

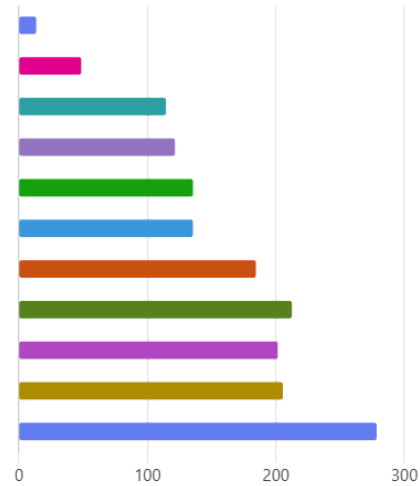
# Budget Consultation Responses

## Responses Overview Closed

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### 1. Please select your age group.

18 - 24	13
25 - 29	48
30 - 34	114
35 - 39	121
40 - 44	135
45 - 49	135
50 - 54	184
55 - 59	212
60 - 64	201
65 - 70	205
70 +	278



### 2. Please enter the postcode of your address without spaces (for example LE673PD).

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132 respondents (9%) answered LE67 for this question.

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3. Are you a resident, business owner or council tenant (tick all that apply)?

● Resident	1544
● Business owner	53
● Council tenant	105



4. We're planning to increase council tax by 2.5%.

This means most households in the district will pay an increase of £4.07 or less this year for district council services.

- A band D bill will increase by £4.07\*\*
- 70% of homes in North West Leicestershire are in Band A – D

\*\*This increase is for the district council part of the bill only. Other organisations that share the council tax income - Leicestershire County Council, Leicestershire Police, Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service and town and parish councils - may increase their parts of the bill to different degrees, increasing the overall bill by more than that stated.

Just like household expenses, the cost of providing services such as waste collection increases over time due to inflation.

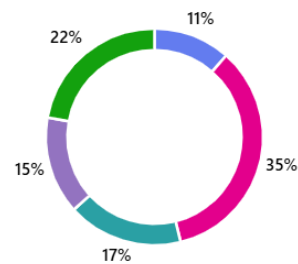
As our community grows, so does the demand for services. More residents mean more resources are needed to ensure everyone receives the support they need.

Sometimes, changes in government funding mean councils receive less money from central government. Increasing council tax helps bridge this gap to continue providing vital services.

Council tax makes up around a quarter of our total income. This increase is important to balance the budget for the coming year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

● Strongly agree	189
● Agree	570
● Neither agree or disagree	283
● Disagree	240
● Strongly disagree	364



**5. We're planning to increase what we charge for some services in line with inflation to help with the cost of providing these services. For example:**

- People who have more than one garden waste bin and pay for the extra collection service will pay £1 more a year for 24 collections each year.
- Businesses will pay slightly more for waste and recycling collections and bags (between 10p and 40p more per collection, depending on the waste being collected).
- It will cost £1 more per match to hire one of our football or 3G pitches.

You can see a full list of the proposed fees and charges for each service area here: [www.nwleics.gov.uk/budget2025](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/budget2025)

These small increases will contribute towards a balanced budget for the coming year.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



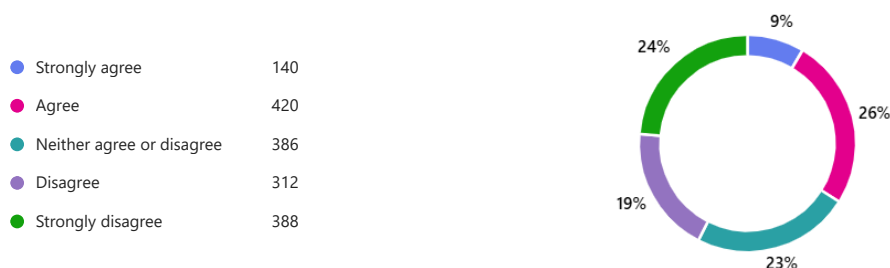
**6. We're planning to spend almost £3 million to renovate the Marlborough Centre in Coalville town centre (funded from the Business Rates Reserve).**

This latest investment will restore the historic front of the shops that go from Marlborough Square, down Belvoir Road and onto Owen Street.

We will create apartments on the upper floor to sell once they're complete, which will offset some of the development costs.

