

Do you have any suggestions for alternative ways that the Council can deliver the required savings? - Alternative ways to deliver savings?

- Ask people that have attended and have benefitted in any way if they are interested in volunteering. Even if it is one hour a week or occasionally. - Say certain groups are only on subject to voluntary help. - Offer small courses or safeguarding training for more involved volunteers and explain the benefits this will add when re-entering work life (if not already). - Have some but not all groups running subject to sufficient bookings. - Advertise (free or call in favours there are more people willing to help than you think) - Not sure if it would be allowed but sell stuff. Food, toys and drinks. Support local sellers by providing your centre as a selling point in return for either a commission or something they are offering. Hang up their art and have a corner of produce or locally made products. - Sell learning resourcing. Whether it's kits of what you need to make glitter play dough or laminated wipe clean sheets for number tracing. - Have payable privately run groups give their classes at your centre at a reduced rate compared to halls which sometimes ask for a lot of money. Privately run groups are struggling too! Work together. - Fund raisers in the shape of a big play day for which you have to buy tickets. Again ask local small companies or groups to get involved and add to the set up costs and organisation. - Make it more clear how what you offer is beneficial. Link to early year's foundation stage etc. - A lot of savings and money can be made at the location and would not all have to come from the council. Remind people this is free for however long that is possible but their input makes a difference

- Borrow more money- Not lend even more money to the airport

- Encourage donations at the children's centres per session -50p a go? - ask for donations for resources so there doesn't need to be a budget for them- ask for volunteers to support the groups - having only one member of staff there plus volunteers would work as sometimes you just need a shoulder to cry on or someone to hold your baby while you have a cup of tea- in the summer months run groups in local open spaces to avoid venue costs - charge for garden bins and bottle bins to be emptied - charge for tip use

- reduce services but don't get rid of them all together.

- Share back office services- Encourage direct debit and e-billing for council tax- Close council cash offices- Stop recruitment- Stop translating documents into foreign languages (unless these are done by volunteers) - Stop sending people to conferences and trainings if they are not essential- Decrease number of councillors? - Stop changing the names of the streets - do you really need spend money for this if you are desperate to save some money? - Don't give out new equipment, eg. Laptops if it's not essential (eg. Broken or very old and staff is unable to use it)

- Volunteer staff- Part-Time Staff- Inviting external agencies to use spaces whilst they are available e.g. lending out rooms.

- You don't need so many corporate directors- you don't need so many councillors

0 Stop spending so much money on management consultants

1. Delete the transformation team 2. Defund The Culture Trust, the Town shouldn't fund middle class art activities when children's centres are closing. 3. Scrap T2, Bartlett Square and CPAR on financial and environmental grounds.

1. Open a coffee shop in the library: Lease some space in your local library to a coffee shop. This will generate revenue and encourage more readers into the library: coffee shops are

increasingly the norm in commercial bookstores, but not in municipal libraries.² Cut spending on consultants and agency staff: Councils spending on procured professional services (including consultants) increased by 50% to £4.5 billion from 2004-05 to 2009-10. Spending on agency workers increased by 46% to £900 million over the same period. By contrast, Lambeth Council reduced the number of agency workers it employed from over 900 in 2009 to under 300 in 2011, saving £18 million in the process.⁴ 3. End expensive 'leadership' courses: Councils could review spending money on sending staff and councillors to expensive "leadership" training courses, such as Common Purpose. Such training courses can often run into tens of thousands of pounds.⁴ 4. Use transparency to cut waste: Publish their spending, contracts, tenders over £500 and property data online, creating an army of armchair auditors to drive out waste and giving more power to councillors and individuals to identify waste. Different parts of the same organisation may be buying similar goods and services through different, expensive contracts which online transparency will help expose.

5. Tackle duplicate payments: Experian's research has estimated that councils waste up to £147 million a year on duplicate payments, by paying bills more than once. For example, Leeds City Council recovered £500,000 in overpayments to suppliers; internal auditing by the London Borough of Islington that involved checking invoices to their top thirty suppliers revealed that ten had been paid twice and two more paid three times; the overpayments totalled £55,000 on that small sample size alone.⁶ 6. Tackle fraud: The National Fraud Authority has estimated that councils could save £2.2 billion a year by cracking down on fraud and improving their prevention, detection and recovery of council fraud.¹⁵ For example, The London Borough of Ealing has used data matching to check household occupancy in relation to council tax single person discount, and this has resulted in backdated account adjustments of £1.5 million and an annual value of fraudulent claims removed of £600,000. The London Borough of Camden undertake regular verification processes to check for eligibility for concessionary fares; as a result, they will avoid nearly £1 million of inappropriate expenditure on concessionary fares.⁷ 7. Get more for less by improving procurement: Councils spent £58 billion on procuring goods and services in 2011-12.¹⁸ 8. Councils can group together to get better prices thanks to their purchasing power. Innovations like e-auctions can use the internet to get the best price and open up contracts to smaller firms. Procurement experts estimate that councils could save up to 20% on their costs through best practice on their spending.¹⁹ For example, adopting a collaborative approach to all energy procurement, in partnership with local energy providers, has saved Birmingham City Council £4.7 million per year and Gloucestershire County Council £1 million per year.²⁰ 8. Buy together: Public Buying Organisations facilitate collective buying of goods and services. For example, through a Public Buying Organisation, the Royal Borough of Kingston-Upon-Thames achieved savings of £75,000 in contracting costs and 26% total cost savings on a £32 million project to expand its primary schools. Hampshire County Council, Surrey County Council, Reading Borough Council, and West Sussex Borough worked together to drive down the costs of constructing 8 primary school extensions by £2 million.²¹ North Yorkshire County Council has made savings of approximately £300,000 by buying social care equipment to help people with their daily living through Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation's 'Assistive Technology' contract.⁹ 9. Stop the scope for procurement fraud: Procurement fraud alone in local government costs £890 million.²³ As referred to in DCLG's Local Government Transparency Code, councils should follow the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's steps (Red Book 2 – Managing the Risk of Fraud – Actions to Counter Fraud and Corruption).¹⁰ 10. Better land and property management: Make better use of their property assets, including sharing between public bodies. Local 'CapitaLand asset pathfinder' pilots have found that savings of around 20% are possible from a cross-public sector approach.³² Public sector assets are worth an estimated £385 billion, with almost two thirds owned by councils. The government estimates this could

potentially save £35 billion over 10 years.¹¹ Hot-desking, estate rationalisation and sub-letting: By moving to hot-desking across the main floors of its headquarters in Eland House, DCLG has freed up space which has been let to other organisations³⁵, saving money. The Planning Inspectorate has vacated one floor of its Bristol office that is now being sublet. The Homes and Communities Agency has reduced its accommodation costs by 49% (£6.5 million) through rationalisation of its estates and facilities requirements. Councils should undertake a comprehensive review of accommodation costs and identify savings through rationalisation, sub-letting and early lease breaks. Southwark Borough Council introduced Hot-desking as part of an attempt to develop modern and cheaper office accommodation. The programme overall has freed up 27 properties and managed to save about £55m.¹² Open a 'pop up' shop in spare office space: DCLG has opened up pop up shop in its reception in Eland House: this can help share costs and support local small firms.³

A contribution of £2 per group per person

A one stop shop that offers various services to meet the community needs (vulnerable and non-vulnerable families).

A reduction of children centre services--even continuing the fantastic work that the teams have been doing online in parts to support families. But not a complete removal of all activities and children's centres.

A review of children centre services, centralise delivery from one hub. To improve communication with schools etc to promote and support the running of groups. Carry out a review of all delivery services in Luton for efficiency and quality.

A review on projects in the town that are nice to have, rather than necessary, such as Cultural Enabler post, and related projects like People Power Passion that will not in the long run deliver any benefit to the town. Car user allowances for staff should be capped to certain pay grades.

A small charge for the groups open on set days or only closing a few centres

Accept the fact that the Council cannot be all things to everyone and prioritise ruthlessly. Transparency in decision making will be vital as organised 'self-interest' groups mobilise to clamour for their services.

Accrue money through penalty notices for traffic offenses throughout the borough.

Airport bad design, waste of money.

All members of the council/local government who were seen flouting the covid laws should take pay deductions, possibly charge £1-2 per family for events, if social services have recommended mums go on the nurturing program etc then they should cover the cost.

Allow enough family worker type roles to be a part of the team to help support families from a level 2 level of need onwards. Please know that I will be xxxxxxxxxx so this is purely from a professional perspective not for personal gain.

Although proposed changes may reduce spending in the short time, I worry in the long term the impact of this financially- I think we will see more families that require intervention at a higher level that would have otherwise been supported at a lower level. Therefore costing more money and pleasure on our Children's Services department. Early intervention is better than the money it could need for later intervention.

Amalgamation of groups, parent volunteers in centres, less management.

Anything other than this

Anywhere else please don't take these essential services away from the children.

Apply a small charge for the services.

Approach churches and other voluntary providers in the town. Promote the 2 year old funding many people may not realise that this funding is for 2 year olds as well as 3 and 4 year olds. In addition parents may think this funding is just for nurseries and not realise that Childminders offer this also.

Are there spaces within schools or leisure centres that could be utilised and could save on hiring fees?

As a community worker, you could put more training into me and other volunteers who already serve in community centres/churches helping run these things. We are the resources but not the expertise in certain areas. I'd be very keen for more education.

As a mother of xxxxxxxxxxxx rely on the children's services and play groups, mother and baby sessions. And the huge support they offer. I would rather cuts be made anywhere other than the children's services. The children are the future!!! Don't deprive them due to financial cuts

As a previous resident of Luton I would have been happy for an increase in Council Tax if I knew it was going directly to these services with the expectation it will be reduced again in the future.

As mentioned already all the information could be supplied via internet. That way I believe even more people will access it from a comfort of own home.

As unfortunate as it might be, take it from the arts and love Luton type initiatives if they come same pots. It's just not as essential. And if weighing potential vulnerability of beneficiaries against these project surely they're not a priority.

As usual the poorest, most vulnerable and most in need people of our town will suffer because of 'necessary cuts' I think it's outrageous.

Ask families to book for a visit to flying start Centre via web site. This could help with ensuring cost of cover can be managed and to track location usage. Online / zoom meetings and courses where possible. This will help new mums keep in contact with other mums and to know the contact and help is still available.

Ask for a small donation e.g £1 towards a session. Fundraising. Use volunteers to run services.

Ask parents to pay for some of the sessions? Raise council tax, I don't think everyone would mind if they knew it was going directly to our vulnerable members of community. Petition the government constantly& Make these discussions public. Shame the government into giving you the assistance you need. I've yet to see any copies of these letters that have been sent. Get your social media behind this

Ask the government for support? Make higher paid managers redundant? Service providers to pay privately?

Ask yourself why we are continuing to plough yet more of the council's money in an airport which clearly does not need expanding during this pandemic which industry experts have said will affect the aviation sector for a few years to come. Ask yourself will people spend

their hard earned money on a holiday when they are facing the worst unemployment crisis this country has ever seen. Ask yourself why we are spending millions on the airport when the demand is not there, the taxpayers of Luton never asked for the airport to be expanded and the council continues to pump money into it when children are going to bed hungry in Luton?

Asking for parents to pay for services in advance weekly / monthly.

Attach this service with any other service, it may help people

Axing non-essential staff and faith based funding

Babies and young people shouldn't be cast aside.

Be brave with central government about riding the current funding storm and deliver a negative budget - I am sure other councils will be doing this as they will have no choice either. Sell some stock but support the people who make this town a place to want to be. This will surely affect the 2040 vision?

Better co - ordinate maintenance with other services. As example, the gas dug up the road then two weeks later the council dug up less than 5 feet from the original repair. Surely this is a waste of time and money and could be better organised and less disruptive.

Better consideration for what you do spend money on. Children are the future, think about them.

Better financial planning ... much, much, better financial planning. A bit like a big proper organisation might do. Also, perhaps deploy some reserves? Perhaps remove all Councillor Allowances? Perhaps quite few other things, if you would give me access to the Council's books.

By any means but cutting the children's service. These are our next generation. They should have the opportunity to flourish.

By funds from recycling sales

Can we see how we can make use of modern technology to reduce costs? Improve Revenue Collections by eliminating fraud

Cancelling/scaling back of non-essential cultural and leisure events/projects Diversifying investments so income is not solely reliant on the airport

Cap/reduce top wages

CCS is keen to work with Public health and Local Authority colleagues to develop a different model for the provision currently delivered via flying start. We are confident this can be a cost effective solution accounting for the challenging savings required from the emergency budget. We're keen to explore how the existing staff in Children centres and Flying start can be kept within the Luton health and social care system and welcome discussions on this.

CEASE THE SERVICES

Centre stay open

Change Luton councillor's wages?

