

Appendix 6 – 2020/21 Budget Consultation Plan

Consultation Plan on 2020/21 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020/21-2024/25

1. Background

The plan for consultation on the 2020/21 draft Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2020/21-2024/25, builds on the consultation exercise we ran in December/January 2018, 'Our Budget'; the feedback we have from the Residents Survey carried out earlier this year (1900 responses); and a number of formal and informal engagement activities carried out with residents and partners as part of the development of the Borough Plan for 2019-23. These have all contributed to our understanding of the issues facing the borough over the next four years, and the Budget and MTFS are designed to align with, and support the delivery of, the Borough Plan.

2. Approach to consultation

The Council consults local people and businesses on its budget proposals every year before they are approved at full Council in February.

The consultation period will last for 5 weeks, starting on Monday December 16 and finishing on Monday January 20.

A budget booklet will outline our current financial position, our long-term financial strategy, and budget proposals for 2020-21, linked to the Borough Plan priorities, and previous findings from engagement with residents.

During this consultation exercise, there will be specific focus on considering the implications of the proposals for groups with protected characteristics, including any potential cumulative impact of these decisions.

Consultation Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget booklet – print and online. Printed version will be available at local libraries and upon request• Videos for our website and for social media
Questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accompanying questionnaire – print and online• Questionnaire will seek general views on the budget proposals
Publicity and press	<p>We will publicise the consultation and promote participation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Press release• Haringey People• Haringey People Extra (4000 subscribers)• Social media platforms – Twitter and Facebook• In Haringey (newsletter for internal staff; will be aimed at those staff who are residents)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feature on homepage
Dedicated webpage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation booklet • Online questionnaire • Homepage feature on our external site • Section alerts across related webpages
Email consultation	<p>Consultation will be sent directly to key stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident groups • Traders / business alliances