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City of Lincoln Council's Budget Proposal consultation for 2023/24 – Results Summary



Appendix C

Welcome to the results summary for City of Lincoln Council's Budget Proposals consultation for 2023/24.

The topics that respondents were asked their views on were as follows:

- Vision 2025
- Budget Allocation
- Delivering Savings
- Council Tax and Rents

The maximum number of respondents to each question was **220**.

Your details

Age

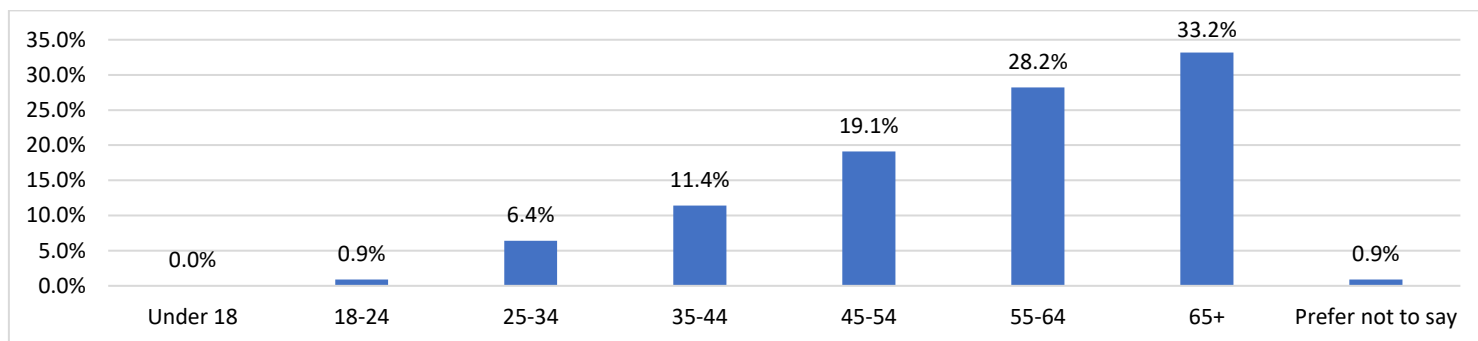


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows the age ranges of those who responded to the consultation. The majority of residents fell within the 65+ age range with a figure of 33.2%.

In which role(s) are you responding to this consultation? Select all that apply

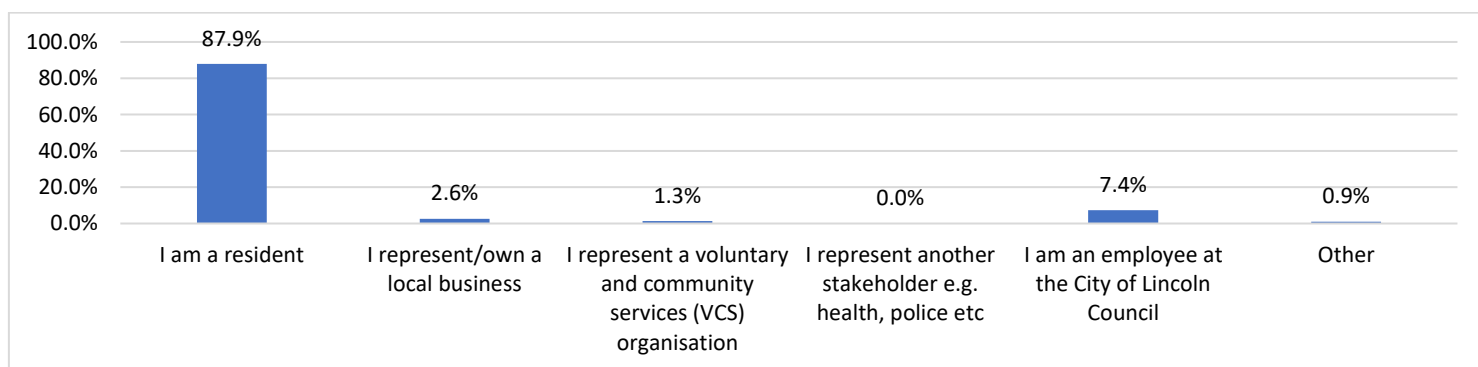


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows the role(s) of respondents when completing the consultation. It is important to note that respondents were able to select more than one option for this question, so the percentages are based on the total number of responses received. The majority who responded were residents with a figure of 87.9%.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with our vision and priorities?

