

City of Edinburgh Council budget – Question time event

More than 100 people have registered to attend a 'BBC Question Time' style event being organised by the City of Edinburgh Council as part of this year's budget engagement tomorrow night (Monday).



The event, taking place in the City Chambers on Monday 27 November (7.15–8.45pm), is part of a six-week campaign, asking residents to *play their part* by giving their views on [the budget proposals for 2018/19](#).

Residents who can't attend the event can watch Question Time live via the [Council's webcasting service](#). There will also be the opportunity for people to submit questions via Twitter during the event using the hashtag #playyourpart.

For the fourth year in a row the event is being run in partnership with The Edinburgh Evening News and will be chaired by Euan McGrory, Deputy Editor of the Evening News, Scotsman and Scotland on Sunday.

Many of those attending have already submitted questions in advance and there will also be the opportunity to ask questions on the night, which will be answered by a panel of six senior councillors:

- Council Leader, Cllr Adam McVey
- Finance and Resources Convener, Cllr Alasdair Rankin
- Finance and Resources Vice Convener, Cllr Marion Donaldson
- Transport and Environment Convener, Cllr Lesley Macinnes

- Education, Children and Families Convener, Cllr Ian Perry
- Chair of Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, Cllr Ricky Henderson.



Councillor Alasdair Rankin

Finance and Resources Convener, Councillor Alasdair Rankin, said: “We have a strong track record of effective financial management and since 2012/13 we have saved around £240m by working more efficiently and prioritising our services. However, the financial position for all local authorities, including Edinburgh, remains extremely challenging.

“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 and what the impact of the proposals are on themselves, their families and their community, and to highlight opportunities or challenges they can see.

“We’ve had a great response to our Question Time event again this year with every seat taken. However, you can still play your part by tuning in live via the Council’s webcasting service and join in the discussion on Twitter on the night.”

The wider engagement on changes to council services will close on Tuesday 19 December.

