swimming pool needs sorting at Eston.	1/6/2023 3:33 PM
254	The contract with Bouyges for all electrical work, is this ever put out to tender? Are their costs ever queried?	1/6/2023 3:29 PM
255	The parking charges for marske are ludicrous, that land was gifted to the people of marske from lord Zetland, residents do not want to see charges as it will affect local businesses and people visiting the area.	1/6/2023 3:27 PM
256	Yes save money rather than assume we want to pay to keep it	1/6/2023 3:19 PM
257	Don't move the library and freeze any payrises for board councillors	1/6/2023 3:14 PM
258	Yes we pay enough it's one of the highest in the country, with poor services.	1/6/2023 3:14 PM
259	Stop milking the tax payer	1/6/2023 3:14 PM
260	You need to cut services and staff numbers and not expect us to continue to accept annual increases	1/6/2023 3:10 PM
261	I don't know how things are decided but all councillors know what's happening in their ward. So maybe ask them what's needed and see what come out top and so on then decide why again Redcar gets assistance.	1/6/2023 3:00 PM
262	Did you maintain last years budget or overspend?	1/6/2023 2:59 PM
263	I appreciate that money is tight but garnering it of residents is not the way forward.	1/6/2023 2:59 PM
264	Seems not balanced right. Affected by those who shout loudest maybe	1/6/2023 2:46 PM
265	This consultation is unwieldy. It should be broken down into smaller, detailed sections.	1/6/2023 2:46 PM
266	STOP WASTING MONEY	1/6/2023 2:45 PM
267	Shocking	1/6/2023 2:38 PM
268	I disagree with the proposed increase in parking charges around the borough. You will dissuade people from using local small businesses in these areas.	1/6/2023 2:37 PM
269	Cut councillors pay	1/6/2023 2:24 PM
270	Get rid of the dead wood in your staff and cut waste	1/6/2023 2:24 PM
271	Parking charges in popular towns and villages is a disgrace. We need to attract visitors and	1/6/2023 2:13 PM

	tourists not scare them away with ridiculous over priced parking, leading them to park on roads and streets upsetting residents. I have wrote to the council multiple times regarding the upset this has caused in Marske and have never received a response.	
272	The council should be looking at recovering unpaid taxes before increasing the burden of those who already pay.	1/6/2023 2:12 PM
273	Spend the money wisely !	1/6/2023 2:07 PM
274	A disgrace!!!	1/6/2023 2:06 PM
275	I think the public need to have more say in what the council decide. We have the chance to have an Arena and yet this council seem to be dragging their feet about it.	1/6/2023 1:47 PM
276	The proposals do not take into account how much residents are struggling to make payments at the moment. This proposed level of increase will push families further into poverty. We will see more children and parents going hungry and much more illness and demand on health services. Please think of your council tax payers and reduce the proposed increase. Council tax is a bill people have no choice on whether to pay. We cannot reduce our use or go without to make it affordable. It is barbaric to do this to people who are already suffering.	1/6/2023 1:36 PM
277	I understand the council has to take action as all councils do as a direct consequence of poor central government, but some of the proposals are counter productive	1/6/2023 1:34 PM
278	Parking charges proposed are rudiculous	1/6/2023 1:32 PM
279	Rip off	1/6/2023 1:26 PM
280	Govment says it will have inflation at 0% by the end of this yr, so a maximum increase of no more than 1%, would only be justified.	1/6/2023 1:16 PM
281	Are you councillors getting a pay rise/ or staying on the same wages while doing this to local peoples spare money.	1/6/2023 1:04 PM
282	Please think about other areas where funding could be saved. These suggestions are extremely worrying.	1/6/2023 1:03 PM
283	Yes, think long and hard about parking charges, it will create havoc in the towns especially in the smaller towns of Saltburn, Marske, Loftus, Skinningrove for example. It will have a bad knock on effect into residential areas, or/and will inevitably reduce trade in those areas.	1/6/2023 1:01 PM
284	Scrap the car park increases	1/6/2023 12:46 PM
285	Redcar and Cleveland council isn't fit for purpose and an independent review should to place asap just highlight the failings of the council and highlight the issues rather than charging the tax payer for its own failings.	1/6/2023 12:35 PM
286	Cut the needless waste of money rather than penalise the public	1/6/2023 12:30 PM
287	Just lisen to what people are saying.	1/6/2023 12:29 PM
288	I think the proposals are pathetic and investments are a joke as stated they eyesores you're services from police social services education ect is a joke it's time you use the money already that you get on these services rather then the pathetic investments	1/6/2023 12:15 PM
289	Many areas I understand the increases, but car parking proposals are ludicrous.	1/6/2023 11:59 AM
290	I think charging for parking in certain areas will greatly affect business. And workers who rely on parking to work. !	1/6/2023 11:58 AM
291	Please look at long term imacts not just short term revenue creation	1/6/2023 11:55 AM
292	See previous comments	1/6/2023 11:54 AM
293	Most definately NO to parking charges in Guisborough High street	1/6/2023 11:39 AM
294	Don't start charging for car parking in the villages, you will kill them off	1/6/2023 11:36 AM
295	Further to my earlier comments: There needs to be better communication around the consultation process for budget setting. Eye-catching poster campaign in all civic buildings, local shops and leisure centres. The window for consultation should be advertised well before	1/6/2023 10:42 AM

	the start date. Consider a TV advert if you are truly serious about garnering public input. Bob Norton	
296	Insufficient information provided in this survey	1/6/2023 9:42 AM
297	The parking fees will damage visitor numbers to the Walled Garden and Kirkleatham Museum and people will park in residential areas of Redcar.	1/6/2023 9:29 AM
298	As above.	1/6/2023 9:24 AM
299	Start running the council more as a business rather than a public body and stop waste of money on things that the communities do not want you to spend it on	1/6/2023 9:23 AM
300	Stop proposal to charge for car parking in marske. Car park used for dropping and picking up of children from school and for patients visiting gp practice as they only have a very small staff car park. It is already bad with cars parking on residential streets and near misses for children and elderly crossing the road. A zebra crossing near the car park across to the doctors surgery/library/a school would be a positive action. Businesses would suffer both from customer point of view and staffing as cost of parking would deter both from Marske - this will cause mayhem.	1/6/2023 8:58 AM
301	Again, do not increase parking charges. Social care dues need focus. Stop trying to hoodwink folk into the carbon emission debacle. It's a nonsense.	1/6/2023 8:54 AM
302	I have heard you may withdraw funding for school crossing patrols & school transport for some children. I don't agree with this.	1/6/2023 8:47 AM
303	I understand that inflation rises and things are more costly but why make people suffer more. Higher costs will result in higher crime and poverty.	1/6/2023 8:47 AM
304	Yes scrap changes to parking costs.	1/6/2023 8:32 AM
305	Ridiculous	1/6/2023 8:19 AM
306	Too many parking charges hitting consumers going about every day activities who are already being hit from every direction due to inflation	1/6/2023 3:58 AM
307	Yeah rcbc are a waste of time, only focused on Redcar itself. They always get everything and if anything is needed. Rcbc forget about the smaller towns on the outer edge of the councils area. Your a disgrace rcbc.	1/6/2023 2:51 AM
308	With the cost of living crisis at present it's bloody scandalous what you as a council are proposing with everything, period! 😞	1/6/2023 12:50 AM
309	Live in North Skelton Services are non existent Early evening bus services end	1/6/2023 12:46 AM
310	The proposals for parking charges is ridiculous towns are already suffering and this will just make the problem worse people will stop coming leading to small business closures and the high street closing	1/6/2023 12:27 AM
311	Where do they think we get the money from, I have not had a pay rise for 14 years. We are squeezed so much we are struggling I have diabetes and my husband has cancer. No help given at ALL!	1/6/2023 12:22 AM
312	Charging car parking fees is a ridiculous idea. It will massively affect the buisness's which will mean more closures	1/5/2023 11:55 PM
313	Introducing a car parking levy in our town centres and high streets will surely be the death knell for many places, for example Skelton High Street could not sustain a parking charge. Nor could Westgate in Guisborough. However, Saltburns' Marine Parade could perhaps introduce a cost to camper vans!	1/5/2023 11:46 PM
314	As a resident of coatham Rd I do not agree with implementing paid for parking permits to park outside my own home. Its a disgrace.	1/5/2023 11:25 PM
315	Money is wasted, IE, festival of thrift, the new cinema delays because of poor preparation (no one to run it!).	1/5/2023 11:13 PM
316	Most people from various economic situations are already having to make careful considerations about how to spend their money and so an increase will create stress for many whether or not it is a person in a higher rate band as often those people also miss out on aid	1/5/2023 11:09 PM

programmes provided by the government. Whilst I appreciate that the council's fiscal situation may require additional funding, this is not the tax method to use as people are already on limited resources given the current climate.

317	Maybe don't waste money of rubbish building and stupid ideas.	1/5/2023 11:08 PM
318	Reducing wasteful practices should be top of the agenda	1/5/2023 10:19 PM
319	The parking charges you propose are absolutely ludicrous and will absolutely signal the end of lots of independent traders you have in the borough. Myself as one of them. Parking & access should be simple, hassle free, free or as low cost as possible. Little parking availability only encourages people to drive to retail parks out of town. Then you will also lose business rates, especially when bigger retailers leave. Your heading for a lose-lose situation for your residents. So conflicting to your other actions - re generation of the town & the Redcar town deal!	1/5/2023 10:16 PM
320	Proposed car parking fees are unfair and not needed if other increases are made to council tax. Local shops will suffer as well as tourist destinations. Side streets ect will be rammed causing safety issues and disruption to locals. Please rethink and consult people correctly. This is not good for the area or yourselves in the next elections.....	1/5/2023 9:59 PM
321	Do away with council and merge/ come under the leadership of Middlesbrough council	1/5/2023 9:50 PM
322	I appreciate it is a difficult time trying to reduce costs. Could other outgoings be decreased ? Buildings / agency staff with higher costs / paying for taxis for kids to get to / from school When they can use other means of transport	1/5/2023 9:42 PM
323	Proposed parking charges are excessive, will negatively impact businesses and residents and should NOT go ahead!	1/5/2023 9:41 PM
324	Everyone is feeling the pinch and are facing a shortfall in disposable income due to high inflation, higher mortgage costs, higher energy prices ect. This proposal squeezes and penalises the working family further.	1/5/2023 9:33 PM
325	Stop fleecing people and get your management team to earn their inflated salaries	1/5/2023 9:12 PM
326	To keep free parking on high streets to keep local businesses open	1/5/2023 9:08 PM
327	Stop wasting money, instead of funding a Christmas tree every year, plant one. Since grass cutting is a problem plant wild flowers. Where wild flowers are planted stop then cutting them down.	1/5/2023 9:03 PM
328	There is massive waste and mismanagement within council services. Getting on top of this and excising the bloat would save millions. Actually listening to locals instead of paying lip service would be a start.	1/5/2023 8:43 PM
329	Try harder..	1/5/2023 8:40 PM
330	I have heard that charging for parking in Guisborough high street has been proposed. This would be detrimental to local businesses and reduce footfall in the high street. This would be a real shame as Guisborough has attracted some fabulous independent businesses. The free 2 hour parking is also under threat, this should not be removed either.	1/5/2023 8:38 PM
331	It's bollocks	1/5/2023 8:36 PM
332	I understand that Council Tax will have to rise unfortunately. However, the extra revenue raised by this needs to be put to good use where it is needed, ie social care and services and amenities in Guisborough which lives in the shadow of Redcar in terms of monies spent by the Council. As above, I totally disagree with the proposal to introduce parking charges for the reasons above.	1/5/2023 8:36 PM
333	The parking fees in small villages for people using local shops is ridiculous, charge for leisure areas as people have a choice.	1/5/2023 8:33 PM
334	I do not agree with the planned parking fee proposals	1/5/2023 8:25 PM
335	i do not agree with the proposed introduction of parking charges around the Stray Cafe, Redcar and in Saltburn along the bank top as we as family use these areas for recreational purposes. I believe these areas should remain free from parking charges so as to be accessible to all in the current challenging economical climate. Parking charges would also have a detrimental impact on local businesses in these areas.	1/5/2023 8:17 PM

336	Any excuse to squeeze already much struggling households	1/5/2023 8:16 PM
337	Not cutting events budget, we don't have enough cultural offers in r and c with hardly any venues, events are the only thing we have	1/5/2023 7:08 PM
338	Why do we need 2 councillors for a small ward like North Skelton. Please stop putting in new ways of working than realising it doesn't work and revert back to the old way costs so much money.	1/5/2023 6:52 PM
339	Do not introduce parking charges in Marske,it's dangerous	1/5/2023 6:46 PM
340	We should be looking at the big dealers and asking them for more money not individuals	1/5/2023 6:39 PM
341	Utter disgrace, asking the rate and council tax payer to off set your spending on none payers or immigration contracts with the government.	1/5/2023 6:29 PM
342	No.	1/5/2023 6:12 PM
343	Exercise caution and due diligence	1/5/2023 6:03 PM
344	Were councillors consulted? This will be the death knell for most communities. Does it have anything to do with the sewer fiasco at cat man?	1/5/2023 6:02 PM
345	What about the increases in car park charges which will decrease the people coming into Guisborough and close more shops!!	1/5/2023 6:02 PM
346	do not money on silly things like majuba road	1/5/2023 5:59 PM
347	I appreciate the need to save money, but surely encouraging residents to go out into, or come as visitors into, or beautiful region.	1/5/2023 5:54 PM
348	BE NICE!	1/5/2023 5:52 PM
349	No	1/5/2023 5:29 PM
350	I think the council tax is high enough! We're all struggling to make ends meet. We have count how many times we have complained about the alley drains and yes it's the councils job. Tried to fob me off more times than enough with the water board. You gain more money every year and do less and less. It's shameful!	1/5/2023 5:24 PM
351	More police presence would be a good idea	1/5/2023 5:23 PM
352	Keep it as low as possible, we are all suffering from the same problems daily.	1/5/2023 5:19 PM
353	No parking charges , as businesses will be affected and will have a major affect on the local economy	1/5/2023 5:14 PM
354	Stop wasting money, full overhaul of dodgy councillors that except back handers for removing business waste.	1/5/2023 5:09 PM
355	Don't charge residents for parking outside their homes	1/5/2023 4:51 PM
356	I do not agree with introduction of car parking fees on Westgate or at leisure centres. You will kill off the town shops and discourage people using leisure facilities. You need to look.at savings internally. Can every job role be justified does it give value for money? Does it add value? Work smarter not harder.	1/5/2023 4:37 PM
357	Cut back on the perks and functions for Councillors.	1/5/2023 4:30 PM
358	You are trying your best in difficult times but consult the residents first	1/5/2023 4:29 PM
359	Employee people who have the correct skill set to ensure budgets are planned and financed better, including communicating those needs to central government to ensure the right level of funding is allocated - else it'll snowball over the years and hurt when crunch time comes around.	1/5/2023 3:07 PM
360	Many shop in Westgate already are standing empty, I believe this situation will only get worse if and when you impose parking charges as the supermarkets give free parking with a time limit on their private car parks.	1/5/2023 3:06 PM
361	Leave Guisborough free parking disc zones as they are.	1/5/2023 2:54 PM

362	Comments submitted by Bob Norton who has no desire to remain anonymous on such matters.	1/5/2023 2:54 PM
363	Revolt. Stand up for citizens rather than pennypinching and trying to balance the books internally. We can't take any more. Demand that central government increases council budget allocations to meet this unprecedented need. Do not pass on the charges to those most in need. It isn't fair. It's immoral and unethical. Fight!	1/5/2023 2:50 PM
364	I feel we are a very poor town .I work but see people much younger and fitter than me not working and getting much more money and help than I get	1/5/2023 2:41 PM
365	More and more taxes for ever poorer services is not the solution.	1/5/2023 2:23 PM
366	I have been made aware of the Councils proposals to introduce car parking fees in Marske by the Sea. I am totally opposed to these proposals as they will hit hardest on the poorest in our society - Mum's/Dad's dropping off school children and older shoppers needing to park to carry their shopping. These proposals do nothing to address the Councils inability to fill it's financial shortfall	1/5/2023 2:19 PM
367	Make money other ways that parking charges	1/5/2023 2:09 PM
368	Yes it's greed	1/5/2023 1:44 PM
369	Introduction of Parking charges specifically for residents is a travesty. In one of the poorest areas in the country with the highest council tax.	1/5/2023 1:41 PM
370	The parking charging proposals are disgusting, the scale of the charging will kill off the small towns/villages in the borough. It shows a complete lack of understanding of the area you are meant to serve.	1/5/2023 1:38 PM
371	We pay enough council tax one of the highest hopefully you get my point	1/5/2023 1:36 PM
372	PLEASE reassess your proposed parking fees.	1/5/2023 1:21 PM
373	People are struggling to live, if taxes or other charges are increased/introduces, many people won't be able to live. Too many people are already relying on Food Banks because they cannot afford to eat and heat their homes.	1/5/2023 1:14 PM
374	As a surfer of 25+ years I often frequent the beaches of Saltburn, Marske and Redcar. I implore you to reconsider charging for parking spaces in Saltburn (Marine Parade) and Marske/Redcar (the stray coast road and the car parks). A sport I have enjoyed for my entire life will instantly cost me for parking. Paying to use and enjoy what our beautiful coastline has to offer is unacceptable.	1/5/2023 1:00 PM
375	As above, if this was recorded in the incorrect field.	1/5/2023 11:37 AM
376	We pay a lot of money, for a lot of services we don't need. Do better	1/5/2023 11:29 AM
377	Please think again about parking charges.	1/5/2023 11:09 AM
378	I suggest the council go back to the drawing board and rethink the parking charge proposals.	1/5/2023 11:06 AM
379	We the public have no money left. And will boycott marske for shopping if parking charges are implemented	1/5/2023 10:54 AM
380	Budget proposals include savings which could have a serious negative impact on the lives of young people and the elderly eg Removal of some vacancies across children's, public health, economic growth, environment and education. Reduction in support for workforce development. Included in the savings is the assumption that there will be an increase in some fees which negates the purpose of the consultation. Residents should have access to a transparent overview of budgeted P&L accounts.	1/5/2023 10:38 AM
381	None whatsoever. Its a waste of time. Because the council have already made up their minds anyway ☹️	1/5/2023 10:10 AM
382	Very much against new parking charge proposals for Guisborough. At the moment I go there to shop as I use the free car parks, if charging is passed I will go back to online shopping as will many others. Will have to pay to park to visit the dentist, hairdresser and others.The high street will just die.	1/5/2023 10:04 AM
383	see above .	1/5/2023 10:01 AM

