

Delivering the Budget - Securing the Future - Residents Survey 2013			I would support this proposal		I have no opinion on this proposal		I would not support this proposal		Total		Skipped	Comments
BUDGET	PROPOSAL	20/02/2014	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	Count	Count
BUILDING STRONG COMMUNITIES	PROPOSAL: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND DEMAND REDUCTION IN STREET CLEANING AND PARKS AND OPEN SPACES	We spend approximately £1.2million each year cleaning up litter from our streets and maintaining parks and opens spaces. This proposal is about working with you to help reduce the amount of litter that is dropped in the Borough, looking at alternative ways of cleaning up and maintaining land and open spaces. This would result in a saving of £600,000 per year.	63.3%	126	12.1%	24	24.6%	49	100.0%	199	1	63
	PROPOSAL: TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SERVICES TO OTHERS - HEAD OF STEAM MUSEUM AND COCKERTON LIBRARY	The proposal allows for a two year period working with interested parties to take over the operation of these two facilities at a nil cost to the Council resulting in a saving of £300,000 per year. No funding will remain in the budget for these services after March 2016.	62.0%	116	14.4%	27	23.5%	44	99.9%	187	13	34
	PROPOSAL: WORKING DIFFERENTLY WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR	The proposal relies on closer working with the sector to reduce Council financial input in terms of grants by working together to :a) Identifying which outcomes are priorities for Darlington b) Reviewing and improving how the Council partners and contracts with the sector c) Working with the sector to achieve better value for money for all concerned including reviewing how the Council provides services d) To work with the sector to identify new funding sources, match funding and to maximise existing funding e) To identify ways to reduce costs for the sector and the Council This would result in a saving of £200,000 per year.	65.9%	116	21.6%	38	12.5%	22	100.0%	176	24	28
BUDGET THEME: GROW THE DARLINGTON ECONOMY	PROPOSAL: ECONOMIC GROWTH	This proposal is about raising an extra £1.5 million from either the building of additional new homes over and above those already anticipated or significant additional business rates from new business within the borough. To put it into context the delivery of £1.5m will require either approximately 565 additional council tax band D homes to be built above the 696 already anticipated, two new large business distribution centres being opened in the borough, 12 new office blocks or a combination of all three.	61.3%	106	15.6%	27	23.1%	40	100.0%	173	27	46
BUDGET THEME: EVERY PUBLIC POUND WELL SPENT	PROPOSAL: PUBLIC SECTOR COLLABORATION AND JOINT COMMISSIONING	The Council will strive to reduce overall expenditure by £1.3 million by working and commissioning with others. This will include potential partnerships with Tees Valley Councils around waste collection and disposal, the Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group and other Councils. This target will mean potentially significant changes to how services are delivered.	64.3%	108	16.1%	27	19.6%	33	100.0%	168	32	41
	PROPOSAL: INTERNAL EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND RESTRUCTURING	The Council has delivered £18.1m from efficiency since 2010, this proposal is to achieve a further £800,000 saving from internal efficiency improvements, and restructuring of the workforce.	67.5%	112	15.1%	25	17.5%	29	100.1%	166	34	44
	PROPOSAL: SERVICE REDESIGNS - The Money Talks events identified that some statutory services could be redesigned and still achieve the same outcomes and likewise the cost of some key discretionary services could be further reduced whilst ensuring they continue. Collectively these would result in a saving of £1.2 million	a) Dolphin & Eastbourne Leisure Facilities - Reshaping services delivered and maximising income through sales and partnerships with a health focus, resulting in a saving of £440,000	70.7%	116	18.3%	30	11.0%	18	100.0%	164	164	29
		b) Homelessness Service – Re-commissioning and re-design, resulting in a saving of £350,000	62.3%	101	27.2%	44	10.5%	17	100.0%	162	38	20
		c) Lifeline Services – Removal of subsidy by redesign/fees/partner contributions, resulting in a saving of £330,000	52.5%	85	34.0%	55	13.6%	22	100.1%	162	38	15

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		e) Crown Street Library – Reduced opening hours, resulting in a saving of £45,000	50.0%	80	14.4%	23	35.6%	57	100.0%	160	40	44
	PROPOSAL: ADULT SOCIAL CARE	This proposal is about working with you and our partners to find other ways to support people's needs. This could involve closer working with our health colleagues, stronger support within communities and more preventative work resulting in a saving of £3 million per year. The achievement of this saving will require a variety of elements such as:- a) Reduced demand for costly services by increasing low level support, the Good Friends scheme will assist. b) New contracts for services such as Domiciliary Care c) Reviews of existing support arrangements d) Working with partners e) Increasing the use of direct payments to reduce the costs of some maintained services.	52.2%	83	23.9%	38	23.9%	38	100.0%	159	41	32
	PROPOSAL: CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE	We pay on average £50,000 per year to take care of each child that we look after. As the number increases then so do other costs such as legal costs, travel etc. The proposal is to continue to provide an effective preventative service, closely aligned to partners and to social work teams, to provide early support for families where there is a risk the child may come into care in order to reduce the current number of children in care. Work will also be undertaken to reduce the cost of placements, through reviewing the fostering service and making greater use of brokerage of placements. This proposal will result in a saving of £1.75 million.	63.9%	101	20.3%	32	15.8%	25	100.0%	158	42	21
	PROPOSAL: PUBLIC HEALTH	The current public health grant is approximately £6.8 million. Now that Public Health is within the Council we need to look at ways of using our budget differently to get maximum benefit. This proposal is about changing the way in which we spend our Public Health budget to better meet the needs and to get maximum benefit from the services that the Council already delivers around health. This could involve closer working with our other health colleagues, stronger support within communities and more preventative work resulting in a saving of £2.7 million.	66.7%	104	19.2%	30	14.1%	22	100.0%	156	44	21
	PROPOSAL: COUNCIL TAX INCREASE OF 2% IN 2014/15	The proposed Medium Term Financial Plan includes a 2% increase in Council tax for 2014/15 and assumes the same increase each year thereafter. 2% is the maximum increase allowed by the Government. The 2% increase will raise an additional income of £600,000.	48.7%	76	8.3%	13	42.9%	67	99.9%	156	44	45
	During the Money Talks events people raised a number of issues that we would also like to ask you about:	People at the events asked if we were considering increasing council tax beyond the 2% planned to ensure that services could continue to be delivered. What are your views on an increase in Council Tax above 2%?	29.0%	45	7.7%	12	63.2%	98	99.9%	155	45	48