

Question 1

Is it acceptable to increase the overall Council Tax by approximately 2.5%?

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Yes	20	56
No	16	44

Question 2

Would you prefer the Council Tax increase to be:

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Higher than 2.5% and have more or improved services	8	23
Around 2.5% as proposed	14	40
Lower than 2.5% and have fewer services	13	37

Question 3

I think the Council should introduce new working practices and review staff benefits. (£210,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	11	36
Agree	12	39
Neither agree or disagree	4	12
Disagree	3	10
Strongly Disagree	1	3

Question 4

I think the Council should join up with other authorities to deliver services. (£200,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	10	33
Agree	7	23
Neither agree or disagree	5	17
Disagree	6	20
Strongly Disagree	2	7

Question 5

I think the Council should stop its contribution to Destination Worcestershire Partnership (the Worcestershire group that promotes tourism in the County). (£30,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	12	40
Agree	5	17
Neither agree or disagree	3	10
Disagree	7	23
Strongly Disagree	3	10

Question 6

I think the Council should reduce spending on community based services (museum, arts, play activities, events and parks). (£275,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	4	13
Agree	10	34
Neither agree or disagree	2	7
Disagree	7	23
Strongly Disagree	7	23

Question 7

I think the Council should use its savings rather than borrow money to introduce new technology. (£630,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	14	47
Agree	11	37
Neither agree or disagree	3	10
Disagree	1	3
Strongly Disagree	1	3

Question 8

I think the Council should introduce new technology into its fleet of vehicles to become a more efficient service and provide better information for customers. (£90,000)

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	7	23
Agree	14	47
Neither agree or disagree	3	10
Disagree	4	13
Strongly Disagree	2	7

Question 9

In what other areas would you choose to make savings? (free text response)

- A single site. (2) Annual elections and elected members of committees, local government groups and Cabinet. (3) More information and better access to information.
- Bus passes for wealthy pensioners
- community housing
- COUNCIL WORKERS PENSIONS.20% OF MY COUNCIL TAX
- Councillors
- Councillors' allowances and meetings
- Cut Councillor's expenses and allowances.
- Direct Mail and advertising of services
- General efficiency in all areas. Small savings on wasted resources like paper in schools, the amount of duplicated paper that comes to a household when you inform the council of a change in your circumstances. Small savings add up.
- Have fewer councillors. Share a chief executive with other authorities. Move into a single site as soon as possible.
- I wouldnt be building new offices. it is not the right time. i want that money to go to the needy and elderly
- More joined up working not necessarily shared services but continuing to deliver local services, locally but with improved synergy
- not enough detailed information
- On unnecessary Consultants' fees
- Pay cuts of up to 20% in salaries across the board + review of which jobs are absolutely necessary
- reduce heating in council offices and places like worcs hub it is always warm in there
- Reduce middle management to assure that front line services are maintained
- Start at the top get rid of the pen pushers on high salaries and keep the staff to provide the services
- Stop poor investments in foreign banks!
- turn the heating down in The Hub. try and reduce the amount of unnecessary mail. put a park keeper in each of the parks to reduce vandalism as it must work out cheaper than repairing/replacing things.

Question 10

I think the Council should contribute £90,000 to the upkeep of the Council's car parks.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	1	3
Agree	10	33
Neither agree or disagree	9	30
Disagree	2	7
Strongly Disagree	8	27

Question 11

I think the Council should spend an extra £100,000 to help improve the cleanliness of streets.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	7	24
Agree	14	47
Neither agree or disagree	4	13
Disagree	1	3
Strongly Disagree	4	13

Question 12

I think the Council should support the North Worcestershire Care and Repair Agency by contributing £30,000 to ensure that the most vulnerable (the old and disabled) are able to continue to live independently.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	8	27
Agree	14	46
Neither agree or disagree	3	10
Disagree	2	7
Strongly Disagree	3	10

Question 13

I think the Council should give grants totaling £29,000 to Town and Parish Council's to help them fund local schemes..

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	6	20
Agree	7	23
Neither agree or disagree	5	17
Disagree	4	13
Strongly Disagree	8	27

Question 14

I think the quality of Council services is good overall.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	3	10
Agree	12	40
Neither agree or disagree	9	30
Disagree	4	13
Strongly Disagree	2	7

Question 15

I think the Council has enough money to meet all the demands on its services.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	3	10
Agree	9	30
Neither agree or disagree	8	26
Disagree	8	27
Strongly Disagree	2	7

Question 16

I think the Council provides adequate communication to council tax payers about its spending.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	2	6
Agree	8	27
Neither agree or disagree	9	30
Disagree	8	27
Strongly Disagree	3	10

Question 17

The Council takes reasonable steps to consult with council tax payers about its spending.

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Strongly Agree	2	7
Agree	10	33
Neither agree or disagree	6	20
Disagree	7	23
Strongly Disagree	5	17

Question 18

Are you?

Answer	Responses	Percentage %
Male	19	65
Female	10	34