384	no	1/5/2023 9:52 AM
385	Parking charges are a ridiculous idea. You will hammer the High Streets. Use the money wisely. Get rid of the Mayor...do the residents actually care about having a Mayor...doubtful. Stop having ceremonies for the sake of it and all the costs involved. Sort out the ridiculous costs of things like changing over the floor where the Cabinet meet...outrageous waste of money. You need time and motion studies - how many people does it take to empty the bins (not household refuse) One to drive the van and one to get out and empty the bin!! Why?? Can't the bin be emptied by the driver? Get rid of some management level high salaries. I could go on and on!! Be tough - traditional book lending libraries have no place in this century, and people need to realise that! You also need to check how much footfall in buildings is for the actual service and not just to use the toilet! It's not good enough to use footfall as a reason to keep buildings/services open, without drilling down for the specifics. Libraries should charge groups for using them for their meetings/activities. They're killing other centres by not charging, and again, that's not their traditional use - are they libraries or community centres?	1/5/2023 9:24 AM
386	People just can't afford any increases	1/5/2023 8:56 AM
387	I would support a 1% increase in council tax	1/5/2023 8:49 AM
388	If I thought that Guisborough would benefit from any of these increases I would understand the charges but all I see is that you are actually gradually killing our high street.	1/5/2023 8:45 AM
389	Guisborough needs to see proposals for improvements and developments but not only housing and not enough amenities to cater for community. We seem to be poor relation to others.	1/5/2023 8:40 AM
390	Having to pay£8 to park at Pinchinthorpe - I hope consideration will be paid to the knock on effect at Hutton Village.	1/5/2023 8:38 AM
391	Stop spending money on sh£#e we don't need and start using it for the local people	1/5/2023 8:24 AM
392	All these charges for parking in all areas not just guisborough it will only drive people away You have already put them in at roseberry topping want to increase that do you not want people to go to these beautiful places	1/5/2023 8:16 AM
393	The council must look at their own spending and not attempt to pass the buck onto the struggling public. You have 51 salaried staff earning over £50,000 per annum. This equates to between £3.275M and £3.53M per yer. Look to yourselves first. Look to the government second. Your problems are of your own creation, not mine.	1/5/2023 8:12 AM
394	Redcar and Cleveland council need to Housekeep in a better manner and stop money running down the drain,the whole of East Cleveland has been left out of the now Redcar council,the East Cleveland part has become non existent in funding etc	1/5/2023 7:58 AM
395	Manage your budget better, managers are paid too much for the work they delegate to lesser paid staff	1/5/2023 7:49 AM
396	People can only give valuable feedback if all the facts are presented. This survey seems to have little value.	1/5/2023 7:47 AM
397	Council boroughs need to be more self sufficient. Government takes money from individual ls in tax and only invests in the bigger players. Let the smaller villages/towns decide their own plans. Things like parking fees dry up small town businesses. Big businesses won't come to small towns. So work opportunities don't/can't come in, and the smaller business is too scared to recruit if tuisbis a threat.	1/5/2023 7:25 AM
398	I appreciate the strain on budgets, but the working people are also suffering the strain and therefore you're robbing Peter to pay Paul here	1/5/2023 7:20 AM
399	We live in Guisborough. People will not pay to park at the walkway car park. We already see people parking on the estate roads around Farndale Drive which causes a nuisance for residents	1/5/2023 7:14 AM
400	I have heard about proposed car parking charges for Guisborough and I am strongly opposed to paying any charges. Parking costs should tension as they are. Businesses would be seriously affected in a very negative way.	1/5/2023 7:06 AM
401	No parking charges on West gate Guisborough	1/5/2023 6:58 AM
402	parking charges are shocking, hang your heads in shame!	1/5/2023 5:35 AM

403	I can only see Guisborough residents paying more and more but not benefiting from anything	1/5/2023 1:48 AM
404	Yes, needs re-looking!	1/5/2023 12:06 AM
405	Car park charges on high street is wrong it will be the end of them	1/4/2023 11:51 PM
406	This consultation is far too vague. I do understand money does not grow and tree and the town need money, but this is too opaque.	1/4/2023 11:49 PM
407	I will happily pay for extras if I am seeing the benefit of my additional bills. All we see in Guisborough is more fines (parking) less amenities, a complete disregard for policing and crime, no leisure facilities that are useable long term unless paying through the nose for them, other towns in redcar and Cleveland get alsorts, we get nothing. WE EXIST	1/4/2023 11:33 PM
408	They are absolutely insulting, as a council you are Making it abundantly clear what is most important to you. We sadly are largely working class families, we can't afford extra fees and tax increases. Best just get on with it and erect some poor houses evict us all and shut up the shops in Guisborough that make the place what it is. Total waste of money revamping the town hall now. I hope all the well paid MP's are going to keep all of these businesses a float with their pay rises.	1/4/2023 11:29 PM
409	Parking should be kept free as it encourages people to shop local increasing this will cause a lot of problems for our high street	1/4/2023 11:13 PM
410	Do not start charging for parking on tge High Street. The town needs to attract people, to encourage growth.	1/4/2023 10:59 PM
411	I have to question the parking charges decisions as there seems to be little or no consultation with local residents. Does the person who comes up with the ideas live here?	1/4/2023 10:30 PM
412	Scrap proposed car parking charges. This would turn our towns into ghost towns. People will turn to Amazon and out of town shopping centres if this is implemented.	1/4/2023 10:12 PM
413	These proposals are ridiculous, insulting, sneaky and down right out of order.	1/4/2023 9:57 PM
414	Improving local employment will attract more businesses and further private investment.	1/4/2023 9:30 PM
415	Not needed	1/4/2023 9:27 PM
416	I personally feel we all have an individual and collective responsibility to support our local authority to meet its priorities. I do however feel a sweeping all encompassing approach leaves the majority frustrated and disillusioned. The majority work hard and already contribute a fair and high proportion towards either local or central government funding. We are living in a nation and a government which has created a culture of dependancy and expectancy for a high proportion of society which needs to be readdressed by both local and National governments. Educate and empower those members of the communities to be proud, independent of services and self-reliant and break the generational cycle. How brave is Redcar and Cleveland Council to standout and make those who should be accountable for themselves where historically the Council has shouldered the blame and responsibility for others now leading to the funding crisis as it stands. This is more than just the current cost of living and inflation, it's an inherent dependancy on councils, services and professionals to be responsible. It's a lack of education, lack of aspiration, lack of employment or motivation to be employed.	1/4/2023 9:22 PM
417	Yes If you stopped giving away money to people who don't pay their rent and Bedroom tax you could keep it for people who do pay but also need financial help, at the end of every financial year your council give money away to people who owe money to local housing associations Who have not paid their rent you clear their arrears it is disgusting	1/4/2023 9:14 PM
418	Parking charges should only be for those visiting from outside of the local area, not charging local residents for living there.	1/4/2023 8:56 PM
419	Council wages are way above the private sector, take a look at home first, before you start charging residents in poor areas extra for insignificant non services. Proper budgeting and purchasing would solve a lot of this.	1/4/2023 8:50 PM
420	It's an absolute joke and until things drastically change even filling this form in is pointless because we are ran by dictators and led by corruption within with back handers galore. The truth will come our when meetings turn into proper outcomes and the method of running the council changes so the officers aren't hiding behind the council anymore.	1/4/2023 8:22 PM

421	Yes Rob guisborough to give to redcar as usual	1/4/2023 8:14 PM
422	Car parking charges in high streets and existing shopping areas is counter productive and will drive the public away from town centres shops and other businesses and into supermarkets with free parking.I don't agree with the introduction of parking charges in Guisborough High Street on this basis. In addition the housing estates surrounding Guisborough Branch Walkway (Pine Hills) are dangerously full of cars parked on the streets, with people who are already trying to avoid parking charges at the walkway car park.	1/4/2023 8:03 PM
423	Maybe consider reducing the outrageously high pay of your executives, which will save some money. I would argue that anyone with some basic strategic leadership experience could do the chief executive's job. Stop recruiting the council executives on the gravy train just because you think you have to pay the most to attract the 'best' candidates.	1/4/2023 8:03 PM
424	The potential parking charges across most of the Borough are extortionate. Windy Hill Lane car park Marske was bequeathed to Marske residents by Lord Zetland so is not owned by R & C Council so you can't then ask residents to pay parking charges on land you don't own. Parking charges in other areas are going to impact residential streets as people will park there rather than car parks. The public can't afford to keep paying out for everything when we are all struggling financially. These charges will drive people away from our areas	1/4/2023 8:02 PM
425	This isn't really a public consultation on the budget proposals. Budgets are so much more than this. Using consultants is extremely expensive.	1/4/2023 7:47 PM
426	Unhappy about proposal for parking fees for the stray and saltburn top. I surf down saltburn and I walk my dog down the beach at the stray. I find it concerning to think there would be nowhere to park for free to enjoy things which should not cost me money. It is a lot of money to pay everytime I park	1/4/2023 7:45 PM
427	Leave Marske Car park free to park!	1/4/2023 7:45 PM
428	Robbing bar stewards.....	1/4/2023 7:44 PM
429	Stop ripping us off!	1/4/2023 7:42 PM
430	Why bother with a survey 99% of residents know you won't listen and this council is an absolute farce.	1/4/2023 7:38 PM
431	I understand the need to raise income, every industry and sector is being hit by the current financial climate but these changes are short sighted and will impact the local economy. Short term plans will have a negative short and long term impact for the local community.	1/4/2023 7:37 PM
432	Don't consider introducing charges for Marske car park. It will absolutely kill the village off. You have a duty of care & responsibility to be the stewards of Marske & surrounding areas. It would be very short-sighted & self-defeating. Marske is thriving which brings in revenue for the Council by sustaining viable businesses. The car park is a vital part of maintaining the village & keeping it a destination for people.	1/4/2023 7:36 PM
433	Stop being tight and charging people to pay £8 for a walk through the woods. Stop the charges announced for people using the doctors and dentists.	1/4/2023 7:35 PM
434	How is the public expected to cover all the increases of living when their own pay is not being increased. Time the council should start helping its residents not fleecing them.	1/4/2023 7:34 PM
435	See above	1/4/2023 7:21 PM
436	Yes, reduce top heavy management and waste.	1/4/2023 7:18 PM
437	To charge excessive amounts for parking in towns will just drive customers away into larger centres with free parking and kill high streets	1/4/2023 7:12 PM
438	No	1/4/2023 7:03 PM
439	Please don't introduce parking charges in Normanby and Eston	1/4/2023 6:59 PM
440	Please do not charge for parking along the coast. It will deter people from visiting and encourage them to park in residential streets instead	1/4/2023 6:51 PM
441	Yes just make sure that every pound is not wasted ie sending information out and not addressed	1/4/2023 6:26 PM

442	Surely there is other ways to get this UK cost of living increase back without crippling local business from stopping the punter from buying services in and around little village areas, my wife has a little Beauty Salon in Normanby that will be crippled, hopefully not closed down due to her clients moving to alternative areas that doesn't need parking charges. I'm sure the little village stores and other businesses will feel exactly the same, all this means is the bigger/larger supermarkets etc with its own free parking will win and eventually have nothing left from small business..! I feel very strong about this..! 😞	1/4/2023 6:17 PM
443	Cap the budget to 2020 levels stop fleecing people	1/4/2023 6:13 PM
444	No to parking fees	1/4/2023 6:10 PM
445	I disagree with the parking charge proposals. It will adversely affect local business and people will park on residential streets to avoid charges, leading to chaos. Not to mention the fact that it was tried several years ago but abandoned (think it was deemed illegal due to Lord Zetland gifting the land to Marske residents)	1/4/2023 6:09 PM
446	The proposed charging for parking along Redcar coast road and saltburn cliff tops is going to have an overall net effect of lost trade and tourism to the local economy, which would seem both counteractive and counter intuitive. I strongly urge against this stance and urge you to reconsider other options to raise revenue	1/4/2023 6:04 PM
447	Cut staffing levels or salaries - all other businesses are having to do more with less so the Council should be doing the same, from experience the salary levels for Council employees is extraordinarily high for what staff deliver and their work rate.	1/4/2023 5:46 PM
448	The parking charge increase and implementations need to be scrapped You are going to cause mayhem in surrounding residential streets and you are targeting outside spaces at a time when money is tight and people need to be outside for their mental health. It's ridiculous!	1/4/2023 5:30 PM
449	Redcar and Cleveland has the potential to be a good tourist destination but plans around parking fees and the lack of cultural attraction could see our visitor numbers decreasing at a time when they had grown and boosted the local economy.	1/4/2023 5:24 PM
450	I completely disagree about the proposed car parking charges in Marske. Not only was the car park a gift and it's been agreed in the past that it should be free, I think charges will massively impact Marske. Everyone I know feels they would use Marske less, especially those of us who live Mickledales. I do a school drop off daily to Errington which is already an issue. Adding parking charges will be an accident waiting to happen. I also have a holiday home on Marske high street which is always full. Feedback from guests is always 100% positive and I can't count the number who comment on free parking and ease of using the village. It's a terrible terrible idea to implement and will have I believe, serious consequences to Marske. Rethink! There must be better money generating ideas available that won't cause accidents or loss of business to those who bring money into Marske and the region.	1/4/2023 5:21 PM
451	I realise there is a need to raise money but not when the knock on effect is both detrimental to the quality of life of residents AND against their regularly expressed wishes.	1/4/2023 5:15 PM
452	Please don't inflict car park charges on an already deprived area like East Cleveland.	1/4/2023 4:55 PM
453	Start to enforce rules and collecting fines for dog fouling, fly tipping and pursue outstanding council band non payment. Dumbing of economic migrants to suit woke agenda	1/4/2023 4:22 PM
454	Please listen to the electorate who voted you in and pay for services via Council Tax and suchlike. There is no mandate to bring in parking charges anywhere in the Borough.	1/4/2023 4:02 PM
455	#coulddobetter	1/4/2023 3:36 PM
456	Perhaps better financial management would have negated the need to financially impact cashe strapped residents even further..	1/4/2023 3:18 PM
457	Focus on delivering the best of something, potentially strip back the nice stuff and get your books in order. Deliver value for money and be more efficient.	1/4/2023 3:09 PM
458	Not surprised by this from RCBC, the survey is as vague as the people who worth there. I object to all of the proposals	1/4/2023 3:04 PM
459	The proposal to charge for parking in Marske is utterly ridiculous, you will be instrumental in the demise of the local businesses if you persist with this. People will resort to parking in the Co-op car park which is unfair if they are not shopping there. Parents who are collecting their	1/4/2023 2:58 PM

children from school will not be willing to pay a charge daily. The same threat to businesses applies to Westgate in Guisborough. As for charging to park at Kirkleatham museum, people will just stop going. I have heard that the café there is going to reopen, parking charges would be a huge threat to their business.

