Have your say on the council finances

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You have until the end of next week to put forward what you think about the way the council will spend their £1bn budget in 2014/15.

The consultation period closes on Friday 20 December.

Councillor Alasdair Rankin, the city's Finance Convener, today urged people to make sure they don't miss the opportunity to give their feedback on the proposals.

He said: "In my opinion, setting the Council's budget is the single most important thing we do each year. Every other service the Council provides follows on from this key decision and it has the potential to impact on many lives across the city.

"That is why it is so important that people take some time to look at the proposals and have their say on how we are planning to spend money next year. As elected representatives of the city our priorities should of course reflect the priorities of our residents but we need people to give us that important feedback."

The full budget proposals can be accessed at www.edinburgh.gov.uk/budget.

Feedback can be given in a number of ways:

- fill in the simple <u>online feedback form</u>
- email the council at <u>councilbudget@edinburgh.gov.uk</u>
- Write to the council at Freepost, RSJC-SLXC-YTJY,

Budget, Council Leader, City Chambers Edinburgh EH1 1YJ Or:

- talk to a local councillor.
- tweet to the council using #edinbudget
- comment on <u>Facebook</u>