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Bristol's budget 2026 to 2027

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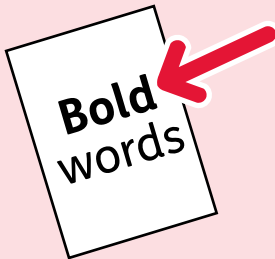
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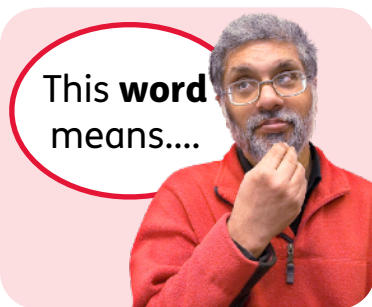
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this booklet

Each year, Bristol City Council has to plan:



- How much money we will spend.



- Where to get the money we plan to spend.



This plan is called a budget.



This booklet has questions for you to answer to help us make our budget.

About our budget



This year, Bristol City Council has some challenges to pay for all of the services it provides.



We think we will have £20.8 million less to spend on services than we need.



More people in Bristol need our services, as there are more people living here and more people are getting older.



We get money to pay for services from **Council Tax** and from the government.



Council Tax is money that people pay to their local council for important services like helping families who need more support, emptying bins and fixing roads.



We are thinking about increasing the Council Tax that people in Bristol pay.



But this is not enough to pay for everything.



So we have some plans to stop spending as much money on some services.



Please tell us what you think of our plans by answering the questions in this booklet and sending it back to us.

What do you think?



Before we decide how much we ask people to pay, we want to know what you think.



Please read this booklet and tell us what you think by answering the questions.



You do not have to answer all the questions if you do not want to.



Please send this booklet back to us by Wednesday 26 November 2025.



If you need to get this survey in a different way, like braille or British Sign Language, please contact us by:



- Email: consultation@bristol.gov.uk



- Phone: 0117 922 2848

Questions about Council Tax



We are looking at how much Council Tax we ask people to pay from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027.



The government expects councils to increase Council Tax by 5% every year.



If we did this, we would get £15.1 million to spend on services from April 2026 to March 2027.



But we would still need to get an extra £20.8 million from somewhere else to pay for all the services.

The 5% increase will be made up of 2 parts:



- 3% to pay for general council services.



- 2% to pay for **Social Care** services.

Social Care is support for people who need help with living their lives, like washing or cooking for themselves.

3% for general council services



A 3% increase in Council Tax for general services would give us £9 million to spend on services.



It would cost people different amounts depending on the type of home they live in.



For people living in Band A Council Tax homes, it would cost them £0.85 a week more.



For people living in Band D Council Tax homes, it would cost them £1.27 a week more.



Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with Council Tax going up by 3% to pay for general council services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



2% for Social Care services



Social Care services cost the council a lot of money.



We think we need to increase Council Tax to help pay for these services.



A 2% increase in Council Tax would give us £6 million more to spend on Social Care.



For people living in Band A Council Tax homes, it would cost them £0.56 a week more.



For people living in Band D Council Tax homes, it would cost them £0.85 a week more.



Question 2: Do you agree or disagree with Council Tax going up by 2% to pay for Social Care services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 3: If you would like to tell us why you agree or disagree with our plans for Council Tax, please write them in the box here:

Spending less so we can save money



Not enough

Even if we increase Council Tax, we will still not have enough money to pay for all of the services we provide.



£20.8 million

We think we will need to save £20.8 million from 2026 to 2027.



We also think we will need to save more money over the next 5 years.



We will ask you about different services and the amount of money we are planning to save on each of them over the next 5 years.

Questions about Adult Social Care services



Adult Social Care services give support to people who need extra support to live their lives.

Respite care services



We plan to look at how we provide **respite care** services.

Respite care gives short breaks for carers and the people they support.



We will see how we can save money on these services.



We still want to provide good respite services to carers and the people they support.



We are planning to spend £250,000 less on these services in 2026 to 2027.



After 2027, we do not think we will need to spend any less on these services.



Question 4: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at how we provide respite care and spend £250,000 less on these services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Adult Social Care day services



We plan to look at how we provide day activities for adults with additional needs.



