

## **Your borough Your Voice: Feedback on saving proposals**

Over a six week period (from 10 September to 19 October 2014) the Council consulted local residents on the savings proposals which may have a particular impact on service delivery or users. As part of the Your Borough, Your Voice engagement campaign, which sought feedback from residents about local priorities and budget decisions, we asked for views on 25 specific proposals

The consultation was carried out using a wide range of methods to ensure as many opportunities as possible for people to take part. These included a web-based survey publicised online, in East End Life and at local events and stalls. In addition, there were also a range of awareness raising events in the community, face to face discussions with specific service user groups and consultation with groups with specific needs.

The 25 proposals were published online on a dedicated web page and linked to an online survey. This was advertised on the Council's website, through weekly updates in East End Life and through leaflets and materials distributed at the events below. Residents were asked the below questions in the survey:

- Do you have any comments / suggestions about this saving?
- What effects do you think this saving proposal will have?
- Who do you think this proposal will impact on?
- Do you think that there are any potential risks or benefits to this saving proposal?
- Do you have any further comments?

Residents were then able to provide comments, via a supplementary consultation, on any of the savings proposals.

In addition to the online survey, activity was undertaken to raise awareness of the consultation through local events and stalls at market locations throughout the Borough; discussion with Local Ward Forums and Community Champion Co-ordinators; and consultation meetings with service user groups and representative forums, as well as with voluntary and community sector organisations. These include, for example, the Local Voices steering group of disabled residents, the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and the Carers Forum.