# Instructions

**We've allocated you into six groups**

In your groups discuss

- Waste charge: the financial risks posed by the adoption of the Minister's Guidelines and feedback on the possible options Council is considering
- Rate cap: the financial risks/challenges facing Council and the possible options to mitigate, giving your feedback on the best options for Council to pursue and why
- Capture your discussion on the worksheet too

**Remember to assign group roles:**

- Someone to scribe
- Someone to share their screen
- Someone to keep track of time
- Someone to make sure you hear from everyone

| Rates cap application (earliest 2026) | | | | | |
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| Increase rates via a ESC rate cap application | Reduction in service levels | Rationalisation of services/ identifying saving options:<br>• Shared services with other councils<br>• Reviewing delivery options<br>• Reviewing discretionary spend<br>• Assessing services offers – determine if council should remain a provider | Cutting back on new/discretionary capital works | Increase fees and charges for specific services | Are there other options that Council should consider? |
| What's your feedback on the best options for Council to pursue and why? | | | | | |
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## Waste charge

| Increase rates via a ESC rate cap application | Seeking a rate cap variation for the waste charge only | Reduction in service levels | Rationalisation of services/identifying saving options | Cutting back on new/discretionary capital works and/or other actions | Reviewing/ reducing/ changing the existing waste management service | Other options / actions that Council should consider |
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| What's your feedback on the possible options Council is considering? E.g,. I like / don't like this option because... | | | | | | |
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