

## BUDGET CONSULTATION – FEEDBACK

### You said

Over 90% of respondents felt that we should reduce spending most particularly on

- Democratic & Councillor Support
- Strategic Management
- Council Tax Collection
- Theatres and Entertainment
- Sports & Leisure Facilities

The following areas are where residents would like to see increases in expenditure

- Benefits Payments & Administration
- Public Conveniences
- Housing and Homelessness Services
- Coast Protection
- Community Development

41% think Council Tax should remain at current levels with 27% thinking it should be reduced and 32% thinking it should be increased

81% were prepared to pay more to use sports & leisure facilities

Residents felt that the Council should make savings and efficiencies through increased use of electronic service delivery and procurement

### We did

An organisational review of the Strategic Management of the Council is now underway with a view to making savings. Individual service reviews will follow later this year.

The Council will conduct a review of the future delivery of sports provision in the district

Additional Government grant income has been allocated to Homelessness services

Additional funding has been made available for community projects as part of the Big Society initiative

There has been a 0.5% reduction in the rate of Council Tax compared to last year.

Increased fees and charges have been proposed for a number of sports and leisure facilities

A review of electronic service delivery is currently underway which will deliver a more cost effective and customer focused website and provide 24/7 access to services