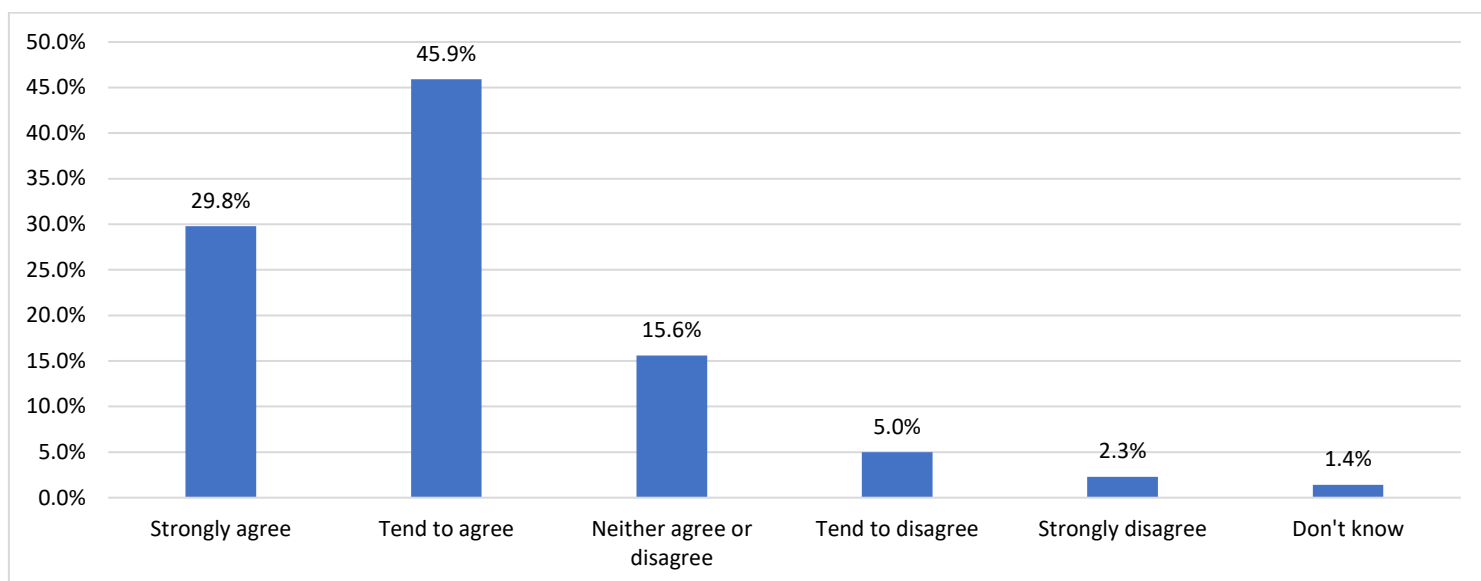


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows to what extent did respondents agree or disagree with the council's vision and priorities. The majority of respondents tended to agree or strongly agree with a figure of 75.7%.

Budget Allocation

In 2022/23, 80% of Lincoln householders currently only pay £193.86 and £226.17 per year (on average £4.04 per week) for services provided by the Council. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement that City of Lincoln Council provides value for money?

