

1. CCTV cameras

CCTV provides reassurance to the public, in some cases prevents crime and also provides evidence to help the police detect crime and anti-social behaviour. Bournemouth has 92 cameras in the Town Centre (incl. car parks), 29 cameras on the seafront, 14 cameras in Boscombe, 5 cameras in Charminster and 4 highways cameras on Castle lane. CCTV cameras need replacing approx every 10 years. The Council puts money aside to pay for this. Savings in this area would mean we may not be able to afford to replace all our cameras in the future.

2. Fund for tackling anti-social behaviour

In recent years this has funded things like the legal costs of closing down drug dens and anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs), boarding up alleyways used for drug dealing and activities for young people in the Town Centre to prevent anti social behaviour.

3. Public toilets (excluding parks)

Toilets would be selected for closure based on how often they are used and distance to alternative toilets. The Council is currently working on a project to encourage local businesses such as shops and restaurants to allow the public to use their toilets. The closure of public toilets is likely to have a greater impact on older people, families with young children and disabled people who may have difficulties accessing certain types of premises e.g. due to steps, location etc.

4. Evening cleaning of Bournemouth, Boscombe and Charminster town centres

Our town centres are routinely cleaned in the evenings between 4pm and midnight and in the mornings between 4am and 8am. Reductions in evening cleaning would be most noticeable at weekends and during holiday seasons when the town centres are busiest. At these busy times it would be difficult for the morning cleaning teams to remove all the litter left over from the night before.

5. Litter picking and sweeping of residential roads & outlying shopping areas

Outlying shopping areas include all shopping areas outside of the Town Centre, Westbourne and Boscombe.

6. Refuse and Recycling collection

A reduction in funding for this service would mean less staff. The remaining staff would have to work longer and harder to cover more households on their rounds. It could become more difficult for staff to provide cover when unexpected setbacks occur e.g. when a refuse truck breaks down. This would increase the likelihood of rounds being missed.

7. Road and footpath repairs

Reductions in this service may lead to more accidents on our roads and pavements. Road and pavement defects can pose particular dangers for older people and disabled people. There is also an increased risk of the Council being sued.

8. Out of hours service

If Council staff were not available then the other emergency services would have to attend and deal with the situation.

9. Day centres for older people and people with physical and learning disabilities

The Council runs four day centres for older people (including two for people with dementia), four centres for people with learning disabilities and one for people with physical and / or mental health needs. Day centres provide opportunities for people to socialise, have purpose in their day and be monitored and supported in their physical wellbeing with things like healthy eating.

10. Home care for older people and people with physical and learning disabilities

The Council supports people's right to live in their own homes by offering help with things such as washing, dressing, meals and housework. Services are provided according to need and there is no limit to how much this may cost the Council. Limiting costs will mean that either the client's family pays the extra or they go into residential care. Approx 50 people affected.

11. Grass cutting of verges and residential areas

Leaving grass to grow naturally allows wild plants to grow and provides places for insects and animals to live.

12. Car park charges in parks and public open spaces

The money raised from these charges would be put back into maintaining our parks and open spaces. If charges were introduced in parks, an annual discounted pass would also be available for frequent visitors to buy.

13. Bowling greens maintenance

The Council owns 16 bowling greens - a third of all the bowling greens in Dorset. Approximately 1000 people use the bowling greens. Players' fees cover a fifth of the maintenance costs with the rest paid for by the Council.

14. Trees

The Council identifies and treat problems before they happen though a programme of planned tree maintenance. This reduces the risk of people getting injured and properties being damaged. It also reduces the Council's insurance premiums and the likelihood of being sued.

15. Flower baskets and pedestals

Floral displays make the town feel more attractive and encourage people to take pride in their environment.

16. Subsidised bus routes

The Council subsidises bus services to key locations such as hospitals, schools, shops and doctors surgeries where no commercial bus company operates. Without these buses some people would be left with no public transport links to vital services. Most affected would be those on low incomes, people with disabilities, school children, older people and younger people.

17. Youth centres

There are thirteen youth centres across the Borough - four are owned by charities. They give young people positive things to do and thus help reduce the risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour and / or teenage pregnancy. About 25 to 40 young people attend per session. If some centres closed the overall number of young people attending could fall as some young people might feel uncomfortable attending a centre outside their estate / school catchment area.

18. Grass cutting in cemeteries and crematorium

Leaving grass to grow naturally allows wild plants to grow and provides places for insects and animals to live.

19. Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing

The service inspects businesses such as food and catering businesses, clubs and bars and those where safety could be an issue (e.g. warehouses, shops with high stacked shelves etc) in order to regulate their activities and protect the public. It also investigates complaints from the public about things such as noise, rogue traders, bonfires, eyesores, landlords who fail to maintain their rental properties and false product descriptions.

20. Enforcement of planning permission

In the last year there have been 453 complaints about unauthorised building developments. A reduction in checks would lead to a further increase in the number of complaints. A reduction in the Council's ability to investigate and act on complaints would mean residents having to accept some unauthorised building development.