City of BRADFORD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tell Us What You Think: Bradford Council's Budget Plans for 2027-28

Bradford Council is still facing big financial challenges and needs to save money as part of its plan to make sure it can continue providing services in the future.

The Council plans to save £50m in 2027-28.

These savings will come from finding better ways of working, bringing in more money, and making sure the Council continues to manage its money well.

We would like your feedback on three proposals that may affect people. Together, these proposals would save £3.58m.

Before any decisions are made, we want to hear from residents, businesses, community organisations, people who use Council services and other interested groups.

Your feedback will help the Council understand how these proposals may affect people. It will be considered as part of the Council's budget-setting process for 2027-28.

Please complete and submit your feedback by 11:59pm on Wednesday, 16 December 2026.

Bradford Council 2027-28 Budget proposals consultation

About You

1. Which of the following best describes you?

- ❑ I live in the Bradford district
- ❑ I work in the Bradford district but do not live here
- ❑ I am responding for a community group
- ❑ I am responding for a voluntary organisation
- ❑ I own or manage a business
- ❑ I am responding for a public sector or partner organisation
- ❑ I prefer not to say

Bradford Council's plans for spending and saving money in 2027-28

2. The Council plans to balance its budget by finding better ways of working, bringing in more income, and managing its money carefully. Do you support or oppose this way of balancing the Council's budget?

- ❑ Strongly support
- ❑ Support
- ❑ Neither support nor oppose
- ❑ Oppose
- ❑ Strongly oppose

The three Council Budget proposals we are seeking your feedback about.

Proposal 1: Sport and Leisure Services - £0.21m

The Council wants sport and leisure services to continue in the future, while helping people stay active and healthy.

This would be done by:

• Encouraging more people to use sport and leisure facilities
• Creating new ways to bring in money
• Making the best use of existing facilities and buildings
• Looking at some fees and charges and changing them where needed.

3. Do you use Council sports centres, gyms, swimming pools or other leisure facilities?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Prefer not to say

4. Do you support or oppose this proposal for sport and leisure services?

- ❑ Strongly support this
- ❑ Support this
- ❑ Neither support nor oppose this
- ❑ Oppose this
- ❑ Strongly oppose this

5. Which of these should be the Council's most important priority for sport and leisure services? (choose one)

- ❑ Keeping sports and leisure services affordable to run
- ❑ Keeping prices low
- ❑ Looking after current facilities
- ❑ Improving facilities
- ❑ Offering more activities
- ❑ Helping disadvantaged people or communities to take part
- ❑ Other

5a. If you ticked **Other** please tell us below what is you feel should be the most important priority for sport and leisure services?

6. Do you think this proposal may affect some groups of people more than others?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Don't know

6a. If yes, please tell us which groups and why.

Proposal 2: Localities (Neighbourhood Services) - £0.500m

Local neighbourhood services help make local areas better places to live. They work with residents, community groups and other organisations to help solve local problems, support community activities and improve neighbourhoods.

The Council is proposing to review how these services are organised to:

• Make sure services work well together
• Reduce work that may be repeated across different teams
• Make the best use of staff and resources
• Continue meeting the needs of local communities

The savings would come from changing how the service is organised and delivered, including reviewing vacant posts. The aim is to continue supporting local communities while making the best use of public money.

7. Do you support or oppose this proposal for neighbourhood services?

- ❑ Strongly support
- ❑ Support
- ❑ Neither support nor oppose
- ❑ Oppose
- ❑ Strongly oppose

8. Are there any neighbourhood services that are important to you?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Don't know

9. Which neighbourhood services are most important to you? (Choose up to 3)

- ❑ Bringing communities together
- ❑ Looking after the local area
- ❑ Helping solve local problems
- ❑ Helping people feel safe
- ❑ Supporting local groups
- ❑ Helping people volunteer and support their communities
- ❑ Other

9a. If you ticked **Other** Please tell us below which neighbourhood services are important to you?

10. Do you think this proposal may affect some groups of people more than others?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Don't know

10a. If you said yes, please tell us which groups and why.

Proposal 3: Fees and Charges

The Council is proposing to increase most fees and charges by around three percent (3%) from April 2027. This is similar to the increase in the cost of living.

Some fees and charges may increase by a different amount where:

• The amount is set nationally by law or government guidance
• Special exemptions have been approved
• Other plans to raise income apply.

The extra income from this proposal would help the Council continue providing services and support its financial recovery plan.

Some examples of services that have fees or charges are: garden or bulky waste collections, replacement bins and containers, allotment rents, burial fees, school meals, event permits, and adult social care charges (for service users).

11. How do you think the proposed three percent (3%) increase in fees and charges might affect your use of Council services where you need to pay?

- ❑ I would use services more often
- ❑ It would make no difference to how often I use services
- ❑ I would use services less often
- ❑ I would stop using some services
- ❑ I don't know / I'm not sure

12. Do you support the proposed increase in fees and charges?

- ❑ Strongly support this
- ❑ Support this
- ❑ Neither support not oppose this
- ❑ Oppose this
- ❑ Strongly oppose this

12a. Are there any Council services that you would be worried about paying more for? Please tell us which ones.

13. Do you think this proposal may affect some groups of people more than others?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Don't know

13a. If yes, please tell us which groups and why.

Other feedback about the budget proposals

14. Is there anything else you would like the Council to know about its budget proposals for 2027-28?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

14a. If yes, please tell us below

15. Do you have any other suggestions that could help the Council save money or raise income in 2027-28?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No

If'Yes'15a. If yes, please tell us below

About You

16. What is your full post code? Example BD1 1NN

17. Please select your age category

- ❑ 18 - 24
- ❑ 25 - 34
- ❑ 35 - 44
- ❑ 45 - 54
- ❑ 55 - 64
- ❑ 65 - 74
- ❑ 75+
- ❑ Prefer not to say

18. Do you consider yourself as having a disability?

- ❑ Yes
- ❑ No
- ❑ Prefer not to say

19. What is your sex?

- ❑ Female
- ❑ Male
- ❑ Prefer not to say

20. Which of the following options best describes your gender identity?

- ❑ Male
- ❑ Female
- ❑ Trans male
- ❑ Trans female
- ❑ Non-binary
- ❑ Other
- ❑ Prefer not to say

21. Which of the following options best describes your sexual orientation?

- ❑ Straight / Heterosexual
- ❑ Gay or lesbian
- ❑ Bisexual
- ❑ Prefer not to say

Other (Please state here)

22. Which of the following options best describes your race, ethnic or cultural origin?

- ❑ White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- ❑ White Irish
- ❑ White Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- ❑ Any other white background
- ❑ Asian / Asian British Indian
- ❑ Asian / Asian British Pakistani
- ❑ Asian / Asian British Bangladeshi
- ❑ Asian / Asian British Chinese
- ❑ Any other asian background
- ❑ Mixed white and black Caribbean
- ❑ Mixed white and black African
- ❑ Mixed white and Asian
- ❑ Any other mixed ethnic background
- ❑ African
- ❑ Caribbean
- ❑ Any other black / African / Caribbean background
- ❑ Prefer not to say

Thank you for providing feedback.

Please return this to the address below:

Thank you for completing this consultation.
You can send feedback by post, free of charge, as outlined below:
1 - Put your completed form in an envelope.
2 - On the FRONT of the envelope – please write
Freepost Bradford Council
ONLY. This must be all in one line and in the middle of the envelope.
3 - On the BACK of the envelope – please write
Budget consultation
(and nothing else).