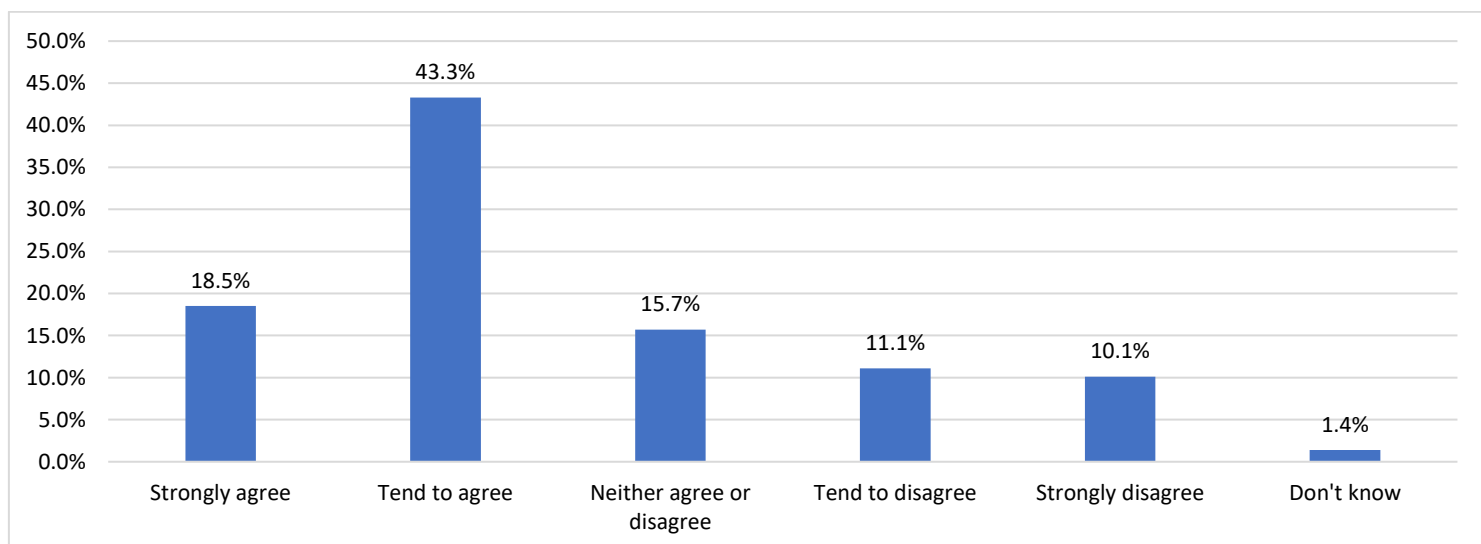


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Figure 4 shows whether or not respondents agree that the council offers value for money. The majority of respondents tended to agree or strongly agree with a figure of 61.8%. 21.2% tended to disagree or strongly disagreed that the council provides value for money.

On a scale of 1-5 where 1 is of high priority and 5 is of low priority, how would you rank the priority of the following services:

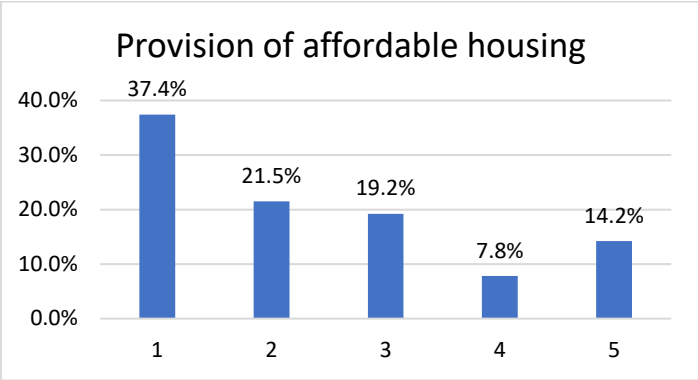


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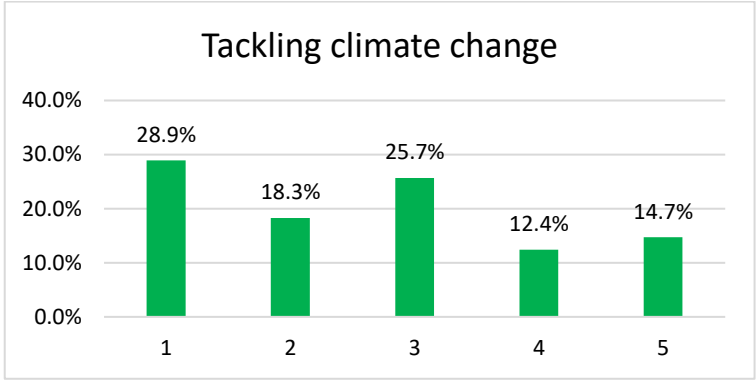


