Local Government Budget Activity

**Learning Outcome 2.5**

Investigate the positive and negative impacts on a community of an organisation from an economic, social and environmental perspective

**Learning Intentions:**

**Success Criteria:**

**Instructions:**

**Case:**

You work for your local town council and you have just received your budget for next year. You have €1,000,000 to spend on improving the town and the surrounding area. The town has a population of approximately 8,500 people.

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| ***Population Profile:*** |
| Preschool age 0-4 ***784*** | Primary school age 5-12 ***847*** |
| Secondary school age 13-18  ***551*** | Persons aged between 18 – 64 ***5,380*** |
| Aged 65 and over ***983*** |  |
| 3013 employed (1577 of those working outside area) |
| Cars account for 66% of all journeys to work (average journey time 26 minutes) |
| 1259 persons have a disability |
| 93% of households live in houses or bungalows 7% in apartments, flats or bedsits |
| 60% of houses are owner occupied and 40% are rented |
| 30% of households have 2 or more cars |
| 57% have broadband access below national average of 63% |

***Local Amenities Include:***

* Public Sports Centre and Swimming Pool in need of modernisation
* There is no local public transport system but the town is serviced by both private and public operated national bus routes.
* There are sports facilities within the town with a focus on team sports, soccer, rugby and GAA. There is also a golf course.
* Public Library

There have been increased incidents of anti-social behaviour and local residents are concerned. Residents have campaigned for many years for an all-weather play facility as well as a walking / cycling trail. In recent years fly tipping has become an issue and residents have noticed an increasing amount of illegal rubbish disposal.

You must decide what is the best way to spend the money in order to most benefit the people who live in the area.

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| Landscaping and cleaning up local park | €50,000 |
| Develop a walking / cycling trail at the old railway | €200,000 |
| Re-designing and extending local library | €50,000 |
| Renovating sports and leisure complex | €90,000 |
| Support elderly day care services | €85,000 |
| Fund a community transport service | €150,000 |
| Building an all-weather playground | €95,000 |
| Running a campaign (bill-board ads, social media etc.) for decreasing pollution | €50,000 |
| Marking cycle lanes | €35,000 |
| Security ‘CCTV’ cameras on every corner | €100,000 |
| Opening an Internet café | €50,000 |
| Housing those waiting for social housing | €180,000 |
| Building a recycling centre | €200,000 |
| Creating a car pooling zone to reduce car numbers commuting | €90,000 |
| Provision of disabled parking and ramps in town centre | €100,000 |
| Funding for the establishment of a tidy town working group  | €15,000 |
| Bikes for hire dock in the centre of town | €60,000 |
| ***Other Initiatives: Please describe and cost*** |  |
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**Individual Priority Sheet**

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| **Priority** | **Econ.** | **Soc.** | **Envir.** | **Reason** |

**Team Priorities**

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