460	get councillors with some qualifications not numb nuts	1/4/2023 2:55 PM
461	<p>I understand the suggestion for a rise in council tax, however, without a full picture of where the council has and has not spent last years budget. I'm unable to form an opinion either way. What I am concerned with is the suggestion that parking charges could be introduced to park on the coast road in Redcar. This is completely unacceptable! I have lived in Redcar East the majority of my life, the beach is without doubt the single most important part of the area to me, my family, and friends. I park the car there at least once a day to walk my dog (twice on the days I'm off work). To even suggest that people may now have to pay to enjoy this activity is frankly disgraceful! I'm one of many people who use this area to park and enjoy the beach/headlands daily, something that will undoubtedly become unfeasible should charges be introduced, which will have a huge negative impact on many local people's lives. This will force cars further in to the surrounding Redcar East residential areas to park, causing tension with local home owners and no doubt safety issues, considering the extra congestion and that many of these roads feature on local bus routes. Policing this will come at a cost that would surely negate the income generated from charging people to simply enjoy the best our area has to offer, like we always have done...without having to pay a fee. This is the first time I've involved myself in council matters in 40 years, but this is something that I feel very strongly about. I know many people whose daily/weekly trips to the beach (using this parking area) factor hugely in their mental wellbeing, something people are now genuinely concerned and worried about with the announcement of this suggestion. I know many local surfers who share similar concerns with regards to further charges being introduced in areas of Saltburn too. Surfers could now face paying up to £8 to practice their hobby, dog walkers/walkers/families could now face paying over £1 a time to enjoy Redcar's stray and beach area. For me personally, that's daily and twice daily on my days off. That could be nearly or over £20 a week/£80 a month to walk my dog in the same place I always have done for the last 12 years! That is something we cannot accept nor stand for! Charges like these directly discourage local people from living their lives the way they always have, enjoying the natural beauty of their local area. It would directly discourage visitors to the area, visitors who may spend money in local shops, cafes etc. It all seems counterintuitive to boosting local business profits and the physical and mental health of local people. I have raised the issue with Allison Barnes, who agreed with me, whilst explaining the financial difficulty the council faces, this is not the way to generate funds. This would really hit people hard. I sincerely hope the ramifications of this suggestion are fully considered and the idea is scrapped quickly!</p>	1/4/2023 2:39 PM
462	Proposed car parking charges for Loftus very unwise. Where will local people with no parking go? Who will drop in for shopping/use the cafes when they can nip to Skelton for free. North Road car park is used by the churches for regular services/funerals etc and visitors to events in the town Hall. Will the people on North road/chapel Row etc get a residents permit, as I understand some residents in Skinningrove have and if not what do they do?	1/4/2023 2:09 PM
463	The council should be doing everything they can to help small and medium sized businesses. Instead of putting up parking charges, which will drive people away from the leisure centres and small businesses and also affect those usually working on minimum wage in those businesses. You will eventually lose out because the businesses won't be able to survive. If the problem is overnight parking, then police this properly with either ANPR cameras or parking officers. Not taxing the workers and small businesses to fund your overpaid councillors	1/4/2023 2:08 PM
464	I understand car park charges are to be introduced widely. I presume a cost benefit analysis has been completed on this to show what achievements will result. Charges if needed should not result in further damage to the economy I. E. Turning people away from an area due to cost. Are charges to be reasonable I. E. Knaresborough York Place car park £1.20 for 4 hours. Whitby and Scarborough free car parking october to March. Or is the costing to be prohibitive £2 for 1 hour and if so why. Is it just to pay for the scheme I. E. Admin infrastructure, staff. If so the cost benefit is debatable and will result in further business and town centre decline. If charges are to be introduced make them sensible. £2 per hour is not and will once again push people to park in streets outside peoples houses, who will in turn request a resident parking scheme adding more cost and further complaint. Retail outlets are free and will become more attractive.	1/4/2023 1:59 PM
465	Please reconsider introducing car parking charges to markse car park and the car parks on the	1/4/2023 1:55 PM

	coast road. Introducing these charges is going to result in inconsiderate and dangerous parking around the village, push people to out of town shopping where the car parks are free and limit local use of much loved facilities.	
466	If you want to keep our town busy with visitors then costs such as parking need to be kept to a minimum otherwise your proposed fee increases will not benefit you as people will stop visiting and therefore no charges will be paid, car parks will be sat empty and people will go elsewhere	1/4/2023 1:51 PM
467	No	1/4/2023 1:49 PM
468	Historically councils have been very poor at purchasing and managing their budgets. More ways of purchasing better need to be looked at.	1/4/2023 1:37 PM
469	Need to be more forthcoming of what the actual increases would be.	1/4/2023 1:33 PM
470	If we saw better use of our money in every town in the Borough, not just Redcar, it would be better. The quality of Council services residents receive has declined	1/4/2023 1:30 PM
471	Have staffing levels in the Council been benchmarked against other Councils per population for various areas of the Council. Is there a 'best in class' Council to compare to and look to mirror off?	1/4/2023 1:29 PM
472	The council had been proposing to impose charges to park for many years. How many times does the town have to object before you take note	1/4/2023 1:16 PM
473	I am completing this in disgust with the proposed parking fees for local beauty hotspots. How can you charge folk for basically going for a walk and enjoying the outdoors and our local area. This will totally put people off from going out and enjoying these places, or them resulting in parking in inconvenient places where they don't have to pay to park, and therefore disrupting the local residents. Having to pay for just a walk down the beach at Marske coast road for example is an absolute joke. People come to these places and enjoy doing these things as it is good for their mental health. Marine Parade which is a personal one for me, firstly paying £2 for one hour, then £4 for 2 hours and £8 all day is absolutely shocking. I regularly surf there, in which I am easily parked up for over 2hrs, so I have to pay £8 a day just to go surfing? This is a complete rip off. This is really going to get a lot of people's backs up. You want people to enjoy our local and all these places that make it great, and plan on charging them when it's outdoors? This is total greed from the Council. I spend and enjoy my time outdoors doing various activities, which is good for one's mental health, and you plan on charging for this, especially during a cost of living crisis?	1/4/2023 12:57 PM
474	Do not in force parking charges in Loftus. We're a struggling village as it is without causing people to not want to stop due to the extortionate fees you wish to charge people to park!	1/4/2023 12:56 PM
475	No parking charges at Skinningrove and Loftus please It will kill the places	1/4/2023 12:41 PM
476	No	1/4/2023 12:33 PM
477	Please share much more information about all of these proposals.	1/4/2023 12:17 PM
478	Look at some of the high salaries you pay your staff!!	1/4/2023 12:14 PM
479	Car parking charges are counter productive. They will cause long term damage to every ward	1/4/2023 12:11 PM
480	Go back and start again with a competent finance director and financial aware cabinet members.	1/4/2023 12:09 PM
481	Along with other residents I sit on a regeneration group. The need for car parking was identified by consultant professionals and business groups as the most significant factor in increasing footfall to shops, leisure facilities and 'dwell' time in the town. To charge for short stay parking will hit high street shoppers who will go to free supermarket parking instead. Longstay car parking would be unaffordable for shopworkers.	1/4/2023 11:34 AM
482	Fewer development plans would give more budget towards core services	1/4/2023 11:16 AM
483	There are plans to introduce significant parking charges in Marske village at Windy Hill car park. I understand that this is not in keeping with the wishes of Lord Zetland who gave the land to the people of Marske. I understand that the council is not permitted to charge for access to this land. I hope this will be investigated properly. Bad enough that you have ruined access to parking on the Coast Road for local people. Truly a disgrace.	1/4/2023 10:53 AM

484	Needs serious rethink in some parts	1/4/2023 10:33 AM
485	You need to stop trying to charge people For parking. Loftus.has gone through enough if.you hand out parking fees most of the remaining businesses will sell up and go else.where!!	1/4/2023 10:31 AM
486	I love going to Guisborough Leisure Centre I do not want to pay parking charges in order to try to keep healthy. If I am paying to use the centre I should not have to pay to park!	1/4/2023 10:29 AM
487	This is REDCAR & CLEVELAND issue 50 NO MENTION OF THE XMAS FESTIVITIES IN GUIBOROUGH. ABOUT TIME THE COUNCIL SICKS TO ITS NAME THIS IS REDCAR & CLEVELAND	1/4/2023 10:22 AM
488	Cancel it	1/4/2023 10:15 AM
489	Lower the council tax and actually implement the services we pay for.	1/4/2023 10:15 AM
490	Hopefully we will see some improved services for investment. It is shocking that the council is effectively turning Guisborough into a more impoverished area by failing to invest and increasing inequality for residents in the town.	1/4/2023 10:11 AM
491	Car Park land in Marske was donated by Lord Zetland to the village and therefore the council cannot charge for parking on it	1/4/2023 10:01 AM
492	Transparency is the way forward!!	1/4/2023 9:54 AM
493	This survey is so vague, it is very difficult to make informed comments.	1/4/2023 9:49 AM
494	How about spending money else where other than redcar. Stop cycle events that cost a fortune but bring nothing to the area.	1/4/2023 9:33 AM
495	A crock of sh*te	1/4/2023 9:17 AM
496	No	1/4/2023 8:52 AM
497	The car park in Marske was gifted by Lord Zetland to the - put charges there and will destroy the village! I thought the council was supposed to support small independent businesses???	1/4/2023 8:48 AM
498	Need to revise car parking charges...life's tough enough...get this tory robbing sleazy government to hand out more...plenty of our monies spent on illegal immigrants needs to STOP...	1/4/2023 8:39 AM
499	I would approve increases in the community charge to cover parking costs rather than at point of use.	1/4/2023 8:32 AM
500	Budget proposals should be made with the best interests of residents in mind. Whilst I don't object to an increase in council tax (assuming the council maintains the same level of service), I do object to increasing parking charges that will impact residents severely	1/4/2023 8:07 AM
501	Specific details need to be given in order to comment effectively	1/4/2023 7:37 AM
502	Instead of taking more money of people why don't you look at ways to make things more efficient, and by that I don't mean loss of jobs!	1/4/2023 7:08 AM
503	Think before you act	1/4/2023 7:00 AM
504	The parking fees you wish to introduce are going to kill off much needed tourism to the area and will do nothing to help struggling small businesses through this difficult time, it will drive people out to the retail parks which include free parking (because they understand good business and the appeal this has to attracting customers, unlike yourselves who just wish to push people away)	1/4/2023 6:54 AM
505	Stop paying leader of councils stupid wages.	1/4/2023 6:43 AM
506	We're struggling too! You can't get blood out of a stone. Improve management of current funds.	1/4/2023 6:37 AM
507	Yes, you need to be open and consult local people and businesses properly especially around parking enforcement and charges.	1/4/2023 6:34 AM
508	Stop wasting money	1/4/2023 1:38 AM
509	This survey is a load of bollocks no notice will he taken from the survey you will just go ahead	1/4/2023 1:26 AM

	a do what you want you wont listen to what people have to say	
510	I think they need rethinking.	1/3/2023 11:34 PM
511	I also think the proposed car park charges in Loftus and Skinningrove are a disgrace and if implemented, you will feel the wrath of locals.	1/3/2023 11:23 PM
512	I have absolutely no faith in the ability of the council to provide any sort of value for money going forward and any proposals made rarely have the wishes of the people in mind so better to be straight up and not keep up the false pretences.	1/3/2023 11:19 PM
513	Parking charges in Marske should not be introduced. The council have no authority over this land as it was gifted to the residents of Marske by Lord Zetland.	1/3/2023 11:16 PM
514	No.	1/3/2023 11:08 PM
515	A fairer system of regeneration and support needs to be applied to guisborough residents and businesses	1/3/2023 11:07 PM
516	I'm scared for the future and for my family	1/3/2023 10:58 PM
517	Yes. Be sensible about it and consider the fact that people barely afford fuel for a day out, never mind an added cost of parking charges. Are you trying to make everyone stay at home and wallow in a hole of poverty and poor physical health?	1/3/2023 10:55 PM
518	I Disagree with the proposed car parking charge in and around Guisborough. Because it will stop passing trade which in turn will kill the town centre off. It also forces cars to park in over crowded street near to the town centre.	1/3/2023 10:55 PM
519	Consult. Listen to the residents	1/3/2023 10:45 PM
520	Attract more industry and companies. Recycle.. re use and repair.	1/3/2023 10:35 PM
521	Being a resident in Eston I see increases in taxes etc but decrease in living standards, we live in a rundown underfunded small town	1/3/2023 10:26 PM
522	No more increased parking and no introduction of new parking restrictions in areas such as Marine Parade	1/3/2023 10:26 PM
523	Proposed car parking charges will result in local businesses closing.....which is more than short sighted!	1/3/2023 10:16 PM
524	If you bring in charges for parking in saltburn, you will have to bring in residents permits for all of central saltburn, including river streets. Please also allow 30 mins free to support local businesses	1/3/2023 10:15 PM
525	No to carparking charges	1/3/2023 10:08 PM
526	Support the independent shop owners.	1/3/2023 10:06 PM
527	Previous council development has effectively strangled Redcar High Street. Parking charges stand to continue this vandalism it's currently as waste of money to park on many of our High Streets, might as well go out of town and parl for free. You can't promote development and growth if parking charges continue to reduce the number of visitors to the town.	1/3/2023 9:39 PM
528	Strongly disagree with the planned packing charges in Marske-by-the-Sea. This will be damaging for all the small local business in the village perceptual cost people over £3000 per year to park near their work as well as loss of foot fall for the businesses. Then forcing people to park on already congested residential streets.	1/3/2023 9:38 PM
529	None	1/3/2023 9:27 PM
530	Reduce council leaders allowance	1/3/2023 9:23 PM
531	Parish council support - not sure if it's time to review what they do?	1/3/2023 9:18 PM
532	save money by not emptying dog waste bins by two people in one truck on weekend overtime	1/3/2023 9:09 PM
533	Do not charge the public for the shortfall in Government money, rearrange your contract that's more sustainable	1/3/2023 9:06 PM
534	Introducing car park fees is a very unfair idea. People want to use local shops, buying local is	1/3/2023 9:00 PM

finally being promoted and celebrated. Having to pay to pop to use the local fruit shop or to frequent a family-run café etc, or even to take your child to the doctors, is just off putting for everybody. Local businesses will suffer another blow just as they are trying to recover from covid restrictions, and the local customers will suffer from yet another rise in the cost of living.

535	I am very frustrated that the council is faced with these difficult decisions (and have little faith in councillors to take the strategic decisions necessary) whilst the public purse subsidises a provincial airport and pours money into the pockets of private interests associated with teesworks in the hope of future growth trickling down. What is the council doing to right this wrong?	1/3/2023 8:59 PM
536	Great idea, but have locals on resident permit	1/3/2023 8:58 PM
537	No	1/3/2023 8:49 PM
538	Please DO NOT charge for parking and spoil the village! There is simply not enough well off people to pay for parking so they will go elsewhere! Remove the parking meters on the Stray as well it's just bad for business!	1/3/2023 8:45 PM
539	Budget increases and charges for car parking are not the only solutions, getting rid of free parking reduces visitor numbers and makes life more difficult for people attending dental/medical/optical appointments	1/3/2023 8:42 PM
540	Might have to seriously consider moving away from Skelton-in-Cleveland!	1/3/2023 8:41 PM
541	Give more spending autonomy to parish councils under local development plans, spending monies, created by the residents of Marske for Marske	1/3/2023 8:33 PM
542	Have a rethink!	1/3/2023 8:26 PM
543	Do not spoil Marske village Charging parking will kill off lovely busibesses	1/3/2023 8:22 PM
544	Please reconsider these car parking charges and don't go ahead. Please think about the businesses and people's mental health.	1/3/2023 8:21 PM
545	I appreciate how tricky it is to balance costs and how difficult it is for local councils but there needs to be some consideration that everyone is struggling financially currently and added costs where they haven't been before seems very irresponsible. Rather than penalise people for daily activities such as parking, focus more on fining anti social behaviour.	1/3/2023 8:17 PM
546	Why hasn't. Guisborough Town Council been involved in these proposals?	1/3/2023 8:15 PM
547	Don't increase tax. Reduce spending. You need to look at cost efficiencies - Consider reducing refuse collection to fortnightly etc. cut agency usage. Stop overheating facilities. You also need business plans to look at how your facilities can generate more income.	1/3/2023 8:10 PM
548	The proposed car parking charges I've heard of if true are crazy. You need to be allowing people to access local businesses easier to keep them trading. Please do not introduce charges that will cost money to implement and damage business and communities.	1/3/2023 8:05 PM
549	Please consider the lower income working families who despite budgeting are currently stretched beyond measure we need your support to have a quality of life. I work, own my own home (which I budgeted for) however due to every thing rising in price like is unmanageable. As someone who was born in Redcar and Cleveland I feel it's essential that you hold increases till the cost of living meets the wages (as a nurse this is way off)	1/3/2023 7:59 PM
550	Ask the government for the extra money they give to the tory heartland	1/3/2023 7:58 PM
551	As above	1/3/2023 7:55 PM
552	Stop charging common decent people	1/3/2023 7:40 PM
553	I assume that this is just the council paying lip service to residents once again. Every person I know is against the library move but apparently its going ahead. Same as this survey you will do what you want without any thought or care for residents. Working to reduce emissions means nothing to residents if we are effectively double paying for services	1/3/2023 7:18 PM
554	Be transparent speak clear and tell us specifically what is needed	1/3/2023 7:15 PM
555	Redcar and Cleveland (it should just be REDCAR) Council waste stupid amounts of money on	1/3/2023 6:57 PM

completely unnecessary projects!! Usually always in REDCAR! whilst other towns are completely ignored. They can't make REDCAR attractive no matter how much they throw at it! It's a DISGRACE

