

## Q13 Please let us know of any further suggestions that you may have that may help the council to make savings or reduce our spending.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	My suggestion is that over-sized vehicles such as large vans, motorhomes and caravans which are kept on residential properties should attract a charge. They have a negative impact on the environment and the owners are usually within an income bracket which can afford to pay. Vehicles kept on storage sites should be exempt.	9/28/2018 3:12 PM
2	Stop bonuses, private companies stopped these when they aren't achieving desired results, it shouldn't be a given.	9/23/2018 10:24 PM
3	How about reducing 50% of your staff at the Council Office, utter waste of money, cock up with Council bin depot, mis management for the last 10 years it's embarrassing.	9/23/2018 8:26 PM
4	Encourage people to be more responsible for their own health and to be independent	9/23/2018 12:59 PM
5	No idea	9/15/2018 3:26 PM
6	The Council could look to reduce Councillor expenses to spread the load as widely as possible.	9/13/2018 5:22 PM
7	I think the 50% discount on properties undergoing major repair or structural works should be reduced from 12 months to 6 months.	9/11/2018 4:25 PM
8	Having a unitary structure!! I know the districts are not in favour of this (because it would mean they will lose control & also lose their jobs)	9/11/2018 2:03 PM
9	I think instead of increasing council tax or reducing council tax benefits, other opportunities to generate more savings should be explored. For example: 1. start a charity (or another support fund) to reduce burden on council to provide council tax benefits. This is to basically avoid increasing council tax (which is mandatory to pay) as only those people would contribute who can. 2. organise fund raising events (ideas available at <a href="https://www.goraise.co.uk/blog/52-fundraising-ideas/">https://www.goraise.co.uk/blog/52-fundraising-ideas/</a> ; <a href="https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/A-Z-of-fundraising-ideas">https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/A-Z-of-fundraising-ideas</a> )	9/5/2018 4:40 PM
10	Less high paid officers at the top of the chain!	9/4/2018 3:36 PM
11	Is this consultation a statutory requirement? How do you convince joe public that you are going to take notice of anything they say	9/3/2018 11:09 PM
12	Is there an employment freeze in place? Have the Council collected all due but unpaid taxes etc? Is the Council vehicle poole managed/serviced in-house or shared with adjacent authorities? Are the salaries of the Chief Officers value for money to the Authority?	9/3/2018 7:53 PM
13	I would propose making it easier for people to volunteer their services; such as litter picking days where equipment is provided free of charge. This would encourage participation to improve the environment and community spirit. also save money on remuneration for litter pickers that the council employs. I would also encourage less money spent on such schemes as bus lanes etc. These schemes are inconvenient and biased.	9/1/2018 12:50 PM
14	Disabled families to be allowed a larger recycling bin as they tend to have a lot of packaging for specialist foods, medicines, incontinence pads etc but they lack the mobility to flatten and squash these down. If this bin isn't big enough they will have to resort to putting more things in the black bin now there is only fortnightly collections.	9/1/2018 11:11 AM
15	No	9/1/2018 7:29 AM
16	Please make sure that low income people are assessed properly as they have been making false claims and claiming all sorts of benefits when working as a self employed and shows very less income in their paper work. They are mainly taxi drivers who claims all the benefits and earning quite a good income anyway.	8/31/2018 9:31 PM
17	None at present.	8/31/2018 4:15 PM
18	None	8/31/2018 3:28 PM

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19	Reduce paper wastage, if some could be emailed with council tax or benefit information then email, receiving 3 or 4, 4 page documents a time saying basically the same thing is surely not cost effective.	8/31/2018 1:09 PM
20	Allow a short low fee for council parking to allow for shoppers but increase daily longer time parking to stop	8/30/2018 5:01 PM
21	Can a small discount be offered to everyone who pays their Council Tax by Direct Debit and every instalment is paid each year. This could be taken off the following years charge, perhaps at the cost of £1 a month per payment.	8/29/2018 9:15 PM
22	Need to address chronic underfunding from central government and/or raise council tax in general and above the rates tied in by law.	8/29/2018 2:05 PM
