



July 2010

Dear WASU Member,

Worcestershire County Council Budget and Service Priorities Survey

Worcestershire County Council will have less money to spend in the future and will need to reduce services. The majority of the County Council's budget comes from a Government grant and the remainder is made up from Council Tax.

The council is expecting its Government grant to be cut for the years 2011-14. The exact amount will be confirmed in late October when the Government announces its 'Comprehensive Spending Review' figures. The council is expecting its budget to be reduced by about 15 per cent during 2011-14, which is approximately £45 million. A programme called Better Outcomes, Lean Delivery (BOLD) is taking place at the County Council, to find solutions to working with the anticipated 15 per cent reduction.

Before the council makes decisions about which services will be reduced in the 'spend less, do less' approach, it wants as much public opinion as possible to inform its decisions. Therefore we would be very grateful if you could complete the short enclosed survey and return it to us in the prepaid envelope provided by Monday 2nd August 2010.

Yours sincerely,

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