

Your services you decide

October - November 2016

Help us
decide which
services we
should spend our
money on

Maidstone Borough Council wants you to help make tough choices as we plan ways to close a £4.2 million hole in our budget following changes to the way that local government is funded. The council's income is being cut by an increasing amount over the next four years, leading to a shortfall in the Council's 'revenue budget' which pays for services to residents.

Which
services
do you value
the most?

Take part in our survey and let us know what front facing services are the most important to you and how they should all be funded in the future. It is inevitable that some services will have to be reduced over the next four years so now is the time to have your say.

OUR SPENDING

£3 million	Housing
£1.5 million	Environmental Services
£3.5 million	Waste Collection & Disposal
£2 million	Street Cleaning
£1 million	Economic Development & Regeneration
£0.5 million	Sport & Recreation
£2 million	Culture & Tourism
£5 million	Planning & Development Control
£2.5 million	Parks & Open Spaces
£3.5 million	Community Safety & Development



Survey

You can fill in this questionnaire now or do it online www.maidstone.gov.uk
The closing date for all survey responses is **Friday 18 November**.

Survey question 1

Rate the following front facing services which are important to you (1 being the most important, 10 being the least important)

Survey question 2

Please state your funding preference for each service?

	1-10	Keep it the same	Reduce the funding	Cut the funding
Meeting housing needs (including affordable homes and helping homeless people)				
Environmental services (includes enforcement, noise and pollution control and food hygiene)				
Household waste collection & disposal (includes waste & recycling services)				
Street cleaning (providing a clean and safe environment)				
Economic Regeneration & creating jobs (including improvements to the town centre and support for businesses)				
Sport & Recreation (includes Maidstone leisure centre, Cobtree golf course and community halls)				
Culture & Tourism (includes Maidstone museum, events and attractions to encourage tourism)				
Planning & Development (includes the local building regulations, planning applications and conservation)				
Parks & Open Spaces (includes all council owned parks including Mote Park, Whatman Park and Clare Park)				
Community Safety & Development (includes encouraging good public health and social inclusion)				