

Bromsgrove District Council - Budget Consultation for 2026/27

This survey was launched to give residents/businesses of Bromsgrove District an opportunity to have their say on how the Council should spend the money it has available.

The survey ran from 20 November 2025 to 2 January 2026. An invite was sent directly to all members of the Community Panel, links were sent to partners to share with their contacts and the survey was publicised in local media and numerous times on social media. A total of 138 valid surveys were returned from the panel, resulting in a response rate of 33%, and 85 surveys were received from the general public. The final figure of 223 completed surveys for analysis.

			2025 Survey		2024
Q no.	Question	Responses	Total Responses	%	%
Q1 (221)	Are you a resident of Bromsgrove District and/or have a business based here?	Resident of Bromsgrove District	219	99.1%	100.0%
		Have a business based here	8	3.6%	4.0%
Q2 (223)	Please tell us where you live or where your business is located. (Please note, if you live and have a business in the District, please only tell us where you live)	Alvechurch South	2	0.9%	1.5%
		Alvechurch Village	7	3.1%	3.3%
		Aston Fields	24	10.8%	9.2%
		Avoncroft	10	4.5%	2.9%
		Barnt Green & Hopwood	4	1.8%	1.8%
		Belbroughton and Romsley	12	5.4%	8.8%
		Bromsgrove Central	24	10.8%	9.9%
		Catshill North	8	3.6%	2.6%
		Catshill South	4	1.8%	1.5%
		Charford	8	3.6%	4.8%
		Cofton	2	0.9%	1.5%
		Drakes Cross	4	1.8%	0.7%
		Hagley East	2	0.9%	0.4%
		Hagley West	5	2.2%	1.5%
		Hill Top	9	4.0%	3.3%
		Hollywood	3	1.3%	1.1%
		Lickey Hills	4	1.8%	2.2%
		Lowes Hill	7	3.1%	5.5%
		Marlbrook	9	4.0%	4.0%
		Norton	5	2.2%	4.0%
Perryfields	3	1.3%	2.6%		
Rock Hill	8	3.6%	3.3%		
Rubery North	1	0.4%	2.2%		
Rubery South	4	1.8%	1.8%		
Sanders Park	8	3.6%	4.0%		
Sidemoor	20	9.0%	5.9%		

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		Slideslow	8	3.6%	3.7%
		Tardebigge	10	4.5%	4.4%
		Wythall East	5	2.2%	1.1%
		Wythall West	3	1.3%	0.7%
Q3	How important are the current Bromsgrove District Council priorities to you? (A description of each priority was provided)				
Q3a (218)	Economic Development	Extremely important	79	36.2%	-
		Very important	79	36.2%	-
		Somewhat important	46	21.1%	-
		Not so important	10	4.6%	-
		Not at all important	4	1.8%	-
Q3b (222)	Environment	Extremely important	117	52.7%	-
		Very important	64	28.8%	-
		Somewhat important	34	15.3%	-
		Not so important	6	2.7%	-
		Not at all important	1	0.5%	-
Q3c (220)	Housing	Extremely important	51	23.2%	-
		Very important	50	22.7%	-
		Somewhat important	67	30.5%	-
		Not so important	32	14.5%	-
		Not at all important	20	9.1%	-
Q3d (222)	Infrastructure	Extremely important	122	55.0%	-
		Very important	64	28.8%	-
		Somewhat important	29	13.1%	-
		Not so important	5	2.3%	-
		Not at all important	2	0.9%	-
Q4 (221)	Which services do you think it is important for the Council to invest in? Please note that Highways are not included as this is a Worcestershire County Council function Please pick your top 3 most important.	Community and Voluntary Sector	31	14.0%	14.1%
		Community Parks and Open Spaces	83	37.6%	37.3%
		Community Safety	95	43.0%	44.6%
		Environmental Sustainability	62	28.1%	21.4%
		Events and Arts Activities	30	13.6%	18.1%
		Housing	42	19.0%	-
		Local Economic Development and Employment	99	44.8%	47.1%
		Maintenance of the Landscape and Environment	98	44.3%	43.8%
		Strategic Housing	8	3.6%	24.6%
		Waste and Recycling	80	36.2%	39.1%
		Welfare and Financial Support	38	17.2%	21.0%
		Other (please specify) E.g. Infrastructure, social care, public transport	13	5.9%	-

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Q5	How important are the following council services to you when considering how Bromsgrove District Council manages its budget? (A description of each service area was provided)				
Q5a (219)	Business Transformation & Organisational Development	Extremely important	14	6.4%	-
		Very important	56	25.6%	-
		Somewhat important	78	35.6%	-
		Not so important	54	24.7%	-
		Not at all important	17	7.8%	-
Q5b (217)	Community & Housing Services	Extremely important	30	13.8%	-
		Very important	93	42.9%	-
		Somewhat important	63	29.0%	-
		Not so important	21	9.7%	-
		Not at all important	10	4.6%	-
Q5c (219)	Corporate Services	Extremely important	3	1.4%	-
		Very important	27	12.3%	-
		Somewhat important	60	27.4%	-
		Not so important	86	39.3%	-
		Not at all important	43	19.6%	-
Q5d (220)	Environmental Services	Extremely important	80	36.4%	-
		Very important	92	41.8%	-
		Somewhat important	39	17.7%	-
		Not so important	7	3.2%	-
		Not at all important	2	0.9%	-
Q5e (221)	Financial & Customer Services	Extremely important	43	19.5%	-
		Very important	68	30.8%	-
		Somewhat important	84	38.0%	-
		Not so important	17	7.7%	-
		Not at all important	9	4.1%	-
Q5f (220)	Legal, Democratic & Elections Services	Extremely important	16	7.3%	-
		Very important	56	25.5%	-
		Somewhat important	87	39.5%	-
		Not so important	45	20.5%	-
		Not at all important	16	7.3%	-
Q5g (220)	Planning & Leisure Services	Extremely important	60	27.3%	-
		Very important	91	41.4%	-
		Somewhat important	52	23.6%	-
		Not so important	15	6.8%	-
		Not at all important	2	0.9%	-

