



Budget Consultation 2022/23

7 December 2021-7 January 2022
Responses received

Q1 What are your views or opinions about Hambleton District Council's proposed 2022/23 draft budget and services?

- 1) As long as you don't increase council tax or cut any services then go ahead.
- 2) Don't waste money on a cinema. They are on their way out now people can stream latest movies direct to their homes. Covid has only served to expedite this move to streaming.
- 3) Following the latest case of child abuse followed by the poor boy's death I would like to think enough of our funds are going towards preventing such horrors. Every child deserves a loving happy life. Thank you.
- 4) Greater expenditure in business estates infrastructure will support business growth in the area. To include help with IT costs and easier access plus support for the 'keep it local' campaign.
- 5) I would like to see more resources to tackle clearing litter strewn on roadsides throughout the county which has become the norm it seems. Is this how we want visitors to remember their visit?
- 6) Insufficient weighting given to: 1. Supporting business economy and planning. 2. Environment and climate support initiatives.
- 7) It is all very positive, except for the fact that there seems to be a significant imbalance within Leisure and Communities. There's huge investment into leisure centres and to other council owned buildings - e.g. Forum and Galtres. But it's sad to see £0 in the budget for Arts Development, and the specific inclusion of c. £2.5k to the World of James Herriot - a privately-owned, profit-making company - whereas no other cultural organisation are afforded ongoing financial support, despite there being numerous worthy - and non-profit - organisations across Hambleton. It's also a shame to see such a small proportion of HAZ monies going towards the cultural programme.
- 8) Waste disposal is very good but pouring money into Leisure & Treadmills only benefits those people who live close to these facilities. Why not add an additional charge to residents close (c.10 miles radius) to these facilities, or discount those living 10 miles+ away?
- 9) Would like to see a stronger emphasis on investment to reduce the Carbon Footprint and a specific commitment to support green jobs and careers and to reduce the support to companies that pollute or promote use of fossil fuels. Would also like to see a commitment to truly affordable housing.
- 10) you disgust me ...you are a wasteful set of b*****s ...and its need to end