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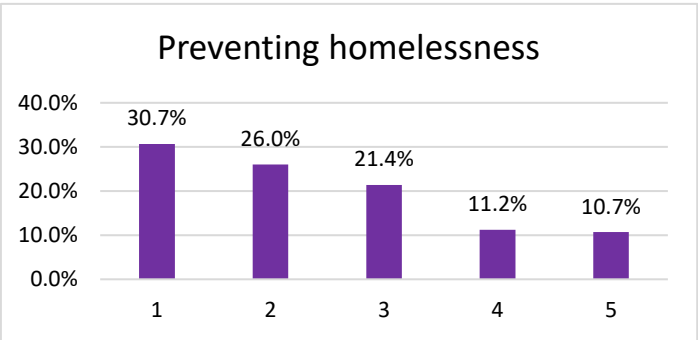


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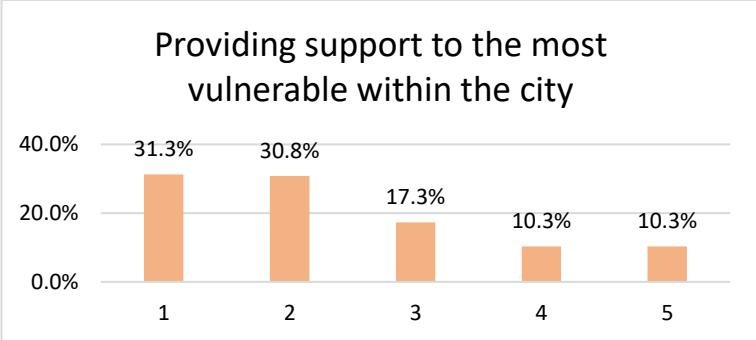


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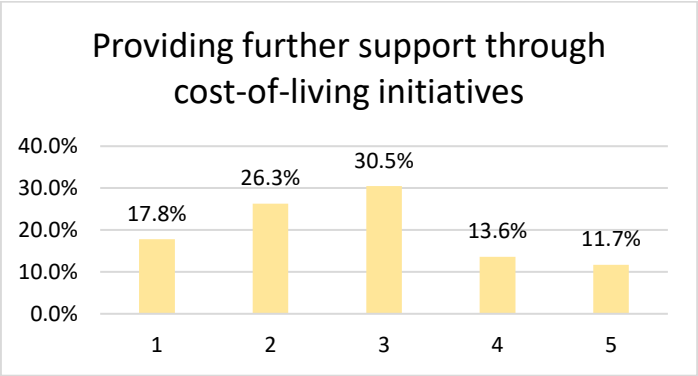


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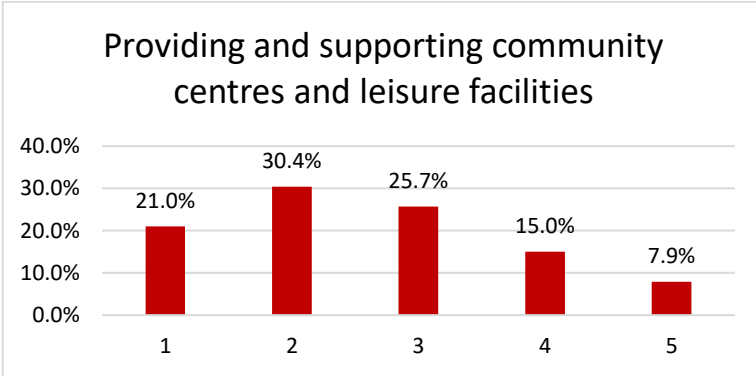


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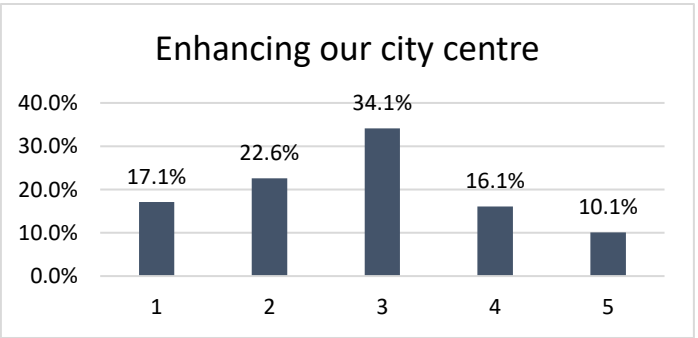


