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**Budget Consultation 2025/2026**

## Important Information About Our Budget for 2025/26

We need your help to plan our budget for 2025/26.

### What's Happening?

- Like many councils, we are facing money shortfalls.
- By March 2026, we may be short of over **£3 million**.
- Costs are going up, and more people need our services.
- We need to find ways to save money and bring in more income.

### How You Can Help

- We want to hear from you—our residents, our employees, businesses, and community groups.
- Starting today, **Monday 16 September**, we are asking for your opinions.
- This consultation will last for three weeks and end on **Sunday 6 October**.
- Your feedback will help us decide which services are most important.

### What Happens Next?

- After the consultation, we will review your feedback.
- We will use it to help plan our budget.
- We need to make some tough choices to save money and keep the council sustainable.

### What You Can Do

- As staff members, your role is very important.
- Please be aware of the consultation and help residents who may have questions.

- Also share your own views.
- The consultation is online at [www.mansfield.gov.uk/budgetconsultation](http://www.mansfield.gov.uk/budgetconsultation).
- If you don't have internet access, you can take part at the Civic Centre or local libraries.

### **Future Plans**

- We have already made some changes from the 2023/2024 budget.
- More changes will need to happen from April 2025.
- This might affect some services we provide.
- We need to make sure we are spending money wisely and focusing on what residents say is most important.

### **Why This Matters**

- We know this news might be worrying.
- But your voice, and the public's voice, is important in making these decisions.
- We will share a summary of what you said by mid-October.
- Your feedback will guide our final budget decisions, which will be approved in early 2025.

### **Working Together**

- Together, we can help Mansfield District Council stay strong and meet the needs of our community in the future.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

