City Council holding "Question Time" style event on Thursday night

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The City of Edinburgh Council are holding a "BBC Question Time" style panel tomorrow night which will feature senior councillors.

They will be questioned by members of the public about changes to council services. This event is being staged as part of the council's "wider engagement" with city residents over these proposed changes.

More than a hundred of the city's residents have so far registered to attend the event, and the Council are encouraging everyone who cannot make it to watch online as they will be live streaming on their <u>website</u>.

Those in the audience will get the opportunity to ask questions of the councillors, but the panel will also be accepting questions from Twitter as well.

The event is taking place in the city chambers at 7:15pm and will be chaired by Euan McGrory, Deputy Editor of The Scotsman, Edinburgh Evening News and Scotland on Sunday.

Cllr Alasdair Rankin, said: "We have an increasing population, inflationary pressures, decreased budgets and greater demand for our services so it is really important that we get residents' views on how we can more efficiently deliver services.

"We've had an excellent response to our Question Time event again this year and I would encourage residents to take the opportunity to tune in live via the Council's webcasting service and send in a question via Twitter on the night. The wider engagement on changes to council services doesn't end until 21 November so there is also still plenty to time to give us your views, online, by phone or in writing.

"Last year's event was well attended with an additional 250 tuning in live via our webcast, which was subsequently watched by almost 4,000 people via our archive."

To submit any questions use the hashtag #PlayYourPart

Watch the event live <u>here</u>.