

Q: [Yes to increase] How do you think the council should fund this? (Free Text Answer)

I believe that the Council should use the money it has recouped from technical changes to council tax (eg to exemptions given to landlords) which have raised over £1.3m, I also believe that there are further exemptions that could be considered which would raise further (albeit smaller) funds. Finally, I would suggest that some of the funds that are allocated to the under-utilised council tax support scheme should be passed across to the council tax scheme. It is also salutary to note that Joseph Rowntree Foundation placed York in the category 'worst for claimant, best for council' as they had recovered £683,000 more than the cut that had been implemented by the government. All in all, there is no excuse not to fund the council tax support scheme fully for those that are eligible for it.

NA

One area where I think money could be raised is by charging more for car parking in the City Centre, and I would support the introduction of a congestion charge in the Centre at busy times. I think that businesses (like tourist-oriented shops, bars and hotels) that do well out of the Council's expenditure supporting tourism (with national advertising campaigns and support for festivals and events for example) could pay higher business rates. Firms that produce a lot of rubbish or waste materials should also be charged an extra levy for disposal, especially of landfill waste. I would also like to see a 'tourism tax' levied via hotel charges - such schemes operate successfully in many European cities. Suggesting cuts is more difficult than raising money in new ways - but things like reductions in energy consumption could make a real difference to the Council's overall bill. It must also be the case that of the extra money that the recipients of CTS receive, a very high percentage will be immediately spent in the local economy, so the wider economy as well as the individuals will see a benefit.

Hull Road

I believe it is reasonable to charge for green bin collections. Many households don't have green bins and are therefore subsidising those who do.

Acomb

By the savings they'll be making in legal fees chasing people for money they don't have, fewer children going into care because financial stresses causing families to break up, not having to house families in bed and breakfast because they have been evicted from their homes because they could no longer afford the rent and council tax. Is the fact that the lower the level of support, the less likely people are to be able to pay the rest of what is owed factored into these savings figures? Start a voluntary 'help your neighbour' fund.

Heworth

Put up council tax.

Wheldrake

Stop "Our City" newspaper and similar. Stop employing Councillors "Personal Assistants". Reduce capital expenditure (new swimming pool at Monks Cross, bridge into York central site, subsidy for Guildhall remodeling etc) and thereby save on interest payments. Stop grant to "Make it York"	Westfield
Reducing one off grants such as the Financial Inclusion Steering Group fund to allow a more efficient allocation of public funds to those who need it most.	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe
General increase in Council Tax for all York Residents across the board- a small amount on each working household should cover this scheme adequately	Fulford and Heslington
The Council is already receiving £683,000 more than the central government grant cut (according to JRF). It has further received since 2014 as a conservative estimate an additional £530,000 made through technical changes to exemptions to council tax. I further feel that there is scope to make further technical changes to some categories of properties that are left empty (for instance whilst undergoing structural work) which would generate significant money. Finally, I believe that the money allocated to the York Financial Assistance Scheme has been underspent (due to a lack of promotion) - I believe that significant sums of money could be saved by placing that in the hands of those that most need it rather than through discretionary schemes that are expensive to administer (although I would accept the need for some emergency provision).	Holgate
reduce the street lighting on some streets	Westfield
Don't know	Strensall
Be more efficient- save on middle management and grow their own services as this would reduce costs overall and easily save enough money- I can see no need to charge current payers in this fiscal climate when the NHS is trying to save billions and money is still squandered within councils and wasted to an incredible degree	Rural West York
Like various Charitys do raise your own funds.	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
raising council tax for everyone else.	Westfield
Increase on every other residents council tax, weighted by banding, so the higher bands pay proportionately more	Acomb
It could be funded through the required proportional increase in the Council Tax rates.	Clifton

