




# Adur budget consultation survey 2022-23 results

1. Firstly, do you live, work or study in the Adur area? Please tick all that apply (if you have a connection to Worthing by living, working or studying there, you can also complete the Worthing survey).

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	I live in Adur		95.72%	1186
2	I work in Adur		21.07%	261
3	I study in Adur		0.73%	9
			answered	1239
			skipped	0





2. Imagine you are in charge of setting the Council's budget. Consider the following service areas – for each of the ten areas of work below, please tell us whether you would be comfortable or not with a reduction in spending.

Answer Choices	Very comfortable	Partly comfortable	Not comfortable	Don't know/no opinion	Response Total
Parks and open spaces	11.39% 141	40.47% 501	45.96% 569	2.18% 27	1238
Leisure services through our partner South Downs Leisure	20.92% 259	42.65% 528	30.53% 378	5.90% 73	1238
Supporting our high streets	12.61% 156	35.89% 444	48.99% 606	2.51% 31	1237
The Cost of Living emergency and supporting the most vulnerable	9.94% 123	19.97% 247	66.45% 822	3.64% 45	1237
Health and wellbeing services	9.78% 121	19.97% 247	67.74% 838	2.51% 31	1237
Waste and recycling services	8.65% 107	19.00% 235	71.62% 886	0.73% 9	1237
Keeping streets clean	7.03% 87	30.64% 379	61.52% 761	0.81% 10	1237
Housing and homelessness prevention	9.45% 117	24.96% 309	61.39% 760	4.20% 52	1238
Planning	27.32% 338	42.52% 526	23.44% 290	6.71% 83	1237
Supporting business growth in our area	18.11% 224	47.53% 588	28.78% 356	5.58% 69	1237
				answered	1239
				skipped	0

**3. Reduction in spending is intended to help us balance the books while we are continuing to invest in the areas which are most important to residents. Which of the following areas would you like to see prioritised? (Please note, some of the areas listed below are not our direct responsibility but we will use this information to work more effectively with partners such as West Sussex County Council.)**

<b>Answer Choices</b>	<b>Low priority</b>	<b>Medium priority</b>	<b>High priority</b>	<b>Don't know/no opinion</b>	<b>Response Total</b>
Do more to support vulnerable people with our Cost of Living action plan	11.70% 139	40.07% 476	45.71% 543	2.53% 30	1188
Increase our fees and charges in order to fund other services	39.81% 473	40.49% 481	15.07% 179	4.63% 55	1188
Invest more in young people / children. Example: investing in play areas and services for young people	18.43% 219	47.73% 567	32.41% 385	1.43% 17	1188
Invest in more sustainable travel infrastructure. Example: creating more cycling infrastructure	60.27% 716	19.53% 232	19.11% 227	1.09% 13	1188
Do more to protect / develop more green spaces. Example: doing more to increase the biodiversity of our parks and green spaces	30.13% 358	42.59% 506	26.01% 309	1.26% 15	1188
Do more to support our high streets. Example: doing more promotion and marketing of our farmers markets	37.88% 450	42.17% 501	18.77% 223	1.18% 14	1188
Do more to address the cost and availability of housing. Example: working with others to improve the supply of housing	20.03% 238	33.75% 401	44.78% 532	1.43% 17	1188
Do more to invest in facilities in parks such as pavilions or public toilets	24.41% 290	49.75% 591	24.92% 296	0.93% 11	1188
				answered	1188
				skipped	51

4. In February we will need to set our Council Tax. The money that we collect is split between West Sussex County Council (WSCC), the Office of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (OSPCC) and us. Last year, of the total of £1865.12 paid by an Adur Band C household on average, £1382.88 went to WSCC, £199.92 went to the OSPCC and just £282.32 on average went to us to fund all the services we provide. Which of the following options do you think is most appropriate:

Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Freeze Council Tax and reduce spending by the council by £140,000		34.57%	402
2	Increase Council Tax by 1.99% again and protect services		41.10%	478
3	Increase Council Tax to 2.99% in order to increase the Council's ability to invest in services by £70,000		18.57%	216
4	None of the above / don't know / no opinion		5.76%	67
			answered	1163
			skipped	76