



Nottingham City Council - 2026/27 Budget savings proposals

The Council has set out new budget plans which enable the authority to continue major improvements through firmer financial management, providing Nottingham taxpayers with better value-for-money through efficiency savings and paying down debt, while investing in the services which are important to local people.

The Medium-Term Financial Plan from 2026/27 to 2029/30 outlines how the authority aims to balance its budget, ending the use of Exceptional Financial Support (EFS), where the Government allows councils to use one-off money from the sale of assets to pay for day-to-day running costs.

While none of the proposals require formal public consultation, in the interests of openness and transparency the council is sharing its plans for savings and spending, and we welcome your views. Please use the survey form below to tell us what you think of the plans.

Supporting information including links to the Executive Board report where the budget proposals were approved for consultation, Equality Impact Assessments for the proposals, Frequently Asked Questions and details of forthcoming budget engagement events open to the public can be found at our Engage Nottingham Hub budget homepage here: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/engage-nottingham-hub/open-consultations/202627-budget-savings-proposals/

You can also click on the following links for quick access:

- Link to exec board report - <https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/documents/s175492/Draft%20MTFP.pdf>
- Link to appendix 2 (savings proposals) - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/rx1lx4xs/appendix-2-new-savings.pdf>
- Link to appendix 3 (investment proposals) - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/b4pkj0fp/appendix-3-investments.pdf>
- Link to Equality Impact Assessments for the proposals - <https://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/Document-Library/Document-Library/adtSREmk>

If you require a paper copy you can pick up a survey form at any local library in the city. You can also leave your completed survey with the library.

For any access or inclusion matters, or for any other information about the budget proposals and how to have your say contact engage@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

How will we use your responses?

- Responses will be collated, summarised and included in a report to Full Council
- Please do not disclose any personal identifiable information
- View the full Privacy Notice here - www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/privacy-statement

1. I am completing this survey as..

- ☐ A member of the public
- ☐ A Nottingham City Council employee
- ☐ The official response of an organisation
- ☐ Other

2. If responding as the official response of an organisation, which organisation are you responding on behalf of?

3. Please tell us the first half of your home postcode (e.g NG1) *this is so that we have a good estimate of whether you live within the Nottingham City boundary or not*

The following two questions help us understand your priorities for Nottingham.

4. Thinking generally, what would you say are most important in making somewhere a good place to live? *Tick all which apply*

- ☐ Arts and cultural services such as theatres and museums
- ☐ Activities and facilities for children and young people
- ☐ Community events and activities and supporting local communities
- ☐ Decent and affordable homes
- ☐ Health services such as mental health services and promoting healthy lifestyles
- ☐ Jobs and supporting people into work
- ☐ Keeping the streets and public areas clean and tidy
- ☐ Maintaining roads and pavements
- ☐ Parks, sports and leisure facilities
- ☐ Public transport, roads and parking
- ☐ Regeneration of town centres/high streets, including shops and markets
- ☐ Schools and place of learning
- ☐ Support and services for older people and vulnerable groups
- ☐ Supporting residents to reduce their impact on the environment
- ☐ Tackling anti-social behaviour and reducing crime
- ☐ Nothing
- ☐ Don't know

☐ Other:

5. What are your priorities for improvement in your local area? *Tick all which apply*

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New Savings

Within the budget there are a number of proposed savings which are listed below. These savings total £11.495m in the financial year 2026/27. Full details of the savings proposals can be found here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/rx1lx4xs/appendix-2-new-savings.pdf>

New Demand Management Savings: Additional demand led savings from Children's residential placement costs - combination of moving from high cost to lower cost foster care or independent homes - £2,461,000

Public Health Reserve: Use of Public Health Reserve for 3 years to offset eligible service revenue costs - £2,000,000

Broadmarsh site security: Majority of the site has been sold. This savings recognises the reduction in holding costs - £1,150,000

Housing/Accommodation Strategy: Review of Adult Social Care Housing Related Support contract - £1,023,000

District Heating Network: Increased income target - £1,000,000

Asset rationalisation pressure review: Funding was put aside to offset the loss of income through asset sales, these sales have since not had the scale of income reductions expected so the put aside money can be reallocated - £1,000,000

Implement Theatre Royal and Concert Hall Commissioned Review: Improve customer experience and events calendar to maximise ticket sale and enhance revenues - £500,000

One off insurance reserve surplus usage: Use one off surplus to fund the insurance and risk team in 2026/27 - £500,000

Working Age Care and Support Reviews: Resuming regular Care Act Reviews in keeping with best practice - £400,000

Fairer Charging Assessments: Review Fairer Charging assessments - £257,000

Review of Residential & Nursing Placements Pricing Structure: A review of pricing structures for care packages/placements - £250,000

Leisure Transformation: Investing in the service to increase income and service efficiencies - £238,000

Workplace Parking Levy: Review of existing Workplace Parking Charges - £228,000

Commercial Waste: Fee increases will generate an estimated £0.115m of income - £115,000

Introduction of electric vehicle salary sacrifice on NI contributions: Introduction of electric vehicle salary sacrifice on NI contributions for staff - £113,000

Respite Review: Introduction of allocation policy for fairer distribution of service - £78,000

Brokerage Service For Self Funders: Charging a small fee to broker social care for self funders in keeping with Care Act - £72,000