(1) By an increase of Council Tax; (2) lobbying for a re-assessment of properties nationwide to make Council Tax less regressive.	Huntington and New Earswick
Increased council tax for other residents and companies; it should only be a small increase across so many others.	Huntington and New Earswick
Raising the rate of council tax for residents not on the CTS scheme.	Micklegate
By reducing council costs in all areas	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe
Council tax increase.	Wheldrake
1) By not making unnecessary, undesirable, dangerous and very expensive roadworks and pavements e.g. spending a fortune in rebuilding Kings Square into what looks like a pedestrianised area which it is not & which is dangerous & misleading to visitors to the area. Similarly at Stonebow/Peaseholme Green endless works there have recently produced a nonsensical pavement area which is far too large, sticks out & causes vehicles and pedestrians unnecessary hassle. 2) Alternatively the Council could reinstate weekly refuse collections and increase its charges to those who are willing and able to pay for these.	Guildhall
By increasing Council Tax for all residents. With on average 85,000 homes in the City, minus those with residents over 65 years, this would equate to around a £10-12 increase in year one for all homes that pay 100% of Council Tax. I believe that most people would be happy to have this small increase as a form of wealth distribution and that one day it may be 'them' that the scheme aids.	Holgate
Obtaining more money form Central government	Rural West York
Review library opening times and services	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
We should aim for the sky. Central government should be petitioned for some of the required funding. The rest should come from an increase in the council tax of those in the most valuable properties. People with more should be helping people with less.	Micklegate
dont know	Micklegate

Stop cutting grass everywhere, Tax cars to enter town, Put a tax on plastic bags and plastic products that have too many wrappings	Fishergate
It should increase council tax on higher bands and raise council tax every year.	Fishergate
? By charging for all green recycling bin collections	Rural West York
Unsure	Huntington and New Earswick
Increase in council tax	Heworth Without
Increasing council tax or using it's reserves.	Micklegate
Tourism	Micklegate
A further 5% reduction (necessitating £190K loss of income) should not have a significant impact on service levels. However, I would expect the Council to undertake a zero-based budget review periodically (where each service budget sets off at zero and is then increased according to each level of service agreed by the Council beginning with statutory required services and increasing by each incremental service enhancement). I am not sure how few Council Tax payers actually pay the full amount in York (the national average used to be a modest 30%) so that 70% or more receive the benefit of the single person's allowance or Council tax support. Council Tax is the most expensive item that we have to pay each year and unlike other services where a choice is available, Council Tax is enforced under threat of imprisonment. We are very supportive of help for those on lower incomes or with impairments, but removing the charge does little to promote the appreciation, necessity and cost of local services .	Strensall
I have no idea. I don't work for the council and have no insight to where the council is wasting money in other areas. Bottom line is that those on benefits receive an amount of money they require to live on. Not money to be taken from them by local authorities. Benefits that I should be spending on food or energy bills goes to the council, and for what? They even sent me a letter threatening me with prison because I was £2.00 in arrears. Disgusting. If the council have the finances for needless transformations of parts of the city center, they can find the money to support the poorest in the community.	Holgate
By increasing council tax for properties worth more than £500000	Heworth

Increase the council tax for those who can afford to pay	Heworth
Stop hiring consultants	Osballdwick and Derwent
increased automation, decreased paperwork (all online), process simplification, hard to give detail without knowing more about how the Council is currently funded.	Guildhall
I think the council should stop paying for things that are overpaid, and/or paying exorbitant wages for events/items and wages that are unnecessary	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe
Cut civic junketing - if there is any left. Otherwise surely you have to cheese-pare everything pro rata?	Guildhall
As a new resident to the York area I find it difficult to answer but I wouldn't have thought that £190,000 should be all that difficult. Having said that I'm well aware of the pressures put on councils by the government. The government seems keen to reduce welfare payments so an increase in the council tax subsidy would provide some benefit to those who need it.	Bishophorpe
Can not a small amount be added to normal council tax bills	Heworth
stop wasting money on 20mph zones.	Haxby and Wigginton
Increased parking charges in centre of town	Fishergate
I don't care how they fund it just as long as it doesn't hit other services it should just be done	Guildhall
Reducing the wage of top management in the Council and any other wage of top management the Council is accountable for.	Hull Road
Divert funds which are not compulsory such as improvements on the city and paying for events.	Micklegate
Reducing councillors wages. Putting left over budgets into this instead of making unnecessary roadwork in area at end of financial year to use up budgets. Reducing budgets to come in line with what we actually used instead of the above.	Heworth
Reduce senior management. Anybody on £75000 plus should be challenged to do their job on pay- 15%.	Bishophorpe

