

Budget consultation:

In its draft budget proposals for 2019/2020, the council is forced to consider proposals which include:

- Reductions in street cleansing, grass cutting and highways maintenance
- The closure of two Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Reduced spending on libraries, youth, adult services and day care provision
- Reductions in school budgets and school initiatives
- Increases in school meal prices
- The Community Safety Wardens service to cease
- Closure of public toilets and four community centres
- Cease Meals on Wheels service except for clients under section 117

The council's draft budget savings proposals also include a proposed 6.95% increase in council tax in order to help the council meet its extremely challenging savings targets. The increase would equate to an annual increase of £73.51, or a weekly increase of £1.41 based on a Band D property.

These proposals are now subject to a period of widespread public consultation, **beginning on Monday 19th November and running until the closing date: Friday 11th January 2019.**

There are a number of ways to have a say.

The council will be running a number of face to face drop-in sessions across Caerphilly county borough over the coming weeks. Dates, times and locations are below:

- Rhymney library - 26 November, 10am to 1pm
- Bargoed library - 27 November, 2pm to 5.45pm
- Caerphilly library - 29 November, 2pm to 6pm
- New Tredegar, White Rose Centre - 30 November, 10.30am to 1.30pm
- Risca Palace, 3 December, 10.30am to 2.30pm
- **Ystrad Mynach library, 6 December, 10am to 12.30pm**
- Newbridge Tabernacle - 11 December, 10.30am to 1.30pm
- Nelson library - 12 December, 3pm to 6pm
- Blackwood library - 13 December, 10.30am to 2.30pm

Residents who want to attend the drop-in sessions and have any specific requirements such as access, hearing loop, require translation facilities or wish to use the Welsh language at the event please contact us on 01443 864354 or communicationsunit@caerphilly.gov.uk

A full list of the proposed savings for 2019/2020 can be found here: [Draft Savings Proposals 2019/20 \(PDF\)](#)

Having read the list of proposed savings, the consultation survey can be completed here:

The Caerphilly Conversation 2019/20

Full details of the proposed savings and a copy of the survey will also be included in the December edition of Newsline, which is published week commencing 3rd December 2018.

[The Caerphilly Conversation \(PDF\)](#) Hard copies of the budget consultation documents are also available from local libraries, leisure centres, customer service centres and council offices.