

KCC Services Update

November 2013

Facing the Challenge

KCC Transformation Programme – Key Points

- Need to save £330m between 2014/15 and 2017-18
- Delivering services differently
- First consultation around changes to top two tiers of management open now.
- Market Testing and engagement on some services.
- Integration of services i.e. KIASS model and Customer Insight
- Managing Change (whole system approach)
- Consulting on top level management restructure

Budget 2014/15

- The 2014/15 budget consultation opened on the 8th of November.
- KCC has to save approximately **£273m** out of its total annual spend of **£1.43bn**
- Even raising council tax will not stop us from having to make hard decisions. To completely meet the reduction in government funding, we would need to increase tax by around 50%
- Closing date is the 13th of Dec and a decision will be made at full County Council in the new year.

Budget 2014/15

Q1. Where do you think KCC should look to make these savings?

- Radically change the way services are provided to reduce demand and cost
- Provide only a basic minimum level of service, with no enhancements
- Restrict access to services to only the most needy
- A mixture of above

Budget 2014/15

- **Q2.** To preserve some of our most popular services (especially those we aren't required by law to provide such as Arts, gateways, community wardens, apprenticeships, support to business, Kent Freedom Pass), we would need to raise council tax to offset the gap in government funding.

What is your view on this?

- I don't want tax increased at all
- I'd accept a minimal increase of less than 2% to preserve some services. (Equal to £18 per year for Band C taxpayers – and the maximum allowed without a referendum)
- I'd accept a more than 2% rise in order to protect some services from the reductions in funding
- I'd accept KCC increasing charges for service users
- I'd accept a mixed solution – a low tax increase and some charges to access services where absolutely required

Warms Homes Project

- **Run by N-Power and Enterprise**
- **Offer can include** – cavity wall insulation, loft or solid wall insulation and draught proofing.
- **Piloted in Dartford and Dover**
- **Now open to T&M residents**
- **Could save people nearly £400 a year on energy bills**

What can you do?

School Consultation Drop In sessions

- **Leybourne Chase - 21 November, 4.30 – 6.30**

Venue: Leybourne Chase Community Centre, London Road, West Malling, Kent ME19 5AT

- **Kings Hill - 22 November, 4.30 - 6.30pm**

Venue: The Youth Hall, Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LG

- **Holborough Lakes - 27 November, 4.30 – 6.30**

Venue: Holborough Lakes Village Hall, Amisse Drive, Snodland ME6 5GN

And Finally..

These gritter's will be out in the district this winter;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Twitter Feed</u>
SnowGlow	#SnowGlow
ShowSnowMercy	#ShowSnowMercy
SnowEater	#SnowEater
AuntyFreeze	#AuntyFreeze
Margrit	#Margrit
GritBritain	#GritBritain
TheGrittalo	#TheGrittalo
Snowminator	#Snowminator
Gritteriam	#Gritteriam
IceBreaker	#IceBreaker
Snowbot	#Snowbot
Snowdium	#Snowdium
BananaGrit	#BananaGrit

And the overall winner was....

Gritney Skiers!!

Any questions?

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