556	I really do think with some of the proposed increases you are going to cause unrest in the Borough and push people in to poverty. The cost of living has gone up for everyone not just councils and you need to think about this seriously because it's peoples lives you are playing with here. It will lead to more suicide and criminality going on in the Borough.	1/3/2023 6:47 PM
557	Need to have a plan for improvements that will happen to before asking for more money It will be best to know where your money is going making it easier to agree	1/3/2023 6:31 PM
558	You should be investing money in Guisborough, it's disgusting that you continue to ignore the town and throw tiny projects at it whilst spending 100+ times more per resident in redcar	1/3/2023 6:28 PM
559	None	1/3/2023 6:26 PM
560	Publicise more! The public feel hard done by but this is based on their 'feelings' rather than 'facts'.	1/3/2023 6:16 PM
561	I totally disagree with the £20 residents parking fee I won't be paying it	1/3/2023 6:05 PM
562	There is better options for council to save more money,in house training and less outsourcing,it will cost money at first to put workers through training courses but in the long run will save a lot more.	1/3/2023 6:03 PM
563	Please reconsider imposing parking charges through out the council area: minimal increase in income will not cover loss of rent etc from businesses which will have to close	1/3/2023 5:52 PM
564	Get rid of the scumbags in power that have destroyed this country over the last 10 years , bringing the working man to his knees .!	1/3/2023 5:21 PM
565	NO	1/3/2023 4:48 PM
566	Think we pay enough	1/3/2023 4:25 PM
567	Alternative revenue needs to be explored which does not kill the town centre nor stop people accessing sport facilities.	1/3/2023 4:19 PM
568	Council should be looking to encourage new enterprises rather than putting deterrents. It is time for more creative thinking.	1/3/2023 3:55 PM
569	Charging residents to park outside their homes is totally ridiculous! Paying for the possibility of only possibly getting a parking space is madness!!!	1/3/2023 2:35 PM
570	The budget proposals are disgraceful. As a minimum you should allow pensioners free parking?	1/3/2023 2:34 PM
571	The proposal to raise parking fees for residents is ridiculous, ill conceived and will put many visitors, families and friends off visiting area and parking outside their own homes! This is a tragedy for low income hard working people and needs to be abolished!	1/3/2023 12:29 PM
572	Bits the bullet and just get on and cut some unused facilities. People moan about libraries etc but no one hardly uses them, Redcar Central Library is usually a ghost town. Things move on the council needs to do that too, modernise things. Do digital properly!	1/3/2023 12:23 PM
573	No fees for parking outside ure own house in streets r u goin to charge everyone in all areas of redcar ?	1/3/2023 12:21 PM
574	A bit more information is needed	1/3/2023 12:07 PM
575	It is about time R&CBC got their act together & REDUCED the Council Tax. There are areas of PROVEN "criminal" waste of Council Tax monies!!	1/3/2023 11:39 AM
576	I do agree on charging for using public toilets. Personally at least 40p charge, like in other visitor areas.	1/3/2023 11:34 AM
577	Most businesses would reduce staffing and cut hours. It sounds as if the council are simply going to abuse it's position and dump on residents.	1/3/2023 11:30 AM
578	Not at thistime	1/3/2023 11:25 AM

579	No	1/3/2023 11:03 AM
580	How about giving the Arena the green light and bringing people into the area who will spend and boost our local economy.	1/3/2023 10:58 AM
581	Where does it say your going to charge residents £20 to park outside their own homes. This surely is a disgrace and should be stopped.	1/3/2023 10:53 AM
582	Manage the budget accordingly, cut bonuses, high salaries and wasting money.	1/3/2023 10:33 AM
583	Why don't you take a pay cut that will help	1/3/2023 9:53 AM
584	Stop penalising residents	1/3/2023 9:43 AM
585	Look to cut from inside..why move library ?..how much is cost to move to tuned in and then high street..is there a need for two moves	1/3/2023 9:39 AM
586	Parking charges in and around Guisborough are proposed. This will ruin an already failing Westgate - shops closing, an air of desperation around and people will go out of Guisborough to shop, hence further declines.Free parking in places attracts people not detracts them. If it's not broken why change it?	1/3/2023 9:38 AM
587	No thanks	1/3/2023 9:31 AM
588	Are the people of Guisborough going to benefit at all from these proposals? Could we see where all the money goes?	1/3/2023 8:11 AM
589	No charging for car parking in the town Center, This helps bring in shoppers to the town Center. The proposed increase in car parking charges is madness from the council, this will only damage the already volatile state of many struggling shops.	1/3/2023 7:01 AM
590	The car parking charges in Guisborough should be abolished. We need a high street plan, car parking charges will drive more businesses and customers away. This survey, again, is nonsensical.	1/2/2023 11:25 PM
591	As usual by RCBC, a complete lack of information and transparency around this survey!	1/2/2023 10:13 PM
592	Do not increase / introduce parking charges. It is massively negative, short sighted and just causes resentment to the council. It stops people using the local service and stops people exercising. All of which will never be recovered by some parking charges.	1/2/2023 9:55 PM
593	I want the council to join in a one voice statement with every other council that is facing shortfalls in their budgets and come out publicly and ask the government for money to cover them costs....	1/2/2023 7:17 PM
594	More help for elderly/ pensioners Who are not on any benefits due to having worked all there lives	1/2/2023 7:15 PM
595	If parking charges are introduced in places where ParkRuns happen then you need to make parking free during that period or to those participating. The benefits ParkRun has for the local community is widely recognised across the UK and introductions a cost to attend, however small would be an unwanted barrier to entry	1/2/2023 5:46 PM
596	I believe you are planning to charge at Flatt's Lane for parking. I am not against paying a small fee but the suggested prices are much too steep. Pinchinthorpe charges £1 for the first two hours and £2 all day, which seems much fairer	1/2/2023 5:39 PM
597	Yes again I think trying to charge parking charge on Normanby and eston is pushing peoples income to far the business will close as customers cannot afford parking so will go we're it's free all so u will get on street parking causing trouble for locals people living in the Jennings have double yellow lines even across there drive so there visitors will not be able to use care park now with out it costing ridiculous charges think of people who live and work in these places wages are low enough with out extra charges ??	1/2/2023 5:34 PM
598	Do not introduce parking fees on Guisborough high street. Free parking will help small businesses	1/2/2023 5:06 PM
599	No	1/2/2023 4:57 PM
600	Yes - manage the money better and stop wasting it	1/2/2023 4:56 PM

601	Scrap your parking fees proposal please, I cannot be the only person whose mental health will suffer	1/2/2023 4:32 PM
602	As for the proposed parking charges in Eston and Normanby, are you deliberately trying to close our remaining businesses?	1/2/2023 4:02 PM
603	The council tax goes up every year so why do we need extra charging on car parks etc or are you trying to get extra income by using the parking as a stealth tax !!!!	1/2/2023 2:18 PM
604	Yes cut back on councillors and their allowances and stop spending money on Redcar, there are other areas in the borough who don't get their fair share	1/2/2023 2:09 PM
605	I would like to show opposition to these proposals of introducing parking charges at Normanby car parks - local businesses will suffer as people will just drive 5 mins to the large Tesco and other businesses I. Eston as opposed to paying for the parking. Over 500 people per month. Visit inthe leisure, hospitality and beauty local business in Normanby from local and neighbouring towns - their footfall alone keeps the retail shops and services in business. Poor decisions and proposals that will cripple a village community!!!!!!	1/2/2023 2:06 PM
606	NORMANBY HIGHSTREET CAR PARKING CHARGES WILL DESTROY LOCAL BUSINESSES. I am Amy, the owner of Amy Simpson Fitness - a local independent fitness studio on Normanby highstreet. We rely on clients coming from all areas, even as far as Stockton for sessions with us. The free convenient parking really is a huge selling point for our gym and business. The majority of our clients cannot and will not pay for parking to come to the gym. Even a charge as little as 50p for the hour is out of the question. We charge as little as £3 for a fitness class with us. This just about covers our rent and costs to pay staff. We have put off putting pricing up as life in general is too expensive for everyone right now. Putting a carpark fee in place that no body can afford will result in 2 major problems.... 1- people will stop attending my gym, meaning I will have no option but to close. 2- people will park in the housing estate when they come for a class, we host up to 40 people in one class. So 40 people parking in an estate would not go down well. As a small business we have suffered enough the past few years, dealing with battle after battle - we are still recovering from Covid after effects. The gym brings hundreds of people to our high street every week. These are people that would not be visiting otherwise. Without the gym and the salons on the highstreet - the highstreet would be dead. People who come to the high street for their beauty treatments or gym session, then use the other surrounding shops and cafes. That they wouldn't be using otherwise. The gym is just one of the many businesses that will be crippled by these parking charges. And we simply cannot remain open if they are put in place. People coming to the gym 5-6x per week having to pay a £1-2 for a parking space for the hour - this means they will be paying out around £12 extra per week just on parking to attend the gym. They will go elsewhere- they will find cheaper alternatives with free parking. This is not okay and will not sit well for our highstreet. If you want the high street to crumble, then go ahead allow the charges to be put in place, but I assure you. If the gym and the local salons have to close - the highstreet will be no more. Contact Amy - 07380563063	1/2/2023 1:45 PM
607	Do not apply parking charges in Normanby you are going to stop me from shopping there or using any facilities not that there are many.	1/2/2023 12:32 PM
608	They need a complete overall a disgrace and completely out of touch with the needs of local ratepayers in TS6.	1/2/2023 12:30 PM
609	More money is not always the answer, assuming this just maintains inefficiency. The Borough has always struggled financially and needs to create a long-term and sustainable plan to address its needs.	1/2/2023 12:12 PM
610	Why are we in this position ? Maybe if you sack the director of finance and stop thinking the council tax raised is the councils own money it isn't it's the residents and we the residents own everything and not the council. You are here to service us the residents and not your shoddily built offices!!!!	1/2/2023 12:07 PM
611	No	1/2/2023 11:59 AM
612	If you have to increase , do it fairly, stop hitting those in higher council tax brackets, my husband has 2 jobs already to try and maintain our home , his 2 nd job isn't guaranteed, so tax us all fairly,. Why should we be hit the hardest because we work !!!!!	1/2/2023 11:48 AM
613	As above. Help social care but gave the foresight to stop areas degenerating further to deal with a financial crisis - you are just putting the problem elsewhere.	1/2/2023 11:29 AM

614	To charge to park a county park where people go for exercise and family days out is a complete disgrace	1/2/2023 9:51 AM
615	The council should help house holds than try to make money out of them regarding installation of solid fuel the charge for Hetas inspection is rip off	1/2/2023 7:11 AM
616	Think more wisely about the people who live in this area.	1/2/2023 12:06 AM
617	You start the document off stating mental health in young people is at a all time highyet you put in a proposal to cut youth provision. We should be investing more and opening up more provision.	1/1/2023 11:55 PM
618	Stop the stupid car parking charges at sporting locations	1/1/2023 10:17 PM
619	That information is far too wishy washy to even be able to make an informed decision. It doesn't specify exactly what it's talking about!	1/1/2023 9:54 PM
620	Give the youth something and some where to go	1/1/2023 9:53 PM
621	This is the wrong time to rinse your local people of more money it will do long term damage to those peoples moral and trust in their local authorities it's bad enough the government dont represent the uk public the local authorities need to not follow suit.	1/1/2023 9:38 PM
622	Get a grip about Christmas lights, why do you have some on Normanby road. Stop bowing down to the OAP's. They've been up since November why?????	1/1/2023 8:51 PM
623	Parking charges in guisborough High Street is just going to be a dagger to the heart of the the shops on the high Street	1/1/2023 7:49 PM
624	Lobby government for more funding	1/1/2023 7:46 PM
625	I am concerned by proposals to increase parking charges on Westgate in Guisborough and at the leisure centre in Guisborough. The recent reduction in car parking fees at Fountain St Guisborough has led to increased business being generated. Re-instatement of fees will be counter productive	1/1/2023 7:37 PM
626	Disgraceful	1/1/2023 7:08 PM
627	There's no mention of carpark fees , who will collect them, and what damage is it going to do for Normanby and Eston.. As for charging to visit the Woodlands park, people need to get some fresh air and exercise, not going to be paying for this. Do you have any idea what will happen for the many people who bring their children to the park, just another way to collect cash for other places	1/1/2023 6:24 PM
628	My comment is regarding the proposed car parking charges at Normanby. I am totally against this proposal. If you need extra revenue then I think you need to look elsewhere. The local independant shops in the area are struggling as it is and it is quite a concern that we may lose our local butcher. The car parking facilities need to be free to help support local shops. By all means charge after 2 hours, after all guisborough has a free parking disc area (they also lost their independent butcher). So please keep this facility free, or introduce charges after 2 hours. I do not want to be witness to us losing our local businesses through another cash grab from the car user.	1/1/2023 6:00 PM
629	They suck monkey balls.	1/1/2023 5:39 PM
630	Remove the parking charge proposals for Normanby west street car park and flatts lane country park	1/1/2023 5:38 PM
631	Thank carefully before you shut more businesses down.	1/1/2023 4:32 PM
632	I recognise the difficulties facing the Council on finance but the answer is not to raise fees and charges and try making savings in unnecessary areas.	1/1/2023 4:12 PM
633	Everyone should make some contribution to council tax even a small payment where necessary no one should receive services totally free.	1/1/2023 12:11 PM
634	Clearer proposals.	1/1/2023 8:36 AM
635	Disagree with them. See reply above.	12/31/2022 9:47 PM
636	Stop ripping off the people you where elected to serve or stand down and let's start again	12/31/2022 8:34 PM

637	The public are having a hard enough time at present , with increases in energy and food. No way does the public need increased charges for parking etc..	12/31/2022 8:03 PM
638	Look at why we have such a large reliance on child care, issue people with contraception, educate them to look after there own off spring. Stop supporting people who will never look after themselves cause they know the council will pick up the bill	12/31/2022 7:23 PM
639	Stop the proposed parking charges in guisborough	12/31/2022 6:12 PM
640	Very vague.	12/31/2022 6:06 PM
641	The parking charges need to stay as they are in Guisborough to avoid the death of the town	12/31/2022 5:43 PM
642	I think it's high time that local businesses were looked after better. There are far too many closing. This is their livelihoods, its such a shame	12/31/2022 5:39 PM
643	Reduce red tape. Reduce management/ salaries. Do not pay money to wealthy people to sit on " boards/consultations". Listen to the work force and pay them a decent wage. Ask the people who live in the town what they want. Remember Guisborough is not a cash cow for RBC. If you don't look after it, those who earn enough will move away and more unemployed will move in, which will cost RBC in the long run as they won't pay the high rates! Look after our high St. It needs tidying up to encourage out of town shoppers.	12/31/2022 5:24 PM
644	Car parking charges on an already struggling high street and leisure activities is ridiculous. It will just encourage more people to shop online.	12/31/2022 5:00 PM
645	Please spend on Guisborough.	12/31/2022 4:36 PM
646	Car parking charges are going to kill all town centres,thought cobbles in Guisborough were gifted to town people	12/31/2022 4:29 PM
647	yes. THINK before you consider increasing fees and charges about where you can make savings and use that saving ti finance something else. It's NOT rocket science. Hundreds of thousands of house wives do it every day running the family finances.	12/31/2022 4:29 PM
648	No	12/31/2022 4:23 PM
649	Think twice before throw more money at redcar. Nothing ever seems to be thought through properly....the pier the public never wanted. The college not on a main bus route. A hospital again hard to get to esp from Guisborough by a bus when your ill	12/31/2022 4:10 PM
650	In stead of money spent on cycle events, THRIFT shows, spend real time on way to encourage businesses back, promote guisborough market. Stop the focus on the Capital Redcar City	12/31/2022 3:40 PM
651	The cost of living crisis is affecting everyone we don't need more higher bills for less services	12/31/2022 2:46 PM
652	This is a half hearted attempt at a survey with very little in the way of the actual proposals	12/31/2022 2:31 PM
653	Yes, I would like to see more of the money spent in the Guisborough areas as it seems to be the poor relations to the other areas in the borough.	12/31/2022 2:25 PM
654	Will carparking charges be implemented at all sporting facilities across the Borough	12/31/2022 2:22 PM
655	DO NOT MAKE INCREASES TO OUR BILLS	12/31/2022 1:56 PM
656	How proactive is council being in seeking tenant / new use for Belmont House (Guisborough). This building is too new and too well equipped with parking and amenities to become unused.	12/31/2022 1:49 PM
657	Stopping free parking is going to have a knock on effect on business' and leisure.	12/31/2022 12:37 PM
658	The council should look at restructuring their senior management posts to save money.	12/31/2022 12:37 PM
659	I hope the council will re consider changing Westgate parking to paid parking. People will simply not use the town to shop if they have to pay for parking.	12/31/2022 12:31 PM
660	Ridiculous to charge at the leaguer centre, I am there dropping off my children to clubs and picking up 14 times a week! That's horrific	12/31/2022 12:31 PM
661	Get rid of anyone on a wage over £70,000	12/31/2022 12:11 PM
662	Parking charges in Guisborough particularly on what's should not be implemented!	12/31/2022 12:08 PM