23	In the Victorian terraced roads limit the number of vehicles allowed to be parked by occupants of each house by issue of a 1x car Permit for a small annual charge (£100?). Any extra permits must be at a punishing rate (£1000). Any house with a driveway/dropped curb parking space etc must use that space as if they have a driveway. Any house with a driveway is not allowed the low cost £100 Permit, but must pay £1000 per Permit, with a maximum of 1x Permit only allowed.	8/29/2018 12:19 PM
24	Review car parking charges - visit Broughton Astley - its vibrant - no parking charges - lots of shops. Narborough will soon become a ghost village called "Richardson's Folly" with no shops remaining its counter productive to kill the village as business rates evaporate along with the business owners. Call David Roberts 2848792 to discuss further.	8/29/2018 8:55 AM
25	Give less money to the councillors they receive far too many expenses etc that would help immensely	8/27/2018 1:35 PM
26	Not really, there's only so much you can cut, more funding is needed.	8/25/2018 8:36 PM
27	Single adult occupants only get 25% discount. It would be fairer if all adults per property paid a set rate (depending upon what band the property is in). For example, a property with 4 adults should pay four times the amount a single occupant pays, etc.	8/25/2018 6:36 PM
28	People need to see the council employees working harder. Publish all rates of pay, bonuses and pension contributions of all staff. One example that I have heard- grounds people are often managed by people who have no idea how long a job should take. Consequently they over-estimate how long a job takes. Eg Six acre park in Narborough is not six acres so shouldn't take a day to work on. If these people were working for themselves they would go out of business. Use more community payback schemes to clean up litter, empty bins, remove graffiti etc. Inform people when the road sweepers are coming around so they can do their job. I get fed up of the street cleaner coming into our close and they have to drive down the middle of the street which does nothing. If we were supplied with dates we could try and move cars or do it during the day when less cars are parked ( not ) early morning. Provide a list via website of everything the council does, people may be surprised. Then ask for ideas of how the council could make savings.	8/25/2018 5:42 PM
29	Is there any form of reduction or payback to the local council from the county council? Given that so much of the CT is paid to the County are they held to account for the services they provide and if they do not perform can the local council expect a payback. As the ultimate big spenders the County Council should be held to account for their spending and not subsidised by the local councils.	8/25/2018 10:09 AM
30	With all the new houses being built plus extra businesses surely you are getting in more money than ever?	8/24/2018 11:58 AM
31	.	8/23/2018 10:09 PM
32	I have to wonder why the top council employees have such considerable salaries. I do not think that this can be justified.	8/22/2018 10:19 PM
33	Do a survey on areas where residents are willing to pay extra for improvements in their area where the council would not be able to pay themselves (e.g. switched on street lighting, additional facilities in play grounds, increased bin emptying over summer periods when bins stink etc).	8/22/2018 9:28 AM
34	None	8/22/2018 6:55 AM
35	freeze pay for the higher earners until they can balance the books	8/21/2018 7:04 PM
36	Pay freeze for staff currently earning more than £60,000 per year.	8/21/2018 10:32 AM
37	stop keep wasting money by digging up roads over and over again. also check benefits entitlements better.	8/21/2018 8:46 AM

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38	More shared services with other Authorities	8/20/2018 9:14 PM
39	Charge people on benefits for stuff, if they can't afford it then it might inspire them to get a job or move to somewhere more suited to their income.	8/20/2018 6:31 PM
40	Services provided already significantly reduced. Increasingly appears that Council Tax is not good value for money.	8/20/2018 6:27 PM
41	Merge and reduce significantly Councillors with County Councillors Merge support services and some operational services with other Leicestershire districts and Leicestershire county council and possibly Leicester City Council	8/20/2018 5:55 PM
42	cut down on junkets, and unnecessary hospitality etc. make sure people in the district are first priority. The change to bin collection for example is APPALLING - people are suffering so you can save money but there are environmental and health issues with this.	8/20/2018 3:42 PM
43	I think you should focus on raising income. There have already been far too many 'savings', of which many are false economies	8/20/2018 12:31 PM
