

FENLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

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Views needed on Council's future priorities

Residents are being urged to give their views on Fenland District Council's approach to delivering the services that matter to local people.

The Council has published its draft Business Plan and budget proposals for 2019/20 to detail the priorities and services it will deliver to communities over the next year and show how it plans to manage its finances.

The Council has launched a public consultation and online survey, which will run until Friday, February 1, so residents can have their say.

Council Leader, Councillor Chris Seaton, said: "We have been listening to the things our communities have been telling us are important to them and used that information, together with our ambitions for the district, to pull together a draft Business Plan for the next year.

"It is important people tell us what they think so we can make sure we focus our resources into services the public thinks are most important."

"We continue to face significant budget pressures and are now entering the tenth year of public sector austerity," he added. "Since 2010 we have made savings of £9.5million and the challenge remains to deliver good quality services that our residents need whilst making the necessary savings imposed by central government. Although the balance can be difficult to strike, we are working more effectively and sustainably than ever before."

Feedback gathered during the consultation will be used to draft a final Business Plan, which will be considered by councillors alongside the budget proposals on February 21.

The draft Business Plan, budget proposals and survey are available at www.fenland.gov.uk/yourviews2019. Paper copies will also be available in the Council's @Your Service Shops and Community Hubs until the survey finishes.

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