Public impact budget setting report proposals

This is a summary of those proposals in the draft budget which are likely to have the most impact on public services.

Fuller details on these proposals, and the full set of other proposals (those with little or no expected impact on public services, or which have already been actioned or are unavoidable, but which you may also wish to review and comment on) can be found in the draft budget setting report.

- (URP5009) Providing mentoring, coaching, training and skills support for young people looking for work, training or further education.
- (URP5031) Continuing to employ additional youth liaison staff to respond to anti-social behaviour and safeguarding issues.
- (URP5090) Carrying out essential repairs to Jesus Green riverbank to prevent it from subsiding and to make it safer.
- (B5008) Providing financial support to low-income households who experience a gap between the level of benefits they receive and the cost of renting their homes.
- (B5011) Carrying out an expert assessment of how the council can reduce carbon emissions from its fleet of vehicles in a coordinated and planned way.
- (B5032) Providing a budget to enable the Council to respond to needs that emerge during the course of the year for people in poverty.
- (B5059) Converting up to 20 refuse trucks to run on hydrotreated vegetable oil, to help reduce the Council's carbon emissions, as an interim measure until more electric or hydrogen-powered trucks are purchased.
- (S5102) Cancelling the Big Weekend, which currently provides a free summer festival for residents and visitors.
- (S5106) Review of resources for public art delivery.
- (S5110) Removing subsidies for 3 current bus services provided by bus companies, from 2024 onwards. This could potentially lead to reduced operating hours and locations on the Citi 2 and Citi 3 route and the withdrawal of Citi 114 services on Saturdays, subject to bus operator decisions. However, any such change could potentially be compensated for by increased bus provision from 2024 onwards as part of the Greater Cambridge Partnership's Making Connections proposals, if those proposals are implemented.

- (S5112) Reducing the budget allocated for taxi-cards, which help disabled people on low incomes to pay for taxis, so that is in line with the current actual level of demand for taxi cards.
- (S5518) Closing underused public toilets (including full closure of Mill Road, Quayside and Chesterton Road facilities and weekend-only opening of public toilets at Chesterton Recreation Ground, Cherry Hinton High Street, Coleridge Recreation Ground, Romsey Recreation Ground and Victoria Avenue).
- (S5139) Continue for one more year not to recruit to vacant posts in Street Cleaning and grounds maintenance teams, prioritising work within available resources.
- (S5143) Deletion of one full time Public Realm Enforcement Officer post.
- (URP5012) Increase in member (councillor) allowances in line with the National Living Wage increase of 6.6% for 2022/23.