

NEWHAM PEOPLE'S BUDGET FORUM

Wednesday 16 January
6.30pm-9pm
Beckton Community Centre

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Welcome - Cllr Charlene McLean

- Welcome and Introductions
- Housekeeping – info on fire exits and toilets
- Accessibility – BSL interpreters and room support
- Photography

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Today's schedule - Cllr Charlene McLean

Time	Duration	Session	Presenter
6:30pm	10 mins	Arrivals and refreshments	
6:40pm	5 mins	Welcome, introductions, housekeeping and schedule	Cllr Charlene McLean
6:45pm	5 mins	Budget proposals film	Cllr Charlene McLean
6:50pm	15 mins	Budget overview and participatory democracy – 'People at the Heart of Everything We Do'	Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz
7:05pm	25 mins	Round 1 and feedback from tables	Simon Little/ Michael O'Donnell
7:30pm	15 mins	2019/20 Budget proposals 15 mins	Cllr Terence Paul
7:45pm	30 mins	Round 2 and feedback from tables	Cllr Terence Paul/ Simon Little/ Michael O'Donnell
8:15pm	10 mins	Break	
8:25pm	25 mins	Round 3 and feedback from tables	Cllr Charlene McLean
8:50pm	5 mins	Have your say on 'Our Streets, Transport & Parking'	Cllr Charlene McLean
8:55pm	5 mins	Close	Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz/ Cllr Terence Paul

Newham's Budget Proposals 2019/20 Film

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Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz – Budget overview and participatory democracy

**Simon Little/Michael O'Donnell –
Intro to Round 1
(15 mins for table discussions)**

Roving mic – feedback from tables

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Where does our income come from?

- The Council receives £1.05bn in total income
- However a large chunk (over 60%) of this covers specific areas:
 - Schools £268m, Council Housing £111m, Housing Benefit £259m
- Leaves £414m to fund other expenditure.
- £154m of this funding is from fees & charges, specific grants from government and income we get from our assets, including investments.

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Income from tax plus new homes bonus

	£000
Business Rates & Related Grant	168,035
Council Tax (Including Adult Social Care Precept)	82,039
New Homes Bonus	10,492
Total Funding	260,566

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How we plan to spend this year

	Budget
	£000
Baseline Cost of Services	192,355
Cost Pressures	35,280
Savings & Income	(17,551)
Central Budgets	41,137
Treasury & Investments	32,092
Specific Grants & Contributions	(22,746)
Net Cost	260,566

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Cost Pressures

	£000
Children's Services	13,378
Adults and housing needs services	3,015
Pension auto-enrolment	1,200
Elections	350
Housing delivery	500
Youth services	1,400
Eat for Free	1,247
Invest in a new schools partnership	100
Free bulky waste	390
London Living Wage	3,000
Unachievable transformation programme savings	7,800
Asset management	1,900
Enforcement services	1,000

Cost Pressures

35,280

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Savings/Income Generation

Deletion of Small Business Outsourcing Programme support	(924,000)
Every Child programme	(686,000)
Children's service efficiencies	(3,484,000)
Adult Social Care efficiencies	(226,500)
Neighbourhood operations savings	(1,400,000)
Customer services	(440,000)
Business support	(300,000)
Communities & environment restructure	(100,000)
Economic regeneration	(1,066,100)
Publicity budget reductions	(350,000)
One Source budget efficiencies	(487,000)
Procurement savings	(750,000)
Change programme savings	(2,768,000)
Active asset management savings	(400,000)
Improved financial performance for small business programme	(1,000,000)
Fees & charges corporate policy	(1,369,000)
Communities & environment income based on existing performance	(750,000)
Planning services based on based existing performance	(500,000)
Improved debt management and recovery	(50,000)
Revised debtor credit balance policy	(500,000)
	(17,550,600)

Cllr Terence Paul – 2019/20 Budget Proposals

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an additional
£1.4m
into youth services to keep
our young people safe