663	STOP WASTING MONEY GIVE US A BREAK	12/31/2022 11:33 AM
664	All said above	12/31/2022 11:30 AM
665	Please see my comment above re town centre parking charges.	12/31/2022 11:28 AM
666	Very vague proposals, not transparent at all. Lack of information to make an informed decision. Consultation looks and feels tokenism to be honest.	12/31/2022 11:24 AM
667	Do you think we have unlimited money trees in our garden	12/31/2022 11:17 AM
668	Stop wasting money look after and maintain what you have. Times are hard for all	12/31/2022 11:17 AM
669	The borough don't seem to spread the money fairly across it's area.	12/31/2022 11:11 AM
670	Not enough information to comment yes or no.	12/30/2022 4:48 PM
671	A rethink of Majuba Road traffic calming measures would be a great way to reduce environmental impact. Since the jumps went in they've created longer standing time which impacts the environment, speed has increased as folk speed to get to them which has increased road rage. I do not have a problem with the humps. I do have a problem with them being narrowed for single car passing. Not very well thought out at all as it creates increased risk to road users, pedestrians and the environment which will be even further increased with the new play areas.	12/29/2022 11:14 AM
672	At the hard times we are all having you still increase why not freeze it for this year	12/28/2022 1:15 AM
673	I far as I can see East Cleveland receives the minimum of everything. Loftus High Street is a total disgrace. Ashamed to drive through and the council has the cheek to propose an increase to our council tax. You should be ashamed.	12/27/2022 9:20 AM
674	Poorly put together survey lacking information to explain your position. I would be embarrassed as a professional using thus to justify making life harder for the people of Redcar and Cleveland	12/26/2022 8:59 PM
675	Now is not the time for any additional costs to be met by the public, we simply can not afford it.	12/26/2022 1:27 AM
676	Staff should not be asked to take three days unpaid leave each year. There are too many commissioned services and placement providers for children's services who charge extortionate amounts and cherry pick who they support.	12/24/2022 4:43 PM
677	Get a grip of central government and tell them to pay the correct amount of grant to enable residents to live a good life without being penalised. In London they pay much less council tax due to the formula used and can get free transport at the age of 60. Here we have to be 67 to get a bus pass. Their levelling up agenda is a laugh!	12/24/2022 10:31 AM
678	Terrible.	12/23/2022 10:19 PM
679	No resident parking fees	12/23/2022 10:05 PM
680	In the current financial climate, every major capital project spend should be put to a public vote	12/23/2022 9:03 PM
681	None essential services should be scrapped seeing paper lanterns in every event this year with artists walking around and in every picture charging god knows what when it needs to be more community organised not paying artists a fortune to walk in parades sheer waste of tax payers money when other essential services are overspent	12/23/2022 7:06 PM
682	Need to look at number of councillors, number of senior managers and ensure every job is necessary and that the person employed is worth their employment	12/23/2022 4:25 PM
683	No I realise I am wasting my breath as these measures are going to be implemented anyway.	12/23/2022 2:46 PM
684	How about income generating through increased and enforced fines for littering? Redcar sea front beach and town are routinely dumped with detritus. Fine those who do it and include fines for the shop owners and private landlords who leave their premises a state	12/23/2022 2:39 PM
685	People are struggling , we are being ripped off every way by shops , gas /electric companies etc we can't afford to pay more if it's to put silly plans in place , keep things sensible and listen to the peopl4	12/23/2022 10:54 AM

686	Why does the council still give grants to external organisations that deliver services RCBC could deliver in house at a lower cost? Why can you not build services within the council rather than support other organisations that are profit making on the back of funds awarded by RCBC?	12/23/2022 10:01 AM
687	Do not agree with £20 visitor permit s in Redcar	12/23/2022 8:53 AM
688	Listen to what residents have to say. Always.	12/23/2022 7:08 AM
689	NO	12/23/2022 6:23 AM
690	Fix what's currently broken and maintain what we have before looking at spending money on new things	12/23/2022 5:37 AM
691	Use the money wisely	12/22/2022 8:44 PM
692	I don't think events should be cut. We need more nice things in redcar and cleveland not less.	12/22/2022 7:25 PM
693	I do not agree with the withdrawal of the council tax support. You are simply doing what you claim central gov have done to you to the parish councils. Rcbc does not manage the toilets in loftus or provide Xmas trees like it does in Redcar. The town council also manages loftus town hall. By withdrawing the support without offering to support loftus like it does in other areas you are letting residents down.	12/22/2022 5:42 PM
694	Take it out of the 10 million that's been wasted on loftus	12/22/2022 4:49 PM
695	It's a joke, a complete joke.	12/22/2022 4:01 PM
696	The proposals seem balanced in these very difficult times.	12/22/2022 1:50 PM
697	Lacking in any real detail, basically the information amounts to we propose an increase of a very small amount a week. We also propose increasing fees for other services but give no details of which services or by how much.	12/22/2022 1:07 PM
698	All services should be thoroughly scrutinised and looked at with a fine toothcomb to ensure that its service is being delivered fully and efficiently so that no wastage on expenditure is allowed the best way to save money is to prevent overspend in the first place, procurement needs looking at and what services are contracted out when they could be brought back In house for a fraction of a price Just look at Middlesbrough and how much they are spending on contacts for getting children with disabilities to school when they could employ more staff and do it themselves We need to look at other councils short falls and look to learn from them to prevent RCBC from following suit to plug the gap	12/22/2022 12:03 PM
699	Cut the councillor's allowance make it expenses only to a limit of £100 a month, put The leader of the council on a performance related pay deal	12/22/2022 11:46 AM
700	Please rethink car parking proposals. They are anti visitor and resident.	12/21/2022 5:35 PM

APPENDIX 11b – OTHER BUDGET CONSULTATION RESPONSES

i. All-member budget conference savings suggestion

Fees, Charges and Contractual Arrangements

Council approach	Service specific
Look at public space tenancy – charge more	Review Council magazine – online only or reduce frequency
Fees and charge increase in line with inflation	Increase fees for weddings – more than deaths
Encourage communities to help themselves more	Take tougher line on children being able to share taxi's etc. for home to school transport
Ensure cover costs of service delivery through fees	Charge for bins and caddies
10% increase in line with inflation	More enforcement – higher fines
Review approach to procurement – support more small suppliers / review framework approach. Stop spending more on our contracts spend	Mixed view on garden waste – some charge, some change window/frequency some stay as is
	Care home providers – do we review company accounts when negotiating
	Increase car parking fees, within current areas and new zones
	Annual service charge on open space / new housing development
	Fine housing associations for environmental issues
	Outsource school transport – means test where appropriate

Buildings and Accommodation

Council approach	Service specific
Look to rationalise estate – reduce buildings across borough	Change Library offer – traditional approach outdated. Reduce buildings
Some reservations on hybrid working efficiency	Look at leisure contract – number of facilities and factors such as heating
More multi-use community facilities / co – locate within buildings	Community asset transfer - increase
Address peppercorn rents	
Make a commercial rental income from civic rooms	
Install more solar panels environmentally sound infrastructure to reduce bills	
Office accommodation must be sustainable	
Encourage more businesses to rent space/use our space as their HQ	
Save on utilities – heating and lighting	
Review spend on assets – income expenditure	

Changing how services are provided

Council approach	Service specific
Review staff working patterns to ensure staff not finishing early	Take a harder line for social care spend - Put non-service people/members in to challenge services and how things are being done
Review structures to ensure there is an appropriate ratio of staff to management	Ask parents to pay for more school transport
Must digitalise more services – offer digital as default	Service vehicles on a weekend
Can we introduce new income generating services	Local depots and waste drop off points
Review all rental income	Side waste to be treated as household waste not fly tipping
Self -service to be increased – more resident/people friendly though.	IT capability and capacity to deliver required change to be addressed
Need to focus upon the big areas of spend and overspend.	Can we increase community transport provision
Benchmark service offered against elsewhere – we are generous relative to elsewhere	Publicise cost of providing bus passes
Greater scrutiny of contracts required	Charge for handyperson service
Look at the potential for sharing services with other councils and joint ventures	Preventative services such as early help/family support workers may reduce cost further down the line
Invest in multi-skilled multi-purpose staff	Look at large scale solar farm

Improving business efficiency

Council approach	Service specific
Workforce/Agency Issues – grow and develop our own to a greater degree, support appetite to take on new required skills e.g HGV	Ensure we have a QS for all capital projects so we don't end up with changes and cost overruns
Review the efficiency of services – greater focus on performance management and appraisals	Sponsor tourist and other attractions e.g Cliff lift
Explore four-day week options	Utilise the beach as an asset to market / generate income
Review services to ensure that they are resourced at an appropriate level	Charge events companies for clean-up
Ensure other agencies are carrying out their responsibilities so the council doesn't have to step in	Review industrial estates – sell if sensible
Review staff benefits – car parking, mileage payment etc	More multi-use vehicles within our fleet
Christmas lighting – reduce offer and time the lights are on for – time of day and duration .	Can we rationalise IT kit
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Council approach	Service specific
Think of broader impact when delivering services – e.g blowing grass cutting creates expense elsewhere to clear drains.	Street Lighting - switch off every other at certain times of day if viable.
Review / benchmark management structures and terms and conditions relative to other councils.	Democratic Services – could we reduce the number of staff attending and supporting meetings.
	Review approach to funding parish councils
	Can we introduce hybrid committee system – it worked previously
	Review the civic offer – do we require a mayor?
	Utilise the expertise in communities – examples include supper nannies to assist with parenting skills and avoiding the need for care.

Invest to Save

Council approach	Service specific
Invest in the voluntary sector to enable them to provide services	Consider having our own care homes – especially for children
Invest in our own staff agency to train staff, charge out to other local authorities	Invest in a crematorium within East Cleveland
More investment in digitalisation is required	Consider developing a housing association – social housing
Focus investment on options to drive income	Tyre disposal facility at HWRC
Invest in more marketing of commercial offer	Outdoor arena or Sealife centre
	Increase enforcement capacity and fine more
	Hotel at walled garden – conference centre approach
	Redesign car parks to create more capacity and revenue
	Park and ride at Hob hill – Saltburn
	More creative use of section 106 funding required.
	Consider dog owner surcharge

ii) **Staff savings suggestions**

Resources

Suggestion
Increase Council Tax by 5%
Reduce the number of MFDs/Printers
Remove/reduce work mobile phones
Review arrangements for sick leave – could we reduce time on full -pay? Could we reduce amount paid from the outset 90%, 80% etc.
Reduce costs associated with council literature, including the residents magazine, providing more online, ads within publications.
Building and housekeeping issues – reduce lighting in buildings, hot water costs, consider the temperature, reduce energy consumption through various machines left on standby.
Reduce costs and increase income linked to public toilets. This could include charging and closing facilities.
Review arrangements for peppercorn rent for council buildings, especially taking responsibility for repairs and maintenance.
Explore staff working hours and patterns – could we look at four-day weeks, reduce evening and overtime.
Offer voluntary redundancy to those staff who would like it.
Consider the pay for senior management, could they take a cut?
Reduce the amount of spend the amount of consultancy spend in IT in particular.

Adults and Communities

Suggestion
Look at reducing the number of libraries.
Could changes be made to ward member allowances for work within the local community.

Children and Families

Suggestion
Review transport costs associated with children and young people.
Reduce our spend on agency workers – especially within social work
Speed up the process for recruiting foster carers. This could stop dropouts and help us secure more in-house carers.
Consider investing in a purpose-built children’s residential unit.
Consider the pay of social workers. This could help to reduce the appeal of working for an agency, which ultimately costs the council more.

Growth, Enterprise and Environment

Suggestion
Look at our options around waste management – suggestions include round review and outsourcing.
Increase enforcement of car parking offences as well as environmental offences.
Have a more proactive commercial approach to the sale of land and buildings. Hybrid working provides a real opportunity.
Stop using caddies for recycling. Too many get lost.
Explore the possibility of relocating Dunsdale Household Waste Recycling Centre to the council owned site in Warrenby
Stop categorising side-waste as fly tipping and sending Street Scene operatives to collect what could have been collected by waste crews. This is inefficient in a number of ways and costs money,
Reduce costs associated with street lighting – turn off certain lights, dim some lighting, look at lighting required on roundabouts.
Reduce costs with vehicle hire, increased forward planning of journeys could save costs.
Consider the various depots the council operates from. The depot near to Dunsdale in particular is unnecessary and potentially unsafe when accessed on foot.

The Rt Hon Simon Clarke MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Cllr Mary Lanigan

Leader of Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

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Dear Mary,

We are writing to formally request that your administration urgently reconsider plans to introduce and increase parking charges across the borough of Redcar and Cleveland nd.

These plans, put forward by Liberal Democrats and your Independent administration, can only be described as short sighted and will serve to harm business and drive customers away from centres of shopping and leisure throughout our borough.

Under these proposals shopping areas like Guisborough's High Street and Marske Square will become chargeable for the first time. As would the North Road car park in Loftus which many residents currently use to access the nearby doctor's surgery.

At a point in time when the increasing cost of living is so deeply affecting ordinary people's ability to make ends meet, introducing what is effectively an indirect tax on everyday life is an appalling idea and one which clearly requires urgent reconsideration.

Charging day trippers for visiting our area's museums will discourage tourism, and as a policy is detrimental to our efforts to market Guisborough and Loftus as being the Gateway to the North Yorkshire Moors.

Furthermore, we would ask the administration to consider how charging £8 a day for visitors to park at places such as Guisborough Forest Walkway or introducing new fees to park at leisure centres and along Redcar's Coast Road helps encourage an active lifestyle.

There is the risk that, by tacitly discouraging drivers from parking where they would naturally choose, we would encourage them to park elsewhere - potentially in nearby residential areas - where they introduce a risk to road safety.

This policy exacerbates the rising cost of living, harms business and undoes so much of the regeneration work the Government has encouraged since 2019. Just as levelling up investments in places like Loftus, Redcar, and soon to be Eston are beginning to take shape this policy could set us back.

Working Hard for Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland

And to be clear, there is no need for the council to do this. Local Government has the power to increase core spending power by 9.2 per cent to help councils deal with inflationary and other cost pressures this year through a combination of central Government funding and the ability to raise council tax receipts.

Clearly, no local authority ever wants to raise council tax. Yet, if needed, a raise in council tax would be far more progressive, affecting households proportionately, than a flat increase in parking costs which affects everybody regardless of circumstance.

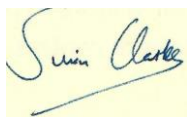
We would much prefer the Council to really test innovative options to save costs, for example by pooling back-office services with neighbouring councils in the way that has been delivered successfully in London.

These plans represent a significant concern for small businesses, like those at Normanby Top and on Skelton High Street where parking is currently free, who would now face even more headwinds at a time when we should be supporting them. It simply cannot be right to penalise shoppers, visitors, and local businesses in this way, just as many are getting back on their feet following the disruption of the Covid pandemic and the ongoing challenges relating to energy costs.

To burden the people of Redcar and Cleveland with such a short-sighted, anti-business, anti consumer policy proposal is short-sighted and entirely counterproductive to the investment and good work committed to levelling up the region since 2019.

In the context of your responsibility for taxpayers' money, the relatively small and potentially diminishing revenue gained from parking charges, and the other options available to the local authority, we invite you to urgently revisit these proposals.

Yours Sincerely

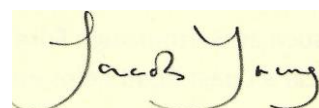


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iv) **Parish Town Councils feedback**



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Dear Mrs Lanigan

In respect to the Budget briefing on November the 23rd we would like to re-iterate what was stated at the meeting regarding the withdrawal of the CTS grant for Lockwood Parish Council.

The removal of the CTS grant will mean that Lockwood Parish Council would no longer be a viable option from May 2023. There are no Parish facilities that would allow us to raise the kind of funding required to make up the shortfall of the CTS grant.

The minimum required to simply continue to support the allotments and defibs would be at least £47,280 and the current tool indicates that we would receive £38,755 leaving a deficit of £8,525. This would not only leave us in a difficult position it would mean that we would have no money to facilitate any other activities within the Parish. This amount also includes the current support we give to Lingdale Village Hall as Trustees and our Hire of the Parish Office.

Lockwood Parish Council have not increased their precept for the last 14 years and have certainly been encouraged by yourselves, not to do so. We recognise that the Parish precept is one of the larger ones in the area but creeping costs of salaries and energy have also impacted the Parish over the last few years. Lockwood Parish Council is in the top 10% of children living in low income families hence we have not been reluctant to raise the precept.

In summary if the CTS is removed from the precept payment then Lockwood Parish Council would cease to exist in 2024, once reserves have been depleted. This means that Redcar and Cleveland Council would need to take over the 165 Allotments, their leases and responsibility for the Defib units as a minimum. Lingdale Village Hall would be in a precarious position needing to find a Management Group. Currently it has some regular users and a number of adhoc users. Given the

current energy situation and the amount of repairs needed it is not likely that the building would remain open, Leaving Lingdale without any social activity space .

The Parishioners of Lockwood are unlikely to be happy with this situation and in addition you will lose the goodwill of all of the hard working volunteers that carry out the work in the Parish and with those of Lingdale being particularly hard hit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mclayton', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Anne Clayton

Chair of the Parish Council



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Response from Loftus Town Council to RCBC 2023/24 Budget proposal - withdrawal of CTS Subsidy from Town and Parish Councils

Loftus Town Council has been in contact over the last few weeks with the Borough Council over the proposal to withdraw the CTS Subsidy from Town and Parish Councils, and has now received confirmation that this withdrawal will be part of the Budget, although presumably these proposals could be varied or reinstated by the Borough Council when it sets its precept.

I am commenting at this point with a summary of the Town Council's current position, in order for comments to be received as part of the consultation (deadline 17.1.2023). However, the Town Council will be endeavouring to set its precept next week, 23.1.2023, and there may be further comments/representation following this.

Loftus Town Council continues to be of the opinion that the Borough Council should be contributing CTS Subsidy from the finance settlement made by central government. It is of the understanding that CTS has been part of the finance settlements each year since 2013/14, and that a proportion of this was designated to be paid to Town and Parish Councils in order to keep the precept requests from these bodies moderate. Although the amount received has not risen to meet the needs of the principal authorities (such as RCBC), and is no longer specifically identified in the settlement, the funding is still there, and should still be paid over for the purpose it was originally designated.

Loftus Town Council has written formally requesting that, if CTS Subsidy is withdrawn, it be replaced with funding for the Town and Parish Councils to contribute to some of those elements which are delivered elsewhere by the Borough Council, or which contribute towards meeting the Borough Council's priorities as stated in "Our Flourishing Future", but has received no assurances that this could be possible.

Loftus Town Council is having to prepare its budgets based on no receipt of CTS Subsidy, and no further income from RCBC. The calculations are based on delivering what the Town Council considers to be necessary services to residents and to meet the needs of the area. The Town Council is required to present a balanced budget, which normally comprises charge to residents, CTS subsidy, anticipated income and spending from Reserves. For 2021/22 and 2022/23, the Town Council has had to spend heavily from Reserves, and does not anticipate being able to do so for 2023/24. Therefore, the Precept for 2023/24 will have to be based almost entirely on Charge to residents and anticipated income.