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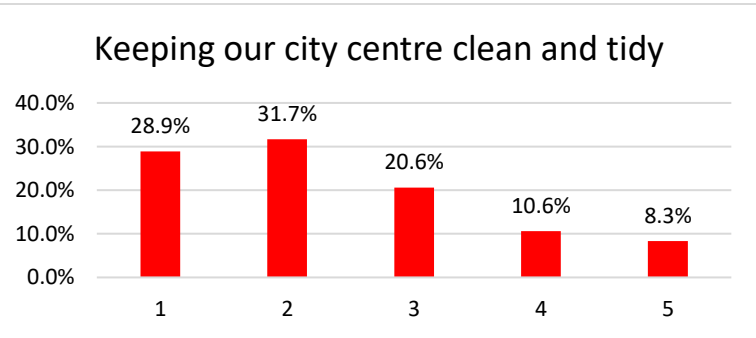


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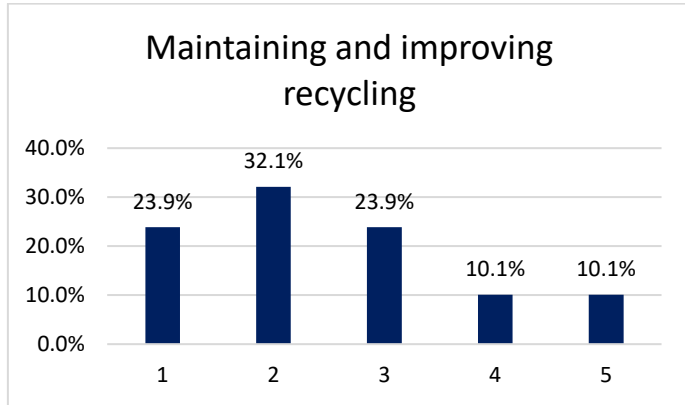


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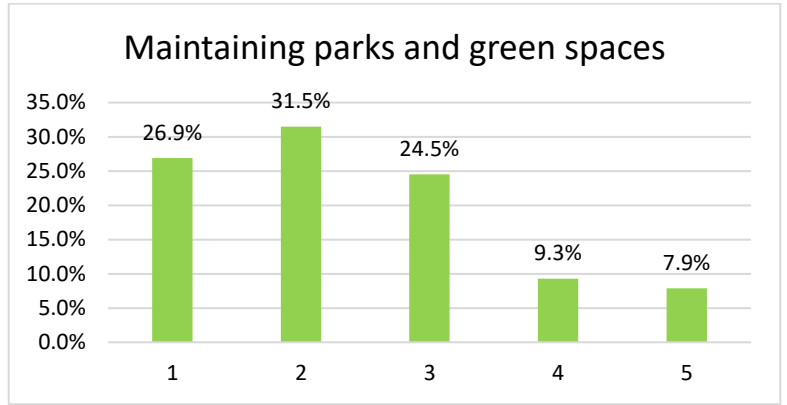


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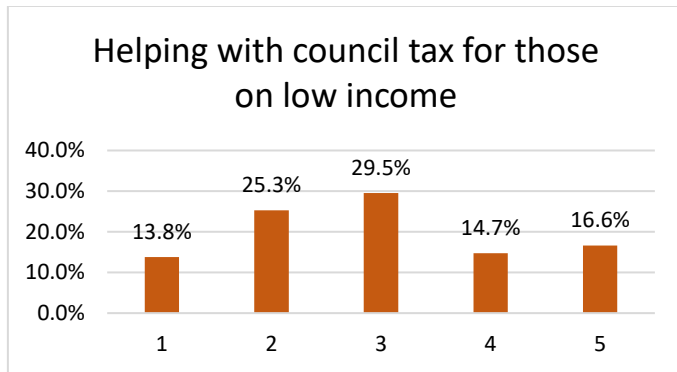