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Charge a bit more for some of the groups instead on £1, maybe charge £2 to keep the groups open

Charge a bit more for the groups! At £1 they were massively cheaper than commercially run ones. To me it would make sense if the price was somewhere in between - maybe £3 instead of £1. And then if some mechanism could be put in place to help those in financial difficulty for whom £3 is a lot. But I can tell you we would have been happy to pay £3.

Charge a little more per family. If people want to save these groups, then I'm sure they can pay an extra 50p or £1.

Charge for green waste, pay back deficit over longer period.

Charge households for NOT recycling fortnightly. Charge households for NOT recycling correctly. Lessen street lighting; eco bulbs / dimmer / amount - eg every other street light. Promote pride; litter picking - lead by example (I mean that in an encouraging manner - residents to follow).

Charge more for stay and play etc. If need be charge for antenatal etc. However I don't feel only offering support to vulnerable or at risk is either appropriate or sensible. For example without the support of the group's and staff I would have struggled far more in the past two years. This moves "not at risk" too potentially at risk if we cannot access support or social activities. Covid has shown this. I was very much looking forward to some normality for me and my child.

Charge more for the play groups. Small increase in council tax (for families with children under 5) and then reduce council tax as children become 5 and over, when they stop using the children's centre's

Charge more for groups? Maybe £2 Not providing snacks at group's Charges for parenting courses, this could also lead to better engagement. Less staff at the stay and play sessions. Charges for pregnancy courses Baby massage charge, if you look up baby massage most of the time it is chargeable, and quite expensive.

Charge people higher fines for anti-social behaviour maybe have a small charge for services that cannot be funded

Charge slightly more for attendance at sessions. £1 was extremely good value but I think sessions could cost at least £2.50. Baby massage was £10 for 5 sessions, I think that could be at least £20. People are willing to pay. Those that are unable to pay should still be supported or subsidised but all my mum friends can afford more and would be happy to pay to retain the service.

Charge the better off people & companies in the town more taxes.

Charging/fine for fly tipping - it is so much rubbish on the streets!

Children's centres and the services they provide are essential to ensure future generations have the best start possible. I'd suggest savings are made from other departments/services that could handle being postponed a little- such as road maintenance etc

Children's centre services could be delivered on a smaller budget - families still need access points - more centres need to remain open

Children's centres provide affordable groups. I would always have been happy to pay more for the groups that I attended and imagine some of the other parents could also afford to do this. Perhaps there could be a suggested optional extra fee for people that can afford to pay this (e.g. suggest if not on universal credit etc then you pay more).

Closing down entire services is too radical. A limited programme would be better although I believe making savings to family services like this is wrong. People are bringing new life into this world and that should be a priority.

Closure of community centres and libraries as an alternative to children's centres?

Combine more into sessions. Make sessions based on age rather than activity and include multiple activities. Create some. Zoom groups. In order to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children. Children need to be seen by professionals in some capacity. I also know of mums who used the groups for their own mental health and having no sessions to attend would impact on them greatly and in turn their children

Compromise. Reduce duplication of centralise to most accessible area.

Consider less Christmas lighting in the streets (in December) don't recruit new employees

Consider working with organisations outside of the councils partners. We provide private antenatal classes as well as pregnancy club and a postnatal group for women all over but mainly Hertfordshire. We would consider helping the council provide for the less vulnerable families who risk falling into that category if they don't get support through such important times in their lives. As I am sure many outside organisations and companies would

Continue with the children's centre activities, perhaps charging a little more money for them for those who pay. I would happily pay a little extra per group for them to continue. Even for antenatal classes which are currently free. I would have paid a small fee per session to attend these. Perhaps families on certain benefits could attend for free or cheaper, but those who are able to pay like I would be happy to I'm sure.

Could local companies sponsor events to raise money for these services while promoting their business, especially the airport as it caused this problem?

Could potentially sell properties and Assets. Cut Councillor Allowances & number of Cllrs per ward. Outsource services to private sectors. Negotiate service level agreement at a reduced costs. Get as many people as possible to give spare time to local registered charities to ease their requirements for council paid support. Modifications to sick pay for employees at the LBC.

Could the council not get sponsorship from businesses? To help subsidise the services maybe ask local churches if they would be willing to continue running the stay and play.

Council can spend the savings on nurseries at least for once a week where parents can take their children for few hours before they even start Nursery.

Council need to aware people through online courses.

Council should charge penalties to people who litter, anti-social behaviour, etc. Also check people on benefits if they really need benefits or just playing/using with a system.

Council should keep Children's Centres because they help us.

Council to make better use of resources available, add service charges for non-statutory support.

Councillors and Managers should take a voluntary pay cut to support the town they have failed during this crucial times! The people of Luton should not have to suffer because the council cannot manage their finances yet higher earners continue to get their huge pay checks!

Councils can make one flying start in Luton which can deliver services remotely instead of completely closing it

Currently a lot of buildings are used by the council - both for office staff and children's centres. If more staff could permanently work from home, and offices be sold / repurposed that will save some money. Futures House for example I have heard is very expensive and the council rent a lot of space there - could those staff work from home, and on a limited basis school/community bases, and not need such a large permanent office. Reduction in all consultants - rumours are rife about the amount of consultants in the Change team - use fixed term contracts and permanent members of staff. Make better decisions in regards to tech - touch screen fold back laptops were ridiculous, we need cheaper (lighter) practical tech not fancy attempts to impress!

Cut agency staff. Go paperless. Train in house Staff for social workers reduce the number of offices, more staff remote working. Encourage more business into Luton.

Cut anything else but not services for the children. Luton 2040 is all about the children but as soon as it is set up, then you look to cut it back.

Cut back in other areas of Luton

Cut back in other departments

Cut back on staff in other areas in the council who have been there for years. Need to move on and get new, fresh blood in with new ideas.

Cut back on arts funding. The services provided by the children's centres and flying start are more important. Arts funding can be channelled into early year's services, and recommence once revenue comes back from the airport. Also stop all highways development. Only carry out basic maintenance such as pot hole filling.

Cut back on management. LBC CEO and Cllrs to donate 1-2 months' salary for the benefit of children's services. Stop investing money in carnival or events that are poorly attended.

Cut back on stationery, office supplies, find energy savings and get investment from local businesses.

Cut back on the money being spent on the airport and continue to invest in what's available for the residents of the town!

Cut back other things more to cover the shortfall. Non urgent building maintenance, delay non urgent repairs, maintenance of common grounds such as parks and streets could be delayed or less frequent

Cut least popular groups but leave some, parents will be stuck at home with the kids and not getting social interaction and not sharing their knowledge.

Cut management jobs. Cut some venues. Reduce some more roles to part time.

Cut off other things a bit more - street lights at night- less grass cutting - better design of airport/savings/eco

Cut other services that are less depended upon.

Cut other things bit mire- street lights off at night- less grass cutting- better design of airport/savings/eco design

Cut other things first, roads building, cleaning.

Cut pension contributions! I have actually recently started with the council and, despite being a beneficiary, am horrified at the pension contributions for the following reasons: 1) They are well above the private sector average and surely make up a huge part of council spending 2) They encourage a 'stick it out' culture among staff who've often been in a position for years, despite seeming to have lost enthusiasm or passion for the job or serving the local community. I also strongly suspect it leads to a greater degree of risk aversion and defensive mind-sets when considering how to tackle problems and opportunities (something I have encountered many times as a partner in the third sector and as a member of council staff) 3) Being in line with private and third sector pension contributions apart from making massive savings would also mean a greater chance of new staff, new ideas and a bigger propensity to work with the local community to deliver creative solutions to local problems. I'm fairly convinced this will not happen anytime soon - almost like turkeys voting for Christmas.

Cut somewhere else! Airport maybe?

Cut subsidies to private landlords Charge to hold events in parks sell private sector advertising on council notice boards and the council website Review school governor training

Cut the councillors' wages

Cut the councillors wages if they don't understand how children's centres are important for our children and us.

Cut the councillors' wages what happened with the money that disappeared from the council?

Cut the councillors salaries

Cut the councillor's wages

Cut the number of councillors and managers in Luton Town Hall.

Cut your pay down and put the money into services! Do fund raising

Cuts in unnecessary management levels

Cutting from services that have no impact on early years and start to life. Services that have no impact on the foundations of children's lives.

Cutting the budget of those at the very foundation of child wellbeing seems, to me, to be false economy as if the initial 'issues' are not 'nipped in the bud' then they will become much larger and impact more widely on the family who then will need more wider support. I don't know enough about the council budget to suggest where savings can be made.

Dallow open

Decrease the number of councillors and managers, you don't need so many of them

Demand that these services are not cut back. Make a clear case for the detrimental impact these cuts will have on the poorest and most vulnerable families in our society.

Did not understand the question. Therefore I am unable to answer. Also I must add that some of the questions are very hard to understand they should be made simpler, majority of vulnerable people may find this survey very difficult to understand and complete.

Didn't think about that yet

Difficult to say without knowing what other areas of council services you are considering for cost savings.

Do not close

Do not close all Children's Centres, keep a couple open in different parts of Luton to help people so they know where to go for help if they are in trouble or need support.

Do not close cc. Council to look at other ways of saving. Need groups for send child

DO NOT CLOSE CENTRE

Do not close flying start

Do not fund the airport!

Do not make these cuts, stop outsourcing local works, which inevitably end up costing more, have the main officials take pay cuts, ensure big businesses pay all their local rates/taxes.

Do not recruit new employees Rent out free office space cut the number of coordinators for assorted other committees and panels Charge to hold events in parks/main square Cut spending on advertising Sell council buildings that the council doesn't use STOP WORRYING ABOUT THE AIRPORT - it's not the centre of the world and soon it will start working as good as before and start earning money.

Do not recruit Find the cheapest electricity/water/gas supplier for all the council buildings Use energy saving lights/bulbs Review street lightning usage Stop producing glossy brochures Use double sided printing

Do not target children and families. These children will be the tax payers of tomorrow and if their start in life is disadvantaged it will have a detrimental impact on their ongoing education and life prospects.

Do schools, libraries, clinics, sports centres, etc have excess capacity that the services could use - this may reduce running costs?

Do the council run any events or projects that can be scaled back, delayed or cancelled if they are not critical.

Doing things on a part time basis - open centres part time.

Don't pursue the proposed changes to Hebert Street and all the legal fees that will come with changing people's addresses and businesses. Reconsider the large salaries afforded to Directors in charge of xxxxxxxxxx - From a quick Google search I found the salary to be approximately £121,000 a year, with a maximum earning power of approximately £130,000.

Don't change the names of the streets - it is called wasting money. No one cares about streets names. We have bigger issues than this.

Don't close

Don't invest our, our money in the airport. Our council tax is there to support us residents. Not the airport. Why should we go without, just so you can invest in a lost cause? £400 million, of our money lent to the airport. To get 20 million a year back? That's just bad business

Don't know but definitely not closing children's centres.

Don't make any cuts in the social, health or educational sector as these are essential services which we should have learnt from this pandemic and still the same mistake are made again. Making saving in the most important areas will lead to long term problems for generations. Money didn't seem to be an issue when supporting the whole country with all the furlough money and grants for businesses which did show again that money is just a made up excuse and a fictional medium to control people/nations. The universe has enough money for everyone it is just not equally distributed.

Don't rely on one source of income to prop up the council. Perhaps you now know how families on UC feel, when they are given sanctions and have all their income taken away in one go.

Don't spend money converting roundabouts to traffic lights and building dual carriageway to cause even more traffic problems and make pollution and health problems worse. Refuse to make the cuts, get the issues in the national public eye, step up and fight.

Don't take it away from the babies!

Drop airport expansion plans and extending roads.

Eliminate the unfair overhead costs forced on the good community centres and let them operate with more autonomy.

Encouraging donations and volunteers to children's centres. Looking for other ways to generate income through local business support. Create an honest budget and stop departments employing staff they don't need to spend their budget each year. Stop sending unnecessary letters and poor admin causing additional costs

Enforce parking permits and parking permissions

Engage voluntary sector Management consultation and reduction of management staff
Sponsorship

Ensure that there is one centre per area that would reduce cost but still provide sessions. Run sessions online via platforms such as Zoom, this could centralise sessions, reduce the cost as only one centre/host place would be needed, more could attend without the need for extra staff or space. Zoom also has the ability to split attendees out into groups so you could have large groups broken down into smaller groups to avoid people talking over each other.

Every council everywhere must have cuts to make due to Covid-19. Surely there are ways to avoid cutting child services, what are the other councils cutting back?

Find savings in other departments. Perhaps you don't need so many corporate director or managers.

Find the savings some other way or get central government to give more money

Finding savings from elsewhere - i.e. £3.2m phased duelling at Vauxhall Way is completely unnecessary. For those who can afford it, start charging for some classes - i.e. Messy Play/Stay and Play/Bump to Babe - to bring in some extra income.

