

Finance Survey

We would like your views on how the Council presents information on how your council tax is spent. The Council's summarised accounts are published at the end of each year in Thanet Matters, and we would like you to help us to make this information interesting and easy to understand.

We would also like your thoughts on the proposals for how we spend our budget to improve council services next year.

For more information on this consultation please contact Hannah Thorpe on 01843 577120 or email hannah.thorpe@thanet.gov.uk

Please return all surveys by 31 January 2008

Part 1: The Council's summarised accounts

1. What are your first impressions of the summary? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Very well presented
	<input type="checkbox"/> Well presented
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Poorly presented
	<input type="checkbox"/> Very poorly presented
	Any other comments:

2. Do you think that the summary clearly shows where your Council Tax is spent? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes very clearly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes quite clearly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not adequately I would need further information
	<input type="checkbox"/> No definitely not
	Any other comments

3. Do the pie charts and tables make the financial information easier to understand? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Any other comments

4. How would you like information on the Council's accounts to be presented? PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Graphs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tables
	<input type="checkbox"/> Written summary report
	<input type="checkbox"/> Detailed written report
	Any other comments

<p>5. Please use this space to tell us if you think there is any additional information you would like to see in the summary.</p>	
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<p>6. Do you think the summary is written in plain English?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes definitely
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes in places
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure
	<input type="checkbox"/> No definitely not
	<p>Any other comments</p>

<p>7. What do you think about the length of the summary?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Too long
	<input type="checkbox"/> About right
	<input type="checkbox"/> Too short
	<p>Any other comments</p>

<p>8. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with how Thanet District Council shares this information?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dissatisfied
	<input type="checkbox"/> Very dissatisfied

<p>9. How do you think the Council should publicise this information to residents?</p> <p>PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Thanet Matters
	<input type="checkbox"/> Online
	<input type="checkbox"/> As a separate annual financial report
	<input type="checkbox"/> As a more detailed report with information on other Council performance
	<p>Any other comments</p>

Part 3: About You

12. Your post code:	
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13. Your gender: PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
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14. Your age group: PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24
	<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44
	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64
	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74	<input type="checkbox"/> Over 75

15. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes Please go to question 16	<input type="checkbox"/> No Please go to question 17
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16. Which of the following does your illness or disability affect: PLEASE TICK ALL THAT APPLY	<input type="checkbox"/> Your hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Your learning ability
	<input type="checkbox"/> Your vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Your mental health
	<input type="checkbox"/> Your speech	<input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy
	<input type="checkbox"/> Your mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Asthma
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other please state:	

17. To which of these groups do you consider you belong to? PLEASE TICK ONE BOX ONLY	<input type="checkbox"/> White: British	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed: White and Black African
	<input type="checkbox"/> White: Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed: White and Asian
	<input type="checkbox"/> White: Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed: Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British: Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Indian
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British: African	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British: Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British: other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Chinese	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other please state	

Please complete and return surveys free of charge to:
Communications, FREEPOST SEA 8273, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate CT9 1XZ.

Please return survey by Thursday 31 January 2008