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## Fee Consultation and Budgeting for Social Care

Did the Council conduct consultations with adult social-care providers and individuals receiving services prior to agreeing on the service fees? If so, can you provide evidence of this consultation?

On 20 February 2025, City of Edinburgh Council considered a report on the Consultation on Officer Budget Proposals as part of the 2025-26 budget setting process:

[Item 4.1f -Consultation on Officer Budget Proposals referral from Finance and Resources Committe.pdf](#)

Do you have a copy of the impact assessment completed to support the decision for the approved fee increase?

On 20 February 2025, City of Edinburgh Council considered a report on a Cumulative Integrated Impact Assessment as part of the 2025-26 budget setting process:

[Item 4.1d - Council Revenue Budget Framework 2025-26 Cumulative Integrated Impact Assessment.pdf](#)

In the budget-setting process for 2025-2026, were any funds allocated to increase reserves?

On 20 February 2025, City of Edinburgh Council considered a report on Risks and Reserves as part of the 2025-26 budget setting process:

[Item 4.1c - Revenue Budget 2025-26 Risks and Reserves - referral from Finance and Resources Comm.pdf](#)

Details of a realignment of reserves is summarised in paragraph 4.53 and planned uses / contributions is included in appendix 2.

What was the percentage change in Council Tax levels for 2025-2026?

An increase of 8% across all Council Tax bands was agreed for 2025/26

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/council-tax/council-tax-bands>