Fine council members that breached covid ruleset up some socially distanced fundraisers
Hire a Labour pain simulator, or ask the company to donate, where people sponsor men to try out how painful labour is

Fines for littering

Fines. Using community service hours to complete certain jobs that would have been paid for out of the budget. Asking for a donation for the sessions. Fundraising.

Firstly the council should seriously consider clawing back on non-essential vanity projects, cutting back on private management fees and Luton Borough Council Senior staff should strongly restructure their private pensions and salaries. (Some are on more than our Prime Minister!!) All of the above changes would be more than adequate in making the required savings necessary, instead of hitting the less privileged within the community.

Flowers in the town centre and on roundabouts. Cutting down trees in Stopsley. Don't bother. Drop in the ocean though. It's time to face facts that the airport cannot be relied on. Investments will have to be sold. Larger businesses need to contribute more. Roadworks kept to basic maintenance for now. Council spending on admin needs to streamline to within an inch of its life. There is no easy answer after a decade of poisonous austerity but defunding children's services is a false economy.

Focus more on people who avoid contributing, paying fines, or their behaviour brings financial losses to the council, or they abuse council funding. That was done in country where I come from, where local authorities made more effort with fixing the holes where their money were being wasted. Also, the fees for using the services can be raised a bit. The resources of children centres can be shared between venues to avoid buying new items but still bring changes into stay and plays. There can be online sessions in singing or other activities done for a small fee. You can rent some of the premises to private entrepreneurs who need to deliver trainings or organise an event or set up a regular activity. They would pay some rent for using your premises.

Freeze recruitment Stop wasting money for changing names of the streets

Fund raising events

Fund raising assess which centre has the most attendees and from there if the attendance rate is quite low then consider those with fewer attendee to close

Fundraising

Fundraising a small cost for the new and upcoming parents Cut 1 location or session and not all.

Get money back from the airport!

Get money from other part of the Council or take out another loan.

Get rid of pointless services and you employ a lot of people that don't do very much. Try cutting dead wood

Get rid of unused office buildings. Merge children's centre services with early help and social care.

Getting additional investment from private companies in airport.

Go Google "babies born in lockdown" report!!!

Grouping some programmes together if locations need to be reduced then re-structure. Frequency of programmes may be reduced but still available at least once a month.

Halt development of airport - it just isn't needed. Approach infant schools and council funded nurseries to see if they could provide a private forest school option for nursery and reception

to generate an income to supplement school and nursery shortfall as a lot of parents may be interested in this option as probably the most covid safe type of learning and the eyes supports that style of learning well. Replace some of the broken playground equipment with easier to maintain/install running and bike tracks. Sign over/sell some of the expensive unused buildings like the public toilets in people's park to community interest groups who might be able to run some stay and plays. Continue home working and sell of council office spaces.

Have a limited amount of groups but make sure they remain open.

Have only one gym because people pay to private ones. Stream line the many baby groups and alternate them.

Have some flying start centres remain, perhaps in a more localised location with a bigger building so new parents have some sort of help.

Having worked in government and the private sector I know there are large amounts of waste where savings can be made without having such a massive impact on front line services. Have you looked at cutting administration staff, looking at building costs, cutting higher level management? Look at staffing numbers, the actual work they do, using trained volunteers, co-delivery with other organisations.

High earners to take a pay cut Ask staff for improvement ideas Reduce the normal working week of 37 hours down to 35 hours per week or work 10 hours a day and close one day Reduce the number of council staff in Town Hall Reduce costs for Leisure Centres so more people go Charge disabled drivers to use car parks Look at cost of training and consultation Utilise the skills of employees instead of using Consultants Reduce Councillor allowances to the level recommended by the independent review panel Cut Councillor allowances

Higher car park charges Reducing street lighting Increase council tax Putting a hold on investing in other projects for the time begin to stabilise a future for the children's centres as not having them will have a negative impact on the 2040 vision.

Hopefully by listening to what is said in this survey and above all listening to the parents.

How much budget is required to have savings? They can raise charity awareness we can give money towards it

How much money is paid to your top workers in the council surely this should be there job not calling in outside consultants that are paid obscene amounts of money. The random round about that have been put in the town over the years would the funds from them been better spent on our children services. The councillors that have fallen short should have had pay frozen while an investigation was conducted would have saved money. Children or are future why would we worry about saving money and do as much as we can to support and safeguard them.

I agree there are a number of children centres in Luton so I think closing a few will be ok but not closing the majority of them

I am not aware of the out goings of finances in Luton and I appreciate the situation we are in, but I do know that taking away crucial services to the children and families of Luton will only generate more outgoings from the interventions that will be needed in the statutory sector of social care and when we then balance that there is no saving in the long run it becomes a different area that will need more money and more resources that were available in the first place.

I am not familiar enough with the council budget however I do not believe the reductions to the Children's Centres will result in a saving in the medium/long term in any case. Borrowing to fund the shortfall seems likely to keep council expenditure under control in the longer term.

I am not sure what to suggest as the Children Centre play a massive role in the lives of families. I am not sure what other services can cover these roles.

I am not well informed or qualified to answer this question. I think it is very difficult times for all, staff, clients and the decision makers.

I am sorry I don't but flying start for me has been great

I am sure savings could be made, but without knowing where the most money is spent is difficult to say

I am sure that letting children as well as new parents get their essential support is going to help Luton in the long run. Unfortunately I do not have many ideas regarding how the finances can be set but I have heard lots of people talking about airport recently. Maybe get fewer sessions with increased capacity for children and less staff in stay and play as children are already with their parents and are looked after

I am sure there are many ways to save but this is not one of them heard that the council have bailed out the Airport again that money could of been used.

I am unsure if the council helps fund the carnival if so this could stop.

I am unsure where the savings can be made but feel this is the wrong area to reduce services, support for local families is imperative for the community

I appreciate the council has to deliver the required savings and understand it is a complex task. I have no suggestions for alternative ways of saving the money that would not impact the service delivery.

I believe you can now find the money from the loan against the airport £60 Million and the predictable increase in council tax.

I calculate £1.67 million savings could be made from children's centres. Without losing the service in its entirety and working as an integrated stream of a new Early Help Model. By reducing staffing to two much smaller staff teams totalling 18 staff. Total staffing cost of £621,500. This ensures a targeted children's centre service that delivers parenting most cost effectively, utilising the skills of support staff. (Unit costings of a 1:1 model without the necessary support staff would identify that Luton is not developing the most cost effective model and use of limited funds, if we are to retain any group interventions)A small number of family workers who do not case work, but focus on group delivery also simplifies and provides efficiencies across a new model that supports a 0-19 (0-25)integrated service to meets all elements described in the consultation document, building capacity for those holding L3 & L4 cases by enabling many tasks to be completed by supporting staff. Simply put, retain the best elements of the service we have rather than closing down a service that is effective in supporting the most vulnerable children in Luton. Retaining inexpensive premises and hiring community venues by the hour enables targeted support in the most disadvantaged or data identified areas, in need of greatest support, using an already paid for van to resource groups, supported by community volunteers provides economy of scale. Total Cost £60KRunning Costs £10K with targets set for income generation as in previous years before the children's centres were taken into the Council. Total cost: £691,500.This

enables Luton to maintain a specialist 0-5 service in the 1001 critical days. To develop a service that retains local knowledge, a safety net for those not yet in statutory education. Maintains information sharing and integration with health services Delivers group interventions building capacity by supporting statutory interventions Provides detailed voice of the child observations and contributes to improving the lived experience of vulnerable children Bridges the gap for the digitally disadvantaged and those with language barriers to access services Enables innovative projects such as Talking Takes Off, Safe at Home, Anna Freud work to continue to the benefit of Luton's community Identifies and supports children pre and post diagnosis of SEND. Maintains a reduced delivery of group activities for under-fives in disadvantaged areas to support school readiness and reduce the "word gap" Enables scope for bid writing and access to external funding streams to develop volunteer groups to expand capacity Retains community support for developing language skills and work readiness, supporting employability. Most importantly delivers on Luton's 2040 strategy and supports Luton's residents in the way many wish to be supported, rather than being referred to as "vulnerable" for needing mental health support or help to build community networks. We could be innovative in providing a safe space for children, whose voices I believe risk being lost in the new model. ** Since being transferred to become a council run children's centre, overheads increased considerably. Returning an element of children's centre delivery to community Lead Agency whilst integrating the service with a new model of Early Help would realise the most effective cost savings. Using procurement services has never yet provided savings, unfortunately, with the ability to source much more cost effectively when requesting our own quotes. The introduction of the portal for businesses to quote has not supported negotiations in my experience, but proved a barrier to achieving best price.

I can only speak for stay and play services as that's the only service I used to date. The sessions charge £1 for each family. I wouldn't mind the price to be higher or have a termly charge if my place is secured.

I can't pretend to know what the options are, and I know that the council will have to make cuts somewhere and it will be very difficult. But please consider every possibility before you make that decision. Someone will always be impacted, but which is the least impact for our families and children and their futures?

I cannot answer this as the public do not know the staffing levels etc in all other departments and all the ways the council uses and allocates its budget.

I do not know the financial options, nor do I feel in a position to judge huge sums of money that are completely alien to me. Are there other options? If there are options to cut non-essential services, or to reduce 3 services rather than lose one altogether. My opinion counts for nothing if I have nothing to measure it against. I know the services have been a lifeline for me but I acknowledge that the funding for essential social workers and support for some families with children with disabilities would have to come first.

I do not think there should be any savings made - the Government should fund the deficit and those responsible for the loss of money by fraud should be made to pay.

I don't a lot of the repairs and over time needs to happen work can be done at sensible times

I don't have enough information to give that comment

I don't I'm afraid. These are tough times that we are living through and understandably there must be cuts. However, I believe strongly in very early intervention at a low level and

investing in the future of the town's community. Working in a school, I hope that we can still enable families to make these changes in partnership with local agencies.

I don't know in all honesty. I don't know what options would be available but I would rather see things like the fireworks / carnival and 'big events' cancelled before I saw the children's centres closed. Closing the children's centres will impact so many generations - please, please reconsider?

I don't know what I shall say because my English not good enough Im going to stay same as now I don't want to change anything

I don't think the council should get rid of all these services as they are so beneficial for mothers and their babies. The council should keep a few such as bump to babe antenatal session, stay and play, baby talk, breastfeeding cafe. These are also very good for new mothers to go out and make new friends with other mothers. Otherwise you end up going through depression if you don't know anyone or have no family around you.

I don't think the facilities for parents should be stopped you don't understand what having them does to helps mums like myself with anxiety and depression having the groups saved me when I had my son and I'm hoping they can continue to help me now I have my daughter.. Maybe put the cost up abit for groups or look at other costs like council tax reductions. They has to be many other way that mums and dads also children don't suffer the children have suffered enough

I don't know

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I don't know how the LBC budget is being delivered. I couldn't find on LBC website exact spending.

I don't know how to make the saving but I would say I personally would be prepared to pay towards the services in a bigger way if they were maintained. I appreciate not all people will be able to do the same but perhaps increasing the fee for services would enable them to continue without the need for the cost cutting?

I don't know if you could do this as a council but a short term, one off solution could be Crowd funding. Appealing to Luton born celebrities to promote this via their social media accounts would increase awareness and the number of donors. You could also set up an 'honesty box' type of payment system for your free services. There are families who access the services that could afford to pay more than what the service costs. They are also more likely to pay if they know the service will stop without funding.

I feel that asking for families who are earning over a certain threshold to pay either per session or an annual amount for use of these services would help to keep them running. This fee would need to be low however to avoid putting families off. Using larger rooms within the centres and fewer sessions at different sites (so that more women and babies can attend larger groups safely) would save money. Hiring venues for children's birthday parties might generate revenue.

I feel that children and young families shouldn't be an area where cuts are made.

I feel that this needs to be addressed at government level. Schools cannot afford to pick up the slack. Many pupils in Luton are hugely disadvantaged and these services have been helping to plug that gap. Without them, and with school's reduced funding, what will happen? Results will lower again, schools will be deemed as failing, Social care will be overwhelmed

and I feel that there will be serious issues and opportunities to support or prevent harm will be missed.

I feel the closure of these groups and clubs is very sad. When I was a new and expectant mother I absolutely loved having these warm welcoming places to turn to. New mothers are vulnerable enough and often feel frozen out in many circumstances, these groups offered an olive branch of support. The parents and children of this town deserve somewhere such as Flying Start groups to be able to give them the very best opportunity to start their journey into motherhood well so I think cuts need to be made elsewhere. Why is it always the children's services that have to be culled and slashed? Why is it always the future generation who have to suffer 1st? I pay enough council tax to warrant at least some form of support for my children from my local council and I feel it's a complete disgrace these changes are all on the table to be made.

I get savings need to be made but could it not be made by increasing the money needed to be paid, £2 instead of £1? Snacks were served at some stay and plays which could be stopped. Close a few sites rather than them all.