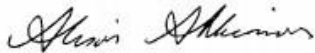
It has to be acknowledged that some of the amount included in the budget relate to amounts which members of the Council consider would probably be paid by the Borough Council were they to be occurring elsewhere in the Borough. For example, provision of 3 sets of public toilets, met entirely by the residents of Loftus Parish.

It further has to be acknowledged that some of the amount included in the budget relate to amounts which members consider would not be delivered, year upon year, by the Borough Council, but which give the residents some parity with residents elsewhere in the borough. For example, provision of events and Christmas lights. Residents in the Loftus Parish area can struggle to attend events held elsewhere in the borough due to public transport issues (eg cost, frequency, reliability).

Loftus Town Council considers that there needs to be consistency of delivery of services - were the Town Council to stop any of its current activities, there might be an opportunity for the Borough Council or another organisation to take them up in the future, but there could have been damage caused by the withdrawal. In areas of high multiple deprivation, such as many parts of Loftus Parish, either withdrawal of services provided by the Town Council or an increase in charges for these services will impact strongly on households that are already struggling.

Loftus Town Council seeks reassurance that if/when alternative funding for the parished areas is considered in the future, there will be full consultation on this, and the Town Council invited to contribute to the consultation.
consultation.

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Atkinson ,
Clerk to the Council

v) **Unison Feedback**



Response to Redcar & Cleveland Council's Budget Proposals 2023/24

UNISON is the UK's largest union with 1.4m members, representing people providing public services including members employed in local government. We make sure the needs and rights of workers in this sector and related public services are recognised and defended, and therefore welcome the opportunity to comment on the budget proposals.

UNISON recognises that local authorities are currently facing significant financial pressures arising from a range of external factors including the cost of inflation and a rising demand for services, particularly in respect of children and social care. This is exacerbated by the unacceptable and unsustainable failure of central government to properly fund public services. We support and echo Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council's call on the government to properly fund public services (October 2022).

UNISON further recognises that local authorities have a legal duty to deliver a balanced budget. However, we are concerned by any budget proposal that suggests cuts to staffing and public services, as is being propositioned here. To date, severe cuts in services have been avoided because staff have subsidised them through real terms cuts to their pay and terms and conditions and by increasing their efficiency and productivity.

UNISON is clear that the key workers who deliver our essential public services should not pay the price for the Government's programme of austerity and underfunding.

The financial position

UNISON notes Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) has a shortfall of approximately £9.5m in its budget for 2023/24. This follows a reduction in the Council's budget of around £100m since 2010.

RCBC is proposing extensive budget cuts that are likely to be far reaching and in many cases could cause long term damage to services, employees and the public. Whilst we acknowledge this is a consequence of sustained underfunding from central government, we call on RCBC to explore all possible alternatives to avoid cuts and their damaging outcomes for both service users and council employees.

It appears genuine efficiency savings can be achieved from use of the early retirement (ER) and voluntary severance (VS) schemes, and the current recruitment freeze. However we recognise that such schemes and the deletion of unfilled posts is not without consequences. Many employees are already suffering from stress and low

morale from unacceptably high workloads arising from the current level of vacant positions within the Council.

We want to ensure that public service funds are spent as responsibly as possible. Therefore, we urge RCBC to cut back on unnecessary spending on areas like consultants and recruitment agency staff with its associated costs, which UNISON believes should be kept to an absolute minimum.

UNISON further notes the proposed 1.99% increase to Council Tax and a 2% increase to the Adult Social Care Precept. This additional income, together with the above mitigations and greater use of Council reserves provide an opportunity to offset against the budget shortfall and avoid compulsory redundancies.

Response to the specific proposals

The Council has structured the proposed savings in two parts - Savings proposals: Proceed (Appendix 2a) and Savings proposals: Consult (Appendix 2b). UNISON regrets that RCBC appears to be consulting on the latter but not the former.

'Savings proposals: Proceed'

The lack of detail in relation to 'Savings proposals: Proceed' renders it difficult to appreciate the impact of the proposal. For example, it is not clear what form the £500k savings in respect of Adult Social Care funding efficiencies will take. It is also a concern that at a time when staff are dealing with increased workloads due to the level of vacancies RCBC is carrying, there is a proposal to reduce occupational health budget costs, which may adversely affect the level of support available to employees.

Savings proposals: Consult

Trade union post: UNISON is alarmed by the proposal to remove funding for the trade union post (Joint Trades Union Secretary) to affect a purported saving of £46,000. There are collective agreements in place whereby the Council is under a legal obligation to consult and negotiate with the recognised trade unions. Furthermore, the benefits of good industrial relations and trade union facility time are well known and accepted.

The TUC estimates that for every £1 spent on trade union facility time release **at least** £2.31 is returned in benefits including on the measures of the costs of dismissal and exit rates, resolving problems before they escalate into more costly forms of dispute or cause lasting damage to the services delivered by the employer, and providing expertise on employment relations issues as an input to the efficient functioning of the organisation.

The evidence therefore strongly suggests that removing funding for the joint trades facility time will actually result in a negative financial impact for the Council. There is a clear strong legal, economic and practical case for supporting the continued funding of full time release/facility time for this post.

We therefore ask that you give serious consideration to withdrawing or rejecting this proposal. Considering the challenges ahead, we ask that RCBC reflects on the facts set out above and continues to invest in the full-time facility time for this post. UNISON

reserves its position to negotiate freestanding full time release of the Branch Secretary for our Redcar and Cleveland Local Government Branch.

A more detailed, separate response will be provided separately on this specific proposal.

Reviews and reduction/removal of services: The proposals cover various reviews or reductions to services including proposals to

- Review Youth and Community Centres and provision at various locations around the Borough
- Review Library service provision
- Cease of Local Authority licence and provision for Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Reduce the number of buildings used for delivering family hubs services from 12 to 8
- Reduce contribution to support joint arrangements for South Tees Youth Justice Service
- Review Local Authority led after school short breaks provision for children with disabilities
- Review and consult on potential changes to the current policy on non-statutory SEN transport for early years children and post 16 young people.
- Review of service provision that supports young people remaining in education until at least their 18th birthday and the support for young people who are not participating
- Review of School Crossing Patrol service and consultation with schools to consider an SLA with the Local Authority

The proposals for the removal or reduction of services and support in these areas poses a very real risk to children and families services as well as the wider community. There is a potential for families to 'fall through the cracks,' which presents safeguarding risks. Should that situation arise, those families will then need additional support at a later stage which will in fact cost a great deal more than any savings made.

UNISON has concerns around the additional pressure it will place on those individuals who already have an increased workload. We appreciate the expertise and commitment of all those staff within the council who work above and beyond their limits in the short and long term to cover vacant posts and sickness. This cannot be sustained long term.

Reviews and restructures

The proposals reference various service reviews and it is reasonable to infer that some restructuring will likely flow from these reviews. UNISON is concerned that the proposals have been put forward setting out specified levels of savings, which appear to be generated, in part, by job losses which will be identified as part of the aforementioned reviews and restructures.

However, from our recent meetings with the Council, it is clear that these reviews have either not yet started or are ongoing, and further, at the point the budget proposals were shared, had not been through any meaningful consultation with the recognised trade unions. It is therefore unclear by what means the Council has identified specific amounts of savings since the level of service cut and/or number of jobs potentially at risk, including where those posts sit on the workforce structure.

We will oppose all compulsory redundancies but are unable to respond more fully without further details of the proposed restructures. UNISON seeks assurances that RCBC will engage in a meaningful and timely manner in respect of all reviews and restructures.

Privatisation

UNISON believes public services should be run for people, not for profit. We are concerned that some of the proposals will result in higher levels of outsourcing and privatisation. Privatisation costs more in the long term, damages services and drives down terms and conditions. UNISON seeks a commitment from RCBC that it will endeavour to keep service delivery in-house.

Equality

UNISON is committed to promoting equality in public, community and private sectors through actively challenging all forms of discrimination including racism and sexism; against LGBT+ people; against disabled people; and discrimination based on age, religion or social class.

The Public Sector Equality Duty imposes an obligation on local authorities to consider how policies and decisions might impact people with protected characteristics, as set out in the Equality Act 2010.

UNISON is concerned that no Equality Impact Assessment has yet been provided for these budget proposals. On the basis of the proposals alone, significant cuts are being put forward to services affecting children, families and vulnerable people. This presents a potential risk to individuals with protected characteristics, particularly young and older vulnerable people, and people with disabilities.

According to the 2019 Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI), Redcar and Cleveland was ranked 19th in terms of the highest proportion of children in income deprivation, with 25.6% the proportion of children living in income deprived households. Overall the local authority scored 40 out of 317 local authorities in terms of worst deprivation levels, a deterioration from the 2015 findings. With the level of cuts proposed, it follows that deprivation levels risk deteriorating further.

UNISON is therefore seriously concerned about the equality impact as well as the societal consequences of the proposals.

Conclusion

UNISON has significant concerns over both the extent of the cuts proposed and the impact, if implemented. We anticipate the cuts will result in long term damage to services, employees and the public.

We believe that compulsory redundancies are avoidable, and UNISON will always consider taking action to protect our members' jobs under these circumstances. By working together with RCBC, we hope to be able to protect the vital services that communities need as much as possible as well as safeguarding jobs.

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Local Government Association
Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement
2023/24
On the Day Briefing
19 December 2022



Introduction

The local government finance settlement is the annual determination of funding to local government from central government. This briefing covers the [provisional local government finance settlement for 2023/24](#) which was announced on 19 December 2022. The briefing also covers the announcements for 2024/25 which were included in the [policy statement](#) which was published on 12 December. We expect the final 2023/24 settlement to be laid before the House of Commons, for its approval, in late January or early February 2023.

The LGA has issued a [media statement](#) responding to today's statement.

Key messages

- The 9.2 per cent increase in local government core spending power will help councils deal with inflationary and other cost pressures next year. However, we will continue to make the case to government of the underlying and existing pressures that remain as councils still face significant challenges in setting their budgets and trying to protect services.
- Shire district councils - which provide vital services like planning and waste and recycling collection - will see a lower core spending power increase next year, which is something the Government should address in the final settlement.
- However, these Government forecasts are based on the assumption that councils will raise their council tax by the maximum permitted without a referendum. This leaves councils facing the tough choice about whether to increase council tax bills to bring in desperately-needed funding at a time when they are acutely aware of the significant burden that could place on some households during a cost of living crisis.
- The LGA has long highlighted that council tax rises – particularly the adult social care precept – have never been the solution to the long-term pressures faced by councils, particularly in social care which is desperately in need of reform. Increasing council tax raises different amounts of money in different parts of the country, unrelated to need.
- We are pleased that government will provide extra funding for adult social care and accepted our ask for funding allocated towards reforms to still be

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available to address inflationary pressures for both councils and social care providers. Councils have always supported the principle of adult social care reforms and want to deliver them effectively but have warned that underfunded reforms would have exacerbated significant ongoing financial and workforce pressures.

- The additional funding helps to tackle the most immediate budget pressures in children's social care, however, it will not be sufficient to invest in the preventative and early help services that children and families need, nor to invest in the children's workforce or the additional homes we need for children in care. The Government's forthcoming response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care will need to provide clarity over how children's social care services will be sufficiently funded going forward to enable all children to receive the care and support they need, when they need it.
- The Government must urgently publish the response to the SEND Green paper, setting out policy reforms that will reduce pressure on high needs budgets, ensure councils can eliminate their High Needs Budget deficits before the end of March 2026 and include a focus on increasing levels of mainstream inclusion.
- The New Homes Bonus makes up a considerable part of funding for some councils, particularly shire district authorities and we welcome the confirmation of the provisional amount for 2023/24. Councils need clarity on the future of the New Homes Bonus to be able to plan their budgets beyond next year and into the medium term. Any changes should come with transitional funding to ensure that local authority services that residents rely on are not put at risk.
- The public health grant also needs to be published as soon as possible, so councils know how much they can budget for essential services to help keep people healthy throughout their lives, including for treating drug misuse and tackling obesity.
- The Government has clarified that the Review of Relative Needs and Resources and a reset of accumulated business growth will not be implemented in the current Parliament. When the Review does happen, it needs to consider both the data and the formulas used to distribute funding and the Government needs to ensure that overall local government funding is sufficient when new needs formulae are introduced to ensure that no council sees its funding reduce as a result and that there are transitional arrangements for any business rates reset.
- Councils want to work with government on a long-term plan to fund local services and a turbo-charging of wider devolution where local leaders have sustainable funding and greater freedom to take decisions on how to provide vital services in their communities.

- This is the fifth one-year settlement in a row for councils which continues to hamper financial planning and their financial sustainability. Only with adequate long-term resources, certainty and freedoms, can councils deliver world-class local services for our communities, tackle the climate emergency, and level up all parts of the country.

The settlement in detail

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) has announced the [provisional local government finance settlement for 2023/24](#).

We have provided a glossary of Local Government Finance terms which provides a brief explanation of some of the language used in this briefing. This can be found at Annex B.

The closing date for responses to the [consultation document](#) to DLUHC is 16 January 2023. We expect the final settlement to be published in late January / early February 2023.

The LGA's [Local Government Finance conference](#) on 10 January will offer perspectives on the 2023/24 provisional local government finance settlement and what it means for local authorities, as well as look to the longer-term outlook for local government in the current economic climate. It will cover issues raised in the Autumn fiscal events, and key current topics that local government finance professionals are addressing in their local authorities, departments, and organisations. [Book your place here](#).

Core Spending Power

The Government figures indicate that Core Spending Power will rise by an average 9.2 per cent in 2023/24.

Core Spending Power in 2023/24 consists of:

- Settlement Funding Assessment (which consists of Revenue Support Grant, and the baseline funding level);
- Income from council tax assuming that the tax base grows, and councils increase council tax by the maximum possible¹;
- Compensation for under-indexing the business rates multiplier;
- The New Homes Bonus;
- The Social Care Grant;
- The Improved Better Care Fund;
- Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund;
- Adult Social Care Discharge Fund;
- Rural Services Delivery Grant;

¹ Different assumptions on maximum council tax are built into the published core spending power figures for police, fire authorities and the Greater London Authority.

- The Services Grant;
- A Funding Guarantee, to ensure that all councils have an increase of 3 per cent in core spending power before any changes in council tax levels are taken into account,

Detailed Core Spending Power figures are included in Annex A.

LGA view:

- The increase in local government core spending power will help councils deal with inflationary and other cost pressures. However, we will continue to make the case to government of the underlying and existing pressures that remain as councils still face significant challenges in setting their budgets and trying to protect services.
- Shire district councils - which provide vital services like planning and waste and recycling collection - will see a lower core spending power increase next year, which is something the Government should address in the final settlement.
- The increase is based on the assumption that councils will increase their council tax bills will rise by 5 per cent next year, including a 2 per cent adult social care precept. This will place a significant financial burden on households in a year of economic uncertainty and increased costs, including energy costs.

Council tax

The Government has announced the following referendum principles for 2023/24:

- A core referendum principle of up to 3 per cent will apply to shire county councils, shire unitary authorities, metropolitan districts and London boroughs.
- Shire districts will have a referendum principle of up to 3 per cent or £5, whichever is higher.
- Social care authorities will be able to set a 2 per cent adult social care precept without a referendum (in addition to the existing basic referendum threshold referred to above).
- Fire and Rescue Authorities will have a principle of up to £5.
- £15 for police authorities and police and crime commissioners including the GLA and the West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester Mayors.
- The non-police element of the Greater London Authority (GLA) will have a referendum principle of £23.55.

- There will be no referendum principles for mayoral combined authorities (MCAs) except where the Mayor exercises police and crime commissioner functions.
- No referendum principles will be set for parish and town councils.

The Government has also announced £100 million of additional funding for local authorities to support the most vulnerable households in England. The Government says that this funding will allow councils to deliver additional support to the 3.8 million households already receiving council tax support, whilst also providing councils with the resources and flexibility to determine the local approaches to support other vulnerable households in their area. This is not in Core Spending Power.

LGA view:

- An increase in council tax of up to 5 per cent will place a significant burden on households particularly during a cost of living crisis. In addition, increasing council tax raises different amounts of money in different parts of the country not related to need.
- It is disappointing that the Government has continued to rely on council tax and the social care precept as part of its package to increase funding for adult social care. As we have previously stated, council tax is not the solution for meeting long-term pressures facing high-demand national services such as adult social care.
- We agree that shire districts should have the extra flexibility but would propose a limit of £10 rather than £5.
- We have always maintained that the council tax referendum limit should be abolished so councils and their communities can decide, when the time is right, how local services are paid for, with residents able to democratically hold their council to account through the ballot box.
- We await allocations and publication of the guidance on the scheme to help low income households with council tax.

Revenue Support Grant

The Government is not proposing to change the distribution of Revenue Support Grant (RSG) from that used in 2022/23. The Government proposes to increase 2022/23 RSG levels in line with the September 2021 to September 2022 change in the [Consumer Price Index](#) (the September 2022 CPI was 10.1 per cent). This is before accounting for rolled in grants.

The Government will continue to eliminate 'negative RSG'.

