

HAVE YOUR SAY - WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Letter from West Sussex County Council

Every February West Sussex County Council sets its budget for the forthcoming year. Over 821,000 residents use our services, which are worth over £500m, so it is very important for us to find out 'what matters' to our residents, their families and their communities - and take their views into account when we are planning the services we deliver and our budget.

In 2014 you may remember that we ran a public survey (What Matters to You) asking residents to tell us what their priorities are to help us shape the services we deliver and more importantly the budget for the coming year. The County Council used this feedback to shape the Future West Sussex Plan and our budget for the last two cycles.

On the 5th July 2016, we will be launching the 'What Matters to You' survey to get an update from our residents on their priorities and again use this to support our discussion and to help us shape services within our three overarching priority areas; Start of Life, Later Life and Economy.

The County Council faces significant challenges ahead, especially around how we pay for services. It's vital our focus reflects what our residents want and need, whilst letting us how much they are willing to pay for the services they regard as important to them, their community and the future of West Sussex.

I would like to ask you to encourage local residents, friends and family to complete this survey. The more people who complete the survey and share their opinions, the more opportunity we have to ensure we best reflect our residents' views when we set the budget for the forthcoming year and following year (2017-2019). This goes a long way in helping us.

The Survey will run from 5th July – 30th August 2016. We will be posting messages on social media every day during this period and encourage you to like, share and re-tweet.

Please feel free to contact me or one of the team for further details on haveyoursay@westsussex.gov.uk