I have no money saving suggestions but advertising the sessions could be improved to maximise attendance and therefore make the sessions more worthwhile.

I have no suggestions

I have not seen the budget so couldn't comment

I know it's a big task and the council are under enormous pressure but these services being cut could have a disastrous effect on our future generation.

I know it's hard. I don't envy those who have to make budget decisions for the council. We don't need big flower pots in the town centre. We don't need new services for the affluent who can provide for themselves. We need accessible, consistent, relational support for children and families, especially those in poverty.

I know that these are dreadfully difficult decisions to be made and I don't know enough about the council's expenditure to make a suggestion, but I feel that cutting the services provided to families and children is not the right choice. Vulnerable children and families will be left even more vulnerable and families from all walks of life will be left unsupported. Children and families will slip through the safety net of these services. The strain will they be placed on schools, social services and gps. Or worse still not picked up at all.

I know the council has to make savings, as a Luton resident I would be prepared to pay more council tax, pay for green bin waste. I also think that although parks, museums and libraries are very important money can be saved there, as supporting families is so important.

I know the council is trying to save money at the moment but I think closing children's centre is the worst possible solution. Perhaps you should focus on car park fines - Marsh Road is a nightmare, people ignore single and double yellow lines and no one does anything with this. The same Bury park - it's so difficult to drive there because everyone leaves their cars everywhere! It is said that the car park wardens are afraid to stick yellow labels on windscreens on Bury Park! Also - littering. People post so many pictures of fly tipping on Facebook. Some of the litter contain old letters with people's addresses but council does absolutely nothing to find and fine these people. And finally - stop wasting money for changing the names of the streets (eg. Hebert Street), this is the worst moment to do this. If you try to save some money, you don't waste it for things like that.

I propose that council house rents are raised slightly as these are extremely low. Parking permits are increased per annum. Parking charges increased slightly. Business rents increased slightly. Maybe a few mobile libraries instead of the buildings as mobile libraries are cheaper to run. Home houses are subject to stricter regulations and fines actually implemented. Unused spaces in Luton could be rented out for parking instead of left vacant.

I really don't know, no one wants a particular service to be cut and I am appalled that the council have been forced into such a position.

I strongly believe it would be a devastating impact to the community of Luton to lose flying start children centres. It's such a great resource for all families to access regardless of their background. Children benefit so much from the sessions they provide.

I think a way to help would be to charge (reasonably) for these services meaning parents would have to pay for individual services....

I think alternative ways that the council can deliver the required savings such as when open the school class length can be shorter and office time also shorter and 3/4 support programmes can be joined together which is save money, time etc.

I think it is extremely selfish of the council to cut out all the children's centres and everything they provide. This is a joke. I will be protesting. They can deliver them by telling the government to hold back funding so many wars.

I think local nurseries should get the funding to employ either 1.5/2 family support workers to support the families in their own localities. I think families who are most vulnerable will not be able to access services out their area Due to lack of money and transport Therefore It would be better to family support workers based in each of the local nurseries to support in their local area . They will signpost the families where necessary

I think maybe a cutback of the poorly attended sites.

I think some of the centres buildings could be closed and better use made out of local community halls/church halls etc to save on the cost of having and maintaining premises. Alternatively more sessions could be incorporated on the days rather than just one or two, reducing the number of days required across the week.

I think the council could reevaluate its decision to waste money on cutting down trees that were only replanted soon after (crematorium). I also think that C&R should do more to encourage people to the high street. This burden should not be on the council.

I think the council should focus more on people from the community and make as more of these kind of projects work.

I think you should look at other area and services that could help. I think fines on parking in certain area of town should be looked into. Reduce street lighting Stop all non-essential roadworks and alterations. Look into the benefits system.

I understand that the finances are complex, but there are ways that many of these services can be combined. Eg: breast feeding cafe/support within take 5/ feeding your new-born sessions. In the centre's I've worked at out of xxxx, we would have many of the above support within the stay and play sessions. Use partner agencies more in terms of delivery if services (eg the NHS midwives that co-deliver Antenatal classes). Utilise NHS owned venues for sessions if they can be facilitated by centre staff (cheaper for the trust than to staff them too). Also consider using school venues more (perhaps inviting families from that school for that session) Ask local community venues (faith settings) if they would consider

providing premises free of charge for an agreed interim period (I feel sure, given the circumstances they would agree). Consider condensing some of the parenting/healthy lifestyle courses into fewer weeks....some are very long and will stretch resources. Utilise volunteers more to support services. Instead of the withdrawal of so many universal services across the whole borough, consider having fewer sessions in fewer geographical locations (I know not ideal....but better than none).

I wish I could...

I wish I did

I wish I did. I appreciate that this is a very challenging time but I am seriously concerned that by making these cuts now, we are storing up a greater cost in future years. These costs will be increased because more people are likely to need more intensive support for longer periods of time. The research on early intervention is strong and shows that spending early saves in the long run. We are likely to be putting off the problem which will increase costs to the council in the future. Also, what will the cost be to individuals and the wider society?

I would be happy to pay to come to the sessions or pay a contribution to the courses. At present the fee is £1 per family, maybe change that for £1 per child or £5 a week subscription fee

I would be very happy to pay for Stay and Play classes etc. I think a lot of us would. We only pay £1 at the moment but I would be willing to pay a lot more. Money is not an issue for me - support very much is.

I would happily pay for the children centre's services. I am sure others would too. The classes are well thought out and perfect for a child's development. I have paid for many classes, the ones offered at children's centres are the best.

I would have thought children's services would be a priority.

I would have to write an essay and I don't have time for this. Sorry.

I would like to have better understanding of financial support for adults. I went through unfortunate period, when I have to leave father of my baby. This led to various, in my head very shocking events.1. I wasn't even consider as a single, vulnerable parent who left abusive partner for council housing. Was offered student accommodation, which I strongly believe is absolutely unacceptable? I had to find private accommodation, and luckily got help from council with deposit and first month rent, which I am repaying back.2. My ex-partner, who never paid any tax and who abuses and damages his own health, got various emergency accommodations straight away, got help with electricity and even new fridge. He is claiming benefits and doesn't work. I am wondering how is possible, that people like this... "Who can shout loudly" get everything and vulnerable child and their parents have to "fight" for services, which can provide better start in life.3. I am working full time and large amount of my salary goes to my childminder, who does excellent work. I get no financial help from my ex at all and he is just laughing because he gets everything he needs from council, government, NHS. It makes me mad.

I would suggest they look in house in the first instance to see where efficiencies can be made for internal expenditure for example meetings, expenses, salaries especially at management level. Ask staff to provide alternative ideas and solutions to save money they usually have some valuable input and ideas as to what cost saving efficiencies could be made.

I'm doing the best I can for my children and feel that for the comparably little it costs to provide support for young families, these services must be kept. How about ensuring businesses operating in our region (e.g. Amazon) are paying enough tax?

Identify and cut back on non-essential services i.e. litter picking, common area maintenance. Push harder for more funding from London, Luton is heavily dependent on the airport and it will be 4+ years before that recovers. Run charitable events to raise funding - use the skills of Children Centre Staff as they already do this very well.

If you are an active person, you have to work constantly for a number of years before being able to access any social benefits. Benefits cannot be awarded to people who have never paid taxes. There will be exceptions obviously (single mums and old people)

If you have to take things away, potentially do pop up events throughout the town so that it is not a regular thing but the services are still there if wanted.

I'm happy to contribute, maybe a fund raising site or even allowing those with less finances to go free and charging others? I've always donated when there's the opportunity.

I'm not sure. Smaller cuts in lots of places. Postpone all the work in bringing back the river in the town centre, (even though I love the idea) postpone the firework display for, a couple of years, etc.

I'm sorry but no - I don't envy you having to make these decisions!

I'm sure the Council have done their research - it's just an awful shame that any services are having to close.

In other areas. As a teacher the thought of early children's services being essentially withdrawn for the vast majority children will suffer. Children's services are so important!

In reality there is no money in the pot and prevention is not a priority. Better to stick to statutory duties and at least keep the vulnerable kids safe.

In the long term you are not making savings. You are just pushing the spending into another year when the damage for some families or children has already been done and would cost a lot more to undo than if these mothers and fathers have a judgment free place to take children, some of whom would undoubtedly slip through the net. Money has been wasted on road works no one has asked for when people were crying out just to fix pot holes. On a tram way they became a busway because it wasn't viable, on a monorail up to the airport when there was already bus services in place to feed it all to push an airport expansions that few people want. If you want to know where to save money it's in your own projects. It's in taking the time to ask the questions before the projects have started. Don't save money now save time and look earnestly into how the money is being spent and whether it is infect best for the town or is best for those that run the town. After this is all done and people can be back together in groups properly we want to give a places where young mothers and fathers can seek support both peer and professional, not feel more alone and isolated, because at least before they had a hopeful outcome to look forward to.

Increase council tax

Increase price from £1 to £2 for play groups

Increase session charges by £1 (per family).

Increase the £1 per session to a monthly affordable subscription.

Increase the council tax

Increase the money families pay for the different groups and activities. I can afford paying extra for the support, but without the groups I won't be able to access any support.

Increase the session admin cost

Increased rent on new football stadium land and associated shopping outlets

Increasing council tax by 50p per household to cover the cost of children's centres running cost yearly. Paperless working working from home for more staff if possible less agency staff

Infrastructure projects could be further delayed Reduction in buildings owned by the council

Instead of having weekly classes they can rotate around centres (I think they do already). Timetable changes to make it work rather than cut it.

Integrate FS family workers into health visiting

Involve communities into non critical actions - parks cleaning, streets cleaning it is time to fine people for littering, especially throwing cigarettes on the floor/ground Fine people for fly tipping

Is there a possibility of the council looking at applying for funding resources to keep some of the children centre services open say from the supermarkets in Luton that have made huge profits during covid-19.

It depends how much is spent and how on the existing services. Are they broken down to the different services or does flying start get a lump sum to spend on all their services?

It is always challenging to balance resources. In North Warwickshire reductions led to settings reducing services while extending their reach with fewer staff covering wider areas. It became more difficult for families to access the services provided because they were no longer 'local' and it became more difficult for staff and partners to identify those families and individuals in great need or to meet the needs of those that which were identified. There is a point where everyone has to recognise that either resources are prioritised to maintain the quality and range of contacts and services (which may mean finding new partnerships and ways of working together) or if this is not possible, to design more limited systems, recognising their limitations and if possible, identifying ways of compensating for the shortcomings.

It is not clear how the universal services will be delivered alternatively to being run through children's centres. Provision MUST be made for these services, whether this is commissioning them to be delivered by suitable partners. This has to be fully explained in this development

It should continue with the services offered as I know personally many people have benefitted.

It would be nice if money that disappeared from the council was found out.

It's clear that not all of the income should not be relied on from the airport. The funding for the Dart was not necessary. Cutting services that make a huge change and help the people such as they proposed will have a great negative impact

It's sad that all the cuts are due to budget and that tough decisions need to be made, the only thing I can suggest is that in some areas universal stay and plays are still open to all, so

parents can learn from each other with support from professionals available. Maybe volunteers could be trained to run the breast feeding cafes so they aren't lost too?

It's hard to say how to save when you don't have overview of what the budget entails. Personally, I would look at if an investment made what they will save and how. If this comes out profitable then its worth and consider by doing this what can we close or re-join to this scheme and this should save you the pennies. Without saving the penny you don't achieve the pounds.

Join the groups together and allow them to work together in one area

Just go back to how things were before the coronavirus

Just keep the centres open please.

Just keep things as they are please.

Keep

Keep centres open please

Keep centres open.

Keep children's centres open

Keep children's centres open, it is much more economical to pay family worker salaries rather than social worker salaries. There will be a huge strain on social care due to the rise in safeguarding cases, which can be prevented if family workers continue to work with and engage families especially those that are most vulnerable, from a universal level. Early intervention and prevention is much better than dealing with the consequences of not having the support in the first place.

Keep class

Keep Flying Start children's centre

Keep flying start open

Keep more than 2 centres. Ask the public which other areas could be voted on to be reduced as an alternative.

Keep open

Keep open centres

Keep running at least some of the face to face children services (stay and play) even if of less frequency, but charge fractionally more e.g. £2 instead £1 if it helps with the cost. This can be perhaps combined with advice services on Breastfeeding and parenting and nutrition. E.g. 1.5hour stay and play with 30 minute support or education session + selling vitamin supplements. Provide online training for parents/carers on selected topics.

Keep some Children's Centres open at different parts of the Town who must work more closely together with their partners. Share resources and skills. Promote each other's work and continue exploring the potential to work more closely. Work collaboratively with other community organisations. Look for ways of delivering services via pre-school provision and schools as well as community buildings. A suggestion to save money until everything is up and running properly after this pandemic, reduce funding for School expansions in the interim.

Keep some Children's Centres open to help people.