£3m
to pay our care staff the
London Living Wage



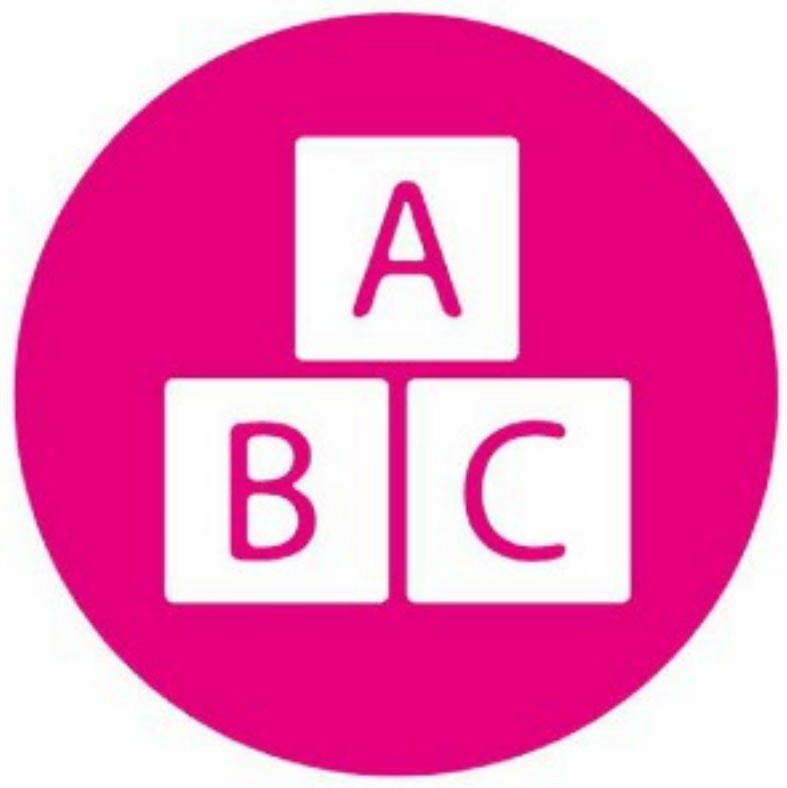
an additional **£1.2m**
for primary school children to
continue to eat for free, increasing
the total investment to
£6.3m

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£1.4m

to support 19,000 lowest income households by cutting the cost of their Council Tax



an additional
£10.6m

into Children's Services



£1.3m

to support children with Special Educational Needs

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an additional
£500,000
to accelerate social
housing delivery



£390,000
for free bulky waste
collections



£250,000
to ensure residents are at the
heart of our decision-making

**Cllr Terence Paul –
Round 2
(20 mins for table discussions)**

Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

What is there for the community

doesn't focus on older residents who aren't working but living in the borough

budget is focused on children and young and families

population of newham will change and budget should reflect the whole of the population

Some of the increases can't be helped such as council tax.

Paying Carers the London Living Wage is a really good thing

free meals allocation is a lot

How is the investment being monitored and checks are being carried out that the needy residents are receiving the support? How do you know that the system is not being abused?

Is there rebates for people with disabilities

Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

budget should be spread over more initiatives

Fraud is being reported but residents never get any feedback on how this has been investigated and what are the results

How do residents report and where do they report it.

Instead of making bulky waste collections free, reduce the current charge of £20.00

What is the investment in community services

Reduced charges could be introduced for some of the services

Youth Services investment is welcomed so long as there are more and varied activities in centres to learn new skills

Awareness around the fraud

Free School meals are very important especially for struggling parents. The budget proposal is very positive



Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

People report at ward and borough level and they don't get any report back on actions being taken

Mayor's Show is not a great use of money and Disabled people cannot always access all of the activities/events

Budget impact based on road closures and policing for large events such as Newham Town Show/Under The Stars

Savings can be made on Under the Stars events. Reduce the number of nights to 2 nights rather than 4.

Check out if it is a single person or getting benefit has multiple vehicles and why and where do they get the money from

Invest money into avoiding fraud which will save a lot of money and money is being invested into the community who will benefit from it

There should be more budget and resources to address fraud, for example how do you know that a single mum is actually a single mum and resident receiving benefit is actually in need of it?

People who need help should get it

How much money is being spent on Newham show, Under the stars as that could save a huge amount of money



Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

The free bulk waste is definitely supported and there is consensus that it would improve fly tipping.

Where is the money for my local library

Council Tax increase is welcomed so long residents are clear about where the money is going, what the benefits are and what it's impact.

ensure budget is reflective of population and priorities

free school meals benefits future population

A fair system for pensioners. they are being assessed but the same system should be applied to young and fit people who claim benefits. They have only lived in this country for less than 3 years. We have worked to earn our money

Not all school children need free school meals, this should be done case by case

more detail on community health service older and young population

how does spending on older people compare with what is proposed for children and young people



Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

A lot of people are coming into the borough, do they all need support?

is there opportunity to increase the savings and income generation amount

parents should contribute to free school meals

What is in budget for elderly? Does the mayor not care for them?

