

Moray Council Budget Consultation

Introduction

Over the next four years The Moray Council has to find savings of £30 million and faced with such a challenge, sought views from the public on what services they wished to protect and where savings could be made.

A number of methods were utilised to encourage and enable as wide a cross section of the Moray population as possible to participate in this consultation. They were:

1. Citizens' Panel / Public Survey
2. Public Roadshows
3. Suggestion form (online & hard copy)
4. Public Workshops
5. Interactive Budget Challenge
6. Managers and Staff consultation

The input from each of the above formats has been analysed to identify the areas where members of the public and staff believe savings should be made or that should be protected from budget reductions. The findings are presented here preceded by a brief indication of participation levels.

Participation

1. Citizens' Panel / Public Survey = 759 completed surveys (all formats)
2. Public Roadshows = 451 attendees, 602 suggestions received (535 relating to savings / 67 relating to protection of services)
3. Suggestion Form = 286 (279 relating to savings / 7 relating to protection of services)
4. Public Workshops = 239 attendees, 797 comments (628 relating to savings / 169 relating to protection of services)
5. Interactive Budget Challenge = 64 participants
6. Managers & Staff consultation = 35 managers / 600 staff (approx.)