

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES, BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2022-2023 FINANCIAL YEAR

CONSULTION RESPONSE FORM

Heading	Our Questions	Your ideas and thoughts (each box expands as required)
<p>The Corporate Plan</p> <p>Please see the document here:- https://www.ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/fg-ctte-26th-october-2022-item-49-appendix-2-draft-corporate-plan-(2).pdf?v=1666189660</p>	<p>Does the Plan focus on the right things?</p> <p>Are there things that should be removed from it?</p> <p>Are there things which aren't mentioned but should be?</p>	
<p>The budget and precept</p> <p>We are planning to spend £400,000 this year, which will cost a Band D household £23.51 over the full year – 45p/week, or 6.5p per week more than last year</p> <p>Here is the summary:-</p>	<p>Is this the right amount?</p> <p>Do you agree with the headings in the budget ?</p>	

	<p>Are there any lines in the budget which should be changed?</p>	
<p>Public toilets – the Council wanted to deliver some new public toilets in the town centre this year but we have not yet been to secure the land and the cost was more than we budgeted for.</p> <p>So, we still intend to complete the project in 2023/24 and have included some more funds in the budget, to add to those we have reserved from the 22/23 budget.</p> <p>The toilets will hopefully be located off Wadcroft car park and feature two cubicles, plus with baby changing facilities and disabled access. – as per this mock up picture</p>	<p>Should we continue with this project – it will cost some £90000 to provide the toilets and about £35000 a year to run them?</p>	
<p>Grants – we are looking to increase the amount available for grants to £30,000 (a £5000 increase). This comprises £20,000 for grants to local organisations and projects and £10,000 for councillors to spend on very local schemes and projects. (£500 per councillor).</p> <p>This list https://www.ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/grants-awarded-by-kettering-town-council-2022.pdf?v=1666186124 sets out what the money has gone on so far in 2022</p> <p>In 2023, one option is to have a smaller maximum grant that can be awarded - £3000 instead of £5000 so it reaches more projects</p>	<p>Should we increase the grants budget ?</p> <p>What should the grant schemes focus on?</p> <p>Is a maximum grant of £3000 better than £5000?</p> <p>Have we got the right balance between grants and the ward initiatives fund?</p> <p>Should we merge the grants budget and the community resilience budget (see below) into one larger budget and if so, what should it be prioritising?</p>	

<p>How can we best use our money to support community resilience? We want residents in the town to be healthy, have good mental health, be active, for young people to be kept away from drugs and anti-social behaviour , for people to be safe in their homes and streets, and to encourage people to be as sustainable as possible in how they live their lives. In 2022, we have made several awards from the fund – see this list. https://www.ketteringtowncouncil.gov.uk/uploads/grants-awarded-by-kettering-town-council-2022.pdf?v=1666186124</p>	<p>What should our priorities be for this fund in 2023?</p> <p>Should we focus the fund on the poorest neighbourhoods in Kettering or spend it more widely on projects which reach the right people wherever they live?</p> <p>Should we merge it with the grants budget? (as set out above)</p>	
<p>Town Lottery We set up the Town Lottery in 2022; it has so far raised £1000 for good causes and we expect that to rise to £3000 by the year end. The causes it supports are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing advice and support - Health and wellbeing ideas - More sustainable lifestyles <p>The first project for the lottery money is</p>	<p>Are these still the right priorities ?</p> <p>What specific things should it be funding?</p> <p>How can we encourage more people to play?</p>	

<p>Events – in 2023 we will increase our spending on grants by a large amount, to ensure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) we can provide Kettering by the Sea again, and b) to pay for the whole cost of Christmas festivities, lights and events, which North Northamptonshire Council will not be providing in future, as they have in the past. <p>Other revived ideas include the easter egg hunt and more summer activities.</p> <p>We are hoping the Food and Drink Festival can return in 2023, maybe for a two day event at easter and again later in the year.</p> <p>We would like to mark the Coronation of King Charles in May 2023 with events or activities</p> <p>Plus we plan to carry on events we ran in 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Band in the Park at Rockingham Rd park but with a wider mix of types of bands and on more Sundays - Skateboard activities - Street Food Saturdays including community craft markets and fun activities – five times next year 	<p>Should we shoulder all the costs of Christmas lights if NNC is not going to provide them?</p> <p>What activities would you like to see at Christmas?</p> <p>Should we bring back Kettering by the Sea?</p> <p>Would you like to see bands other than brass bands playing at Rockingham Rd park during the summer? What sort of bands would be popular?</p> <p>What sort of public events do you want to see provided?</p> <p>What should we do for the coronation weekend?</p> <p>What sort of events should we prioritise and for whom?</p> <p>Which venues should we work with?</p> <p>Apart from the town centre, where should events take place?</p>	

<p>Are their local facilities in need of renewal? We've got a modest fund to improve facilities across town.</p> <p>In 2022, we are spending money on these items</p>	<p>Is this a good use of money?</p> <p>Should we be looking to focus on specific things which need most attention?</p>	
<p>The town's general market Covid meant the market has shrunk to almost nothing. We are looking to gradually rebuild it, and have had some new traders join.</p> <p>It still needs subsidizing though</p> <p>We have had more success with several events on the Market Place in attracting new traders who are local people with small or micro businesses - Kettfest , street food Saturdays and at Christmas.</p>	<p>Should we continue to support the market with a subsidy?</p> <p>What does a good market look like in your view?</p> <p>Should we relocate the market and where to?</p> <p>Should we focus on craft markets in future, such as those which have worked well on the market place?</p>	

<p>Planting trees, rewilding and encouraging bio-diversity.</p> <p>To be completed</p>	<p>What things should we be doing?</p> <p>To complete</p>	
<p>Allotments</p> <p>All the allotments we own are well managed by local societies in Kettering but the Council pays for improvements and major repairs. There is a waiting list across the town for allotments.</p>	<p>Should we be looking to have more allotments sites – for example as part of new developments and at Hanwood Park?</p> <p>Should we try and extend the allotments we have got now?</p>	
<p>General comments</p>		<p>Anything else you would like to say? Say it here.</p>

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