44	Provide the regular newsletter online only, removing the cost of printing & distribution.	8/20/2018 11:54 AM
45	I would like to see a genuine plan for a reduction in council tax across the board, considering provision of services has been reduced yet council tax charges increased. In real terms this is a large rise. Given the council has now halved its refuse collections vs increased income, I fail to see how further savings are possibly needed	8/20/2018 11:22 AM
46	All second homes should pay in full. How can they expect to sub let them, receive rent and CTL liability.	8/19/2018 7:30 PM
47	Reduce or stop the amount given to non-council community groups. They should be able to support themselves through membership subs and fundraising. Also funding given to sporting individuals should be limited to those achieving national recognition. Sporting bodies/national lottery etc give grants to those hoping to make the grade. It should be limited to those making podium (1,2 or 3) in national comps for their agegroup and once they slip down it should be cancelled. To be reviewed annually Those people owning dogs and being fined for various reasons should have heavier fines. People erecting buildings without planning permission should be fined heavily. Not fair on those playing by the rules. Not agreeing to solar Christmas trees being put on lamp posts. Most people indoors when they light up.	8/19/2018 5:48 PM
48	Where properties are bought for investment and they remain unoccupied then the landlord/owner should be charged retrospective rates for the whole period that it remains empty. This is especially true for foreign nationals purchasing property.	8/19/2018 3:33 PM
49	Stop printing and sending out the council "magazine". It is a completely useless document and is just council propaganda.	8/19/2018 12:48 PM
50	Introduce a residents parking scheme in housing areas that have on-street parking only where a fee is chargeable to allow exclusive parking for permit holders only	8/19/2018 11:48 AM
51	Reduce inefficiencies of staff, system, methods, process and take lean approach for each service you provide to public. This helps in reducing the bills to council and in turn our council tax.	8/19/2018 10:27 AM
52	Rented property should also incur 10% from the owner whilst the occupier should pay in line with whatever rates are applicable as well. Suggested contribution should also be encouraged at the tip, whilst most people would pay there may be circumstances where someone couldn't such as no change etc. Should be a nominal sum such as 50p or £1 but not compulsory.	8/19/2018 9:33 AM
53	Why are people of pension age exempt? I am a pensioner.	8/18/2018 4:27 PM
54	CUT OUT ALL MAGAZINES TO ALL HOUSEHOLDS	8/18/2018 2:11 PM
55	1. Making cuts to service is an easy option. Reviewing what services are provided, the cost and value of those services needs to be reviewed. We live in a digital age. Where is the council on that programme? 2. Reduce the amount given to the county council. What a waste of money the bus lane on Leicester Road is. 3. Planning department. There is too much bureaucracy. Review and remove those works that are insignificant and do not need to block up the planning process, even though a fee is also payable. Treat the problem not the symptom	8/18/2018 1:52 PM
56	that's a massive can of worms! off topic, but interesting that my old 2 bed semi in Countesthorpe, was higher council tax than my parents much larger, more valuable 3 bed in Wigston, indicating the bdc rates are already way too high??? regards savings, if compared to a retail store, you need a major restructure exercise, freeze on pay increases, and properly investigate fraudulent claims	8/18/2018 11:24 AM

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57	N	8/18/2018 9:30 AM
58	None	8/18/2018 8:58 AM
59	Stop wasting money on roadworks that simply make traffic flow worse, cause more pollution, and do not aid traffic congestion.	8/18/2018 8:32 AM
60	House with multiple people over 18 years who work should pay more council tax	8/18/2018 8:30 AM
61	Bar-code all bins then if you want weekly collections then you pay a fee. Could generate cash.	8/18/2018 7:58 AM
62	Publish figures on how many FTEs (full time equivalents) were made redundant as a result of bin collection changes.	8/18/2018 7:51 AM
63	Change the finance committee and get some professional help. Does anyone have any relevant academic qualifications to run a budget and accounts for a large organisation.	8/18/2018 7:41 AM
64	Read my previous comments	8/18/2018 1:15 AM
65	As above. Clear that there are enough to pay it. Enforce upon those who don't	8/17/2018 11:21 PM
66	Fewer councillors and pay yourselves less.	8/17/2018 10:54 PM
