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Dear Parent/Carer

Midlothian Council savings proposals

Last month, Midlothian Council announced that it faces a funding shortfall of more than £26.575m in the next few years with a projected budget gap of £14.481m in 2023/24. Without an increase in funding we will not be able to deliver the same levels of service we are currently providing. Our funding challenge has been made worse by rising inflation and energy costs which is hitting all of our service areas.

Over the past few years, Midlothian Council has transformed how it delivers services to ensure we remain financially viable and makes best use of the funding we have available. Whilst we will continue to strive to transform services to meet the changing demographics and needs of our communities, we are now in the position of proposing savings options that will ultimately lead to a reduction or cut to current provision.

A Special Council meeting is to be held on 31st January 2023 to discuss the range of efficiency proposals that have been identified across all areas of the council, which include services provided directly by the council and those commissioned from local groups and partner organisations [Midlothian Council > Meetings \(cmis.uk.com\)](https://cmis.uk.com). The council will be seeking feedback on the options outlined in the budget paper with information on how to do so on the councils [Have Your Say](#) section of its website.

Midlothian Council must make a number of difficult decisions if it is to continue to balance the amount of funding it spends on key services with the amount of funding it receives from the Scottish Government and other income sources such as Council Tax.

We are aware that you may be concerned about what this means for your child(ren)'s education and further information will be shared with you by your child(ren)'s school, your Parent Council and via the council's website.

Yours sincerely

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