

YOUR
LOCAL
BUDGET

YOU DECIDE 2011 YOUR COUNCIL TAX... YOUR CHOICE



Tell us how you would spend £250,000
on projects in your borough and in your
local town or village

The Royal Borough



Windsor &
Maidenhead

YOUR LOCAL BUDGET – YOU DECIDE

After the success of last year's council tax consultation, when around 3,000 residents took part, here's another opportunity to have your say on how a total of £250,000 of your council tax could be spent in 2011/12.

Once again the aim is to give you **more control** over the money you pay to the Council – giving you **more say** about the projects you think should be funded. And this time we are offering you the chance to choose from TWO lists of schemes – one that will be of benefit across the borough and one offering schemes that will benefit people living in a particular area, e.g. Maidenhead, Windsor and Ascot/The Sunnings.

This is money from the Council's capital budget which means it can be used for one-off projects that are important to you, your family, your community and your quality of life.

On the other hand, you may think we shouldn't spend this money at all. It's your Council Tax...Your Choice.

To have your say, fill out the questionnaire in this leaflet and send it to Budget Consultation, Freepost SL1453, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead SL6 1RF. No stamp necessary.

Or you may prefer to respond online at www.rbwm.gov.uk

The closing date for your response is Friday 17 June 2011.

BOROUGH-WIDE SCHEMES

The Council has earmarked an extra £125,000 for potential borough-wide schemes that will benefit residents wherever you live, work and visit. Please rank the schemes in order of their importance from 1 to 10 (1 being highest priority and 10 being lowest). There is also the option to vote for not spending the money at all. Figures in brackets represent the suggested financial allocations.

Don't spend any money on these projects

Options for how £125,000 should be spent on borough-wide projects.

Please rank in order of importance from 1 to 10 (1 being most important and 10 being least important)

Highways maintenance, e.g. resurfacing roads and mending potholes (£50,000)

Pavement repairs and maintenance, e.g. upgrading pavements that need repair, widening etc (£50,000)

Street cleaning and litter removal, e.g. more deep cleans and gum removal (£20,000)

Improved street lighting, e.g. sustainable street lighting, installing new lamp columns (£50,000)

Improved cycling projects/facilities, e.g. more cycle racks, new/improved cycleways, better signage, cycling proficiency (£50,000)

Improved parking facilities in town centres, e.g. creating extra parking spaces, improving car parks (£50,000)

Winter maintenance/grit bins, e.g. more grit bins for local communities, extra snow clearing equipment (£50,000)

Town and village centre improvements, e.g. upgrading street furniture, fingerpost signs (£50,000)

Trees, e.g. more planting of trees on roads and residential streets as well as in local parks and open spaces (£10,000)

Facilities for young people, e.g. setting up healthy eating/gardening projects and a scooter safety/maintenance scheme (£10,000)

Have we forgotten anything? Please let us know of other projects that you think should be included.

AREA-BASED SCHEMES

The Council has set aside a further £125,000 to be spent on local schemes – £50,000 in Maidenhead, £50,000 in Windsor and £25,000 in Ascot/The Sunnings.

This is your opportunity to vote for schemes in ONE of these three areas. For example if you live in Maidenhead you could choose to rank the schemes listed for Maidenhead. Or if you work

in Windsor you could decide to use your vote for schemes in that area instead.

Select the area in which you wish to vote and then rank the listed schemes in your order of preference (1 being most important, 2 the next important and so on). We also give you the option to select not spending any money at all. Figures in brackets represent the suggested financial allocations.

Please remember to vote in ONE area only.

Maidenhead area

Don't spend any money on these projects

Options for how £50,000 should be spent.

Please rank in order of importance from 1 to 5 (1 being most important and 5 being least important)

- Reversion to pay-on-foot in Broadway car park (£50,000)
- High Street paving to be upgraded (£50,000)
- Contribution to the Thames Path (£50,000)
- Benches and tables (£25,000)
- Improved direction and key building signage (£25,000)

Have we forgotten anything? Please let us know of other projects that you think should be included.

Windsor area

Don't spend any money on these projects

Options for how £50,000 should be spent.

Please rank in order of importance from 1 to 6 (1 being most important and 6 being least important)

- Pavement repairs and maintenance (£50,000)
- Improved parking facilities for residents (£10,000)
- Contribution towards the Olympic Legacy Bridge across the Thames (£50,000)
- Street cleaning and tree care (£10,000)
- More cycle racks (£5,000)
- Fountain on Clarence Road roundabout (£50,000)

Have we forgotten anything? Please let us know of other projects that you think should be included.

Ascot and the Sunnings

Don't spend any money on these projects

Options for how £25,000 should be spent.

Please rank in order of importance from 1 to 6 (1 being most important and 6 being least important)

- Road maintenance (£25,000)
- Pavement repairs and maintenance (£25,000)
- Improved parking facilities (£5,000)
- Winter maintenance/grit bins (£10,000)

Cycling facilities (£25,000)

Tree planting (£5,000)

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WAYS OF HAVING YOUR SAY

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Online: At www.rbwm.gov.uk (follow the link from the home page).

Closing date: Friday 17 June 2011.

TELL US IF YOU WANT TO

You don't have to give us this information but it would be helpful if you would provide your postcode to help us analyse the responses to this important consultation.

Postcode: _____

If you are not already on our mailing list and if you would like to receive information about council services, please let us have the following information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Tel: _____

Details of how to request information from us, including how to obtain details of the information we hold about you, are available on our Access to Information webpage www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/foi_access.htm or by calling our Information Management Team on **01628 796945**.

ADOPT-A-STREET

The Council's Adopt-a-Street scheme aims to get local people involved in caring for their community. Are you interested in joining litter picks, clean-ups and other events in your street or area?

Yes No Need more information

If you answered yes or would like more information please remember to fill in your contact details above. Further information in the A-Z guide at www.rbwm.gov.uk

VOLUNTEERING

Please send me information about volunteering in the Royal Borough.

If you have ticked this box, please remember to fill in your contact details above.