Reduction in the administrative cost of running the council, and efficiency improvements across the board. Look at cost of engaging consultants	Guildhall
I THINK THE BIG EARNERS SHOULD PAY MORE TAX.	Clifton
By better management of current budgets, looking at in house savings and not wasting money on 'unnecessary expenditure'.	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
Get rid of lord mayor.	Huntington and New Earswick
Higher earners to contribute more.	Fulford and Heslington
Unsure	Hull Road
Limiting/decreasing senior staff pay.	Holgate
Give an option of bin collections every week and charge for the second collection at a set rate. Make a charge for garden rubbish collections. Most people have cars so could remove own garden rubbish.	Wheldrake
Increase council tax bills of others	Micklegate
Surely finding these savings is the task of councillors and officers	Heworth
Tourist city tax (on accommodation, as in Europe) and make council tax fully means tested so those with high income pay proportionally more.	Clifton
NOT THE FOGGIEST IDEA!	Haxby and Wigginton
allowing residents to put extra rubbish out, for a fee, by the purchase of a secondary heavy duty plastic bag that incurs a charge.	Fishergate
Through cutting expenditure on unnecessary peripheral projects used by very few people. Cut spending on vanity projects.	Westfield

Additional tax applied to employers and businesses. After all many of these business are considered to be paying their employees below the minimum wage. Additional increases could apply to restaurants and cafes that place chairs and tables in the public space (squares, roads, etc).	Guildhall
Increase council tax for others	Micklegate
Increase council tax for everyone else.	Micklegate
More efficient procurement of services from 3rd parties across all departments.	Haxby and Wigginton
Eliminate waste on cosmetic changes and publicity and ensure that project managers actually complete their tasks instead of the whole thing being slowed down by change if managers with different approaches.	Osbalwick and Derwent
Using the funding put aside for stupid half arsed cycle lanes that cyclists don't seem to want to use and the ridiculous 20mph zones in residential areas on the outskirts of York.	Heworth Without
Stop wasting money on things like the bridge fiasco. If considering major projects try opening it up publicly as brain storming usually helps.	Westfield
The cost would be this high because of the high level of non payment caused by the existing 30% council tax charge to this group of people Increase car parking charges for non residents Introduce a congestion charge on already congested roads - and as a last resort close Lendal Bridge - impose fines on offenders - and get it right this time!	Guildhall
Increased parking charges	Copmanthorpe
Reduction in Road Maintenance	Micklegate
Economies within the council itself-tighter use of funds and better accountability.	Huntington and New Earswick
Fewer vanity projects in the City Centre	Guildhall
Efficiency savings through smarter purchasing. Freeze elected officer's allowances for five years	Holgate
Car Parking costs.	Acomb

Increase on Tax on Licence premises. Weekends are very very busy and causes alot of disruption in alcohol related incidents	Micklegate
End all discretionary arts and sports funding. Sell Stonebow House for redevelopment. End all support for the "media arts" circus and its hangers-on. Stop mixing up recycling on collection then spending money on separating it again. Reduce the number of council departments and cut back on superfluous and overpaid managers.	Fishergate
I am not avoiding the question but I really don't believe the Council should need to fund this. I believe support for people in need should come from central government from the taxation system i.e. income tax, which should increase. I also think the Council should be relieved of the burden of administering such benefits. Yes, I am a socialist.	Heworth
NOT through raising the Council Tax	Westfield
By cutting the costs in Council offices .	Haxby and Wigginton
Spend less on green nonsense Spend less on consultants more competition for council contracts ie grass cutting	Haxby and Wigginton
Raise council tax for everyone else.	Heworth
Diverting some money	Fishergate
By scrapping free green bin collections which are unfairly only provided to houses in the suburbs	Micklegate
Have less high earners on the pay roll books	Clifton
By reducing CTS provided to residents on basis of age/pension/income entitlement from 100% to match that provided to all other residents.	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
People that are less fortunate than ourselves need support from the rest, but with no effect on the services provided by the council, I believe the only way to do this is to increase the council tax for those that can afford it.	Strensall
for someone like myself on very limited income I find it almost impossible on a monthly basis to pay my council tax on time, you could consider charging the very wealthy landlords of the very many student houses in the city, it really is not a fair system at all as often i am left with the option of eating or paying council tax and if i dont pay the council tax i will be taken to court, surely this cannot be fair?	Guildhall