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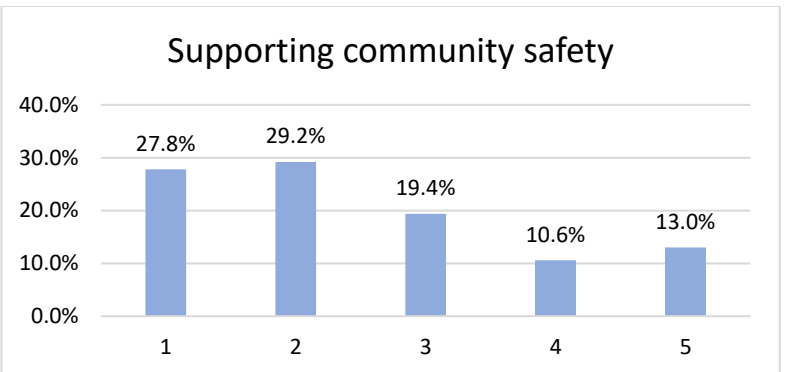


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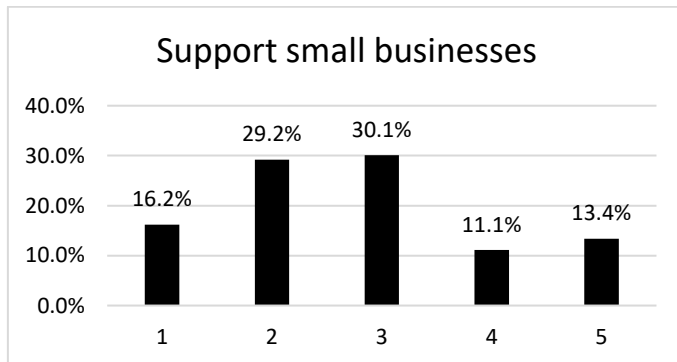


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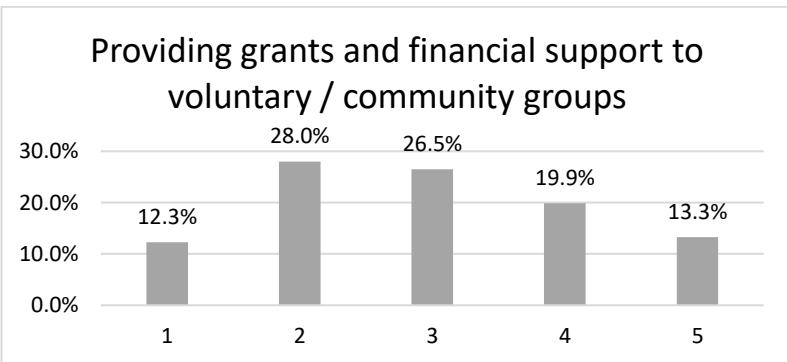


Figure 18

Figures 5-18 show how respondents ranked the priority of services with 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest priority. The majority of respondents ranked 'Provision of affordable housing' as their highest priority with a figure of 37.4%. Respondents also ranked 'Providing support to the most vulnerable in the city' as high priority with a figure of 31.3%.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with these approaches:

