

GMPA use Budget Simulator to inform new Policing budget

Client: GMPA

Type of process: Online budget consultation

App used: Budget Simulator

Project snapshot

Greater Manchester Police Authority (GMPA) have recently completed a consultation using Budget Simulator to influence their new Policing budget in Greater Manchester for 2011/12.

Project detail

Working closely with the Delib team to develop custom animation design, GMPA used Police themed animations to successfully demonstrate the consequences of proposed budget cuts. "The support in the early stages in terms of designing and building the Budget Simulator was excellent" David Byrne comments.

Greater Manchester Police Authority used responses to inform the decision making process of the Police Authority Members who were tasked with agreeing new Policing budget in Greater Manchester for 2011/12. Using a series of newsletters, members of the public and partners were also informed about the response rate and subsequent budget changes. The ability to add comments into the simulator ensured that responses could be used to inform future budgeting plans.

Recently choosing to renew their simulator for the 2012/13 budget consultation period, GMPA have chosen to use the same animations as last year in order to provide consistency within their consultation process. GMPA will also be using the introduction of the results dashboard in the latest Budget Simulator to further assist with data analysis. When asked if they would recommend the Budget Simulator to others following this year's consultation David Byrne commented "We would recommend the simulator tool to others and have already been contacted by other partner local authorities who are interested in using Budget Simulator".

Project in numbers

Total budgets submitted: 979

Length of consultation: 10 months

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David Byrne,
Strategic Support Officer

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