Cutting bureaucracy and efficiency savings	Guildhall
The council shouldn't have to. The government should never have been allowed to cut the funding that forced this reduction in the first place, increasing my payments by 600%.	Clifton
It is not a case of funding the extra as the council made more money than expected off these very poor citizens. Also these figures do not represent the CT unrecovered from those unable to afford to pay anything at all out of the extremely frugal personal allowance of income-based benefits. This survey is presented very badly.	Guildhall
Reduction in council manning and vast improvement in efficiency	Rural West York
The amount that is currently being spent in assisting residents in budgeting advice as this is often not the issue, generally residents who experience Council Tax debt are extremely good budgeters but the shortfall in income vs. outgoings does not match up. Amount on Court administration costs and money spent on bailiffs would also be reduced. Other areas could be to increase Council Tax slightly for other residents? Reduce the amount of time that recently repaired or unfurnished houses are exempt? Other areas could look wider at funding which would need to be considered fully, for example, reducing external consultants and doing in-house training with existing Council staff.	Holgate
By opting out of the council tax cap deal which it accepted from central government, and raising council tax on higher bands. This increase in discount should not be purchased at the cost of yet more cuts - rather the council should do what it can to resist the cuts agenda. I am speaking as a volunteer at my local park, just to take one tiny example, where we are being asked to undertake basic maintenance (!) as well as all our existing functions so that the council can cut yet more jobs. We will not be able to do this and thus the park can be expected to decline even further.	Holgate
Increase council tax for higher banded properties	Clifton
Cut green bin collections in November. Reduce amount of 'devolved funding' to be spent on unnecessary projects (i.e. 'beautifying York'). Raise the Council Tax so that people with the advantages of valuable property make a higher contribution to benefit all.	Heworth Without
Increase council tax for all. Take money from business support etc NOT adult social care or children & family services	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
Cutting green bin collections, training more voluntary snow wardens, using perennials rather than bedding plants.	Fishergate

<p>I understand that the 100% exemption on empty properties for landlords has now been reversed, bringing in £1.15m. I believe that this money should be earmarked to help the poorest residents.</p>	<p>Heworth Without</p>
<p>Impose Council tax on student occupied HMOs Increase Council tax. Lobby the government strenuously to treat everyone the same - since if the benefit is properly means tested it should apply also to pensioners (and I am one). It is invidious to impose a tax which takes no account of the ability to pay. Ideally I would like full (100%) support for those who are sufficiently poor but suspect this is not politically attractive.</p>	<p>Osbaldwick and Derwent</p>
<p>You could perhaps start by spending less on things for tourists and pointless "festivals" - residents sometimes get the impression that tourists' requirements take precedence over those who actually live here.</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>Make landlords pay for their empty properties.</p>	<p>Holgate</p>
<p>By increasing council tax for those who are able to pay more (like me).</p>	<p>Clifton</p>
<p>I have only lived here a couple of months so have yet to form an opinion on where YCC's biggest wastages of funds lie! According to the People's Assembly however, the removal of landlords exemption for CT on empty properties would seem a good start and a fair, like-for-like way of funding the increase in CTS.</p>	<p>Clifton</p>
<p>Extract more money from developers and their contributions cover the longer term infrastructure costs. Ensure developers meet their planning obligations particularly when those obligations are designed to reduce the burden on the tax payer e.g. Star Inn The City obtained development gain and land in the Museum Gardens in exchange for reproviding the toilets. They have taken the development gain but NOT reprovided the public toilets. Disgraceful. I have boycotted the place (except to use their toilets!) Reduce duplication in road signage / multiple traffic lights. Reduce public lighting midnight to 6am Issue more taxi licences (never enough taxis 6pm on Sunday at station)</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>

<p>By increasing taxes paid by multi- national companies who make millions from the tourist and hospitality industry of York and who historically pay less or in some cases (as we have seen with Starbucks none). Also council tax should be based on earnings rather than postcode and in this way would tax the rich (of which there are many , many people in York) rather than making the poorest and sick in our society pay for the mistakes of the greedy (the banking industry). For instance in York as we shall see Virgin will be taking over large swathes of NHS health care, this is a company which earns billions worldwide and if it wants to do business in York should be paying taxes commensurate with its earnings. Also York Universty earns millions every year and owns large amounts of land, again they should be paying their fair share. Equally I do not agree that the savings should be found by placing strategically positioned cameras as was attempted in the illegal Lendal Bridge fiasco as this was ultimately theft. If York wants to be seen as a fair and ethical council it needs to start taxing the people who can afford it and assist your more needy residents.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>I am concerned that the Council will have to make savings from other services in order to help the poorest members of our City as the funding of our services has been very badly hit in recent years. Surely there must be ways in which the Council could raise more money.</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>By using the money they now receive from landlords with empty properties. Charge landlords of student accommodation to offset some of the burden.</p>	<p>Clifton</p>
<p>Increasing Community Tax</p>	<p>Dringhouses and Woodthorpe</p>
<p>Use the money now being collected from landlords of empty properties.</p>	<p>Dringhouses and Woodthorpe</p>
<p>Build houses to provide homes and work therby helping to reduce dependency on benefit.</p>	<p>Guildhall</p>
<p>Increase the higher end council tax bracket to make those in higher value properties pay a little more. Do not extend green bin collections. Don't pay temporary staff on consultants day rates, put them all on council contracts. Don't pay lots of money to your own employment agency for temporary staff. Stop the plans to keep Yearsley pool open the cost per swim is too high.</p>	<p>Osbalwick and Derwent</p>
<p>Target those who have lots of properties and are empty, they should pay council tax weather empty or not. Also if you told and more transparent about the wealthy residents who don't pay their share. York is becoming a city for the rich!</p>	<p>Heworth</p>