At the moment, there are day centres where people can go to do activities.



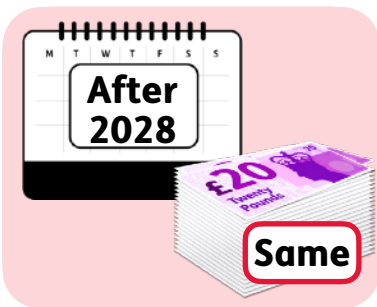
We would look at the activities people need and where to provide them.



We plan to spend £300,000 less on adult day services in 2026 to 2027.



We then plan to spend an extra £300,000 less on adult day services in 2027 to 2028.



After that, we think we can continue to spend the same as in 2027 to 2028.



Question 5: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at how we provide adult day services and spend £600,000 less each year on these services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



How we charge for Adult Social Care



We plan to look at how we charge people for Adult Social Care services.



This may mean we can find ways of making more money than we do now.



We do not plan to spend less on any of these services.



Question 6: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at how we charge people for Adult Social Care services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



How we check the care people get



We plan to look at how we check that people are getting the right care for their needs.



This could help people to live on their own by giving them more skills to do things for themselves.



We plan to spend an £1 million less on these services in 2026 to 2027.



We then plan to spend an extra £1 million less on these services in 2027 to 2028.



We think we can continue to spend the same as in 2027 to 2028.



Question 7: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at how we check people's care and spend £2 million less on these services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Changes to how we plan home care services



We want to make sure we are paying a fair price for home care services.



We want people to be able to use technology to help them in their homes, like alarms or sensors.



This will help them to do more for themselves at home.



We plan to spend £1.2 million less on these services in 2026 to 2027.



We think we can continue to spend the same as in 2026 to 2027.



Question 8: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at how we plan home care services and spend £1.2 million less on these services?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Adult Social Care services we provide



At the moment, we provide Adult Social Care services to people who need them.



These services are things like day activities and community meals.



We are looking at all of the services we provide.



We have not made any decisions about what will happen to these services yet.



We will include people who use these services and their supporters when we make any changes.



We plan to spend £500,000 less on these services from 2027 to 2028, an extra £500,000 from 2028 to 2029, and an additional £500,000 on top of this from 2029 to 2030.



Question 9: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to look at the services we provide and spend £1.5 million less on these services over 3 years?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 10: If you would like to tell us anything else about our plans for Adult Social Care, please write it in the box here:

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Questions about children and young people's services

Improving support for children as they become adults



We plan to improve the support for disabled children as they become adults.



We will check the support we provide in all of our services.



This will make it easier for young people and their families to move from children's services to adult services.



We do not plan to spend any less on these services.



Question 11: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to improve services for disabled children when they become adults?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 12: If you would like to tell us anything else about our plans for children and young people's services, please write it in the box here:

Questions about car parking charges

Charging for parking on the Downs



We are planning to start charging people to park their cars on the Downs.



We expect this to bring in £100,000 in 2027 to 2028 and £100,000 more in 2028 to 2029.



In all future years this will bring in £200,000 each year.



Question 13: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to charge people to park on the Downs?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Making parking charges the same across the city



From 2026 to 2027, we plan to make parking charges the same across the city.



This will make parking charges simpler and easier to understand.



We think this will bring in £500,000 in 2026 to 2027. In all future years this will bring in £500,000 each year.



Question 14: Do you agree or disagree with our plan to make parking charges the same across the city?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 15: If you would like to tell us anything else about our plans for parking charges, please write it in the box here:

Questions about how we use our money and buildings

Weddings and funerals



We are planning to give people more choices about how they get married at the Old Council House and our other wedding buildings.



This will bring in more money as people will need to pay for the extra choices.



We are also planning to increase the costs of training to work in a **mortuary**.

A **mortuary** is where people who have died are prepared to be buried or cremated.



We think this will bring in £36,000 in 2026 to 2027. In all future years this will bring in £36,000 each year.



Question 16: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to bring in more money from weddings and funerals?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Giving money to cultural projects



Cultural projects are things that celebrate how people live, like art, music and shows.



We are planning to give less money to cultural projects from 2027.



We will carry on supporting the cultural projects we promised to give money to until they finish.



