

## **Feedback from Consultation Meetings Budget 2018/19**

### **Consultation meetings took place on the following dates:**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Unions

18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Schools inc Governors

24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Voluntary and Community Sector/Parish Councils

24<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Local Enterprise Partnership Business Board

### **Feedback Received:**

#### **Unions:**

- Confirmation of proposed pay award being included in the draft budget
- Noted uncertainties around adults/childrens services – challenge of funding the gap longer term
- Sought clarity on the Council reserves
- Sought clarity on the discretionary inflation for contracts
- Raised issue with Babcock cutting services
- Council should recognise positive approach of the workforce

#### **Schools/Schools Forum**

- Acknowledgement of the ESG funding/growth proposed
- Pressures experienced by schools in terms of general level of funding
- Concerns about "losers" in the proposed new funding formula

#### **Voluntary and Community Sector/Parish Councils**

- Acknowledged really difficult position the Council finds itself in
- Described the increase in council tax as "brave"
- Noted adults services demand – was the amount put in the budget for demographics enough? (A number of comments saying the same thing)
- Raised the demands on carers
- Lobbying needed for better deal on Adult social care funding
- Wanted recognition of the costs of volunteering

#### **Businesses**

- Really supportive of working with Children Families and Communities to support mentoring / shadowing / apprenticeships to help to combat the inter-generational issues with looked after children
- Would like the Council to invest in initiatives like "Be your own boss" - this supported young adults to develop employability skills and was particularly aimed at vulnerable young people which helped to reduce the number of NEETs
- Liked the idea of Revolving Investment Fund, and would like to understand more and whether this idea could be developed further