Events Team Transition: Shift the team to a commercial model, being cost-neutral or revenue-generating - £50,000

CCTV Income and Efficiencies: Expanding the service offer and achieving operational efficiency and revenue growth in CCTV - £50,000

Solar Portfolio: There are benefits through energy procurement price saving, an overall reduction in risk to energy price spikes, and demonstrating how we use Council funds and Government funding to advance carbon reduction and grow embedded renewable electricity generation within the City - £50,000

Disabled Facilities Grant Utilisation: Using DfG capital funding where appropriate to offset revenue costs - £30,000

6. Would you like to comment on any of the above proposed savings? (Please tell us which proposal(s) you are referring to) *Please feel free to staple an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.*

Investments

Also in the budget are a number of investments listed below. These investments total £4.599m. Full details of the investments can be found here: <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/media/b4pkj0fp/appendix-3-investments.pdf>

Enhanced Street Cleaning: Enhancing street cleaning across Nottingham to improve the look and feel in the city and local communities by increasing fly tipping clearance with additional teams and vehicles - £980,000

Upgrading Our Roads: Upgrading our roads by tackling potholes, refreshing road markings and making local roads safer and fit for purpose - £500,000

Investing In Our Buildings: Investing in our buildings with a new repairs and maintenance fund so Council premises used by local people are safe and fit for purpose - £473,000

Strengthening Neighbourhood Safety: Strengthening Neighbourhood Safety in our local communities by recruiting an additional eight Neighbourhood Safety Officers, on top of the four that were recruited as part of the Council's Turning Words Into Action in-year spend. Bringing the total number of newly recruited NSOs to 12 - £455,000

Regenerating Nottingham: Regenerating Nottingham by creating a new function in the Council that will design plans to enhance, reshape and lead the city forward by securing national and regional funding to achieve our local goals - £400,000

Trimming Back Hedges: Trimming back hedges in local estates and allotments to improve the look of our local communities, support biodiversity and ensure safe and clear public access - £340,000

Ensuring Strong Service Performance: Ensuring strong service performance for tax-payers by strengthening the Council's performance monitoring to drive improvement and better outcomes for service users - £325,000

Managing Our Buildings Better: Managing our buildings better by improving the service for commercial tenants, managing our occupied and vacant buildings better and selling those that do not give the Nottingham tax payer value for money - £277,000

Empowering Local People Through Place Based Partnerships: Empowering local people through Placed Based Partnerships, giving Councillors and local people the forum, power and money to shape their local communities for the better - £202,000

Enriching Our Local Communities: Enriching our local communities by setting up Community Grants in each of the twenty wards in the city, so local Councillors can support ward based activity, cohesion and development directly in our communities - £183,000

Intensive Weed Removal: Intensive Weed Removal by removing weeds in grot spots across the city - £120,000

Topping Up Park Maintenance: Topping up park maintenance for day to day improvements for local parks to ensure a good standard across the city, so every child can have access to a good and safe local park - £120,000

Protecting Healthy Trees: Protecting healthy trees by targeting overgrown and unsafe trees on footpaths and highways, ensuring safe and clear public access while protecting perfectly healthy trees - £100,000

Revamping Parks for People: Revamping parks for people by recruiting more Playground Inspectors and Park Rangers, as part of a £3m investment programme to upgrade and enhance our local parks across Nottingham - £76,000

Supporting Our Volunteers: Supporting our volunteers by recruiting a Greenspace Volunteer Coordinator to help organise local greenspace volunteer events, promote community engagement and offer advice and support - £48,000

7. Would you like to comment on any of the above proposed investments? (Please tell us which proposal(s) you are referring to) *Please feel free to staple an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.*

8. If you would you like to comment on any other aspect of the budget proposals please do so here. *Please feel free to staple an additional sheet of paper if you need more space.*

Equalities monitoring

Nottingham City Council is committed to equality of opportunity. The information you provide will be treated confidentially in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulations. You do not have to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

9. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ Under 18 years old
- ☐ 18-24 years old
- ☐ 25-34 years old
- ☐ 35-44 years old
- ☐ 45-54 years old
- ☐ 55-64 years old
- ☐ 65-74 years old
- ☐ 75+ years old
- ☐ Prefer not to say

10. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

11. Is this the same as your gender at birth?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Prefer not to say

12. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ Arab
- ☐ Asian - Bangladeshi
- ☐ Asian - Chinese
- ☐ Asian - Pakistani
- ☐ Asian - Indian
- ☐ Asian - Other
- ☐ Black - African
- ☐ Black - Caribbean
- ☐ Black - Other
- ☐ Mixed - Asian & White
- ☐ Mixed - Black Caribbean & White
- ☐ Mixed - Black African & White
- ☐ Mixed - Other
- ☐ White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British
- ☐ White - Gypsy or Traveller
- ☐ White - Irish
- ☐ White - Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

13. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Gay Man
- ☐ Gay Woman/ Lesbian
- ☐ Heterosexual/ Straight
- ☐ Prefer not to say

☐ Other

14. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ I consider myself to be disabled
- ☐ I consider myself not to be disabled
- ☐ Prefer not to say

15. Which of these best describes you?

- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Pagan
- ☐ Sikh
- ☐ No religion or belief
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other

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