

Budget Consultation 2014/15 - Summary of Responses

Question	No. of Responses	% Of responses	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Don't Mind	Support	Strongly Support
1 Name of respondent	22/32						
2 Responding as a resident or local business?	18 residents 2 businesses 4 both	75% 8.3% 16.7					
3 Address of respondent	20/32						
4 Business name and address	6/6	100%					
5 Freezing CDC Council Tax	32/32	100%	2 6.3%	4 12.5%	2 6.3%	7 21.9%	17 53.1%
6 A freeze in car parking charges 2014/15	32/32	100%	1 3.1%	0 0%	4 12.5%	8 25%	19 59.4%
7 A freeze in garden waste collection fees	32/32	100%	1 3.1%	0 0%	6 18.8%	9 28.1%	16 50%
8 A freeze in personal use of leisure and museum services	30/32	93.8%	3 10%	3 10%	11 36.7%	6 20%	7 23.3%
9 Savings in management overhead rather than service cuts	30/32	93.8%	28 93.3%	2 6.7%			
10 Use of New Homes Bonus to compensate for other cuts to Government funding and protect local services	30/32	93.8%	3 10%	2 6.7%	5 16.7%	14 46.7%	6 20%
11 Maintaining service standards in 2014/15	21/32	65.6%	20 95.2%	1 4.8%			

			Agree	Disagree	
12	The Council is not proposing to make any changes to grants to voluntary sector for 2014/15	21/32	19 90.5%	2 9.5%	
13	Any further comments:	8/32	25%		
	<p>I would be completely opposed to reducing the strength of management services if it resulted in any diminution of services to the public. Car parking charges are much too high (parking's mostly free in neighbouring West Oxfordshire). I would hope that an element of the New Homes Bonus would be passed on to the Parish Councils who, after all, represent the people most affected by any new development.</p>				
	<p>The council seems to be recognising that we are all under tight financial constraints and cannot afford any increased in local taxation</p>				
	<p>New Homes Bonus: I do not believe the NHB was designed to subsidise council tax. It should be predominantly used to provide infrastructure support particularly to communities most affected by the increased build. Central Government: "Local councils can decide how to spend the New Homes Bonus. However, we expect local councils to consult communities about how they will spend the money, especially communities where housing stock has increased". At Moreton-in-Marsh we are experiencing a significant increase in house building with more to come (ref. SHLAA/Local Plan/short fall in 5-year housing land supply). In short I object in principal to the possibility that these monies may be used to subsidise the council tax of other residents in the district. The community has already been severely divided over several planning matters and the Town Council is barely functioning due to rifts over planning and a constant string of resignations. I think CDC should give more consideration to the future of Moreton-in-Marsh. Perhaps providing money and support for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan would be a constructive move as well being a deserving cause.</p>				
	<p>It is essential that local government (and also National government) stands still for a period and reassesses what its is doing and by standing still solidifies its base.</p>				
	<p>In a time of reduced central government contributions, this is difficult but it is important to reduce local government clerical and administrative fat.</p>				
	<p>New Homes Bonus should be directed in part to those communities where the new homes are being built so that they can strengthen the infrastructure where possible. After all the Bonus is being top sliced to support the Local Enterprise Partnership , why can't there also be a local slice of the cake ?</p>				

It is very important to keep the small businesses in our community strong and healthy as possible. I am a small business owner started a new business ten days ago in Moreton in Marsh and I can see that more needed to be done to attract interest in our area and keep it lively as possible. I strongly recommend to freeze all the rates and charges as possible and the same time organise meetings to impose new ideas for more small businesses into our Cotswold area.

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I am living in this area for the last 5 years now and 15 years in UK and I have noticed that communities are disappearing slowly due to lack of ideas, investment and people's commitment. Maybe is time for a real change?

Where comments related to Highways Services or the nationally set charge for business rates, these comments have not been included as they are not within the control of the District Council.