



Southampton People's 2016/17 Budget Consultation



You pay your council tax, rent, taxes, parking so...

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM SOUTHAMPTON COUNCIL?

What things would improve life for you, your friends & family?

Affordable Housing

Youth Services

Leisure/Culture

Libraries

Affordable Elderly Care

£10/hour Living Wage

NHS Walk-IN

Public Transport

Local GP

WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THE COUNCIL?

JOBS & SERVICES FACE MORE CUTS IN 2016. TO RESTORE LOST SERVICES, WHAT DO YOU WANT YOUR COUNCIL TO DO?

• Would you support Southampton Labour Council refusing to carry out further cuts? **YES** **NO**

• Do you think the council should use its cash reserves and prudential borrowing powers to protect all jobs & services? **YES** **NO**

• Would you actively support a campaign to restore government funding to Southampton City Council? **YES** **NO**

I would like to support Southampton People's Budget

Name Address
Telephone Email



SUPPORT SOUTHAMPTON PEOPLE'S BUDGET

A BUDGET TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITY. A BUDGET TO FIGHT FOR!

What is a peoples' budget?

It is a budget that is set to meet the genuine needs of the people who live and work in the city. It bases itself on the belief that Sotonians as service users, local authority or private sector workers and their trade unions, community groups or individuals, know about how to maintain and improve jobs and services. It is an alternative to the austerity driven agenda of the Tory government.

Sounds interesting, how would it work?

As a first step we want people to come together to talk about the current state of services in the city and what we need. From this the council could set a budget based on those needs, not driven by austerity. Support across the city can then be built to demand the government restores funding to deliver the services we need. Cuts are hugely unpopular, a People's Budget would gain enormous support. This would then be costed and presented as an alternative to the cuts being proposed by the other parties.

Southampton People's Budget Conference

Saturday 9 January, 2pm
Come and have your say!

Meon Suite, James Matthews Building,
Above Bar Street,
Southampton, SO14 7NN FULL ACCESS

Where's the money?

RESERVES: The council has cash reserves of £7.5 million. Enough to fund the libraries, £250 000, the Bitterne Walk-In, £125 000 and much more.

BORROWING POWERS: The council has prudential borrowing powers that can be used to fund the current deficit. They just found £2 million to pay for the new Arts Centre, why not to save care homes and council jobs?

I don't like services being cut but haven't the council tried everything already?

Every year local politicians ram down our throats the idea that austerity and cuts are the only option. The election of Jeremy Corbyn in September shows that there is genuine interest and support for a different approach. He has said that cuts are unnecessary and do not need to be made. We agree and call upon Southampton Labour led city council to adopt this idea.

We can't spend money we don't have can we?

Local councils have financial reserves and specific borrowing powers to enable them to fund a budget that would improve lives instead of ruining them. Southampton Labour Council must use these powers to set a legal, balanced, no cuts budget. Such a stand would gain massive support and force the government to restore council funding to the city. Jeremy Corbyn must back such a stand and give a commitment that a future Labour government would restore any money borrowed to protect jobs and services.

Cuts are destroying jobs, services and lives in Southampton!

Since 2010, £85 million has been cuts from council services.

In Febraury 2016 the council is proposing a further £34 million of cuts.

Cuts have created a massive housing crisis, high rents, lack of care for the elderly, service cuts for the young and old. disabled and vulnerable. Inadequate public transport leaves the city in gridlock.

We need to stop cuts and restore services.

The Trade Unionist & Socialist Coalition opposes all cuts to jobs and services and calls on Labour councils and councillors to refuse to implement Tory cuts. TUSC was launched in 2010 by transport trade union leader Bob Crow. In Southampton we support Coxford Councillors Keith Morrell and Don Thomas, Councillors Against Cuts. For more information contact Nick Chaffey 07833 681910 or visit www.tusc.org.uk