We fund one-off projects like this using money from our reserves, which we've built up over a number of years using our income from business rates.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



**7. Fees for renting a stall at Newmarket and Marlborough Square will stay the same as last year.**

This is to support local businesses, particularly small businesses and start-ups, to establish a regular market in Coalville.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



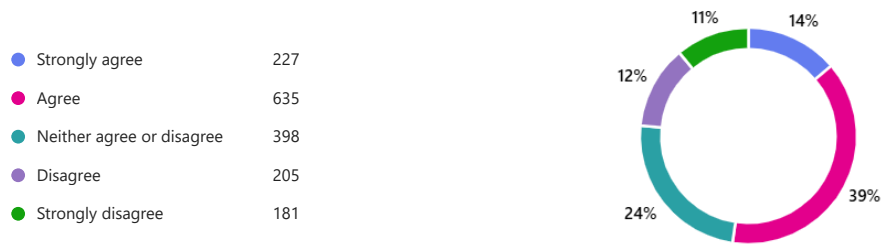
**8. We’re planning to invest £3.7 million over the next two years to create a new enterprise park to support the creation and growth of small businesses across the district (funded using one-off money from our Business Rates Reserve).**

Once this employment land is developed, we will rent or sell the units.

This project aims to support business growth whilst paying back the development costs and providing an ongoing income to help address our funding pressures.

We fund one-off projects like this using money from our reserves, which we’ve built up over a number of years using our income from business rates.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



**9. We’re planning to spend £1.3 million to update vehicles and equipment, making them low or zero carbon wherever possible.**

Old vehicles will be sold and the money reinvested in services.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



**10. We're planning to increase rents for our council homes by 2.7%**

For most of our tenants, this will mean they pay between £3.07 and £3.65 more per week for their home.

Those tenants who are more vulnerable are protected with increases in their benefits above this level, so they will not be negatively impacted.

Our housing service is funded using a separate budget to all other services (the Housing Revenue Account).

Our rental income is ringfenced and can only be spent within our housing service, maintaining and investing in our homes.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



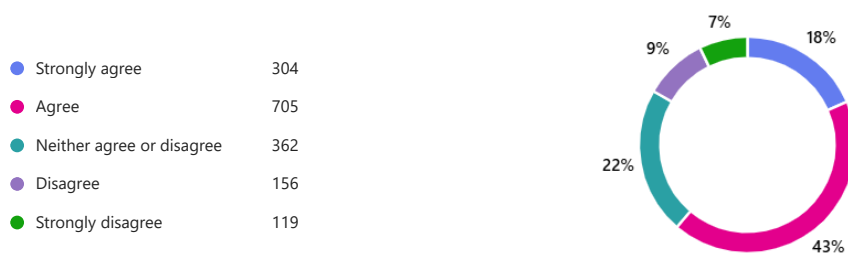
**11. We plan to spend £4.5 million improving our tenants' homes through our Home Improvement Programme.**

This is in addition to other regular improvements and maintenance

This is being funded through one-off money in our housing-specific reserves, built up from rental income.

Our housing service is funded using a separate budget to all other services (the Housing Revenue Account) and the money can only be spent in this service.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**



12. **We're planning to spend £4 million making zero carbon improvements to our council homes.**

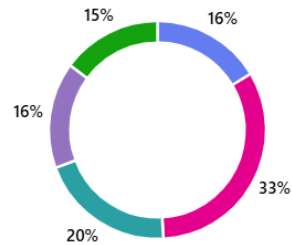
This work will make council homes more environmentally friendly and reduce energy bills for our tenants.

This is being funded using a government grant that can only be spent on council housing.

Our housing service is funded using a separate budget to all other services (the Housing Revenue Account) and cannot be spent on other services.

**Do you agree with this proposal?**

● Strongly agree	270
● Agree	539
● Neither agree or disagree	333
● Disagree	259
● Strongly disagree	245



13. **Do you have any comments on any other parts of the budget proposals for 2025/26?**

You can read all the proposals at [www.nwleics.gov.uk/budget2025](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/budget2025)

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"No. However the large amount of money spent on the 'metal tree' sculpture on N..."

"As usual, improving Tourism in Ashby and rail links is not mentioned. Save on cou..."

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