Using the extra money from the abolition of the allowance for landlords on empty properties. Introduction of local hotel tourism tax, paid nightly by the tourist pacifically for this purpose. Requiring York Universities to pay a local tax for each foreign student, again for this purpose so they know where the money goes. Not on council vanity projects. This would help also with better community relations with the tourist industry and the Universities, vital for the future, otherwise polarisation in the City between rich and poor will increase massively with resulting tensions.	Micklegate
Examine the range of possible savings. Take some money from the York Financial Assistance Scheme.	Holgate
From the removed discount giving landlords 100% exemption on empty properties.	Huntington and New Earswick
From the removal of the 100% exemption from Council Tax given to landlords on empty properties. Also, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has estimated that City of York is already recouping £683,000 more than the central government cut, so it can also put this saving towards a more generous relief scheme.	Guildhall
From CT income on empty properties	Fishergate
Cuts in salaries of the council CEO and department directors and vanity schemes, and council newspapers and periodicals that virtually no one reads.	Heworth Without
Reducing ammount paid out to consultancy firms and senoir ex pay	Strensall
By using the increased income from landlords.	Fishergate
You managed it before the Tories got into power, fight the cuts to local councils, better off people should pay more like they used to before this poll, sorry council tax was Introduced	Acomb
An increase in council tax	Guildhall
Increase revenue from Race Course, increase parking fees, use empty property rates.	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe
By using income generated by levying CT at 100% on empty properties	Heworth Without
From the money saved from the removal of the discount to landlords for empty properties.	Micklegate

Savings could be achieved by more profitable use of Parliament Street (move the market back), A cut in needless refurbishment of streets that are already fit for purpose and a cut in the Tourism budget	Heworth
Review expenditure across the board, present all the options to YORK citizens, make a decision	Guildhall
With the money saved from ending the exemption landlords used to get on empty properties.	Fishergate
Stop giving away money to ward committees that do not need it and other pet schemes	Wheldrake
Since the implementation of the council tax scheme, the council has made technical changes to empty properties which have raised £1.15m. Furthermore, the council is currently raising £683,000 more than the central government cut. The council could consider further technical changes to empty properties that are undergoing repair or structural renovation which would raise an additional £80,000. It could also consider shifting some money from York Financial Assistance Scheme to this scheme.	Holgate
Would need to know more information about council expenses .	Guildhall
Increase Council Tax (if central Government will allow you to do so). I pay full Council Tax, on relatively low earnings, but would still be happy to pay a bit more each month so that vulnerable people are not asked to pay impossible sums.	Hull Road
Increase council tax for the highest bands to wholly cover the costs. Reduction in other council services without a corresponding tax increase on the wealthy is pointless, as the majority of individuals that benefit from the proposed change will likely also depend on those very council services that are being reduced.	Micklegate
Corresponding increase in council tax for the higher bands to cover the cost of increasing support as outlined. I strongly disagree with reducing the services suggested to fund this change as this will disproportionately impact on the same people proposed to be helped by the change.	Micklegate
So many 'projects' I hear of that are costing hundreds of thousands - I am sure the money can come from somewhere!	Rawcliffe and Clifton Without
by looking at the money that is wasted by council such as the amount of unneeded paper work sent out, the lental bridge mess.	Osbalwick and Derwent