Keep some of the Luton owned buildings running as multi use venues so at least some times can be used for children's centre activities for at least some of the week. It takes time for families to find there is a service they can use, and that they can trust. Don't lose what has already been built.

Keep the centres open please

Keep the children's centres open for stay and play groups

Keep the children's centre!! Get parents and families involved teens if necessary educate and qualify people to keep those services available

Keep the children's centres but run from fewer buildings. Enforce parking rules and fines.

Keep the children's centres open please

Keep the Children's Centres open please.

Keep the Manor Centre - it is a must Deliver more online interactive courses

Keep them all open. Or close the ones that are not used as much

Keep them open!

Keep them running normal as they were. Covid is a mystery.

Keep these services in place at a small cost to parents. The cost could be based on level of need/ income so that those most vulnerable receive free support and those with the lowest need pay the most. All parents need support so at least give them to option of paying for it. Covid has also provided opportunities for new ways of working, virtual programmes of support could be offered to reduce costs (for example building costs). Sell off council buildings where possible and encourage working from home for services that do not need office space.

Leave services for the most valuable alone - why target family again!!!! Stop pouring money into the airport would be a huge start!!!!

LEAVE THE CHILDRENS SERVICES ALONE THEY ARE NEEDED!!!!

Less managers? Less town hall employees?

Less people in charge on huge wages.

Less workshops/sessions but more people Charge for services on a means basis

Link with local areas eg Hertfordshire and explore ways of sharing service providers.

Local business sponsorship? It's hard at this present time but how many people actually use these services and the reasons need to be looked at

Look at alternatives!

Look at cutting back in other areas, children are our future and they matter to take everything from them is simply wrong

Look at other areas of wasted money - are offices / departments buying items individually rather than a whole. Look at reducing the hours of the childcare provisions rather than wiping them out completely

Look at other areas to save money, reduce staff where not needed

Look at other services within the council where money can be saved!!! Integrating these services will have a massive impact and really isn't the solution..... CC should not be integrated with the other services and should be a standalone as it's a valued service.

Look at senior management, probably a little top heavy!!

Look at the airport and the money that has been ploughed into that and unnecessary infrastructure. There must be a way to recoup money from the airport or certainly not plough in anymore. Councillor wage cuts, overpaid and have made such a mess of the finances, it cannot and should not all be blamed on COVID

Look at the spending as an investment, rather than a drain.

Look elsewhere at your management structure, perhaps reduce head count and costs this way rather than cutting vital services.

Look into other areas, reduce the pay of the top staff at the council

Look into where the shortfalls in savings are. I have read multiple reports stating loans were taken out to accommodate for the airport expansion that have now got to be paid and have left holes in the budget. Our council tax is a high rate, however our bins are not collected every week, only every other, and now you are suggesting cutting the most used service for parents with young children. I would like to know where the money we pay in council tax is going in the first place.

Lots of suggestion but the truth is council doesn't listen to people so why should we suggest anything? Your councillors should know how to resolve problems.

Luton Town doesn't need pretty flowers that budget can be used elsewhere. Where council employees can work from home so offices can be freed up for rent to companies or convert them new houses/flats for the vulnerable people in Luton, supporting them in supporting themselves so they don't need aid from Luton. Higher tax or pay cuts for council employees who earn 30 thousand a year or more. Pay rise or more budget to schools and nurseries relieving stress on the staff which will help with depression and anxiety as that can cause them to miss days or seeing doctors when not needed. Providing better support to people on benefits to get a job so they can give back.

Maintain only basic services in each children's centre antenatal, stay and play and baby massage. Apply for further funding from central government, Captain Toms fund? The airport will recover so the funding would only need to be for a year or two.

Make bigger cuts in non-essential services to cover the funds required. Lobby gov't for further support based on Luton's specific case and airport dependence. Obtain sponsorship, funding, donations from local business and events.

Make cuts elsewhere, maybe get rid of council consultants or cut councillor's benefits and wages instead

Make cuts from the top salaries first would be a great start. Why should our children loose out and the most vulnerable families who use these services as a lifeline. Safeguarding children should be paramount above anything else.

Make some of the classes virtual, so centres don't always have to be open Run fitness classes or other activities in the same spaces which require rent or payment to operate Get sponsorship from local businesses, or national businesses, to run certain classes

Make sure everyone attending any classes pay

Makes groups means tested or have the opportunity for donations.

Making paid car parks? To fine people for throwing rubbish on the streets? To fine people for throwing cigarettes on the streets - it's disgusting

May be think of ways to make staff more effective, cut out some of the paperwork and and let the staff have more time support the families that need this help.

Maybe asking for a slight increase in fees for stay and play and play session. At the moment they ask for £1 per family, maybe ask for £1 per child, but not above £5 per week per family. And asking for families to pay a small fee for courses, it may also be an incentive for families to attend a certain majority of sessions if it's over a number of weeks. Only thing I would say is keep services for new mums free or a low Cost Cos it's vital for them to build up trust and access to these support. Maybe also dont automatically provide every family with a support worker and only provide these to the most vulnerable, and then allow mums to ask for the support if they require it. The most vulnerable would be families where any member in the family unit has a background of mental health, disabilities, domestic abuse/violence, bullying, learning disabilities etc, really low income/deprivation, refugees, people in care/ recent levers of care,

Maybe by not targeting the vulnerable and "easier" groups. Councillor expenses, perks and other non-essential expenditure

Maybe charge a small fee for all sessions/groups that are "free"

Maybe cut the council's big bosses' wages

Maybe introduce a cost to some of the provided activities such as stay and play, messy play, baby talk, baby massage etc.

Maybe introducing a small fee from families. Or closing down half but spread the services out so that they are still reachable for everyone.

Maybe keep the main buildings across the borough instead of the so you speak pop up ones to help keep open.

Maybe open centres at particular days in different areas. Making these activities still accessible to all, not just the most vulnerable. However it will not require the same amount of staff as all centres will not be open every day of the week.

Maybe reduce classes or offer out of fewer venues rather than withdraw service all together

Maybe reduce sessions to fortnightly and reduce sessions, for e.g. instead of having stay and play and messy play, have 1 session which has a bit of both sessions.

Maybe run fewer classes, or classes not as often to save money. I feel that there are ways around still delivering these courses for the people who need them. In some cases, could classes not have a slight charge like baby massage does? But maybe keep the charges reasonable and affordable.

Maybe the midwives can deliver the pregnancy and bump to babe classes the health visitors to deliver the stay and play and other classes..?

Maybe you should take a survey of the services that we feel we do not need or weren't not used sufficiently enough to justify rather than targeting a while section of support to new parents and children.

Merge some of the children's centres as suggested but more of them. Charge more for classes?

Merge the services on a rotating timetable. Instead of reducing. If it's staffing. Blending staff multi-tasking. I did that at my place of work. Works fine. Those staff who were less qualified up-skilled at the same time. Everyone was equal

Might be worth looking at the councillors who don't seem to have taken Covid-19 seriously and are happy to break lockdown rather than penalise families who require these services for their health and wellbeing.

Minimise council pay rises. Charge people to take their rubbish to the tip

More delivery sites - Beech Hill is not a good site to access Please tell me what you mean sites at Leagrave? Is this Mosssdale court? The flat would be ideal to use for parenting contact / assessments etc.

More social media advertising.

More speed cameras in town less manager's job position

More voluntary workers to keep the children centres running

Most groups I used to attend where free or very small charge, I would have paid slightly more for the groups. There are various groups for children provided by local communities, churches....but I found it impossible to find out about. Maybe a list of available groups which can be attend would be great, as everyone seems the advertising only for themselves.

Multi skill staff Incorporate all above services in each session.

Need to support the young children they are the future of the town. Need the best start in life they can get so they can thrive.

No - but not saving money by closing children's centre.

No - I'm sure you've already gone into this in fine detail.

no - just don;t close the cenrrs

No asci understand why the cuts. But I think there will be repercussions later.

No but don't shut the centres. Find another way to save money

no but pay managers less

No but please don't fail the parents and children of Luton

No doubt you're paying someone a handsome fee to do this for you!

No I don't know I.m sorry

No need for CEO's pay increases and bonuses and expenses to be paid. The continuous need to change the road layout (Vauxhall way to A505 or the unnecessary ring road) To make money - increase traffic wardens and to actively pursue the money owed to the council

No, but please do not take away the universal services which are a lifeline to the Luton community!

No, unfortunately I am not well enough informed of the Council's expenditure to comment on this.

No, we just want the original are back.

No. I feel it is such a shame that a large amount has to come from children's services, especially after the outcomes of the last OFSTED inspection. I attended a course about using volunteers and the lady attending from a flying start centre said they have a lot of parents desperate to get into volunteer work. Can this be an option to reduce costs in some areas?

No. I know you'll be doing your best. But this is heartbreaking. Bloody Tories.

Non-essential road works or re-design of roads - lived in Luton for nearly 20 years and the town centre layout has changed several times over this period.

not at this time

Not closing as many centres as mentioned and keeping some open in certain areas that are reachable for many, reducing the hours, work 2 weeks of rota (one week with certain activities, 2nd week with the rest) like a roll on rota

Not from Children's Services as it always seems to be targeted in my opinion. Age 0 to 5 years is the most important stage in their childhood which can have an impact on their adult lives.

Not give as much money to the airport and give some to the the children centre.

Not presently - just don't want to lose Flying Start. They have been marvellous.

Not really, I understand that cut backs are necessary but feel it is important that all areas of Luton continue to have access and support to children's centres and their staff.

Not sure but closing children centres and sessions like stay and play will have a terrible effect especially mentally for parents like myself who have young children.

Not to invest too much in the airport and in the first place to have got revenue from a wide range of things rather than relying on one source.

Not without seeing plans and budget numbers. It is very understandable that cuts need to be made to these areas given the current circumstance and making sure the MOST vulnerable have access to support is the most important. I would stop classes any day of the week if it meant a family who REALLY need it get the proper support they need.

Nothing immediately springs to mind but why should the children suffer. Especially as the town already has high rates of vulnerable children.

Offload from the council's property portfolio. Premises can be either converted or replaced and residential properties replace them. Children's Centres all to be treated identically if no requirement for them over the next 5 - 10 years. This being in part to assist team cohesion in

the changeover. Off load all, should there be no clear purpose or requirement for them established.

Oh yes - to many councillors

oh yes - we don't need people who have stupid ideas - perhaps they should be redundant

Oh yes....Why not close every service in Luton and turn it into a third world town.I suggest the money saved could be spent on the airport so it can cope with 100 million passengers a year. Great idea!

One big hall/centre....lots of activities/guidance going on at one time in different areas. Parents can move from 'stall to stall' to get advice on health/feeding/weigh-ins etc, with a stay and play going on in the far corner at the same time. No need for multiple venues with 2 people in at any one time. It's expensive. This way it's all under one roof, better atmosphere for the play groups. Why don't you use social media more and appeal directly to the people of the town for volunteers/toys/baby change facilities/sundries needed to run these events. I'm positive you will get a good response if you are honest & open with what's needed. Let people help.

Open up opportunities to work/volunteer to those that use the services as they could have certain skills necessary and would be a cheaper way to recruit to get things done.Ensure mental well-being is considered as well as physical activities

Other services/department needs to be looked into. Children services needs to be left alone. Children services will be more vital now more than ever especially considering the damage that would have been caused to them with the ongoing pandemic

Other than where the pitches are needed for community sport, turn our playing fields into wild zones, thus cutting back the amount of work they need.

Own fewer council buildings. This can mainly be achieved by reducing the number of staff but also by smarter working, even more staff working from home.Stop recruiting - you are saying that 365 people will lose their jobs but you are still recruiting, how come? Stop sending people off to conferences. One advantage of not being members of these bodies is that there won't be the same scope for sending staff off to their events at vast expense

Parking fines, Untaxed vehicle fines, Road permits on busy roads, fast food tax, Put up council tax like every other council have you don't need to be kind to the residents at this time.Not investing in other projects until financially stable like A6 -M1 link.

Part time working for staff Reduced sites but not all sites to close Integrated universal services I.e one parenting programme, volunteers deliver services, one type of stay and plays

Partner up with different schools.

Pay back council debt - where is the money that disappeared? Freeze recruitment Let the community help

pay cut mps they not setting a good example after all...

Pay cuts to the people in charge

Pay cuts, get rid of the many many heads of departments. Police parking control and tickets to be issued correctly. Delay the dart project. Energy save street lighting. Stop felling trees

that are not needing to be felled. Stop undertaking road improvements, ie stopsley way, nothing wrong with the old system, just spending for the sake of spending

People who are on benefits pay £1 and people on a higher income pay £2 Reduce snacks at stay and play maybe?

Perhaps a financial enquiry as where the council money is going. All I see is services being cut but council rates increasing. A public enquiry in to where the money is going and why services for children, one of should the most if not the most vulnerable group in society are facing so many cuts.

