

Have your say on council savings



Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) is running out of money.



EBC spends a lot of money helping people who are homeless.



A lot of other councils are in the same situation.



EBC needs to save close to 3 million pounds by April 2025.



If it does not, it could run out of money completely. This would mean it stops a lot of its services.



The law says that councils must provide some services – these are ‘**statutory**’ services.



Other services are ‘**discretionary**’. This means the council can choose whether to provide them.



EBC is asking people what they think about reducing some **discretionary** services.

Here is what EBC is looking at reducing:



Public toilets



EBC is looking at closing most of its public toilets.



All Changing Places toilets in Eastbourne would stay open.



EBC would set up a community toilet scheme.



This means you could use toilets in places like shops, hotels, community centres and public buildings.



EBC would create a map showing all community toilets.

Street cleaning



EBC would do less street sweeping.



EBC would keep on cleaning the streets on the seafront and town centre.



EBC would still clean streets in other parts of Eastbourne when needed.

Grounds maintenance (grass cutting and gardening)



EBC would do less grass cutting and gardening.



It would focus on keep on grass cutting and gardening in busier areas.



The important thing would be to keep parks and playgrounds safe.



EBC would look to work more with volunteer groups for grass cutting and gardening in some places.

Customer services (phone and face to face)



EBC are looking at changing opening hours for face-to-face and telephone service.

Currently these are: Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

EBC is looking at changing this to:



- Telephone: 9am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday (10am to 4pm on Wednesday)
- Face-to-face: 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Car parks



EBC is looking at charging more money to park in its car parks.



It would also make the time people have to pay longer.



Sovereign Centre



EBC might close some of the 3 swimming pools at the Sovereign Centre.



It would keep swimming lessons, school swimming and lane swimming.

Community grants



EBC gives money to voluntary groups.



EBC is looking at giving less money to these groups after April 2025.

Eastbourne Town Hall



EBC will look at different uses for the Town Hall.

This could mean EBC doesn't use the Town Hall as much.

The splash pad at Princes Park



EBC needs to find sponsors to help pay for the Splash Pad.



If it does not, then the Splash Pad would not be turned on in future.

How to have your say



EBC would like to know what you think about all this.



The consultation will run from Thursday 19 September to Thursday 31 October 2024.



EBC have put an online survey on their website.



You can also pick up a survey at Eastbourne Town Hall.



Or call us and we will send you one.

Telephone: 01323 410000



Or you can email us CustomerFirst@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Drop-in event



EBC are holding a drop-in event at the Town Hall.



This is on Thursday 10 October from 12pm to 7pm.



You can come and speak to EBC staff and ask any questions.



You can also get help filling in the survey.