We are working to find new ways that cultural projects can get money from other places.



We think that this will reduce the costs by £635,000 over 3 years from 2026 to 2029.



Question 17: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to give less money to cultural projects?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Red Lodge Museum



We want to find ways to keep Red Lodge Museum open.



This includes things like getting more businesses to use the museum and selling more in the shop.



We expect this to bring in more money to the council over 3 years from 2026 to 2029.



By 2029 to 2030 we think this will bring in £67,000 each year to spend on keeping museums open.



Question 18: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to look at how Red Lodge Museum can be used to raise more money?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Georgian House Museum



We want to find ways to keep Georgian House Museum open.



This includes things like getting more businesses to use the museum and selling more in the shop.



We expect this to bring in more money to the council over 4 years from 2026 to 2030.



By 2029 to 2030 we think this will bring in £39,000 each year to spend on keeping museums open.



Question 19: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to look at how Georgian House Museum can be used to raise more money?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Blaise Museum



We want to find ways to keep Blaise Museum open.



This includes things like getting more businesses to use the museum and selling more in the shop.



We expect this to bring in more money to the council over 4 years from 2026 to 2030.



By 2029 to 2030 we think this will bring in £53,000 each year to spend on keeping museums open.



Question 20: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to look at how Blaise Museum can be used to raise more money?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 21: If you would like to tell us anything else about our plans for how we use our money and buildings, please write it in the box here:

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Questions about libraries and allotments

Buying library books

The council's spending is split into 2 parts:



- Day-to-day spending on the things it needs.



- Money we spend on things that the council will keep for a long time, like buildings.



At the moment, the council buys library books using its day-to-day spending money.



We plan to change this to start buying library books with the money the council spends on things it keeps for a long time.



This will mean the council has more money to spend on its day-to-day needs.



We think this will give the council £330,000 more to spend in 2026 to 2027. We would have £330,000 more to spend in all future years.



Question 22: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to change how we buy library books?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Allotments



Allotments are pieces of land where people grow plants and vegetables.



We are planning to charge people more to rent their allotments from us.



We will give people 12 months' notice before increasing the rents on allotments.



We think this will bring in £15,000 in 2026 to 2027, and an extra £15,000 in 2027 to 2028.



We think it would bring in £30,000 extra in all future years.



Question 23: Do you agree or disagree with our plans to increase the rents people pay to have an allotment?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 24: If you would like to tell us anything else about our plans for libraries and allotments, please write it in the box here:

Other comments or suggestions



Question 25: Can you think of any other ways that the council could save money or earn more money?

Questions about you



We would like to ask you some questions about yourself.



This will help us make sure we are listening to people from lots of different backgrounds.



You do not have to answer any of the questions about yourself if you do not want to.

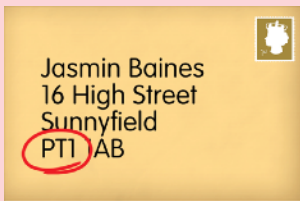


We will keep any personal information you give us safe.



Question 26: Are you...

- Someone who lives in Bristol.
- Working in Bristol but living somewhere else.
- Answering these questions for a local business.
- Answering these questions for a housing association.
- Answering these questions for a community organisation.
- A councillor.
- An MP.
- Answering these questions for a health or social care service.
- Answering these questions for a school or college.
- Answering these questions for a transport company.
- A worker at Bristol City Council.
- Other - please write it here:



Question 27: What is your postcode?

If you are filling out this survey for an organisation, please give the postcode of the organisation's building.



Question 28: How old are you?

I do not want to say.



Question 29: Are you disabled?

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 30: What is your **ethnic group**? *Only tick 1 box.*

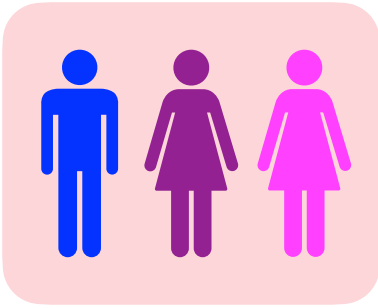
Your **ethnic group** means your race, background, or the country you or your family come from.

