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Dear Stakeholder

WEST LOTHIAN 2028 – YOUR COUNCIL, YOUR SAY

A consultation on the future direction of local services has been launched by West Lothian Council. This is the second phase in a series of planned consultations that will provide insight into how the priorities of West Lothian's residents are balanced with the council's ability to provide services with less funding.

The council faces significant budget challenges over the next five years and the way in which some services are provided will have to change. The views of our customers matter to us and through our Your Council, Your Say 2028 consultation, feedback will help shape the services that matter most to people and communities in the years ahead.

Before changes to local services are considered, the first phase of our consultation, which took place over the summer, sought to re-evaluate what our communities' priorities are to help inform and shape the future direction of council services. Thank you to all those who took part. The results will be part of our overall budget setting process and the results are available here: www.westlothian.gov.uk/wl2028

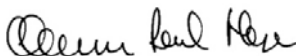
We have now moved onto the second phase of planned consultations. This second phase is seeking our customers' views on a range of budget reduction measures that have been developed by senior councillor officers. The budget measures aim to reduce spending, alter local services and address the council's budget gap.

The consultation opened on Friday 7 October and closes on 20 November. Please take time to read through the survey which is available at www.westlothian.gov.uk/WL2028 and submit your response electronically.

Paper copies of the consultation document are also included in the council's newspaper, Bulletin, which is distributed to all homes and businesses in West Lothian from 24 October. There is a freepost address provided within the consultation for anyone who wishes to return a paper copy.

The council strongly believes that everyone who has an interest in West Lothian should be able to contribute their views and I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours faithfully



Graham Hope
Chief Executive