

COUNCIL SEEKS VIEWS TO HELP SET NEXT YEARS BUDGET

Lichfield District Council is asking residents to give their views to help shape the budget.

This financial year the local authority will have spent just over £10 million on local services. It receives just over £6 million in council tax to help fund this and the rest is funded through business rates, the New Homes Bonus and other grant income.

The Government has been reducing the amount of core grants it distributes to local councils each year and these will be stopped altogether in the next financial year. This means Lichfield District Council faces significant and ongoing challenges and will need to find further savings or generate more income to provide the same level of services.

Your views are sought through an online questionnaire on what funding priorities should be, where spending could be reduced and ideas on how to increase income. The Council are also asking what council tax increase should be considered for next year and suggest a range of options to choose from.

The questionnaire is available to fill in on line until 5.00pm on Weds 21st Nov 2018 at www.lichfield.gov.uk/yourview.

Anyone without internet access or requiring assistant please visit the Parish Clerk Monday-Thursday 09.00- 16.00 who will be happy to help. Alternatively, the Library in Shenstone can also provide I.T assistance every Wednesday morning.