

Budget Community Assembly

September 2026

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Assembly date: 7 September 2026

Location: Holmes Chapel Community Centre

Attendees:

- 3 x Ward Councillors
- 26 x Cheshire East residents
- 2 x council main facilitators
- 6 x council table facilitators



Event conclusions

- The Community Assembly built on and deepened findings from the Budget Prioritisation Survey
- Residents focused more on service improvements rather than reductions
- Residents identified how future budget decisions should be approached

Main event outcome

The main outcome of the Community Assembly was a set of six resident-led principles to guide future budget decisions:

1. Prioritise the services people rely on most
2. Deliver value for money
3. Be transparent
4. Get things right first time
5. Work in partnership
6. Focus on outcomes and community wellbeing



Why does this matter?

These principles will help inform future budget proposals, engagement activity and development of the council's Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).