The Government will consolidate four grants totalling £239 million into the

settlement. All of the four grants will keep their existing distribution. Three of these grants will roll into the Revenue Support Grant:

- The Family Annexe Council Tax Discount grant (£7.4 million);
- Local Council Tax Support Administration Subsidy grant (£69 million); and
- funding for food safety and standards enforcement (Natasha's Law, £1.5 million).

A fourth grant, the Independent Living Fund (£161 million), is being rolled into the Social Care grant.

The Government committed to producing a plan for further streamlining the funding landscape.

LGA view:

- We welcome the increase in Revenue Support Grant in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Business rates and business rates retention

The Government has confirmed that a revaluation will take place in 2023. Top-ups and tariffs will change, to ensure that no authority suffers, as far as possible, from gains or losses due to the 2023 revaluation or from transfers from local lists to the central list. The Government has confirmed it will use the technical adjustment on which it [consulted](#) earlier this year. Subsequent adjustments will be made in 2024/25 and 2025/26, once updated data is available.

As announced in the 2022 Autumn Statement, the business rates multiplier will be frozen for 2023/24. It will remain at 49.9p (small business multiplier) and 51.2p (national business multiplier). The Government will compensate local authorities for the loss of income for this decision up to the level of the September 2022 Consumer Prices Index (CPI), meaning that, taken together, the increase in the Baseline Funding Level (BFL) and the multiplier under-indexation grant for 2023/24 provide an increase of 10.1 per cent.

All current 100 per cent Business Rates Retention areas will continue in 2023/24. The Greater London Authority will also continue to have increased levels of Business Rates Retention in 2023/24. During this time the Government will review the role of such arrangements as a source of income for areas and its impact on local economic growth, and as part of the devolution commitments as set out in the Levelling Up white paper.

DLUHC is consulting on 25 business rates pools.

LGA view:

- We welcome the fact that local government will be fully compensated for the

freezing of the business rates multiplier in 2023/24. However, freezing the multiplier reduces buoyancy in the business rates system, and without alternative means of funding or compensation, council income would reduce in the medium term.

- We note that the Government is now compensating to CPI than the Retail Price Index. Whilst both are at historically high levels this year, we call on the Government to keep this decision under review when they drop again to more normal levels.

Social care

The Government has confirmed the following grants for social care in the 2023/24 settlement:

- The Social Care Grant will be £3.852 billion in 2023/24. This includes £1.265 billion of funding due to delaying the rollout of adult social care charging reform and £161 million due to the rolling in the Independent Living Fund. £160 million of the total increase will be used to maintain the equalisation component of the Social Care Grant against the adult social care (ASC) precept. This will partly be funded from delays to Adult Social Care reform announced at the Autumn Statement, together with an additional £80 million which is being added from elsewhere in the local government finance settlement. The remaining increase will be distributed using the ASC Relative Needs Formula. The Government proposes that the Social Care Grant will be ringfenced for adults' and children's social care. More details will be set out in due course.
- £2.14 billion through the Improved Better Care Fund. This is the same quantum as 2022/23. The distribution is also unchanged.
- A £300 million Adult Social Care Discharge Grant for 2023/24. This funding will be required to be pooled as part of the Better Care Fund. The funding will be distributed using the existing Improved Better Care Fund grant shares. The Government will set out further details on the conditions of this funding in due course.
- £562 million in Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Funding. This includes new grant funding of £400 million to address issues such as discharge delays, social care waiting times, low fee rates, and workforce pressures. The grant also includes £162 million in Fair Cost of Care funding which the Government notes is to support the progress local authorities and providers have already made this year on fees and cost of care exercises. The Government proposes to distribute this funding using the existing ASC Relative Needs Formula. There will be reporting requirements placed on this funding regarding performance and use of funding to support improvement against the objectives. The Government will provide further details on reporting in due course.

LGA view:

- Steadily growing demand has seen councils with responsibility for children's and adult's social care devoting nearly two-thirds of their total spending to these services. This demonstrates councils' commitment to protecting these crucial services, but it comes at the expense of funding for other important services and is also completely unsustainable.
- We are pleased that the Government will provide extra funding for adult social care and accepted our ask for funding allocated towards reforms to still be available to address inflationary pressures for both councils and social care providers. Councils have always supported the principle of adult social care reforms and want to deliver them effectively but have warned that underfunded reforms would have exacerbated significant ongoing financial and workforce pressures. The Government needs to use the delay to reforms to learn from the trailblazers to ensure that the appropriate funding and support is in place to ensure they can be implemented successfully.
- Although the additional funding to adult social care is welcome, it falls significantly short of the [£13 billion we have called for](#) to address the severity of the pressure facing the service, including rising demand, and ensure councils can meet all of their statutory duties under the Care Act. Additional investment for here and now pressures and core services is an essential foundation for future adult social care reforms if councils are to play their part in delivering on the Government's ambition.
- The additional funding helps to tackle the most immediate budget pressures in children's social care, however it will not be sufficient to invest in the preventative and early help services that children and families need, nor to invest in the children's workforce or the additional homes we need for children in care. The Government's forthcoming response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care will need to provide clarity over how children's social care services will be sufficiently funded going forward to enable all children to receive the care and support they need, when they need it.

Services Grant

The Services Grant will reduce from its 2022/23 level of £822 million to £464 million for 2023/24, this is in part due to the fact that there will no longer be an increase in National Insurance Contributions. In addition, some funding will go to increase the funding for the Supporting Families Programme and pay for other parts of the settlement such as increasing Revenue Support Grant. The rest of the Services Grant will be distributed through the Settlement Funding Assessment, in the same way as in 2022/23.

In addition to the £464 million, Government has held a small proportion of the Services Grant back as contingency to cover unexpected movements. The Government will review whether this contingency is necessary for the final local

government finance settlement, and any contingency left unused at that point will go back into the Services Grant.

LGA view:

- The unringfenced Services Grant will provide vital resources for local authority services but its level has reduced from 2022/23. There will be some concern in the sector that the fact that it has been announced for 2023/24 only makes planning for 2024/25 and beyond more difficult.

New Homes Bonus

Core spending power includes a provisional amount of £291 million for the New Homes Bonus (NHB) in 2023/24. The method for calculating the NHB will not change from 2022/23 and new payments will not attract legacy payments. The threshold over which the bonus is paid remains at 0.4 per cent.

The Government says that they will set out the future position of New Homes Bonus ahead of the 2024/25 local government finance settlement

LGA view:

- The New Homes Bonus makes up a considerable part of funding for some councils, particularly shire district authorities. Councils need clarity on the future of the NHB to be able to plan their budgets beyond next year and into the medium term. Any changes should come with transitional funding to ensure that local authority services that residents rely on are not put at risk.

Funding Guarantee

The Government has announced that it will repurpose the 2022/23 Lower Tier Services Grant and a proportion of the expired New Homes Bonus legacy payments to ensure that all councils will see at least a 3 per cent increase in their Core Spending Power before any decisions about organisational efficiencies, use of reserves or council tax levels. For eligible authorities, the value of the guarantee will be based on the difference between a 3 per cent increase in their 2022/23 Core Spending Power adjusted for actual council tax requirement in 2022/23, compared to their increase in Core Spending Power (excluding rolled in grants) before any assumed increases to council tax Band D levels in 2023/24. The Funding Guarantee total for 2023/24 is £136 million.

LGA View:

- Councils receiving this funding will welcome the protection this guarantee offers although this is well below the level of CPI inflation which is currently 10.7 per cent. The majority of councils receiving the funding guarantee are shire district councils and this emphasises the need for them to have access to the additional funding which a higher of 3 per cent and £10 council tax referendum limit would bring.

Rural Services Funding

The Government proposes to roll-forward the 2022/23 allocations of the £85 million Rural Service Delivery Grant for 2023/24.

LGA view:

- Councils in rural areas will welcome the continuation of this funding albeit that it is reduced in real terms.

2024/25

The Government has confirmed that, the Review of Relative Needs and Resources (also known as the Fair Funding Review) and the business rates reset will not be implemented in this Spending Review period, although it states that the Government remains committed to improving the local government finance landscape in the next Parliament.

In the policy statement published on 12 December 2022, the Government confirmed that core referendum principles in 2024/25 will be a 3 per cent per year general referendum limit, with authorities with social care responsibilities able to increase the adult social care precept by up to 2 per cent a year.

The core settlement will continue in a similar manner for 2024/25. The major grants will continue as set out in 2023/24. Revenue Support Grant will be uplifted in line with BFLs so that councils receive an increase equivalent to the September 2023 level of the Consumer Prices Index (CPI). Business rate pooling will continue. The Social Care Grant and other social care grants will increase as set out at the Autumn Statement.

Local authorities can also expect to receive new income, subject to the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging (pEPR) coming into force during 2024/25. The Government will assess the impact of additional pEPR income on the relative needs and resources of councils, particularly shire district councils.

The Government will set out the future position of the New Homes Bonus ahead of the 2024/25 settlement.

LGA view:

- This announcement will give councils some clarity over some sources of income in 2024/25.
- When the Review of Relative Needs and Resources does happen, the Government needs to consider both the data and the formulas used to distribute funding. There also needs to be full engagement with the sector

on this. The Government also needs to ensure that overall local government funding is sufficient to ensure no council sees its funding reduce as a result of the Fair Funding Review.

- We look forward to future discussions on the implementation of, and distribution of, income from the Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging scheme and its knock on impacts on the settlement. The Government should engage with the LGA and local government on this including and ensure that any funding for reform is sufficient and new burdens are properly funded.

Reserves

In the [Policy Statement](#) published on 12 December the government notes the increase in some local authority reserves over the two years of the pandemic. It encourages “local authorities to consider how they can use their reserves to maintain services in the face of immediate inflationary pressures, taking account, of course, of the need to maintain appropriate levels of reserves to support councils’ financial sustainability and future investment. In order to support council members and local electorates to understand the reserves that their authorities are holding and what they are used for, they will also explore releasing a user-friendly publication of the reserves data currently collected in the Local Authority Revenue Expenditure and Financing Outturn statistics. They will consult with trusted partners, including the Local Government Association, about doing this.”

LGA view:

- We look forward to further clarity on these proposals and will discuss them in detail with the Government and local government.
- Councils hold reserves for a reason. Earmarked reserves are held so they can plan for the future and deal with known risks; unallocated reserves so that councils can respond to immediate events and emergencies.
- We have made the point before that reserves can only be spent once and that using reserves is not a solution to the long-term financial pressures that councils face.

Education and early years

On 16 December 2022 DfE set out the detail of the allocation of an additional £1.9 billion for schools and high needs funding for 2023/24. This is made up of £1.45 billion in schools block funding and £400 million of high needs funding. As part of this increase, mainstream schools will receive a new, [Mainstream Schools Additional Grant \(MSAG\)](#) for primary and secondary provision in the 2023-24 financial year. This equates to a 3.4 per cent increase in per pupil funding for mainstream schools, on top of the allocations through

the Dedicated Schools Grant, [published](#) on 16 December. [Pupil premium per pupil rates](#) in 2023-24 will increase by 5 per cent.

The Government also published its [response](#) to the Early Years Funding Formulae consultation launched in July 2022, confirmed the hourly funding rates for the free early education entitlements in 2023/24 for each local authority, and announced their [indicative allocations](#). An additional £20 million of funding for early years entitlements, on top of the £180 million for 2023/24 announced at the Spending Review, was announced to address National Living Wage increases. The additional £10 million announced on 4 July 2022 for Maintained Nursery Schools was confirmed.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has announced that as part of the [local government policy statement 2023/24 to 2024/25](#) the statutory override for the Dedicated Schools Grant will be extended for the next three years from 2023/24 to 2025/26. The override was due to expire at the end of March 2023.

LGA view

- We welcome the additional £1.9 billion in schools and high needs funding for 2023/24, which will help provide a good education for all pupils at a time when schools are struggling with rising energy and food bills, alongside the need to fund agreed pay rises, including for teachers.
- High needs funding pressures are one of the biggest challenges that councils are currently facing and the additional £400 million in high needs funding will provide some short-term assistance. We are pleased that the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities has listened to the concerns raised by the LGA and extended the statutory override for the Dedicated Schools Grant to the end of the 2025/26 financial year.
- The Government must urgently publish the response to the SEND Green paper, setting out policy reforms that will reduce pressure on high needs budgets, ensure councils can eliminate their High Needs Budget deficits before the end of March 2026 and include a focus on increasing levels of mainstream inclusion.
- Education starts long before school and a strong early years sector can maximise the life chances of all children as part of our shared ambition with government to level-up communities and reduce inequalities across the country. There has been some recognition of the substantial financial challenges facing the early years sector through the additional £20 million investment announced on 16 December, however, this falls short of addressing the significant underfunding of the early years entitlements.

Public health

The settlement includes no information about the national total, or individual council allocations, of the public health grant for 2023/24.

LGA view:

- We call on government to provide councils with clarity on the funding for public health as soon as possible. The current delay to the announcement is making it extremely difficult for councils to plan effectively at a time when public health services are vital to help mitigate pressures on the NHS and social care.
- Public health teams have faced an unprecedented period of funding and demand pressures and continue to face significant pressures and challenges. Sufficient ongoing funding is needed to ensure all local authorities can continue to meet their statutory public health responsibilities.
- Uncertainty also remains in terms of the additional funding announced last year for locally commissioned drug treatment services and the Family Hubs and Start for Life programme. We call on government to provide councils with certainty beyond 2022/23 as soon as possible.
- The Public Health Grant allows councils to fund vital preventative services such as stop smoking and sexual and reproductive health services. At a time when NHS and social care pressures are greater than ever, a greater focus on prevention through an uplift to the Public Health grant will support the Government's wider aims by improving health outcomes, reducing health spending and putting the NHS on a better footing for the long term.

Fire Funding

As set out above, Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) will be able to raise their precept by up to £5 in 2023/24.

Fire authorities will also receive an increase in their business rates funding baseline and revenue support grant in line with inflation, including compensation for under-indexing the business rates multiplier and will be entitled to the Funding Guarantee.

LGA view:

- We welcome that fire and rescue services are able to increase their precept by £5.
- Fire and rescue services need to be funded to take account of the full range of risks, demands and cost pressures they face. The sector also needs to be funded properly in order to engage in meaningful reform and transformation.
- The outcomes of the cases on discriminatory practices in the fire fighters pension scheme will have implications for the pension administrative costs and employer contributions to be made by FRAs. Unless these additional cost pressures are funded by Government, they will have a significant impact on FRA budgets in 2023/24 and beyond.

Police Funding

The [Provisional Police Grant Report \(England and Wales\) 2023/24](#) was published by the Home Office on 14 December 2022 in [a written Ministerial statement](#). Overall funding for policing will rise by up to £287 million compared to the 2022/23 funding settlement, bringing the total up to £17.2 billion for the policing system. Within this, funding to police and crime commissioners (PCCs) will increase by up to an additional £523 million, assuming full take-up of precept flexibility, which is being raised to £15. This would represent an increase to PCC funding in cash terms of 3.6 per cent on top of the 2022/23 police funding settlement.

Further Information

To help inform the LGA's response to the consultation settlement we will continue to analyse the settlement to develop a deeper understanding of the effect on councils. To further inform the LGA's response please send your responses to, and any comments on, the settlement to lgfinance@local.gov.uk.

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Annex A: Core Spending Power

	2015/16 £m	2016/17 £m	2017/18 £m	2018/19 £m	2019/20 £m	2020/21 £m	2021/22 £m	2022/23 £m	2023/24 £m
Business Rates Baseline	11,323.2	11,417.7	11,650.6	12,000.7	12,275.7	12,475.7	12,475.7	12,475.7	12,942.5
Revenue Support Grant	9,926.8	7,183.9	4,982.1	3,573.5	2,284.0	2,321.2	2,334.0	2,406.5	2,728.5
Compensation for under-indexing the business rates multiplier	165.1	165.1	175.0	275.0	400.0	500.0	650.0	1,275.1	2,204.6
Improved Better Care Fund	0.0	0.0	1,115.0	1,499.0	1,837.0	2,077.0	2,077.0	2,139.8	2,139.8
Rural Services Delivery Grant	15.5	80.5	65.0	81.0	81.0	81.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
Transition Grant	0.0	150.0	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adult Social Care Support Grant	0.0	0.0	241.1	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New Homes Bonus	1,167.6	1,461.9	1,227.4	947.5	917.9	907.2	622.3	556.0	290.6
New Homes Bonus - returned funding	32.4	23.1	24.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Winter Pressures Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	240.0	240.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Social Care Support Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	410.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Social Care Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,410.0	1,710.0	2,346.4	3,852.0
Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	162.0	0.0
ASC Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	562.0
Lower Tier Services Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	111.0	111.0	0.0
ASC Discharge Fund	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	300.0
Services Grant	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	822.0	464.2
Grants Rolled In	209.2	256.5	247.5	238.8	231.6	232.3	238.1	238.6	0.0
Funding Guarantee	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	136.0
Council Tax Requirement	22,035.9	23,247.3	24,665.8	26,331.6	27,767.8	29,226.9	30,308.2	31,922.5	33,838.4
Core Spending Power	44,875.7	43,986.1	44,544.0	45,337.1	46,444.9	49,231.4	50,611.4	54,540.5	59,543.8
<i>Year-on-year Change (£ million)</i>		-889.7	558.0	793.1	1,107.8	2,786.4	1,380.0	3,929.2	5,003.2
<i>Year-on-year Change (%)</i>		-2.0%	1.3%	1.8%	2.4%	6.0%	2.8%	7.8%	9.2%

Notes:

Winter Pressures Grant rolled into Improved Better Care Fund from 2020/21

Social Care Support Grant rolled into Social Care Grant from 2020/21

From 2023-24, Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund allocations were rolled into the ASC Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund.

