Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Budget and MTFP Consultation

1. What is this consultation about?
We are consulting on the Combined Authority's **draft Budget for 2027–28** and **Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2027/28 – 2030/31**. These proposals outline how we plan to allocate funding, manage financial pressures, and invest in key priorities over the next four years.

2. Why are you consulting?
Although the Combined Authority is not legally required to consult on its Budget, we believe it is important to involve residents and stakeholders in decisions that affect the region. Your views will help shape the final proposals presented to the Board in January 2027.

3. What will my feedback be used for?
Your feedback will be analysed and summarised in a report to the Combined Authority Board. It will help inform decisions on the final Budget for 2027–28 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2027/28 – 2030/31.

4. Who can take part?
Anyone can take part — residents, businesses, community groups, and partners. You don't need to have detailed knowledge of finance to share your views.

5. How do I respond?
You can respond by completing the short online questionnaire. You can also send general comments by email to: **consultations@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk**
Paper copies and accessible versions are available on request.

6. What documents should I read before responding?
The draft Budget and MTFP proposals are supported by five technical appendices covering assumptions, revenue and capital budgets, income budgets and the draft annual business plans 2027/28. You don't need to read all of them to take part, but they are available if you want more detail.

7. How long does the questionnaire take to complete?
The questionnaire takes around **5–10 minutes** to complete.

8. What is the Mayoral Precept and will it change?
The draft Budget assumes that the **Mayoral Precept remains at its current level of £36 per Band D property** for 2027–28. We are asking for your views on the overall Budget and MTFP, including this assumption.

9. Will my responses be anonymous?
Yes. Individual responses are not attributed to named individuals. Comments may be summarised to reflect themes and views across respondents.

10. Can I submit a response on behalf of an organisation?
Yes. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please state this clearly in the questionnaire or email.

11. What happens after the consultation closes?
All responses will be reviewed and a Consultation Report will be prepared for the Combined Authority Board. Final decisions on the Budget and MTFP will be made in January 2027 and the approved documents will then be published on our website.

12. How can I get the information in a different format?
If you require a paper copy, large print, easy-read, or a translated version of the consultation, please contact us at: consultations@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk