

We are seeking your views and opinions to help inform the future of Colchester.

Like many councils, Colchester continues to face many financial pressures. We are seeking your input to help us review our priorities so that we can continue to support our residents and deliver the services you need and deserve. We would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes of your time to input into this discussion by completing this short survey and help inform our future. **This survey will close midnight Monday 1 November. As a thank you for taking part, we are offering you the opportunity to win 1 of 3 £50 supermarket vouchers (of your choice).** Following this survey, we will be looking for volunteers to attend face-to-face focus groups/workshops. Please provide your contact details when prompted if you are willing to take part. *Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary. Colchester Borough Council takes the management of personal data seriously and it does this in compliance with data protection laws. All information collected will be used for research purposes only. We will never share personally identifiable information with third parties for promotional purposes. The information you supply will be kept for 2 years and at which point it will be disposed of securely. For further information about how your data is used and stored, please go to www.colchester.gov.uk/privacy. (Colchester Borough Council have little or no influence over a number of services. This includes but is not limited to education, roads and infrastructure as these are managed by Essex County Council and their budgets).*

1.How strongly do you agree or disagree with these statements about Colchester?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	N/A
I enjoy living/working in Colchester	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel a sense of community in the area of Colchester	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would recommend other people to live or work in Colchester	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.If you didn't agree with any of the above statements, what changes in Colchester would you like to see?

3. Below are the current 5 priorities for Colchester Borough Council which were laid out in the 2020–2023 Strategic Plan. Please rank these in order of importance by dragging and dropping or using the arrows on the screen.

There will be opportunity to tell us about any other items you think should be a priority later.

THE CLIMATE CHALLENGE (including; reducing carbon emissions and achieving net zero carbon footprint for services by 2030, improving air quality, encouraging the reduction, reusing and recycling of waste).

CREATING SAFE, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE COMMUNITIES (where people feel empowered, self-sufficient, healthy, active, happy and doing what they enjoy).

DELIVERING HOMES FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED THEM (including; delivering more affordable homes and improving existing council homes).

GROWING A FAIR ECONOMY SO EVERYONE BENEFITS (including; working with partners to facilitate a highly skilled, high wage, low carbon workforce and ensuring the new economy is greener, sustainable and more resilient).

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE AND CULTURE (including; helping the sector to grow and improving the cultural offer for residents and visitors).

4. What would be your number one priority for the council over the next 3 years?

Please either choose one of the above stated priorities or tell us a new one you think should be considered.

5. Please explain your answer and any thoughts you have regarding Colchester Borough Council's current priorities.

6. The following services cost the most to run. Please rank them in order of importance to you and how this budget is spent.

They are currently in order of most to least spend, (Environment being the most and Community Initiatives being the least). If you are happy with how the budgets are currently allocated, there is no need to change their order.

ENVIRONMENT (including; street cleaning, the River Colne, tree maintenance, refuse, waste and recycling and community and countryside management)

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (including; repairs and maintenance to council owned building such as the Town Hall and cleaning)

MUSEUMS (including; front of house, building maintenance and costs, exhibitions and curation)

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES (including; Running costs of Castle Park, Highwoods and playgrounds across the Borough)

ARTS AND TOURISM (including; The Visitor Information Centre, The Arts Centre, events, Firstsite and Mercury Theatre)

CORPORATE FUNCTIONS (supporting the running of the council, including; training and insight and development work)

SPORTS AND PLAYING FIELDS (including; sports pitches and other open spaces for recreational use)

SPORT AND LEISURE (including; building maintenance, cleaning, staffing and equipment)

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES (support to enable communities to be stronger and more resilient)

7.Colchester will soon become a city which will bring many opportunities. This may include positive changes to income, education, employment, culture and tourism and investment into the Colchester City area. What opportunities do you hope Colchester City status will bring you?

8.Do you have any other thoughts or comments regarding Colchester Borough Council's priorities?

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To further our understanding of your thoughts regarding the future of Colchester, we would like to invite you a focus group where you can speak to us with a small group of people (up to 8), about what is important to you.

9.Would you be interested in speaking to us about the future of Colchester in a focus group?

These are open discussions, led by YOU (our residents) about what is important to you in Colchester. There will be a number of groups with 6–8 people having an informal discussion about what you'd like to see changed in Colchester and will last no longer than 2 hours.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but online only
- ☐ No

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About You

10.What is your age group?

Select your answer

11.What is your gender?

Select your answer

12.How would you describe your ethnicity?

Select your answer

13.Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Select your answer

14.Which ward do you live in?

Select your answer

15.Which of the below statements best describes you?

Please tick all that apply

- ☐ I am a Colchester resident
- ☐ I am a Colchester business owner
- ☐ I work in Colchester
- ☐ I work for Colchester Borough Council (including councillors)
- ☐

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Prize Draw!

If you would like to be entered into the prize draw to win one of 3 £50 supermarket shopping vouchers please provide your name and contact details below.

16.Full Name

17.Please enter your telephone number

18.Please provide your email address

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