

Budget Challenge

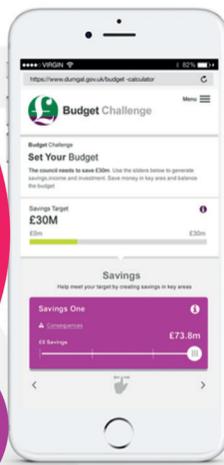
Our Council anticipates having to make £30m of savings over the next 2 years. Help us to identify where we can make these savings to balance the budget.

Watch the video



More Info

Take the Budget Challenge



Your Council's **BUDGET** Starts Here

PUBLIC BUDGET SIMULATOR CHALLENGE RESULTS

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Budget Challenge.

As you will know, our Council is facing another year of significant budget pressures. Over the next two years, it is likely that we'll need to find even more savings of over £30 million. This is on top of the £92 million of savings that our council has already made over the past six years.

There are no easy choices left. That is why our council wanted to understand your views on ways to make savings and which areas you would prioritise.

In November, we asked you to take the budget challenge. The results have been presented to councillors who are using what was said to shape their budget proposals ahead of budget setting day on 28 February 2019.

3605

of you started the budget simulator challenge



710

of you completed and submitted a budget



It took you on average **25** minutes to complete the challenge

The areas of spend where you applied the biggest saving:



£1.5M (37%) of the budget for Office accommodation and public buildings



5.6M (26%) of the budget for Customer and digital services



600K (22%) of the budget for Lifelong Learning



800K (22%) of the budget for Leisure and Sport Facilities

The areas of spend with the smallest savings:



5.7M (7%) of the budget for Health and social care for adults



3.7M (6%) of the budget for Secondary school education



3.6M (5%) of the budget for Primary school education

The most popular income proposal chosen by you:

Increase Commercial Income

(71%) eg Sell additional hours in school nurseries where there is capacity.

The most popular investment proposal chosen by you:

Energy Efficiency

(28%) eg Invest in energy efficient measures to generate savings

Some comments from Community Conversations:

- "Recycling across the region could be improved; waste collection could therefore be reduced."
- "Health and Social care for adults is vital in supporting the most vulnerable and should therefore be protected."
- "Education is vital as children and young people are the region's future."
- "Education is important, but there needs to be savings made to both primary and secondary school budgets"
- "Improve online services."

Some general comments:

- "As D and G is such a rural area, the roads are essential and need to be maintained"
- "Primary and Secondary education is important yet there is opportunity for savings through underutilised school buildings"
- "£30m savings are challenging to find"

To see the full results and for further information
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