

Budget 2024/5: Summary of Consultation Feedback



Consultation on the draft 2024/25 city council budget ran from 12 December 2023 to 31 January 2024. Around 2,000 people visited the online budget consultation page.

All feedback is from individual citizens unless marked.

1. Galley Hill Community Space

Responses from Stony Stratford Town Council, Galley Hill Residents' Association and five residents seeking clarification over a perceived lack of funding in the proposed budget for a viability study/further work for a Community Space at the Walnuts Centre in Galley Hill including two asking if it is appropriate for the city council to pay for infrastructure that a private developer will benefit from.

2. Supported Living and Home Care Fees

Angels Care Agency

Seeks increase to the proposed supported living and home care fee uplift of 8.91%, ideally equivalent to a basic hourly rate of £30.50 to recognise the increasing costs of running a healthcare business and staffing challenges.

Lifeways Group

Supports the proposed fee uplift of 8.91%.

Salutem Shared Services

Against proposals to restrict any inflationary uplift to spot care home placements that are equal or lower to specific weekly rates, as all care home providers face the same cost pressures around staffing costs such as salaries, benefits, and quality training.

3. Other Responses

- Two responses against increases in council tax.
- Response in favour of reducing size of workforce.
- Response in favour of further investment in subsidising bus services, and penalties for bus operators who reduce routes.