

Draft General Fund budget consultation 2025/26

Questions that must be answered are marked with an asterisk (*)

1. **Are you responding as...? *** Please tick one box only

- A resident of the Canterbury district
- A visitor to the Canterbury district
- A city, county, parish or town councillor, please specify:
- Canterbury City Council councillor
- Kent County Council councillor
- Parish or Town Councillor, please provide the name of the parish or town council:
- A business, organisation or community group, please provide the name:
- _____
- Other, please specify: _____

Council Tax

The council tax you pay is split between Canterbury City Council, Kent County Council, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner and Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

Every year each of these organisations must decide how much to increase its share of the council tax.

Canterbury City Council has assumed a Council Tax increase of 2.91%, which equates to £7.17 per year for a Band D property. This is the current level government allows council tax to be increased by.

2. **Do you have any comments on the proposed council tax increase of 2.99%?**

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3. Do you have any comments?

Capital programme

4. Do you have any comments?

Fees and charges

Everyone is experiencing increasing costs and the council is no exception. Inflation increases the demands on some of our services while also making them more expensive to run.

Where possible, where we charge to recover the cost of providing a service or charge market rates, we propose to increase fees and charges by 3% or the equivalent of the extra costs incurred. There are some notable exceptions to this, including:

- Planning fees
- Foreshore and Beach Huts
- Museums

All fees and charges in Appendix 4 have been reviewed individually and, where there is capacity to increase fees to cover costs, we propose they should be increased.

There are some fee levels that are fixed by the government and cannot be amended.

5. **Would you like to comment on budget proposals for a specific service area or charges?**

- Yes No

If yes, which of the following service areas do you want to comment on?

- Finance and Legal
- Land Charges
- Development Management (Planning)
- Museums & Galleries
- Events
- Licensing
- Outdoor Leisure
- Taxi
- Halls
- Foreshore and Beach Huts
- Whitstable Harbour
- Transport
- Licensing Environmental Health (Animal Welfare)
- Property Services
- Markets & Lifeline
- Waste Services
- Cemeteries
- Houses of Multiple Occupation
- Street Naming and Numbering
- Food Hygiene Training
- Contaminated Land Searches
- Food Businesses
- Housing

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6. **Do you have any other comments on the draft budget, or any suggestions on how we could save money or raise extra income?**

Corporate consultations

We have several corporate consultations coming up soon and we would like to hear from you.

Which of the following corporate consultations would you like to be informed about? * Please tick those that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure and events | <input type="checkbox"/> Planning Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regeneration | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgets and finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance | _____ |

How did you find out about this consultation? * Please tick those that apply

- Email from the council
- Council Facebook post
- Council Twitter post
- Council LinkedIn post
- Council website
- Word of mouth
- Other, please state: _____

Processing your information

Canterbury City Council is the data controller.

Your personal information is processed under UK General Data Protection Regulation Article 6.1 (c) and Article 9.2 (g) for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller. Your personal data will be stored for one year.

All information you give us will be stored securely by Canterbury City Council.

Equalities Duty

The council has a legal duty to consider the needs of its diverse range of customers. As well as questions about our services we ask you questions relating to our equalities duties. Although you do not have to answer these questions, without this information the council will be limited in understanding whether views differ among different groups of people.

Your Rights

You have the rights to:

- Access your personal data
- Rectify or correct any inaccuracies in your personal data
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Canterbury City Council, 14 Rose Lane, Canterbury, CT1 2UR.
Phone: **01227 862 000**. Web: canterbury.gov.uk

Equality information

What age are you? Please tick one box only

- Under 18
- 18 to 25
- 26 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- 85 and above
- Prefer not to say

What gender are you? Please tick one box only

- Male
- Female
- Prefer to self-describe (for example, non-binary, gender fluid etc)
- Prefer not to say

Do you consider yourself to be disabled? Please tick one box only

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.