I don't know enough details to make really smart choices but I would suggest small cuts to services for non-vulnerable people.	Guildhall
Council tax rises.	Clifton
BY ALLOCATING LESS MONEY TO THE LOCAL TRANSPORT BUDGET OVER A 5 YEAR PERIOD TO BRING THE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM IN YORK UP TO DATE. BY SPENDING LESS MONEY ON DECORATING THE MANSION HOUSE. BY NOT PAYING A THIRD PARTY TO SEND OUT SURVEYS TO COUNCIL TENANTS, THEN RE-SENDING IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN RETURNED. THE POSTAGE ALONE WOULD BE A HUGE SAVING.	Heworth
reduce social services budget they wast a lot of money i was told this by a social worker	Hull Road
Less people in offices, more effective waste removal, less money wasted on speed traps around york.	Strensall
Reduce the amount of staff in West Offices and require the remainder to actually do some work.	Huntington and New Earswick
Introduce a wider range of community tax	Rural West York
You do not give the figure for total Council Tax and I am sure budget papers to be considered by Council are too large to make public, but here are few ideas: Increase Council Tax year on year by maximum allowed avoiding the cost of a poll (1.95%); Revert collection of green waste to end of October; Charge for wheeled green bins if not already charged to be fair to those in terrace properties, i.e. without lawns, who do not need or cannot accommodate wheeled green bins.	Fishergate
I assume that part of the funding would come from savings in the cost of collecting unpaid council tax bills as more people would be able pay their bills in the first instance. Otherwise what about a 1 % tourist tax on accommodation which visitors would really not notice.	Guildhall
By putting services and money waste under realistic scrutiny	Clifton

<p>I believe that the council already has sufficient funds in which to do this as it has raised over a £1m from technical changes to council tax (eg charging when properties are empty). I also understand that it is recouping £700,000 more than the central government grant. There are other ways of raising money, especially by prioritising those who are the poorest in York. For instance, charging for green bin collection or not subsidising swimming pools although I think in this case it would not be necessary.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>By charging the wealthy more including big businesses.</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>Take a good look at maintenance practices and costs - there are usually some good efficiencies from proper planning and scheduling</p>	<p>Wheldrake</p>
<p>Cut management structures in children's services and reduce top management pay</p>	<p>Clifton</p>
<p>I don't really feel that this is a consultation - there are no proposals to comment on. I think the full rate of council tax should be increased to pay for this.</p>	<p>Fishergate</p>
<p>Asking local big supermarkets, and chain coffee shops, to make voluntary contributions. to the council funds. They make their profits from the local area, and would benefit from the good publicity from this action.</p>	<p>Huntington and New Earswick</p>
<p>I know this would be hard for the Council to fund but many people on a low income are already not able to pay such high CT bills so debts are mounting up so the Council is not receiving these payments anyway.</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>Reducing public realm amenity expenditure by making greater use of volunteers and "friends of" groups; increasing residents' parking charges.</p>	<p>Guildhall</p>
<p>Increased CT to higher rate properties Reduce wastage in failure to collect due charges across ycc</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>I believe that from the changes that have been made since the introduction of council tax support, there is sufficient funding to pay for this. Firstly, the council has now started to charge landlords 100% council tax when their properties are empty which will raise the required saving of £1.14m on its own. Secondly, it should be noted that even under the current regime, the council is recovering an additional £683,000 over and above the central government cut to council tax so the savings are not really £1.14m. Furthermore, I would respectfully suggest that there are other schemes that the council are funding - such as emptying green bins - which are less important.</p>	<p>Holgate</p>
<p>By removing the 100% exemption for landlords' empty properties.</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>

hard to say without knowing the context of the rest of the budget	Micklegate
INCREASE COUNCIL TAX OR CHARGE MORE FOR NICE TO HAVE SERVICES	Guildhall
INCREASE COUNCIL TAX	NA
By making better decisions about how to spend revenue so as not to waste money in other service areas.	Micklegate
Up to the Council to decide but feel it is most important for the poorer in society to not have to pay more	Fulford and Heslington
Use the money raised by removing the discount on empty properties. Increase council tax for residents who can afford to pay it. Ask local companies with a turnover above 10m to contribute more to the cities coffers.	Micklegate
Suggestions: Cut the amount of staff working at non-essential jobs - I worked at the council as a temp once and there were some staff who did vital jobs and worked very hard, and other staff whose jobs didn't seem be of much use to anyone - and who consequently were able to spend their time gossiping and surfing the internet. The amount of unnecessary red tape WITHIN the council was pretty amazing to me - it just seemed to create extra work and slow everything down. I think if the top managers in each department spent a couple of weeks a year working at ordinary "ground level" jobs within the council they would have no trouble identifying areas where improvements could be made. I'm also quite happy for the council to cut funding for the arts and for museums, and to cut the salaries of the highest paid council staff.	Acomb
No view	Guildhall
By increasing the council tax to those who do not qualify for support	Heworth
Stop the garden waste collections in November and not reintroduce them until April 1st	Fishergate
Efficency savings within the council departments and more effective management.	Fulford and Heslington
An increase in council tax for those paying council tax at the full rate.	Holgate

