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## Summary of Consultation

### Introduction

The Council regularly seeks the views of residents and partners on the priorities for investment, service provision and improvement through a variety of means to enable participation in the development of the budget. This includes using the Peoples Panel, which has now run for nearly ten years, the Budget Challenge, and individual service consultations.

The timelines for this year's Council's Budget report were first published in the Forward Plan on the 18 September 2020. Finance and Value for Money Overview and Overview Scrutiny Commission and Cabinet have considered proposals put forward at a number of meetings during the Autumn, with full summary of the proposals being confirming General Fund budget proposals on the 22 January 2021 and 25 January 2021 respectively. Formal comments on the proposals were invited to be submitted to David Bell, Director of Finance and Transformation by 17 February 2021.

The current pandemic placed the restrictions on public meetings and alternative arrangements were put in place to enable the feedback on the proposals from the City's business community, voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors, and young people. Online meetings were held with the business community and young people with the views of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors sought through an online consultation. The main aims of each strand was to raise awareness of the Council's financial situation, proposed priorities for investment, improvements and savings, together with the potential impacts relevant to their areas of interest.

The key points raised at each meeting are *[will be]* detailed below.

Finally, in addition to inviting comment on the specific budget proposals relating to 2021/22, the Council continues to engage with residents through the People's Panel on the provision of Council services and their relative priorities. This provides insight into the importance that residents place on different services and an understanding of the priorities of our customers.

During the most recent People's Panel survey, residents identified their overall city priorities as:

- Improving infrastructure, roads and transport
- Encouraging new businesses to invest and support established businesses to be successful
- Increasing the availability of secure, well-paid jobs
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Increasing affordable, quality housing and reducing homelessness

Whilst residents identified their local neighbourhood priorities as:

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- Roads and Pavements
- Clean Streets
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Traffic Congestion
- Availability of Parking

### **Youth Representatives** - Meeting to be held on 15 February 2021 online

The Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation, with the support of Children Young People and Families and the Director of Finance & Transformation are due to meet with young people and their representatives to consider the issues affecting young people relevant to the future of the city.

*[Summary of consultation meeting to be included post meeting]*

### **Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector**

Over 100 voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations were invited via email to provide feedback on the priorities for the Council and also to raise any issues or concerns in relation to future funding on the 4 February 2021. Consultation with this sector raised a wide range of queries, comments and concerns and at the close of the consultation period ## organisations had responded.

*[Summary of consultation to be included post deadline]*

### **Business Sector** – Meeting to be held on 11 February 2021 online

The Leader, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transformation, and the Director of Finance and Transformation are due to meet with representatives of Hull's business community to consider the issues relevant to the future of the city faced by the Council and the nature of its response.

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