Dear Parent/Carer

Aberdeenshire Council has this year launched a Budget Simulator.

It is an online tool where people are shown what the Council expects to get next year in terms of funding. They will then will see below that a range of services that the Council needs to deliver and are asked to allocate money to services and set/balance their own budget.

In principle it sounds simple, but it may not be. There is a difference between the money that the Council expects to get in and the cost of delivering services. So if you want to add money to a service, you will need to take some away elsewhere. Protecting areas might result in a need to put up Council Tax or add other income.

The tool itself will stay open for completions until 20th October, and any Aberdeenshire resident is being encouraged to take part and attempt to set a balanced budget. The results of this will be given to Councillors to feed in to the 2020/21 budget setting process.

Take part now at https://budget.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/.