

# **Finance & Property Committee 17 December 2012**

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# Changes to Council Tax Leaflet

- Background
- Legislative changes
- Options...
  - Continue existing arrangement
  - Online provision (available as hard copy on request)
  - New online interactive version
  - County News
  - Combination of above



# Considerations

- Continue to produce and distribute the Council Tax leaflet in its current format – *this will require all partner organisations to continue to participate, otherwise the Council may incur distribution costs*
- Produce the full Council Tax Leaflet but publish it online with a limited number printed and available on request – *this will still incur design time but will save on printing*
- Produce a NCC version and publish it online, making links available to partner organisations - *taxpayers may then need to visit several sites to understand their total bill*
- Produce an interactive version online using existing software – *this may increase public engagement and aid understanding of the financial pressures facing the Council, but design may requires technical expertise*
- Produce an online version **and** publish the information in County News, the Council's newspaper which is distributed to every household – *options include the March edition using indicative figures, or the June edition using final figures as approved at Budget Council 29<sup>th</sup> Feb*
- A combination of the above



# Interactive software – basic version

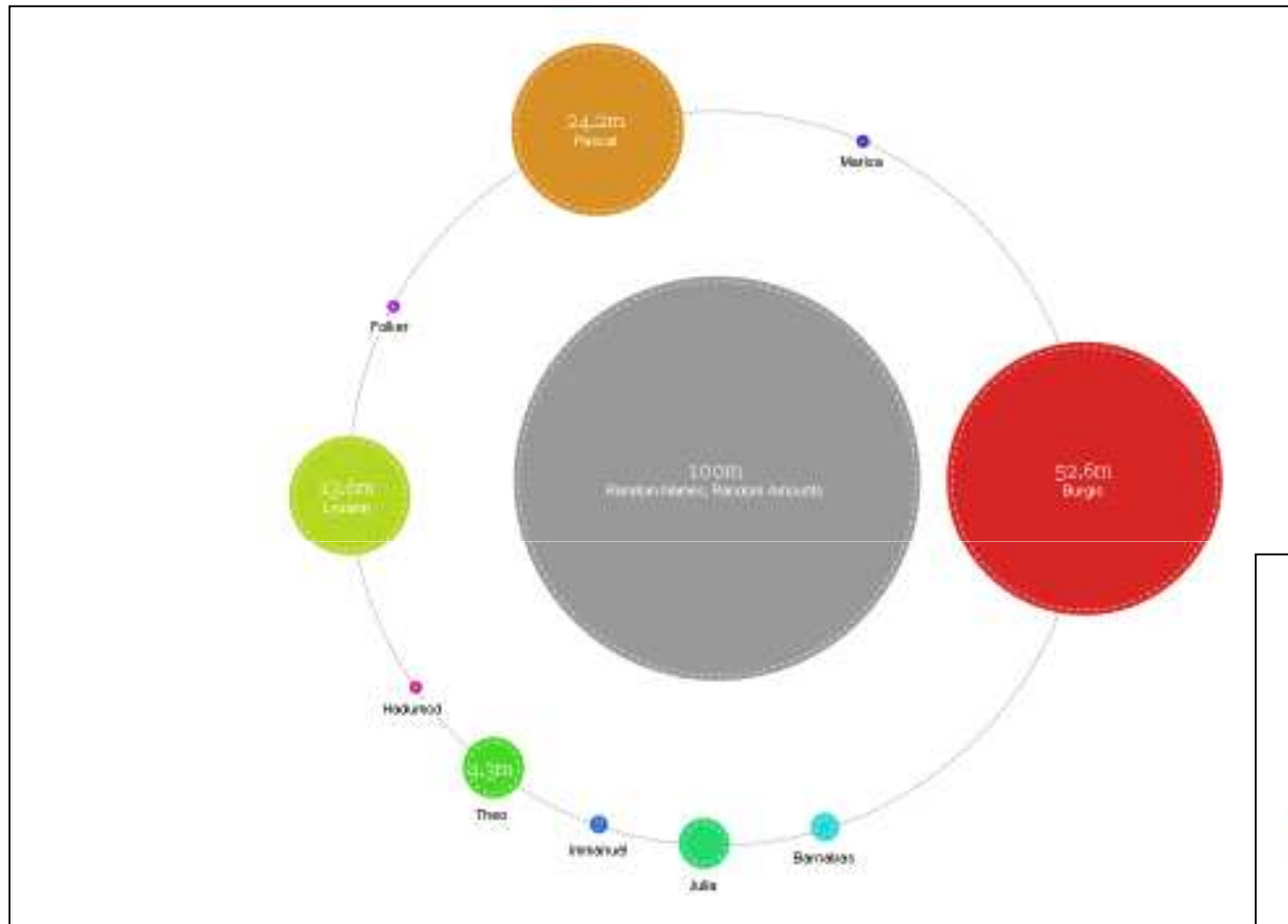
## Council tax 2012/13

To zoom in on a particular area of spending, click the grey title at the top of that area. To zoom out, right click on the treemap. Colour indicates change in spending from previous year.

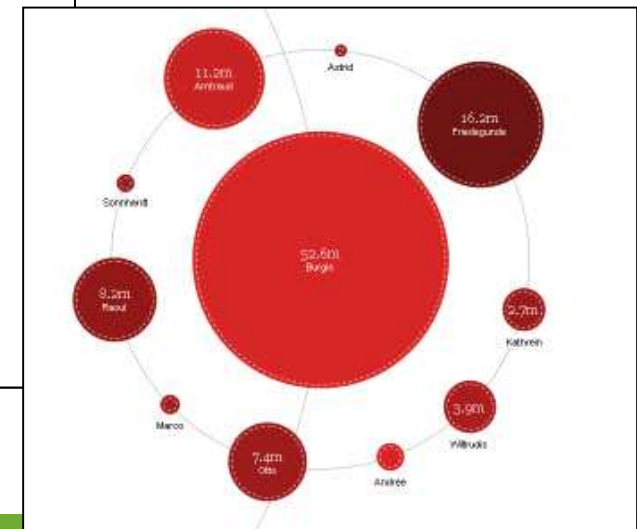


The total area represents the total Council budget – each service is then scaled according to budget. Users can “zoom” into an area of spend to see a more detailed breakdown

# Interactive version – technical example



Each bubble represents the scale of each service budget. Users can “zoom” into an area of spend to see a more detailed breakdown.





# Key considerations

- District Councils may take a contrary decision to NCC i.e. to withdraw from a joint production, or, to continue and produce their own publication
- Significant lead in time for the print tender, design work, and proofing by Districts requires an early decision
- May be out of NCC control if the regulations are not laid in time – therefore continue current arrangements and review next year?



**Any questions?**



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