



Leicestershire  
County Council



# Have your say on the council's priorities



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# Introduction



Leicestershire County Council has to find more ways to reduce the amount of money it spends on services.



Before we make any decisions we want to know what you think.



Please read this document and tell us what you think by answering the questions that start on **page 9**.



We need your answers back by Sunday 8 September 2019.



# Why reduce spending?



Leicestershire County Council needs to reduce the money it spends on services for many reasons:



- We are receiving less money from the government



- More people need services from the council

## People want more services



- We think that there will be more children needing care from the council



- We think that there will be many more children with special educational needs and disabilities who need support from the council



- Many more people are coming to live in Leicestershire. They all need services too

# We have already reduced spending



Over the last 9 years we have reduced spending by £200 million.



We have done this by:

- Working in better ways
- Stopping doing some of the things we did not have to do



We have also spent money on projects that will help us to earn more money in the future.

## Speaking up to the government



We have been speaking up to the government about the way it gives money to councils.

At the moment we don't think they are being fair to everyone.



The government has agreed to look at this, but it probably won't change its plans before 2021.

# Where the council spends its money



The council spends about £425 million a year on services.



- £11 million on public transport and school transport



- £7 million on libraries, museums and parks



- £29 million on dealing with rubbish, tips and recycling



- £5 million on adult learning



- £11 million working with families that need help



- £2 million on planning and making sure businesses are working properly



- £25 million on the roads



- £3 million helping businesses and community organisations



- £9 million supporting people with mental health needs



- £14 million supporting people with physical disabilities



- £26 million on helping people to live more healthily



- £61 million supporting older people



- £75 million on children with special educational needs and disabilities



- £52 million supporting adults with learning disabilities



- £62 million on children's social care



- £33 million making sure that the council works properly



# What do you think?

## Question 1: Reducing money for services

### Special educational needs and disabilities



Should we reduce the money we spend on children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

### Older People



Should we reduce the money we spend on nursing homes for older people?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on helping older people to live independently in their own homes?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Children's social care



Should we reduce the money we spend on children who are being looked after by the council?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on keeping children safe from harm or abuse?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Learning disabilities



Should we reduce the money we spend on supporting people with learning disabilities to live independently?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on people with learning disabilities who live in a nursing home?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Dealing with rubbish



Should we reduce the money we spend on dealing with rubbish and recycling?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on local tips and recycling centres?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Healthy living



Should we reduce the money we spend on helping people to live more healthily?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on children's health services?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on helping people who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, or who have a disease that they caught by having sex?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Roads



Should we reduce the money we spend on looking after the roads and pathways?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on street lighting?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on cutting the grass at the side of the road?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know





Should we reduce the money we spend on keeping the roads safe?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on gritting the roads in winter?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

### Physical Abilities



Should we reduce the money we spend on services for adults with physical disabilities?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

### Family Support



Should we reduce the money we spend on services for families that need help?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Public and school transport



Should we reduce the money we spend on free bus travel for older people and disabled people?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on school transport?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on bus services?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

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Don't  
know

## Mental health



Should we reduce the money we spend on mental health services?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

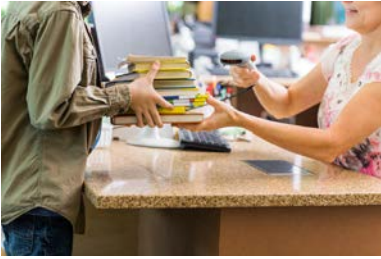
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Not  
at all

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Don't  
know

## Libraries, museums and parks



Should we reduce the money we spend on libraries?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on museums?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on parks?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Adult learning



Should we reduce the money we spend on adult learning courses?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Helping businesses and community organisations



Should we reduce the money we spend on helping businesses and community organisations?

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know

## Checking and planning



Should we reduce the money we spend on Trading Standards? This is a service that makes sure businesses are being fair to customers.

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



Should we reduce the money we spend on planning for digging large areas to get stone and make landfill sites? Landfill sites are used for burying extra amounts of rubbish.