Perhaps by alternating weeks that some of the services are offered but keeping the different centres

Perhaps close some of the less popular centres as there are a huge number of them. I travelled out of area for some sessions and I'm sure those that are able to would do the same.

Perhaps consolidating the services into fewer locations, running less frequently but not doing away with them altogether. Also possibly looking for sponsorship from local businesses or larger corporates to help cover the cost of running these facilities. Small contributions from parents for attending courses/stay and play etc.

Perhaps have 'pop-up' services in different areas of Luton throughout the year, so engagement wouldn't be such a problem for those who cannot travel easily with young children.

Perhaps increase entry fees to groups so room hire costs can be better met.

Perhaps install more speed cameras

Perhaps instead of expanding the airport they could concentrate on the actual needs of people in the town.

Perhaps just reducing some services first of all rather than cutting all services completely.

Perhaps less session but still some sessions

Perhaps spread the sessions out more to reduce the cost

Perhaps to cut the councillor's wages. Stop recruiting

Perhaps trim the number of classes (where there are duplicates). Early years help is an essential building block. Failure here can lead to more expensive interventions later on.

Pick a service that is not as valuable as this Look elsewhere Use resources from wasted council building projects Protect our children

Please do not close flying start children's centres

Please do not close stay and play, sessions can be less frequent with more spaces for children and less staff as children are accompanied by their parents anyway

Please do not close the centres

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PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE THE CHILDREN'S CENTRES.

Please do not closed

Please do not take it from our young people, we need to give them the best possible start in life and I'm sure it sounds dramatic but the stay and play sessions and other support make such a HUGE difference to these children, they need this.

Please don't take away the only thing us young mums have to support our little children

Please help the children centres in any which way you can!!

Please keep open

Please keep open

Please keep stay and play sessions as they are very helpful for my children and myself.

Please keep these services going. Children are the future. It will cost all of us more in the long run.

Please not close

Please reconsider keeping the centres open.

Please save the vital services such as breastfeeding support

Please see all points already raised

Please see previous comments.

Please still provide the child health clinics, how else can I weigh my baby?

Please stop wasting money on hare brained schemes like becoming a city, a town of culture etc. Also stop spending our money on hiring expensive companies to figure out why these campaigns have not received the support they required.

Please keep

Pointless road improvements (Vauxhall Way) would save valuable money and not be detrimental to the families in the communities

Politicians repeatedly take from future generations to fix their current screw ups. Including my generation. This needs to stop. Of you want to save/get more money tax the rich more effectively and make cuts to those that are more capable, rather than the defenceless children.

Possible part-time staff - thus reducing cost in salaries.

Possibly apply a minimum fee for some of the classes. Perhaps even an income based analysis - not everything has to be free but everything should be available! Find out where the classes are the most popular and run those specific ones. Work closely with the midwifery team and health care assistants and ask their opinions Stop putting money into people's pockets who don't need it...

Possibly cut back on some buildings. Allow Family Workers and office based staff to work from home, as and when possible or requires- this will allow us to give up some buildings and make savings. Offer job sharing, possibly a cut back on salary. Merge the individual services- such as the 4 children's centre areas into 3.

Potentially scale back the children centre timetables so they are still offering services for families but in a reduce scale. Have a few children's centres open rather than all?

Previously the suggested donation to use some of these services were low at only £1. I would be willing to give more than this.

Prioritise. Focus on the least used facilities in Luton. Ask the government to take into account the greater needs of Luton compared to towns like Hitchin or Harpenden. Decrease the number of people in top positions and use their salary for vital services at the lower end.

Probably save by making cuts in a different department.

Properly cancel plans for dual carriage way on Vauxhall way, more fines for breaches of covid protocols in businesses,

Public health increase - prevention

Put some video resources online and set-up Zoom sessions for social meet-ups.

Raise a tax.

Raising council tax

Rather than axing services altogether for certain areas, it may be useful to condense them down so that there is a smaller number of sessions/classes/courses available and they are offered to those that need them most. This would be first time parents, parents with mental health issues and not just those on a lower income. Online courses would also be helpful so for example some of the antenatal classes, nutrition education courses can be adapted to an online course that people can go through and this would just be updated if there are changes on guidance so this would be a low cost alternative as opposed to face to face course delivery. Questions that arise from these courses can in most cases be answered by a midwife or health visitor on a phone call so that would be an option that can be considered. With the stay and play sessions you could look at charging for attendance and reducing the amount of sessions i.e. running them from central locations such as the Mall and a few other venues as opposed to several centres across Luton.

Re look at the spending areas and priorities the community needs.

Read the previous comment.

Reduce maintenance where not urgent e.g. litter picking, road sweeping.

Reduce middle management positions and pointless road changes. Focus on the key services.

Reduce non critical services like road and park cleaning. Use eco-friendly options - electric cars/vans/ solar power, recycle.

Reduce office space by making more use of working from home to save on accommodation costs.

Reduce premises costs by employee's people to work from home from where possible.

Reduce some of the classes and rent some of the rooms in the children's centres to other preschool activities what would rent space elsewhere (music monkeys, cha cha, heartbeeps, dance classes, birthday parties etc) Or keeping one in each flying start area open ie keep say limbury but not Redgrave, grasmere etc so each area has the service still

Reduce spending on things like new roads and swimming pool developments! Anything except cutting essential children's services

Reduce staff training to the statutory minimum Use energy saving light bulbs Make spending transparency intelligible Cease spending money installing road humps. Provide council tenants with rewards for carrying out their own repairs Withdraw funding for speed cameras⁸⁸ Reduce the number of councillors

Reduce the amount of centres yes, but not down to two. That's ridiculous. Merge some of the cafes and services. Save in some other area, don't penalise the children, they're our future.

Reduce the amount of the staff in Town Hall building Decrease salaries of councillors

Reduce the management, instead of the direct support for families and children. Just by removing 2-3 you can save enough money to keep the services

Reduce the number of centres but don't close all of them all together. Look for private funding to support those services. Don't make the next generation pay with their future for the current financial situation.

Reduce the number of centres but keep all classes and groups offered at fewer centres.

Reduce the number of children centre sites

Reduce the number of children's centre within the town

Reduce the spend on cutting trees down and building roads. - These offer nothing to the local people but take away from the local area. Increased speeds, and less trees are not a benefit to local people - community and child centric funding is better. More cycle ways would also be beneficial. Open the libraries.

Reduce top salaries

Reducing other services.

Reducing the amount of unnecessary road changes going on around Luton, and not going ahead with the huge unsecured loan to the airport

Reducing the number of sites maybe.

Reducing the said services maybe and perhaps look at reducing staff hours within the four departments that are being restructured.

Request a small donation for these services

Review the existing services, compare the uptakes of services and also the cost of rent each venue, then try to eliminate venue with low uptakes of service and high cost of running. I suggest the cutting down of service but not a totally shut off to make the services available only to the 'most vulnerable families'.

Review the management structure of each service. Review the cost of the democratic process especially councillors expenses.

Revisit all projects and works which could be suspended.

Run services so parents can go from one session to the next in the same building or base them where schools and nurseries are to make them easier to access

Run specific campaigns and organise volunteer days to engage the community to solve its own issues such as clearing litter.

Sack a few unnecessary high paid council staff cut back there expensive do away with company cars and make the rest do some work....

Sadly I don't but cutting services for children and families is crazy, short sighted and will result in greater levels of vulnerable families. I am sure it is very difficult to find services to cut but this needs a rethink.

Save from other parts of Council like turn off street lighting overnight between 11 pm and 5 am or light up every third lamppost in those hours.

Save money by dismissing unnecessary staff

Save money from the events which will now not be run due to Covid. I.e. the carnival. mela and other events

Save on other recourses as wages of your staff. They get paid a lot and the Lutonian community doesn't see the benefit for that

Save the centres, cut back other things. Can the council use more green energy - electric vans, solar, recycled materials. Less unnecessary jobs - they keep cutting the field nearby but it can't be long enough to cut.

Saving energy in council' buildings? Spending less money on council credit cards Sending council employees to only essential trainings/conferences - if employees don't use their knowledge gained during the training, why to send them to conferences? Staff should be sent to upgrade their trainings, not to something new, especially if it doesn't have anything to do with their work.

Schedule and book groups for people at various locations for people to attend

Scrap the ridiculous plans to expand the airport and new road layouts and use that money where is actually needed- to help vulnerable families and children!!!!!!!!!!!!

Seek savings from other departments to protect frontline services to the community - these plans disproportionately affect some of your most vulnerable community members. Where is the Equalities Impact Assessment of these proposals? A leaner executive structure within the council would be prudent, and scrutiny of all current procurement contracts to ensure best value is being secured to prevent risks of wastage and overspending.

Sell assets such as housing stock to housing associations. Privatisation of some services. Charge for green waste collection.

Sell buildings less middle managers and director level staff

Sell Luton Airport and stop pumping money into it when that money should be used to meet the needs of the people of Luton.

Sell off council buildings and encourage employees to work from home.

Sell off some of the airport.

Sell off stakes in airport

Sell the airport my daughter won't remember Luton airport as much as she would remember how much she thrived in her childhood

Sell things of value

Sen kids and families need respite care services or activities of term time as it's very difficult to manage a sen child at home or over weekends.

Send more parking enforcement officers to collect more parking fine and get more money for children services. Introduce other fines for smoking, drinking, begging etc

Separate out the services rather than combining them. Allow Manor Contact Centre and London Road to continue without significant change and minor budget cuts (offering up any vacancies) and focus on combining Children's Centre teams and Early Help teams to create a new model of family hubs with staff who deliver services and support to families at Level 2 (universal services to be delivered as per the consultation by community and voluntary groups). This would mean a much reduced Early Help and Children's Centre service but would retain a focus on early intervention and early years and give the local authority a workforce to deliver services to families with emerging needs and provide support to partner agencies wanting to do an EHA and organise a Team around the Family.

SET UP CHILDRENS CENTRES AS A CHARITABLE TRUST?

Simply just rent a big area office etc something not expensive and simply lets the kids enjoy play and run Maybe a trampoline ...indoor outdoor lots of kids will be happy make completions as running to rise funds bad do Christmas and Easter concert just with the kids and again rise money and funds etc seam an idea

Small increase in council tax. High earners to take a pay cut. Raise stay & play fees from £1 to £2 per family to help cover costs of room/hall hire.

Sorry I have no any suggestion regarding this

Spend less on the airport including expensive consultations. I wonder how much the council has already spent on pushing the unwanted expansion, including road widening and lending more money to the airport?

Sponsorship from local businesses.

Start by not taking away support from service users who are predominantly women and children. These groups will already be hugely disadvantaged by the social / economic costs of this pandemic, as women and children always are in times of difficulty.

Start charging people for littering or throwing fags on the roads

Start charging a little and to everyone (including those on certain benefits)

Start from changing the number of Councillors and changing their wages

Start giving pay cuts to the people in the 'higher' paid positions.

Start sacking managers.

Start with staff/councillors re-organization in Town hall. I am sure we don't need so many of them. Stop recruiting new staff

Stop all spending on airport projects now, simple really sell the land bank for airport expansion and raise £20 million what you paid for it.

Stop all the unnecessary road changes nobody wants them they are a waste of money.

Stop bidding for city of culture and the like every year. No bonuses for those at the top.

Stop building new roads that are not needed.....people who are higher up in the council take a pay cut, train some social workers that will stay in Luton stop using agencies, interpreters are expensive aswell so maybe members of staff could do this too.

Stop calling then savings, they're cuts. Make the town work for the people and not for people who have no vested interest in our town.

Stop cutting back when it comes to children. The council could cut other areas, such as cutting down trees and building more roads. If you're asking for suggestions within the children's services some of the sessions could be merged, so feeding your baby and breastfeeding café could be one session, actually that could help to break down some barriers. Adapting sessions might be a better way but I still feel that it's always children who get a raw deal.

Stop doing pointless road works which cost millions and will have very little impact when vital services are at risk of being cut.

Stop doing unnecessary road improvements that no one in Luton actually wants! Of course keep roads maintained by filling pot-holes etc but honestly as a born and bred Lutonian, the road system in Luton is a disaster yet millions of pounds is invested in road changes that simply don't work. Think about cutting hours of all council staff by 10%. Increase home working for staff that can work from home and cut back on office space rental. Use the long term unemployed who are able to work and claiming benefits to cover mandatory employment roles in order to continue receive their benefits. This would enable the council to save money on certain job roles where they could use the unemployed volunteers.

Stop expanding roads to the airport, no one needs to get there now anyway.

Stop funding the airport maybe?! I think your corrupt financial practices have been completely exposed by the pandemic for all to see. You have lost the support from the community and those you employ. You have money but you are refusing to use it to keep this service running. The fact you have loaned the airport in excess of 400 million pounds is beyond belief and in my opinion should be considered illegal. We could have explored alternative funding streams, put the service out to tender or even cut funding back as much as possible so we ran on the bare minimum. It is very clear that you have never had an interest in maintaining this service and your actions are ruthless and unjustifiable.