- Asian or Asian British.
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African.
- Gypsy, Roma or Traveller.
- More than 1 ethnic background.
- White British.
- Other White background.
- I do not want to say.
- Any other ethnic background - please write it here:



Question 31: What is your religion?

- No religion.
- Buddhist.
- Christian.
- Hindu.
- Jewish.
- Muslim.
- Pagan.
- Sikh.
- I do not want to say.
- Any other religion - please write it here:



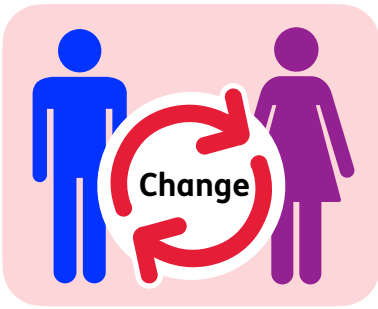
Question 32: What is your sex?

Female.

Male.

I do not want to say.

Other - please say:



Question 33a: Have you changed your gender since you were born?

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 33b: If you said “Yes” to Question 12a, please tell us how you would describe your gender here:



Question 34: Are you...

- Bisexual - you are attracted to both men and women.
- Gay or lesbian - you are attracted to people who are the same gender as you.
- Heterosexual or straight - you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender to you.
- I do not want to say.
- Other - please write it here:



Question 35: Are you pregnant or do you have a new baby?

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 36: Are you a **carer**?

A **carer** is anyone who gives support to a family member or friend without getting paid.

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 37: Have you spent any time in foster care, a children's home, or got support from a leaving care service?

This includes being adopted or coming to the UK as a child refugee.

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 38: Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

A **refugee or asylum seeker** is someone who has left their own country and asks to live in a new country.

Yes.

No.

I do not want to say.



Question 39a: How did you hear about this survey?

Please tick all the boxes that apply.

- Poster.
- It was posted to me.
- Email from the council.
- A council worker told me.
- Facebook.
- X, which used to be Twitter.
- Nextdoor.
- Instagram.
- LinkedIn.
- A message from Ask Bristol.

There are more boxes to tick on the next page.



How did you hear about this survey?
Please tick all the boxes that apply.

- From a local group that I am part of.
- From an organisation that I am part of.
- From an organisation that helps me at work.
- Local councillor or MP.
- Radio or TV.
- Newspaper or a news website.
- Citizen Service Point.
- Someone told me.
- Other - please write down how:



Question 39b: If you heard about this survey from a group or at an event, please say which one here:



Please tell us what effect the options in the booklet would have on you because of your **protected characteristics**.

Your **protected characteristics** are things about who you are, like:



- Your age.



- Your disability.



- Your **gender reassignment**.

Gender reassignment is when you change from the gender you were born with.



- Being married or in a **civil partnership**?

A **civil partnership** is a way of making your relationship legal without being married.

Your protected characteristics are also things about who you are, like:



- Being pregnant or on **maternity leave**?

Maternity leave is time off work that mothers can get when they have a new baby.



- Your race, including your colour, where you were born and your **ethnicity**.

Your **ethnicity** is your race or background. For example, black, white or Asian.



- Your religion or belief.



- Your **sex**.

Your **sex** is whether you are male or female.



Your protected characteristics also include your **sexual orientation**?

Your **sexual orientation** is who you are attracted to.



Question 40a: What effect would the options in this survey have on you because of any of your protected characteristics?

Very bad effect

Bad effect

No effect

Good effect

Very good effect





Question 40b: If you think the options in this survey would affect you, please write down how they would below:

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Make our surveys better



Question 41a: Do you agree or disagree that you have had enough information to answer the questions?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 41b: Do you agree or disagree that having these questions has made it easy for you to say what you think?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 41c: Do you agree or disagree that this survey is **accessible** to you?

Accessible means it is easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



If you ticked 'disagree' or 'disagree a lot' for any of these questions, please tell us why:

What happens next



We will read all of the answers we get from this survey.



They will help us decide what to do with the budget for next year.



Councillors will think about the plans for the budget and decide on what the budget should be.



The councillors will think about what people have told us when they decide what to do.



The council's budget for 2026 to 2027 will be decided by all councillors at a meeting on 12 February 2026.

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