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

A little

☐

Not  
at all

☐

Don't  
know



## Question 2: Ways of working.

Do you agree or disagree that...



Our services should work together more with services like: NHS, doctors, district councils, and police?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



Our services should work together more with companies?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should let some services be run by community groups?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should pay other companies or organisations to run some services?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should finding better ways to run our services, including using the internet?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should do more in Leicestershire to protect the planet, like using electricity from the sun and wind?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should change the way all the different councils in Leicestershire work so that we can save money?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know

### Question 3: Council tax and other money



**Council Tax** is money that everyone in the UK has to pay to their local council. The money pays for public services like collecting rubbish, fixing roads and other special services for people who need them.



We could raise more money by asking people to pay more Council Tax. Please tick the box that you agree with.

☐

Increase Council Tax a lot

☐

Increase Council Tax a little

☐

Increase Council Tax in the same way that other costs increase

☐

Increase Council Tax less than the way that other costs increase

☐

Keep Council Tax the same. Even if it means we have to reduce the money we spend on services

☐

Reduce Council Tax. Even if it means we have to reduce the money we spend on services a lot



## Do you agree or disagree that ...

We should charge people more to use our services?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should buy more land and buildings that we can rent out for money?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should get more businesses to come here to bring more money into Leicestershire?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know



We should look for ways to earn more money from the services that we have?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know





We should keep asking the government to give us more money?



Strongly Agree



Agree



Neither Agree nor Disagree



Disagree



Strongly Disagree



Don't Know

## Question 4: Improving our services

If things got better and we had more money, which services should we try to improve?



Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)



A lot



A bit



Not very much



Don't Improve



Don't know



Social care for adults



A lot



A bit



Not very much



Don't Improve



Don't know



Social care for children and support to families



A lot



A bit



Not very much



Don't Improve



Don't know



## Doing more in Leicestershire to protect our planet

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



## Dealing with rubbish

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



## Healthy living

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



## Roads and pathways

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



## Public and school transport (this does not include SEND)

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



Libraries, museums, parks, leisure centres, adult learning

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



Bringing more money into Leicestershire, planning and support to businesses

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



Supporting the services that help the future of Leicestershire like building roads and schools

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know



Supplying enough suitable homes

☐

A lot

☐

A bit

☐

Not very  
much

☐

Don't  
Improve

☐

Don't  
know

**Question 5: Do you have any comments?**





# About you

Please answer these questions about yourself.

Your answers will help us to make sure we are getting the views of all the different people in **Leicestershire**.

## Question 6: Are you...

☐

Male?

☐

Female?

☐

I prefer to use another word

## Question 7: Is your gender the same as you were given at birth?

☐

Yes, it's the same

☐

No, it's different

☐

Prefer not to say

## Question 8: How old are you?



**Question 9: What is your postcode?**



**Question 10: Are you looking after a young person aged 17 or under?**

☐

Yes

☐

No

**Question 11: Are you looking after an adult aged 18 or older?**

☐

Yes

☐

No

**Question 12: Do you have a long term illness or disability?**

☐

Yes

☐

No

**Question 13: Are you...**

☐

White?

☐

Mixed?

☐

Black?

☐

Asian?

☐

Other ethnic group?

**Question 14: Are you...**

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Bisexual - attracted to both men and women

☐

Gay - men who are attracted to men

☐

Lesbian - women who are attracted to women

☐

Heterosexual or straight-attracted to people of a different sex

☐

Other

**Question 15: What is your religion?**

☐

No Religion

☐

Christian

☐

Buddhist

☐

Hindu

☐

Jewish

☐

Muslim

☐

Sikh

☐

Other

**Question 16: Are you working for Leicestershire County Council?**

☐

Yes

☐

No

# Thank you



Thank you for your views.



Please now send your answers back to us at:

Leicestershire Priorities  
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You don't have to put a stamp on the envelope.



We need your answers by Sunday 8 September 2019

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