Stop funding the airport!

Stop funding unnecessary road 'improvements' like those currently happening on Vauxhall way

Stop giving the airport money? Don't build anymore vanity projects?

Stop having such high incomes and give it to the community. Also stop spending unnecessary money on things this town doesn't need and put money where it is needed. Families with children! They are the future of this town and this council clearly doesn't seem to realise this.

Stop investing in growing the Airport, no one wants to be killed by the pollution it causes and all the extra roads that are planned to go along with it. It is choking some days to live nearby with the fumes coming into the house and garden and to try to keep growing it to 36+million passengers is just obscene in my opinion. More needs to be done to look after the health of Luton residents not damage it further. Do not make changes to Wigmore Valley Park. Stop cutting down trees and making changes to Vauxhall Way.

Stop involving social workers when parents have a normal argument in early years when they both poses no risk during the argument

Stop making red double lines oin Dunstable Road, no on parks their cars there.

Stop mowing green spaces and allow wildflowers to grow more wildly - the people mowing can be used for different duties and less equipment will be needed. Savings have been made elsewhere -<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-48954147/rotherham-s-wildflower-verges-give-roads-splash-of-colour>Introduce a workplace parking levy - this would also encourage people to walk/cycle to work and reduce 'wasting' land on parking spaces. Nottingham has done this - <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/wpl>(You could also look into making this differential and having a reduced rate for spaces exclusively used for electric vehicles, encouraging locals to adopt low-carbon tech even if they can't give up driving completely)Introduce a property license for private landlords - landlords pay for a license to rent a property. Most of the money is then used to inspect properties but a portion could go to protecting children's services. This has been used in Newham<https://www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/rented-property-licensing/1>Perhaps the children's centre sessions could be run in schools so that the space doesn't have to be hired - or the current buildings that are used as children's centres could be hired out to groups, earning money that goes straight into running children's centre services. Things I might use if they were run at children's centres would be activities such as Hartbeeps and Baby Sensory. You could also hire the space for home schooling groups or potentially after schools groups such as cub scouts or similar. Investigate whether you can introduce a small tax on airplane fuel when refuelling in Luton. It would need to be a low rate to stop airlines diverting to refuel, but could set a precedent for other councils and eventually Luton could lead the way in doing the right thing. All of the options discussed would hopefully either reduce costs to the council or bring money in without having to charge residents directly. They are all also working towards making the council greener and more eco-friendly which can only be a good thing. For specific services such as stay and play, you could also ask for a higher donation or run fundraisers. All council activities such as picnic in the park etc at free which is brilliant, but I certainly wouldn't object to some paid for fundraising activities mixed in with the freebies. I'd pay for raffle tickets and for my children to have a go on a bouncy castle etc - vulnerable families could be given free tickets or discounted rates for certain things where needed and otherwise some events could be run to make a profit. Even if it helps a tiny amount of services continue, I think it would be worth it.

Stop over spending on things that aren't needed and find a better way to spend money. Road works that aren't warranted, benefit schemes that don't support people in helping themselves. I've just read about the reduction in the council tax assistance - if you're going to save £650,000 there surely some of that money can be used to support baby groups!!

Stop paying bed and breakfast prices for emergency accommodation. Talk to local housing providers about increasing their provision.

Stop paying council members car allowance when they are working from home

Stop paying huge consultants fees. Set up local resident's panels to perform this function. Stop transporting SEN kids. Parents of normal kids have no help to get them to school the parents of many SEN kids get Motability cars. Get the traffic wardens out, you will raise a mint Charge shop owners for putting their wares on the pavement Stop paying for two carers to attend a person when the job can and is done safely by a single parent. You are wasting an absolute fortune on care companies. Think out of the box, there is a better way to provide

care you just haven't thought of it yet Open a charity shop or a coffee bar/cafe where you keep the profits. People spend willingly on food and coffee, why not profit from it

Stop paying millions for traffic lights at roundabouts that are not needed or renaming streets or taking away outdoor seating from the town centre Sell shares in the airport

Stop paying xxxxxxxxx such a high wage Make it a condition of service that all officers/employee in senior positions retire at 60Cut number of councillors No need flower baskets in the town centre - they cost money too! Negotiate service level agreements to provide services at reduced costs

Stop producing leaflets for silly reasons if care homes are under-occupied, close some of them where there are genuine "invest to save" opportunities, for instance in reducing energy bills or increasing online transactions, then use council reserves.

Stop putting traffic lights on roundabouts stop chopping down trees- I.e. the Vale down the A505

Stop recruitment Charge people for fly tipping - it is disgusting what is happening in some parts of Luton

Stop relying on the airport for a start as most councils do not. Charge a reasonable price for baby massages and other non-stay and play related services. Stay and play could be raised to £3 a family rather than £1 that it is currently is.

Stop sending out 7 pages of letters every 4 weeks that don't make sense.

Stop sending people off to conferences if it is not necessary Reduce staff trainings to to the statutory minimum Do not employ new people Cease employing volunteers officers Do not print off tones of documents Cut out wasteful spending money on council credit cards Stop providing free meals for councillors if you do

Stop sinking vast amounts of money into the Airport expansion projects that serve to rob the people of Luton their basic services.

Stop spending millions on consultation!

Stop spending money on schemes that are not essential to our local community- city status, new road schemes that are currently pointless and stop leafleting households with out of date information and loaning money to the airport.

Stop spending money to support the airport expansion and other expensive, private endeavours.

Stop spending so much money on roads that take millions of pounds but do not actually improve our town. Example- Opposite new Chiltern Academy Gypsy Lane, no real improvement if anything its worse congestion, more pollution and work that has been going on top of Hitchin Road near Birchen Grove/Stopsley. Waste of money, no improvement, waste of time

Stop stupid vanity projects and use the money were it is actually needed...people are what make Luton

Stop the closures!

Stop the proposed change to Wigmore Park as that's another service for children and families that will be affected.

Stop throwing money at the airport. It's going to take far too long for any income to be generated by the airport and re-distributed to the community. We will not see the benefit (if any) for many, many years to come. COVID has done irreversible damage to the airports, local towns and economic environment, and if we want Luton 2040 to be poverty free, then I suggest you re-prioritise where / who you're spending/loans go.

Stop throwing money down the drain.

Stop turning roundabouts into traffic light systems, especially when the committee didn't want then just to get grants. Don't waste money on research to see if it's worth applying for 'statuses' like city, culture, diversity. One of these you wanted to pay £500k to see if it worth spending £500k to apply, you were beaten by an advert on a bus at the cost of £500. Stop lending money to the airport and claim back all the money they owe. Why hasn't this been done already? Start looking at cutting jobs from the 'top end' of the council that waste money. Publicly Audit the whole LBC to everyone can see where our money goes.

Stop unnecessary road/highways projects. Invest in a programme of fraud prevention/detection to stop illegitimate claims for financial assistance. Small charge for use of tidy tips.

Stop wasting money for changing the names of the streets. Do not give out brand new, expensive equipment if it is not absolutely necessary.

Stop wasting money for rubbish things, eg. Changing streets names.

Stop wasting money for stupid things? Have you ever seen anyone parking on Dunstable road, next to the roundabout? Why did you spend so much money for double red lines in place where no one ever stops or parks their car????

Stop wasting money on non-essential spending such as the carnival etc

Stop wasting money on non-essential services (arts/play/festivals) and concentrate on core business and sell services Do not street clean daily in towns Negotiate service level agreements to provide services at a reduced cost Provide better public transport and reduce transports costs Young healthy people receiving job seekers should be used to keep public places free of weeds and clean Don't give out new equipment to staff if the old one is not broken Don't send your staff for conferences, trainings if it is not equivalent to their job description

Stop wasting money on projects that aren't really needed:-Airport DARTChange in road layouts

Stop wasting money on projects that don't need doing- focus on the services that are available and make them better that promoting new ideas. Give the people that are earning over 100k per annum a pay cut. We have not seen any positive changes in our community and seems like these people are only getting paid to drive Luton in to a dark whole. How can you justify taking essential services away? How about these people making the decisions try working as front line staff and alongside families and see the amazing work they do.

Stop wasting money on the airport

Stop wasting money on unnecessary road layout changes and airport infrastructure! Involve the Maternity Voices Partnership and volunteers in running some of the children services sessions. Stop giving freebies as incentives (pens/water bottles/cycle packs) Charge more for planning applications and developments. Increase fines for fly tipping, incorrect waste disposal, dog fouling etc. Encourage staff to work from home where possible to sell property

and reduce running costs. When viable, sell the airport and other unnecessary links and conflicts of interest. Review salaries of highly paid staff.

Stop wasting money on vanity projects and focus on: Street cleaning/rubbish removal
Nuisance neighbours- what good is environmental health open Monday to Friday office hours, when someone's having a party all night at the weekend?! Drinking and loitering Anti-social behaviour

Stop wasting money on vanity projects. Make Luton somewhere people want to live, shop, have a day out. Cuts will make Luton worse and turn people away.

Stop wasting money where there is no need to spend it, eg. Red lines in Dunstable Road. I have never seen anybody parking their car in Luton's main road. Such a waste of money!

Stop wasting money and stop wasting money on the airport

Stop wasting taxpayer's money

Stop with spending so much on the arts that only a few hundred people attend. Start by doing more parking tickets on busy roads such as busy park as dallow road. Lots of cars on double yellows, never seen a ticket warden. Stop with plans to expose in the river in the town, no one cares and it won't revitalise the town and bring in money

Stop with the unnecessary roadworks eg Vauxhall Way, so that essential services don't have to be cut. Closing Children's Centres will be a huge mistake and many families, particularly mothers, will suffer. The staff at Children's Centres play a vital role in identifying things such as domestic abuse and child neglect and make the relevant referrals. Take that away and you are putting children and victims, in danger.

Streamlining of services. Better lean practices. More use of charities to provide functions.

Surely the airport needs to consider at the moment during the Covid crisis, why are we investing still in an industry that will take years to recover?

Surely, children's services MUST be prioritised???

Switching on less Christmas lights during Christmas period Review all the electricity/gas bills

Take charity donations to keep centres opened. I will be happy to donate

Take from the top! Council send email to all staff welcoming two big payed managers, then couple of days later send email regarding cut and job losses ??

Take funding from other areas not from the youngest generation who will our future generation.

Take it from parking permits, and the Airport isn't doing too badly.

Take it from the MPs wages and increase of pay!

Take out the less attended groups

Take this as it is.

Taking from those at the top, cutting unnecessary managerial positions that are paid ridiculous amounts of money. Don't pay people to come in and organise the structure at massively over inflated rates like you did that xxxxx woman last time...paying for her to stay in hotels and giving her obscene amounts of money when he had no clue what she was doing or how to be compassionate to families crying their eyes out at the cuts in services!!!

You don't have a clue how much some families rely on those family and community workers and if you make these cuts you better believe you will see it come out of other services in abundance. Get ready for mental health, the prison services, schools, police... To take the brunt of it!!!

Tap into other services for cutbacks. Too much money not wisely spend.

Target more commercial areas that cutting services to the children and vulnerable

Tax more businesses to London Luton airport and to look at the locals of Luton, not as cash cows but part of the solution and issue at hand.

Tax the private jet owners who use Luton Airport more money. Transfer more funds from the millions that Luton Airport brings in into children's services. The council is at risk of allowing a generation of children to fall behind.

That's a difficult one as you can rob Peter to pay Paul! But surely our future generations are worth the money and will go on to pay back society!!

The children's centres need to stay open, I have seen them close in let's of London and there really isn't anywhere for mums/children to go and I don't want this to happen in Luton.

The cost of Crime and poor health and wellbeing will be much more than the preventive measures that should be in place in the way of services for new mothers, infants, young children, youth etc. Community organisations are vital to the health and wellbeing of local being and for creating a town in which people are thriving.

The council can build up more funds in other ways, driving through bury park the other day I counted 45 cars parked on marked double yellow lines!

The council could cut other services across Luton that doesn't affect our children.

The council needs to look at reducing funding which isn't necessary like the new Football ground. Also if we are seeing cuts everywhere but increase on our council tax then the Court needs to explain exactly what they are doing with our money.

The council should really reconsider options in regards to how services are delivered. The housing services should be overhauled if not already, you have many unused spaces that can be utilised to generate income. You should may be consider using the tools available to you to make good and efficiently deliver services. Don't get me wrong there are worse councils out there but I believe that Luton has so much potential. There are abandoned spaces that with a lick of paint can be brought back to life again. Most of all you need to review your policies because at times it seems these policies are more of a hindrance than positive to the community you wish to serve.

The Council should cut down from putting flowers on the town centre every summer; the families in Luton could live with no flowers on the town centre's fence.