<p>In a ideal world, I would prefer to go to the full 30% increase and give 100% council tax support to the city's poorest residents. However, because of the Government's austerity measures and the eventual phasing out of revenue support grants to Local Authorities, so many of our service areas will be under immense strain. Recognising that some compromise may be needed in order to protect services, I have suggested a 15% increase. This could be funded through: - Further assessment and revision of council tax breaks given to those with one than one property in the city - inc. buy-to-let, empty properties, etc - Ensuring no cuts to Adult Social Care through consideration of the council tax precept offered by the Chancellor in his Autumn Statement - Making use of potential income from increased retention of business rates, as announced by the Government (subject to further detail and calculations yet to be seen) - Re-prioritisation of public services e.g. increased green bin collections vs higher council tax support - Reduced new borrowing and/or prioritisation of planned capital improvements to lessen impact on revenue</p>	<p>Micklegate</p>
<p>Council tax increase. The richer (folks like me) should pay more.</p>	<p>Fishergate</p>
<p>Raise the council tax to cover it. Those who can afford to pay should, and those who cannot should be supported</p>	<p>Rawcliffe and Clifton Without</p>
<p>By making savings elsewhere</p>	<p>Huntington and New Earswick</p>
<p>This is an unfair question. The reason it is unfair is that this is an issue of principle : is it fair and realistic to expect people on benefits to pay council tax out of a sum of money that does not encompass living costs and priority bills. The question as posed makes a direct link between front line services being lost and an increase in CTS. This is not acceptable and attempts to avoid the main arguments.council tax in York is high people on benefits do not have the funds to support paying the bills and the imposition of a 30 per cent contribution is causing many people to fall into hardship and is costing the council money in collection activities which again cause hardship to the poor.if Oxford with a similar demographic to York are requesting nil contribution so can York. A series of measures is required to make an integrated system for this. I have advice to offer.</p>	<p>Clifton</p>
<p>Increasing city-centre car parking charges by a small amount</p>	<p>Heworth</p>
<p>Without information on the options available this section is meaningless. How does York compare to other councils? How much of CTB is funded by central Govt?</p>	<p>Holgate</p>

Increases to Council Tax (which is a reasonably progressive tax) and cuts to services on which the poorest are least dependent.	Holgate
In the same way that other Councils in the UK have found to fund this. I understand that other Councils have done this and I feel York should do the same.	Fishergate
Charge more for parking in town.	Micklegate
NB - need better information about the accounts to make an informed decision. The 2014/15 Statement of Accounts provides v. little detail (none) about which services are included in the Service Cost categories. Provide more recycling facilities at supermarkets / car parks and reduce frequency of kerbside collections. Cuts to the culture budget.	Holgate
I understand that having read York Mix that this is effectively already funded by the changes to council tax that have been applied to empty properties in Leeds. I also understand that there is research that states City of York has recouped nearly £700,000 more from its council tax support claimants than has been cut from the central government. If however further money was required, I believe York should support its most vulnerable residents rather than its more affluent ones through financing free garden bin collections.	Holgate
Sorry no idea because I am not a politician or councillor. Not my job to find solutions to problems that government employees are paid to do	Westfield
This needs careful discussion. I can't come up with suggestions right now. Need to study where more cuts could be made as already many difficult choices. But as a principle we must look after the less well off. No doubt about that.	Clifton
not sure	Acomb
Speed cameras, no financial support for developments such as York City's ground. Increase in the top band council tax. Increase in business rates. A HUGE LEVY ON SECOND HOMES AND LANDLORDS ESPECIALLY STUDENT LANDLORDS. I would also end the council tax exemptions for students who can afford to rent way above average rental costs	Osbalwick and Derwent
Increase in council tax	Fishergate
Increase in Council Tax for those who can afford to pay. Spend less money on outdated traditions e.g. expenses for the Lord Mayor. Also make general efficiency savings elsewhere.	Holgate