

What do you think about how the council spends money?



A message from Newcastle City Council

Please tell us what you think by 15 January 2025.

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Every year Newcastle City Council has a certain amount of money to spend



We spend this on services like repairing roads, collecting bins and supporting people in their homes.



Some of this money comes from **Council Tax**. Council tax is money which local residents pay for the Council to run services.



Some of this money comes from the Government.



We cannot spend more money than we have.

About April 2025 to March 2026



The Council will have less money to spend next year.



More people will need to use Council services.



Some people who already use Council services may need more support.



This means it will cost more money to support people.

The Council has some ideas about what it will do



The Council may increase the Council Tax, so people pay more.



Some of the Council Tax **must be** spent on supporting people in their homes (the Adult Social Care Precept).



The Council may increase this part of the Council Tax so there is more money for adult social care.

The Council could save money by



- Helping people to live more independently and get support in their local communities. This means they might need less support from the council.



- Changing the way schools pay for school meals



- Charging residents more for some services, like having garden waste collected.

The Council wants to know what you think about these ideas.



Please tell us what you think
by **15th January 2025**.

You can tell us:



By email letstalk@newcastle.gov.uk



By post **FREEPOST Letstalk** (you don't need to use a stamp)



By filling in an online form at
www.letstalknewcastle.co.uk



You can ask someone to help you do this: a friend, family member, or someone who supports you to help.



We are asking local community groups and charities to tell you about our ideas, and to help you tell us what you think.



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Thank you for telling us your views!