New build better quality homes if the processes are too work in a cost effective way

Could there be a reduction in community hire charges for community organisations?

We need detailed expenditure, not headlines

Consensus on Adult Social Care proposal

spending on young people is important for the future but should be controlled



Round 2: What are your thoughts on the proposed budget?

Help for all community

What is the income from private investment, declare it

helping young people to have a better life for the future

Older residents and other ages have been left out completely, last administration worked on that too



Roving mic – feedback from tables

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BREAK (10 mins)

**Cllr Charlene McLean –
Round 3
(15 mins for table discussions)**

Round 3: How would you like to be involved in future budget proposals for 2020/21 and beyond?

surveys - variety of channels

Face to face Consultation
Online consultation

forums - before budget is decided

More forums to discuss budgets and changes

discussion groups

Emails to inform of what's going on like a news letter

Like face to face contact rather than online

Residents should be involved in decision making, not just feedback

Detailed budgets sent to all households



Round 3: How would you like to be involved in future budget proposals for 2020/21 and beyond?

having the whole picture of the budget to make informed decisions

everyone in the room to feel they are represented

Create trust so that community leaves politicians to do their job

More information communicated in advance

sharing long term strategies to reduce debt

Newham Mag is good, sections for budgets and expenditure. People read it

Would like to challenge some of the figures and decision as to why there is a big investment in certain areas and others have been left out completely

to have information on population and other data that contributes to making decision on budgets

Requires more community presence



Round 3: How would you like to be involved in future budget proposals for 2020/21 and beyond?

other methods for informing on expenditure/accounts - other than on website

More forums like the the Citizens' Assembly. However, we need more regular updates and things improve

more regular engagement with residents - once a year is not enough

More neighbourhood localised events with information regarding localised budgets

People specifically selected and invited who can add some valuable feedback and who understand the system along with all residents

information in advance so residents can come to forums with ideas

Present what is more understandable to common person/resident

Comparing budgets to other boroughs would be useful

residents to be involved in incremental reviews throughout the year



Round 3: How would you like to be involved in future budget proposals for 2020/21 and beyond?

Seeing the budgeting as a proposal tonight really helped.

Meeting in libraries as more residents visit these

to be able to suggest areas where budget should be spent

Do these meeting early enough for residents to provide feedback on proposals and reshape some of the figures

Meet and speak to young people in schools, youth centres, non-formal setting and groups, uniformed groups, a fun and interesting way to involve young people.

Involve isolated and vulnerable residents who cannot attend these meetings. They have worked all their lives and getting hardly anything through the budget

allowing community groups whose first language is not English to take part - interpreters

Design a system so that more residents are aware of these assemblies

need to get more residents engaged



Round 3: How would you like to be involved in future budget proposals for 2020/21 and beyond?

Banners around the borough with budget info including usage of JCD's. How can the council better advertise it's proposals and achievements.

Businesses should be involved as they contribute towards the income

More interactive consultations like these forums

officers to be available to discuss details of budget areas

this forum is a very good idea - well done

More advertising on big screens, tube stations, bus stations and shopping centres

Better Social Media usage by council

how can residents help to increase investment

Website is not easy to navigate for those with limited/no IT skills.



Roving mic – feedback from tables

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CLr Charlene McLean – Have your say on 'Our Streets, Transport & Parking'

Your contributions will shape Newham's Transport & Parking strategy

Have your say by:

- Registering for one of the Forum events:

26th Jan (Canning Town)

31st Jan (Stratford)

4th Feb (East Ham)



Register at:

www.newham.gov.uk/OurStreet

Or in a Newham Library

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Or have your say by voting on other people's statements/
creating your own at www.newham.gov.uk/OurStreet
(support available in Libraries)

What should be done to improve Newham's Streets, Transport and Parking?

 Anonymous wrote: 85 remaining
People don't walk as the area feels dangerous.

Agree Disagree Pass / Unsure

 Share your perspective...

Submit

**Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz/
Cllr Terence Paul –
Close and feedback forms**