67	Review business rates to be based on the property value/tenancy	8/17/2018 9:25 PM
68	Reduce the salaries of the senior management until the council meet budget targets	8/17/2018 9:18 PM
69	Ask local businesses to take on small jobs for the council eg local garden centres to cut grass verges	8/17/2018 9:15 PM
70	Reduce the number of councillors and committees.	8/17/2018 9:10 PM
71	NA	8/17/2018 9:02 PM
72	- Give everybody a single large bin that everything goes into and is emptied every week. Will save multiple crews using multiple lorries all travelling around the same routes. - May not be Blaby Council's responsibility but stop wasting money on putting in bus lanes, cycle lanes, bollards in the middle of car lanes, speed bumps and other anti-motorist measures.	8/17/2018 8:39 PM
73	Make more effort to persuade central government to fund local government properly. Also savings could be made by making greater economies within local government including reviewing staffing levels, especially administration staff, (not staff on the ground, such as bin men), and the efficiency within each department - not looking for ways to place the extra financial burden upon council tax payers, who already pay substantial sums of council tax.	8/17/2018 8:39 PM
74	weekly bin collections and the removal of charges to dispose of rubbish at local refuse centres. This would in my opinion reduce the amount of fly tipping, which not only blights the parish and country but has a huge financial impact on local authorities that are faced with the clean up bill	8/17/2018 8:24 PM
75	Stop printing that pointless waste of paper that is the council magazine. Straight in the bin. If it must be maintained why not online? I also imagine the chief executive is grossly over remunerated and might like to reduce their salary accordingly	8/17/2018 7:23 PM
76	Do council employees pay for parking as NHS staff do? If new houses not purchased does the builder pay rates?	8/17/2018 6:54 PM
77	Weekly bin collections for both bins will lead to less fly tipping. Also care packages cost less than putting people in homes	8/17/2018 6:52 PM
78	Cut leaders pay and increase staff pension contributions whilst reducing employers pension contributions in a similar way to the private sector.	8/17/2018 6:39 PM
79	Pay freeze on council salaries so that everyone is aware how hard it is for people on limited income,	8/17/2018 6:35 PM
80	Stop final salary pensions for employees. Private companies did this decades ago. Final salary pensions are not affordable. Greatly reduce Councillor's allowances.	8/17/2018 6:02 PM
81	get to 100% collection rate.	8/17/2018 6:00 PM
82	Better lighting would be good	8/17/2018 5:39 PM
83	Everyone pays something	8/17/2018 5:27 PM

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84	Why won't you remove the single occupancy discount? Single occupiers still use the same council services and could in fact have higher usage than multi occupancy dwellings, so why do they benefit from a discount? I would also question the validity of all single occupancy claims. If you removed it, the risk of false claims would be far lower resulting in higher revenue from council tax.	8/17/2018 5:17 PM
85	I would like to see administration costs cut by removing middle tiers of local councils, or removing Parish council costs.	8/17/2018 5:12 PM
86	repairing pot holes properly so they do not redoing in a few months and using less men to do what one person can do	8/17/2018 4:53 PM
87	I assume that your proposals if all agree will be implemented . The last consultation where I agreed with your proposal was that of refuse where you proposed that larger recycling bins would be free of charge but you reneged on this. I am sure that respondents did not willing ask for the additional charge.	8/17/2018 4:45 PM
88	council give confidence to landlord about rent guarantee. some tenant goes to council and says do not give rent to land lord and tenant never give rent to landlord also land lord has no confidence in tenant for rent	8/17/2018 4:37 PM
89	Increase the tax on the huge 4 bed plus properties.get the bin system sorted.one vehicle to collect both bins every other week.Half your admin staff. Cut the pay to the highest paid to an average wage.and get rid of the parking meters so expensive to install and maintain and then send people to fine people. Locals would then shop locally benefiting local community. Recycling needs to be easy...keep the tips open employ less silly people there and concentrate on getting the travellers paying the council and abiding by the law.	8/17/2018 3:47 PM
90	Give all households larger bins for nothing - not just 4 plus persons.	8/17/2018 3:04 PM