The council should cut down on the amount of councillors as not all are needed and they should cut down on stupid costs like changing the name of streets, putting double red lines on roads where no one parks.

The council should heed the warnings from its elected Councillors regarding pumping more money into LLA

The councils should choose to deliver required "savings" elsewhere. These centres are pivotal to the communities they serve and need to be there

The healthy eating guidance and pregnancy club you can scrap

The original set up method of these centres was far better.

The proposed changes will, undoubtedly, reduce significant level of children service. Instead of thinking how we invest more to compensate our children mental wellbeing, especially after COVID-19 lock down and loss of services for a considerable period of time- we are now proposed cuts and reduction of services.

The proposed changes to services across our town's children's centres will have a devastating impact on our communities and will leave thousands of children and families without adequate early years services. We need to find other ways to save money and raise funds by events, donations social media campaigns employ new people that can bring new fresh ideas.

The six maintained nursery schools were originally all children centres. They are positioned in the most deprived areas of Luton. With the correct funding they would be able to offer services again. At Chapel Street we have staff trained to deliver Peep, Freedom Program, Baby Massage, Stay and Play to name but a few. We only have 1 family worker who's time is 100% taken up with safeguarding issues. With funding for more staff that were not in the ratio for children attending the nursery we would be able to offer these services to parents in our community

The stay and play could be paid for example 1, 50 :)

The town was so easy to get to and you'd meet different kinds of other moms we need it to stay open

There is always ways a council can save money but cutting essential services that are provided to a diverse community isn't always one of them.

There is no easy way but children's services need to be prioritised in general

There must be other savings the council could make without sacrificing the future for our children?

There must be savings to be made elsewhere rather than the closure of these essential services.

There must many services that can be looked at rather than these centre activities.

There should be a focus on a specialised service of early year's support which is able to focus on delivering in a streamlined way buildings can be streamlined and community resources used to deliver the services needed by early years

These children's centres are a lifetime to families within this community and needs funding as priority to many vulnerable families.

They can reduce the amount of time the activities run in the week rather than completely removing it.

They could hire consultants to hand out a mirror to every councillor, so that they have a good hard look at themselves

They could make some of the groups and classes joined to people can do different things together

They could save money by not giving pay rises in this sector. Most people are not getting pay rises this year and have not done for many years so why not save there instead of making women and children suffer with these cuts

They need to find the savings somehow!

This is an invest to save programme. Money spent on successful prevention and early intervention in the early years has been shown to reduce the drain on the public purse in the long term. For example, supporting children's communication needs in the early years can prevent those children growing into adults with communication needs who, statistically, are more likely to end up in prison.

This is difficult without access to the service costs and clear information on what Luton's needs are and service outcomes that are required. I know when I attended, activities were generally not held in LBC or 'partner' buildings. Could you reduce costs by hosting in libraries and having an agreement with Active Luton etc, using LBC owned buildings.

This is wrong to compare what the children centre service currently to special needs family services both are needed! They shouldn't be on the scale to weight; shouldn't be choose between

this may not be a popular thought but- many employees get a monthly travel allowance- with many of us now having increased opportunities to work at home I do wonder if the council will look at who is entitled to this?

To be honest I can't think of how the council could make cuts but taking away services from new mums and our children is not the right way to go.

To be honest No. Make cuts elsewhere. We have a parking problem in Luton with the train stations and the airport. Local residents are crying out to them to enforce laws to prevent travels and commuters parking in residential areas. Make roads permit parking and enforce these laws.

To consider all the suggestions raised in this online consultation. To consider just a temporary cutback until Luton airport is busy again

To cut back on other services that won't directly impact the wellbeing of the families.

To have all bookable course for actual numbers to cut down on staff levels

Too many to mention.....

To not duplicate services that partners can deliver for a low cost Have robust Service Level Agreements with partner organisations who can deliver all the services usually at a low cost (I know this means council employees may lose their jobs but unfortunately Children's development (and Luton's future working adults) is more important.

To not employ as many agency staff. To reduce the number of buildings used. As Covid-19 has proven, home working has been successful. Enable teams to work together in the same building, so that experience and knowledge can be shared, less phone calls, less time out of the office for meetings. But NOT to the detriment of the Universal families

Try activities in open places such as parks

Turn off street lights on least busy roads, postpone any town improvement constructions

Turning down street lights, postponing road works except essential repairs, stop revitalisation of the town centre for the time being, reduce gardening services to town greenery. I am sure people who can afford it would contribute more towards the group funding's on voluntary basis. I saw it happening in the library every week so it is possible.

Unfortunately I don't know the council budget or where the money is spent.... I do know that if the children are the future of Luton, we are letting them down and depriving them of a better start.

Use buildings like the central library and town hall to host services.

Use cash reserves

Use council buildings for classes so that rent/overheads is not needed. Higher donation for classes/stay and play sessions. No snack provided at groups.

Use electric cars Work from home as long as you can to avoid mileage claims Use your work mobile phones only when it is necessary

Use other public spaces - eg school family centres, churches mosques

Use reserves to keep services open until post pandemic then review again

Use the money from the airport fund for god's sake! It's a money pit and swallowing vital services needed and essential in the community

Use the money you plan to use to develop the airport. I live next to the airport and my part of town gets everything cut. I can't see how the airport money supports residents there. You have taken our local library and children's centre in recent years. Now you want to take our park and all children's centres.

Voluntary pay reduction scheme Focus on income generation schemes Utilitise volunteer skillset

Volunteer run groups

Volunteers

Volunteers Look at positions in the council that could be merged Apprenticeship sort of thing to support new people entering social care and using it as work experience in supporting the centres

Wage cuts for officials on salaries over £40k. Avoid wasting money on things the town doesn't need like trams to the airport when there was a perfectly good bus, bus lanes between Luton & Dunstable, they are always empty. This money would be much better spent on developing the people of our town.

We appear to have a high number of families in Luton with 'disabled' children. My understanding is that these families are eligible for a 'free vehicle' and blue badge. If this is correct why do we also transport them free to school? Our lovely parks could have more areas left 'wild' to save money on maintenance of green spaces.

We could do a little cake sale or a little car boot sell our unnecessary items like old children's toys

What a ridiculous question asking the public that question when you know they don't have all the required information eg figures to make an informed answer. You are one of the richest councils in the countries... what have you done with all the money coming in from the airport

over the years. Absolutely disgusted that you are cutting these services... and no matter what the answers to these questions are you will continue with the cuts regardless

What are other towns doing? Can Boris help more?

Where stay and plays are ending they could have a transition period where they encourage participants to arrange sessions for themselves.

Whilst I appreciate savings must be made, to cut all universal services will inevitably cause additional costs to the council in the long term when social care is put under pressure due to the lack of early years support. If universal service provision could be reduced rather than cut completely, a balance could be reached in the long term

Why are cuts effecting the children services? Surely this is the most important time in any family situation to try and help

Why are you not looking around in the head, reducing leadership team? Pulling off face-to-face support services are not in line with the Luton without poverty in 2040

Why change things? Yes, there is a huge deficit in the council's budget, but you are playing with children's lives by cutting these really important services.

Why have an early help service, if clients decline, a referral cannot be made. Clients can disengage at any time. It would be more catastrophic to lose Flying Start, as parents do engage with their services.

Why all is focused on saving money... why are revenue opportunities not discussed. Could some of the staff not be used to deliver different courses?

Why press on with airport growth when travel will take a minimum of five years to get close to the level in 2019? Waste of money - defer until need is more certain. Look at other town projects, could a 6-12 month delay give the savings you need now as materials and related costs are postponed?

With the help of volunteers and by conducting online classes for the courses and sessions like baby massage, sing and sign, parent puzzle, Henry nutrition, bump to babe etc .I

Without insight into the financial information I.e. what money goes where it is hard to answer this however I wonder whether you could increase the contribution from parents from £1 to £2 or something still affordable and perhaps reduce the amount of centres used and run a limited number of the classes with higher capacity. This way you could use less staff, less resources etc

Without knowing the council's finances intimately that's quite a difficult question, but I suggest diversifying your income stream away from solely the airport.

Work from home options for other departments

Working together with community groups to help fill the gaps before just stopping g services or making changes

Working with schools, can venues be shared (some money saving) also families go there if they have older children

Would people be willing to volunteer? What about work experience for new midwives and nurses in training? They may not be able to advise yet but could likely run some of the child play groups? What about partnering with someone like Heart Beeps?

Yeah - don't close them!

Yeah - don't shut children's centres!

Yep, sell the airport

Yes - cut the councillors' wages Stop recruitment find some savings in Town Hall building (eg. Electricity, gas etc.)

Yes - do not close them!

Yes - perhaps cut the number of managers

Yes - stop paying for huge consultations

Yes ask for further funding

Yes don't build road improvements where they are not needed like Vauxhall way? Leave those trees alone. Or where bircham grove meets Hitchin road. Or where ramridge road meets round green. Pointless.

Yes don't lend your own airport millions of pounds and look after the vulnerable and needy of The Borough of Luton.

Yes on Luton round Green Hitchin Road roundabout total waste of money

Yes stop all unnecessary road works and upgrades to junctions.

Yes you could put these services into one. A baby clinic and a take 5 cafe for under 2s. The room could be set into separate areas. And have one craft area or adult lead area. Charge for the tea and coffee and even any a tea services i.e. once a month do the baby massage in place of one session. Like now rotate staff between centres. Don't have so many HV sitting about. For example 2 on a desk to collect your red book and ask you to fill in a form. One to weight the baby one to then write it in a book. Then another to come and talk to you. These are also different HV every week who all offer different advice. Then 2 play staff on take 5. Drop stay and play for 2 plus they tend to be at nursery or have already been recognised as vulnerable

Yes, but we are not being heard as parents, residents and employees of Luton. 1- Stop unnecessary road work proposals(this can be done later, when Luton has the money).2- work and make the current department stronger than wasting money on one project to the other.3- look at managers and above and revisit their pay packages.4- sensibly merging services NOT depleting them.

Yes, don't give £60 million to the airport which doesn't need expanding

Yes, don't lend the airport the millions of pounds it wants to expand when clearly expansion is not required currently

Yes, sell the airport

Yes, stop giving money to the airport as expansion is not required. There will be other pandemics in the future

Yes, stop loaning money to the airport which is falling in passenger numbers

Yes, stop throwing money at the airport expansion when it is not required Also, raise income from the local populous and enforce the rules to raise income too as many people in Luton

just flout the law because there is a severe lack of enforcement in the town. Also attract income via the many staff suggestions given already

Yes, stop wasting money on airport expansion when essential services need it now

Yes, stop wasting money on the airport expansion that nobody needs

Yes, the council can sell Luton Airport, divide the money up between every resident of Luton and eradicate poverty in one fell swoop :)

Yes, the council raise money from the airport as it owns an asset worth many millions

Yes, use more of the cash reserves, stop giving money to an airport that does not need to expand as fast as the council wants and sell a share in the airport or use it to raise cash

Yes, use the reserves to keep centres open, stop lending money to the airport, charge more for services to raise money and use enforce mentioned to raise fund's too

Yes. Reconsider thinking around Luton airport investment. Does there really have to be a third runway. Has the airport really provided jobs for local people? Is Luton able to consider a model going forward where you have other stakeholders - that way you spread the risk when things like this unforeseen pandemic happen. Take a longer view on what is best for children in Luton.

Yes...use cash reserves, sell a stake in the airport or stop lending to the airport as it doesn't need to expand

Yes: 1. Sell the airport2. Sell a part share of the airport3. Stop investing millions in an airport that doesn't need to expand4. Raise funds for the airport to give back to the council via shares Any councillor who truly believes this decision will help the children of Luton, help vulnerable families, help reduce costs to the council long term or help us eradicate poverty in Luton by 2040 should resign with immediate effect! And if you don't believe that then why have you proposed this when there are other options available?

Your budget must cover a very wide range of support services throughout the town. First place I would look - is unnecessary nice but not critical projects. Stop them or defer them until finances can support it. Secondly can maintenance be made more efficient, don't dig the same hole twice, do ground maintenance six weekly not monthly etc.

You can see filthy streets dumped with so much rubbish. Perhaps you could do something about it - fine people?

You could charge anywhere between £1 and £5 for some of the sessions.

You could get rid of the incompetent pen pushers in some of your offices. Especially student services. I remember a particular time when I dropped evidence of my family income for a student grant by hand and they still managed to lose the paperwork. I ended up paying the grant back because I was chased for it. Even though I was entitled to it. They are lazy and you should performance manage most of your staff. They would be sacked in most private institutions.

You must reduce other non-urgent services first, children's centres are urgent for the community to grow and learn.

You need to make cuts elsewhere. Cutting the funding to children services, health services and social care will only have a negative impact on a town like Luton who have a high number of vulnerable people.

You need to save more in other areas, children's service should be considered critical and preserved.

You should look for savings somewhere else, not taking something away from the children.