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Q5h (220)	Regeneration & Property	Extremely important	52	23.6%	-
		Very important	87	39.5%	-
		Somewhat important	57	25.9%	-
		Not so important	20	9.1%	-
		Not at all important	4	1.8%	-
Q5i (218)	Regulatory Services	Extremely important	18	8.3%	-
		Very important	54	24.8%	-
		Somewhat important	100	45.9%	-
		Not so important	32	14.7%	-
		Not at all important	14	6.4%	-
Q6 (222)	Do you support fees and charges (such as hire costs) rising by 4% to keep them in line with inflation and rising staffing costs?	Strongly agree	21	9.5%	7.6%
		Agree	83	37.4%	32.6%
		Neither agree nor disagree	59	26.6%	19.9%
		Disagree	33	14.9%	24.3%
		Strongly disagree	26	11.7%	15.6%
Q7	In order to maintain services, what level of increase to Bromsgrove District Council's proportion of Council Tax do you support?				
Q7a (198)	Increase of 1.99%	Strongly agree	42	21.2%	24.8%
		Agree	75	37.9%	36.7%
		Neither agree nor disagree	39	19.7%	19.3%
		Disagree	17	8.6%	9.2%
		Strongly disagree	25	12.6%	10.1%
Q7b (208)	Increase of 2.99%	Strongly agree	33	15.9%	20.0%
		Agree	45	21.6%	25.8%
		Neither agree nor disagree	32	15.4%	11.6%
		Disagree	43	20.7%	15.3%
		Strongly disagree	55	26.4%	27.4%
Q8 (143)	Please let us know your suggestions for investing in the District to increase prosperity and enhance appeal for residents and businesses alike.	This was an open question and the comments will be analysed separately			
Q9 (98)	Please let us know any other comments on the budget or ideas for reducing costs or increasing income to ensure Council services remain sustainable.	This was an open question and the comments will be analysed separately			

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About You					
<p>Answering these questions is optional. Any answers are completely anonymous and confidential. The reason why we ask you these questions is so we can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make our council services open to everyone in the district - Treat everyone fairly and appropriately when they use our services - In consultations, make sure that we have views from all across the district <p>The Equality Act 2010 makes these aims part of our legal duties. Your answers help us check that we have met the law and help improve our services.</p>					
Q10 (220)	What is your current housing status?	Owner	148	67.3%	62.9%
		Mortgaged	48	21.8%	25.0%
		Part rent/part buy	1	0.5%	0.7%
		Private renting	8	3.6%	2.6%
		Council tenant	4	1.8%	2.2%
		Social housing	5	2.3%	2.2%
		Living with relatives	5	2.3%	1.1%
		Prefer not to say	0	0.0%	2.9%
		Other (please specify)	1	0.5%	0.4%
Q11 (218)	Which of the following best describes your age?	16-19yrs	3	1.4%	0.0%
		20-29yrs	3	1.4%	1.1%
		30-39yrs	17	7.8%	8.1%
		40-49yrs	22	10.1%	9.9%
		50-59yrs	41	18.8%	18.7%
		60-69yrs	58	26.6%	27.5%
		70-79yrs	52	23.9%	25.6%
		80+ years	16	7.3%	5.1%
		Prefer not to say	6	2.8%	4.0%
Q12 (219)	Do you have any long-standing health condition or disability? <small>(The Equality Act 2010 defines disability as 'a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities')</small>	Yes	61	27.9%	26.4%
		No	146	66.7%	64.8%
		Prefer not to say	12	5.5%	8.8%
Q13 (219)	Which best describes your gender?	Female	93	42.5%	44.9%
		Male	114	52.1%	50.0%
		Prefer not to say	11	5.0%	4.4%
		Other (please specify)	1	0.5%	0.7%
Q14 (217)	Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?	Yes	206	94.9%	-
		No	0	0.0%	-
		Prefer not to say	11	5.1%	-

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Q15 (219)	Which best describes your ethnicity	White English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish. British	207	94.5%	89.7%
		Any other White background	1	0.5%	2.2%
		Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups	1	0.5%	1.5%
		Asian or Asian British	0	0.0%	0.4%
		Black, African, Caribbean or Black British Arab	0	0.0%	0.0%
		Prefer not to say	8	3.7%	5.5%
		Other ethnic group	2	0.9%	0.7%
Q16 (219)	Which best describes your religion or belief?	Atheist	28	12.8%	10.3%
		Buddhist	0	0.0%	0.0%
		Christian	118	53.9%	52.6%
		Humanist	3	1.4%	3.3%
		Hindu	0	0.0%	0.0%
		Jewish	0	0.0%	0.0%
		Muslim	1	0.5%	1.1%
		Pagan	3	1.4%	2.6%
		Sikh	0	0.0%	0.0%
		No religion/belief	49	22.4%	18.4%
		Prefer not to say	10	4.6%	9.6%
Other (please specify)	7	3.2%	2.2%		
Q17 (217)	Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?	Bisexual	7	3.2%	3.3%
		Heterosexual	177	81.6%	80.4%
		Lesbian or Gay	7	3.2%	2.2%
		Prefer not to say	26	12.0%	13.0%