91	Cut your council vehicles. Cut your car allowance for staff who are only working within one county. Cut the payment of petrol to staff to 45p per mile. Stop funding any resident who has not been in the borough for 10 years (do not support residents without a local connection). Make sure no more HB discretionary payments are made towards bedroom tax. Move residents from social houses that have too many bedrooms to smaller properties. Allow resident only parking schemes that are funded by residents. Use a warden to ticket cars parked on pathways to collect income. Be more aggressive about benefit fraud. Stop providing tea and biscuits or lunch for any meeting Stop any abroad travel Do not pay any council employee over 100K Limit management roles Do not pay managers over 40K Do not educate children without a local connection.	8/17/2018 3:01 PM
92	Investigation of council expenses above and beyond the normal itinerary.	8/17/2018 2:47 PM
93	Cut down on all the politically correct areas, Health and Safety etc. Concentrate on maintaining the infrastructure.	8/17/2018 2:40 PM
94	Na	8/17/2018 2:08 PM
95	Look carefully that all spending is justified and not politically motivated. Focus on young families, homeless, and those that are vulnerable and the environment.	8/17/2018 2:03 PM
96	stop the use of using bottled water point in all council sites and just have a sink with tap water available make staff have there own cup don't spend money buying reusable one of which many are not recycleable	8/17/2018 2:02 PM
97	Council tax charges should not be made against bereaved relatives if the home owner was the only person living in the household. In the current Market it can take up to 18 months to sell a property (after death). Even if you are selling the house back to the council/housing association for their future use (in my experience this sector is the slowest to agree & finalise a sale whilst tax is still due to the same authority)	8/17/2018 1:46 PM
98	Sorry. I believe that central government are doing the wrong thing anyway. What the electorate want is a safe, clean, fair environment to live in. HS2, for example, does not contribute to that. I would welcome a movement to fight back.	8/17/2018 1:36 PM
99	Not sure why single people get 25% discount still get same service i.e. bins emptied	8/17/2018 1:35 PM
100	Cut some of the staff pensions and thin out the top ranks, not many other people get a pension for life that they haven't paid for. I had heard that a third of our council tax goes to pay pensions but you will probably refute that.	8/17/2018 1:27 PM

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101	Consultations such as this are a good idea. In terms of social housing provision within Blaby I'd suggest the disparate approach being taken (as I understand directed from central government housing) doesn't work within rural locations. Lack of transport/infrastructure/work opportunities doesn't generally work for social housing residents who I've witnessed get frustrated and have sometimes returned to city living. Overhaul of this dispersion model long overdue. So in summary, don't invest in social housing within rural areas as it doesn't work.	8/17/2018 1:27 PM
102	Now that refuse services have been halved reduce staff accordingly and get rid of community 'coordinators'.	8/17/2018 1:24 PM
103	Less flowers everywhere, not necessary	8/17/2018 1:12 PM
104	Facilitate group sessions with themes on cost savings, opened up to Blaby District residents. 'Good practice ' sharing between parishes and towns INCLUDING residents.	8/17/2018 1:11 PM
105	Review staffing levels & job descriptions similar to that of the private sector--I am sure serious savings can be made in this area	8/17/2018 1:05 PM
106	I think everybody within the district should pay something towards there Council Tax including pensioners	8/17/2018 1:02 PM
107	Fine people for littering charge a nominal sum for using refuse tip(recycling centre)	8/17/2018 12:53 PM
108	The senior management team within Blaby council could take a pay cut from there salary there your first savings. You have already changed the Bin service so you should be saving money from that scheme.	8/17/2018 12:52 PM
109	I fully support your move towards fortnightly refuse collections and am appalled that you are having to review this move. The savings have to be made somehow and again, this is a good way of achieving that aim.	8/17/2018 12:49 PM
110	Reduce sickness absence in the council and the benefits paid to employees when people are off sick.	8/17/2018 12:47 PM
111	Introduce a lower capital limit	8/17/2018 12:44 PM
112	Increase any fines by 50%. Any planning applications made after work has already started on a property and subsequently approved should be levy to a 1% of Property Value admin charge or £1000 whichever is the greater.	8/17/2018 12:40 PM
113	none	8/16/2018 10:47 AM