

## Budget Consultation 2015/16

**Your views matter – have your say...**

**Cheltenham Borough Council wants to hear your views on how you think the Cabinet should shape the final budget proposals for 2015/16.**

**Please complete this form either by hand or on your computer and return it to the Council at the address shown at the end by 26 January 2015.**

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**1. Do you think the council is right to keep council tax at its present level in 2015/16?**

Please tick:

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]                      UNSURE [ ]

**2. If your answer to question 1 is NO, do you think the tax level should be:**

HIGHER [ ]                      LOWER [ ]

**3. Do you think the council is broadly right to make the savings listed in the draft budget papers?**

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]                      UNSURE [ ]

**If NO, please let us know what concerns you have, what other savings you would like us to make. Make your comments in the space below.**

**4. What borough council services would you most like to see improved?**

**5. Are there any services you would like us to cut back or stop providing?  
Make your comments in the space below.**

**6. Do you support the idea of the council, where it is feasible, running services jointly with neighbouring councils to save money?**

YES [ ]

NO [ ]

UNSURE [ ]

**7. There have been a number of complaints about the condition of the bus station. Do you believe the bus station should be:**

- Left as it is [ ]
- Improved on its present site, with a modern shelter replacing the old waiting room [ ]
- Moved to another site [ ]
- Some other solution (please comment in the space below)

**8. Have you any other comments on this budget or on the services the borough council provides?**

9. What do you believe the council's three top priorities for capital investment should be, from the projects listed below (Write 1, 2 and 3 in order of importance in the boxes provided)

<b>Monuments and public spaces</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Create a new public square with landscaping and other improvements to the street scene at Boots Corner (£2,000,000)	
Restore Neptune's Fountain to its former glory (£600,000)	
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Provide a permanent electricity supply to Imperial Gardens to avoid events organisers having to use noisy generators (£180,000)	
Invest in the Pittville Park play area to provide a higher standard of play equipment, create a major family attraction and potentially attract more visitors to the town (£300,000)	
<b>Recreation and leisure</b>	
Create a new Sports and Play Hub at the Prince of Wales Stadium providing facilities for competitive field sports and athletics (£1,843,000)	
Improve facilities for community sport and new gym facilities at leisure-at-cheltenham (£433,000)	
Improve the Town Hall, creating a new foyer, providing better seating and a lift to the balcony, creating a new café/bar, and building a winter gardens style conservatory on the back as a restaurant and event venue (£2,400,000)	
<b>Investing to cut costs</b>	
Relocate the council HQ from the Municipal Offices to another office building, cutting the council's ongoing accommodation costs and allowing a redevelopment of the Municipal Offices for (e.g.) hotel, retail or leisure provision (£2,500,000)	
<b>Clean energy</b>	
Large scale solar farm to generate clean electricity and generate income for the council (£8,000,000)	
Small scale renewable energy initiatives including solar panels on top of council-owned buildings (£1,000,000)	
<b>Parking</b>	
Improvements to existing car parking provision (£3,700,000)	
<b>Crematorium</b>	
Invest in the Crematorium to replace the cremators and potentially improve the facilities for bereaved families (£1,000,000)	

Thank you for taking the time to give us your views on the proposed 2015/16 budget. Your views will be taken into account by councillors when they decide on the final budget.

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