

Warwickshire County Council has launched an online web application so that residents can suggest how savings should be made locally.

The 'YouChoose' budget simulator, available through www.warwickshire.gov.uk/budgetsimulator goes live today and runs until Friday 17 December 2010. The software allows users to adjust the budget and also shows the direct impact their spending decisions would have on local services, from road maintenance to looking after the vulnerable. The link will also direct you to 'Facing the Challenge', a document which outlines the scale of the financial challenges ahead and how we plan to achieve the savings required.

The responses we receive will be summarised in a publicly available report which will be given to councillors before they make final budget decisions on 15 February 2011.

Warwickshire is one of around 20 councils across the country to use the YouChoose software which has been made available by the Local Government Group and the online polling company YouGov. The budget simulator was first used by Redbridge Council and has gained widespread national recognition".