CSP total figures may not sum due to rounding

Source: [CSP Supporting Information](#)

Annex B – Glossary of Local Government Finance Technical Terms

Adult Social Care Discharge Grant	A grant for 2023/24 to facilitate reduced delays in discharges from hospital. The funding will be required to be pooled as part of the Better Care Fund and will be paid out using the existing Improved Better Care Fund grant shares.
Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund	A grant ring-fenced for adult social care to support capacity and discharge. This incorporates the 2022/23 grant for Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care. It is allocated using the adult social care relative needs formula.
Adult Social Care Precept	Local authorities with responsibility for adult social care have flexibility to raise additional council tax above the referendum threshold. Funding raised through this additional 'precept' must be used entirely for adult social care.
Affordable Homes Premium	As part of the New Homes Bonus, affordable homes delivered in an area attract an additional £350 per unit on top of the standard Bonus grant.
Area Cost Adjustment (ACA)	A factor to reflect the differences in service cost delivery in different areas. The current ACA reflects differences in wages (the 'Labour Cost Adjustment') and differences in rateable values (the 'Rates Cost Adjustment') between local authorities across the country.
Baseline Funding Level	The amount of an individual local authority's 2013/14 Settlement Funding Assessment provided through the local share of retained business rates income, updated for inflation
Better Care Fund (BCF)	A single pooled budget for health and social care services, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and local authorities.
Business rates baseline	The business rates baseline for each authority determined at the start of the 50 per cent business rates retention scheme in 2013/14, updated in line with the small business rates multiplier each year.
Business rates baseline funding level (BFL)	The amount of the settlement funding assessment (SFA) provided through the local share of business rates.
Business rates pool	Under the business rates retention scheme local authorities are able to come together, on a voluntary basis, to pool their business rates. Top-ups and tariffs, as well as levies and safety nets are calculated at a pool-wide level. Pools have to be approved by DLUHC annually and are set out in the Local Government Finance Report.
Business rates revaluation	A regular exercise by the Valuation Office Agency, to reassess the rateable value of individual non-domestic hereditaments. The results are used to set new business rates bills. A revaluation on the basis of April 2021 values will come into effect in April 2023. The following revaluation is planned for April 2026.
Central Share	The percentage share of locally collected business rates paid to central government by billing authorities. In 2013/14 when business rates retention began this was set at 50 per cent. The central share is redistributed to local government through grants including the Revenue Support Grant.
Core Spending Power	The government's measure of the core components of local government funding, comprising the Settlement Funding Assessment, assumed income from council tax (including the adult social care precept), New Homes Bonus, Rural Services Delivery Grant, grants for social care and the funding guarantee.
Council Tax referendum principles	These mark levels of council tax increases above which a local authority must hold a referendum which allows residents to approve or veto the increase. The comparison is made between the authority's average Band D council tax level for the current financial year and the proposed average Band D for the next financial year.

Dedicated Schools Grant	The Dedicated Schools Grant is the principal source of funding for schools and related activities in England. It is a ringfenced grant paid to local authorities for maintained schools. School-level allocations are currently determined in consultation with the schools forum in each local authority area. From April 2017 has also included the 'retained duties' element previously paid as part of the Education Services Grant
Devolution Deals	Devolution Deals were introduced in 2014 and are a bespoke arrangement tailored to certain local authorities. They give local government greater powers and more autonomy over budgeting
Equalisation of the Adult Social Care precept	The process through which a proportion of Social Care Grant funding is used to take account of the impact of the distribution of the Adult Social Care council tax precept.
Estimated Business Rates Aggregate	The total business rates forecast at the outset of the Business Rates Retention system to be collected by all billing authorities in England in 2013/14, used to calculate baseline funding levels and business rates baselines in 2013/14.
Funding Guarantee	This is a grant for 2023/24 that ensures all councils have a minimum 3 per cent increase in Core Spending Power before any decisions about efficiencies, use of reserves and increasing the level of council tax.
Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)	Additional funding for adult social care authorities from 2017/18 onwards that has to be included within the Better Care Fund plans.
Levy	A mechanism whereby any business rates retention gain above a certain level is paid to the Government. The levy rate cannot exceed 50 per cent of business rate retention gains.
Levy account	A Government account into which proceeds from the business rates levy, and any top-slice, are paid and which is used to pay safety net to qualifying authorities. Any surplus is to be returned to authorities.
Local Share	The percentage share of locally collected business rates retained by local government. This was set at 50 per cent at the implementation of business rates retention.
(Business Rates) Multiplier	The business rates multiplier when multiplied by the rateable value of a property determines a ratepayer's business rate bill. There are two multipliers – one for small businesses and one for larger businesses. These are set nationally. Unless the Government decides to set a lower increase, the small business multiplier is updated annually by the Consumer Prices Index and the other multiplier adjusted accordingly.
New Homes Bonus (NHB)	A grant paid to reward local authorities for the number of homes built and brought back into use. The level of funding for an area reflects additional housing supply in that area. For 2023/24 this will be paid for one year only. Previously it was paid for a number of years. Payments for qualifying years before the current one were referred to as legacy payments.
Precept	A council tax charge from local authorities which do not issue bills themselves. These include county councils, police and crime commissioners, fire and rescue authorities, the Greater London Authority, combined authority mayors, and town and parish councils. Billing authorities – usually shire district councils or unitary authorities – collect council tax on behalf of precepting authorities and pass the proceeds to them.
Referendum Threshold	A referendum threshold is an amount set by Central Government by which local authorities can increase council tax without needing to hold a referendum to seek approval from residents on the increase.
Relative Needs Formula (RNF)	A relative needs formula provides a way of assessing the relative need for a particular service or set of services across different local authorities. Relative Needs Formulas are used to estimate the relative funding requirement for each local authority in England and

	incorporate factors such as demography and deprivation.
Revenue Support Grant	A grant paid to local authorities as part of the Settlement Funding assessment (see below) which can be used to fund revenue expenditure on any service.
Rural Services Delivery Grant	A grant paid to the top quartile of local authorities on the basis of the super-sparsity indicator, in recognition of possible additional costs for rural councils.
Safety Net	A mechanism to protect any authority which sees its business rates income drop, in any year, by more than a given level below their baseline funding level. In 2023/24 this level is set at 7.5 per cent for authorities with 50 per cent business rates retention and 3 per cent for authorities with 100 per cent business rates retention.
Section 31 Grant	A grant paid to local councils under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, under such conditions as the minister may determine. This mechanism is used to compensate local authorities for the costs of additional business rates reliefs announced by Government.
Services Grant	An unringfenced grant distributed using local authority shares of 2013/14 Settlement Funding Assessment, adjusted for local authority restructuring where necessary.
Settlement Funding Assessment (SFA)	This is a local authority's share of the local government spending control total which will comprise its Revenue Support Grant for the year in question and its baseline funding level.
Small Business Rate Relief	Businesses with a property with a rateable value of £12,000 and below receive 100 per cent relief on business rates. Businesses with a property with a rateable value between £12,000 and £15,000 receive tapered relief.
Social Care Support Grant	A non-ringfenced grant for adult and children's social care services.
Top-Ups and Tariffs	The difference between an authority's business rates baseline (the amount expected to be collected through the local share of business rates) and its baseline funding level (the amount of SFA provided through the local share). Tariff authorities make a payment and top-up authorities receive a payment. Tariffs and top-ups are updated in line with the small business rates multiplier each year. In 2023/24 they have been recalculated so that authorities do not have gains or losses solely due to business rates revaluation.
Under-indexing grant	A grant provided by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to compensate councils for the impact of the Government's decisions to increase the business rates multiplier by lower than the Consumer Price Index (the Retail Prices Index before 2023/24) (so-called 'underindexing'). This is intended to make sure that councils do not experience funding reductions as a result of this policy.

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Introduction

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Distribution of the Settlement Funding Assessment

Question 1: Do you agree with the Government's proposed methodology for the distribution of Revenue Support Grant in 2023/24?

Disagree

Additional Comments:

The Council is supportive of increasing the Council's share of RSG by CPI for 2023/24, to reflect the inflationary and demand challenges faced by the Council in key service areas. However, the Council does not agree with the Government's intention to delay any review of the distribution of RSG yet again across English Local Authorities. This distribution methodology is now ten years out of date and in significant need of review. The Government's delays in reforming the level and allocation of funding to local government, in line with the principles of levelling up, is now heavily over-due and causing councils with relatively high levels of deprivation and social care responsibilities significant financial challenges. This is compounded by the fact that relatively deprived local authorities have less buoyant tax bases which result in councils such as Redcar and Cleveland, which prevents the shortfall in central government funding being recovered through the local collection of council tax income. The Council also wish to see the Government committing to multi-year financial funding settlements which allow for more long-term certainty over funding levels and based on up-to-date inflation projections from the Office of Budget Responsibility and HM Treasury.

Question 2: Do you agree with the Government's proposals to roll grants into the local government finance settlement in 2023/24?

Agree

Additional Comments:

The Council is broadly supportive of simplifying the grants systems for local government. The proposed grants to be rolled into RSG are however immaterial. The Council would ask that the Government also consider focusing on reducing the number of grants which need to be subject to a competitive bidding process and make the financial reporting requirements (and signing off) more consistent, and less burdensome in overall terms.

Council Tax

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposed package of council tax referendum principles for 2023/24?

Disagree

Additional Comments:

No, the Council does not agree with these proposals. The Government needs to recognise the significant disparities in council tax levels across the country, driven in large part by structural differences in local government finance distribution, and the fact that unitary authorities in deprived parts of the Country must rely more heavily on increasing council tax levels more significantly to meet a significant funding gap created by a less buoyant council tax base. The Government's analysis of Core Spending Power abilities of local authorities is artificially overstated and is assumed that these councils will automatically choose to raise council tax to a maximum level, when in actual fact such decisions place significant financial pressures on local residents, particularly in Boroughs where there are a relatively high proportion of Band A and B council tax payers, who will struggle to absorb a 5% increase in their Council Tax bills, and do not fully address the cost pressures faced by councils such as Redcar and Cleveland with significant demand-led pressures fuelled by relatively high levels of deprivation.

The Government must give more attention to a more fundamental review of local government finance distribution, the significant differences across local government in the funding of local government by council tax and address the disparities in funding levels this has created, including the gearing effect of changes in Council Tax levels across local authorities with differing levels of wealth and deprivation.

We share the LGA's view that it is disappointing that the Government has continued to rely on council tax and the social care precept as part of its package to increase funding for adult social care. As we have previously stated, council tax is not the solution for meeting long-term pressures facing high-demand national services such as adult social care.

We have received allocations and publication of the guidance on the scheme to help low-income households with council tax, and whilst this additional funding is very welcome, we note it is one-off and does not address more fundamental issues regarding Council Tax inequity for both funding and taxation purposes.

Funding Guarantee

Question 4: Do you agree with the Government's proposals for a new Funding Guarantee?

Neither Agree or Disagree

Additional Comments:

The Council is broadly supportive of the principles of the guarantee, although the funding could arguably be more targeted to support local authorities with social care responsibilities in relatively deprived parts of England where it is not possible to bridge the funding shortfall with Council Tax rises.

Distribution of Adults and Children's Social Care Resources

Question 5: Do you agree with the Government's proposals on funding for social care as part of the local government finance settlement in 2023/24?

Disagree

Additional Comments:

The Council welcomes additional Social Care Grant funding allocated as part of this settlement; however, the Government should be aware this funding does not address the significant inflationary and demand-led pressures facing social care experienced by the Council. The extra social care grant £1.345 billion announced on 19 December 2022 equates to around an additional £4.25 million of grant funding to fund social care pressures for the Council. However, the Council is having to increase its budgets for both children and adult social care by around £9.5 million just to meet the inflationary demands of care providers and cater for the exceptional increased demand in children's social care costs. Therefore, the additional funding is inadequate to meet these additional combined adult and children social care and is therefore forcing the Council to still make service cuts across the next two financial years (2023/24 and 2024/25) of £9.819 million.

One area of particular concern over recent years has been the increasing number of children requiring social care support, and the spiralling costs of placements for children needing to be brought into care, in particular residential care placements. The LGA has previously highlighted that pressures facing children's services are rapidly becoming unsustainable.

The combination of real terms funding cuts over the last decade, coupled with rising demand from families is having a major impact on services, with the most deprived local authorities impacted the most. Children in the most deprived 10% of small neighbourhoods in the UK are over 10 times more likely to be in foster or residential care or on protection plans than children in the least deprived 10% (Bywaters et al, 2020). This is certainly the case in Redcar and Cleveland, with our children in care rates being well above the England average, and double that of more affluent areas in the country who have the added advantage of wealthier tax bases from which to raise revenue locally to fund services.

Additional funding needs to be made available specifically for council areas facing higher children's social care pressures, and the allocation of this funding should take full account of the ability of councils to raise revenue locally. The Council also concur with the Local Government's conclusions that more investment is needed in the preventative and early help services that children and families need, as well as the children's social care workforce and the additional placements required for children in residential care. We echo the Local Government Association comments about the Government's

forthcoming response to the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, which must clearly set out how children's social care services will be sufficiently funded going forward.

In terms of Adult Social Care, our local care providers are requiring significant additional increases in their fees because of increases in the national living wage from April 2023, significant challenges in the recruitment of social care workers and rising costs associated with residential running costs, utilities, petrol, insurance and food. The additional funding will not fully cover the inflationary pressures we expect.

Additional Hospital Discharge funding is welcome. Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council have made significant progress in integrating health and care services at a local level. However, this must be underpinned by an adequate level of financial resource.

The Council agree with the Government's decision to delay the reforms on adult social care charging reform, although the timing of this delay is unfortunate when considered against the progress made on the Fair Cost of Care exercise. The Government's reforms did not appear to be financially sustainable and there remains too much emphasis upon local taxpayers paying through the adult social care precept as well as higher general taxation.

Other Grants – New Homes Bonus, Rural Services Delivery Grant and Services Grant

Question 6: Do you agree with the Government's proposals for New Homes Bonus in 2023/24?

Disagree

Additional Comments:

No, the Council does not agree with this approach. The Council would argue that the New Homes Bonus funding allocations are profoundly inequitable, as they doubly reward relatively wealthy councils with buoyant council tax bases. The Council strongly suggests the New Homes Bonus funding mechanism should be scrapped entirely and allocated via needs-based formulae.

Question 7: Do you agree with the Government's proposals for Rural Services Delivery Grant in 2023/24?

Neither Agree or Disagree

Additional Comments:

No comment

Question 8: Do you agree with the Government's proposals for Services Grant in 2023/24?

Agree

Additional Comments:

Whilst the unringfenced Services Grant continues to provide vital resources for local authorities, its level has reduced from 2022/23, without a more detailed explanation of the basis of the fall in the grant. The size of the reduction in grant is much more than the saving the Council will make on reduced national insurance contributions because of the abolition of the social care levy. The Government have also not recognised the more challenging cost issue of a local government pay settlement in 2022/23 which averaged around 7% which created a significant £3m base budget pressure to resolve in 2023/24. The Council is also concerned that the Services Grant has only been announced for 2023/24, which makes financial planning for 2024/25 and beyond more difficult.

Impacts of these proposals

Question 9: Do you have any comments on the impact of the proposals for the 2023/24 settlement outlined in this consultation document on the aims outlined above? Please provide evidence to support your comments. If the format of your comments is not suitable for responding to this survey, or do not fit in the text box below, please email to: lgfsettlement@levellingup.gov.uk

No

Please provide comments here:

**CORPORATE RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES****Cabinet Minute Number :- 26****Report Title :- Pay Policy Statement 2023/24**

The Council is asked to agree the following Cabinet recommendation in relation to the following report that was considered by Cabinet on 22 December 2022:

Minute Details:-

This report sought approval for a revised Pay Policy Statement for the year 2023/24 to ensure the Council's compliance with Section 38 of the Localism Act 2011. This legislation requires local authorities to prepare an annual Pay Policy Statement for publication which sets out their policies on:

- the remuneration of its senior executives;
- the remuneration of its lowest-paid employees; and
- the relationship between:
 - (i) the remuneration of its senior executives, and ,
 - (ii) the remuneration of the remainder of the workforce.

The report also sought agreement for an uplift to the Council's Redcar and Cleveland Minimum Wage Supplement, approval to equalise annual leave entitlement for Officers due to disparities within recent pay negotiations and includes a report on the current position in terms of the Council's gender pay gap.

Recommendations from Cabinet :-

RESOLVED to recommend to the Borough Council that:

- a. The draft Pay Policy Statement (Appendix 1 not reproduced) be approved for publication;
- b. An uplift of the Redcar and Cleveland Minimum Wage Supplement from £9.90 to £10.90 per hour with effect from 1 April 2023 be approved;

- c. The additional day of annual leave applied to staff employed on National Joint Council ('NJC') terms via pay negotiations be applied to all staff employed on other Council terms and conditions to ensure equality across employee groups;
- d. The arrangements for authorisation of special severance payments, in line with new Government guidance be approved;
- e. In order to comply with the NJC Pay Agreement 2022/23, implementation of revisions to the pay model covering Grade A to C+ be authorised;
- f. The position in terms of the pay multiple and the current situation regarding an unchanged gender pay gap in favour of female staff be noted ;
- g. It be noted that the gender pay gap calculations are complex and may require minor adjustment/refinement at a later stage, in which case an update be published.