

# Bournemouth Borough Council Budget Consultation with Bournemouth People First.



November 2009.

## INTRODUCTION



Bournemouth Council wants to ask local people about how it spends its money and what services we provide are seen as most important.

This is very important at the moment because in the next few years the money the Council has to spend will reduce.

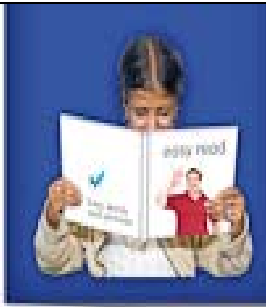
As well as asking people on the internet, we wanted to speak to people who don't use computers.



On 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Andy Williams from Bournemouth Council came to speak to the Management Committee of Bournemouth People First.

The meeting was held at the offices of Bournemouth People First in Boscombe and involved 10 people with learning disabilities and 2 supporters.

## BUDGET CONSULTATION



The group were asked questions based upon an easy to read version of those being asked on the internet – see: [http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/News/Consultation/Budget\\_2009/Budgetconsultation2009.asp](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/News/Consultation/Budget_2009/Budgetconsultation2009.asp)

Council services included in the consultation were grouped into 9 different areas and each one was given a price, based upon the cost of each service.

These were:



Security Cameras & Keeping Safe - £2



Public Toilets - £5



Street Cleaning & Rubbish Collection - £15



Day Centres & Homecare - £10



Grass cutting, trees & flowers - £5



Sports & Leisure - £5



Buses – £2



Youth Clubs - £2








Checking Food Safety - £2

The Management Committee were split into 2 groups and each was given £40 to spend on the services that they thought were more important.

In this first round they were asked to buy one or more units of each service according to the prices.

Once the groups had discussed and allocated their

	<p>funds, they were given an additional £20 each to spend, but in this round they could spend as much or as little on each item.</p>
<p><b>Results</b></p>	
	<p>The results from the first round of spending for the combined groups were</p>
	<p>Security Cameras &amp; Keeping Safe - £6 – 3 units</p>
	<p>Public Toilets - £15 – 3 units</p>
	<p>Street Cleaning &amp; Rubbish Collection - £15 - 1 unit</p>
	<p>Day Centres &amp; Homecare - £20 – 2 units</p>
	<p>Grass cutting, trees &amp; flowers - £0 – 0 unit</p>



Sports & Leisure - £10 – 2 units



Buses – £6 – 3 units








Youth Clubs - £6 – 3 units



Checking Food Safety - £2 – 1 unit

The first round of spending shows the following:

- Toilets, Security, Youth Clubs and Buses all received 3 allocations of funding, although they were some of the cheapest to purchase.
- Day Centres & Home Care received 2 allocations (1 from each group) and had the largest amount of funding allocated to it.
- Grass cutting, trees & flowers was the least popular item, with no funding allocated to it.

	<p><b>Results after Round Two:</b></p> <p>After each group was given a further £20 to spend the results were:</p>
	<p>Security Cameras &amp; Keeping Safe - £8 – 4 units</p>
	<p>Public Toilets - £15 – 3 units</p>
	<p>Street Cleaning &amp; Rubbish Collection - £30 – 2 units</p>
	<p>Day Centres &amp; Homecare - £30 – 3 units</p>
	<p>Grass cutting, trees &amp; flowers - £5 – 1 unit</p>



Sports & Leisure - £10 – 2 units



Buses – £10 – 5 units



Youth Clubs - £10 – 5 units



Checking Food Safety - £2 – 1 units

- Again Buses & Youth Clubs received the most units allocated with 5 each.
- Day Centres & Homecare (3 units) and Street Cleaning (2 units) were awarded the most money.

**Conclusions**

Members of the Forum indicated particular support for the following areas:

- Youth Clubs – many participants had used Linwood Youth Club in the past
- Buses – many of the participants use buses as their main form of transport

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Day Centres &amp; Homecare – Again many of the participants have been or are users of day centres.</li> <li>➤ Security and keeping safe – there has been a focus on anti-bullying work with members of Bournemouth People First</li> </ul> <p>Areas such as grass cutting, sports and leisure (bowls clubs) and food safety were seen as less important. Rubbish collection and public toilets were seen as very necessary, but not as important as other areas.</p>
	<p>When a large survey was done of people who live in Bournemouth in 2008 (the Place Survey), the four areas disabled people thought were important to improve were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Public transport</li> <li>➤ Levels of crime</li> <li>➤ Clean streets</li> <li>➤ Road &amp; Pavement repairs.</li> </ul> <p>In a meeting with people from DOTS Disability, health and community issues were also seen as important.</p>
	<p>This report will go to the Councillors who will make the decisions about what the Council spends it's money on in the New Year.</p>