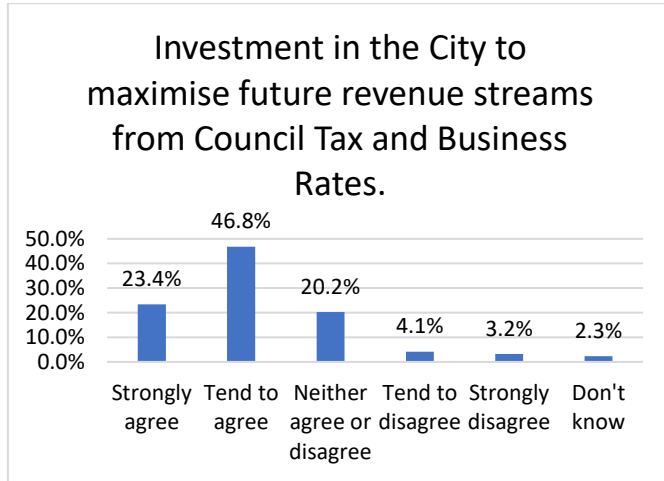


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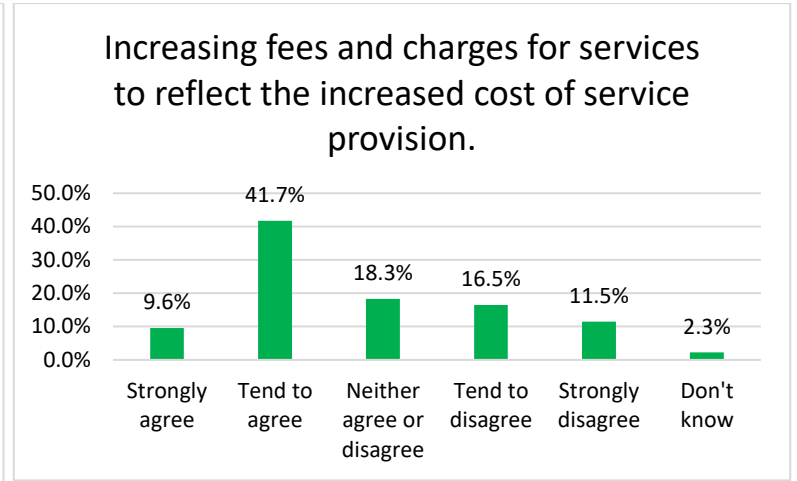


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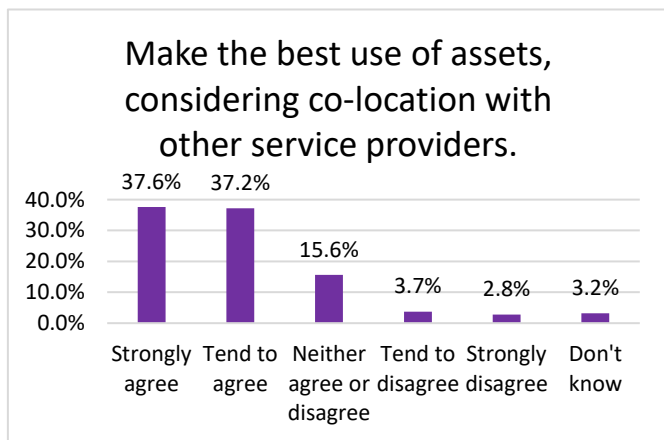


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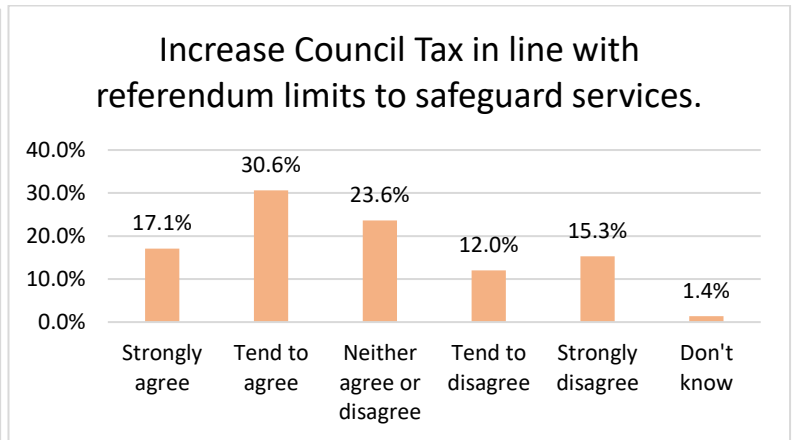


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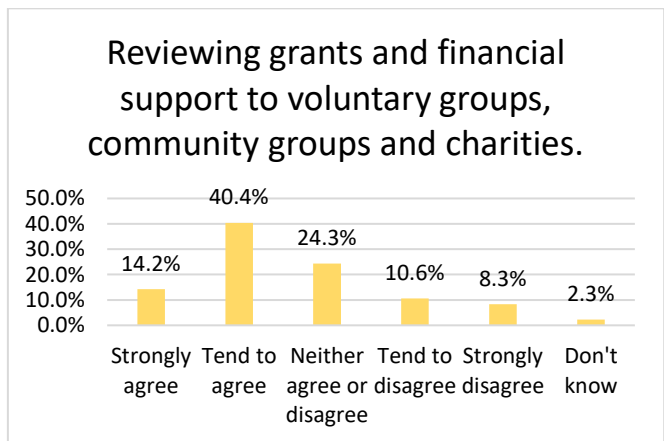


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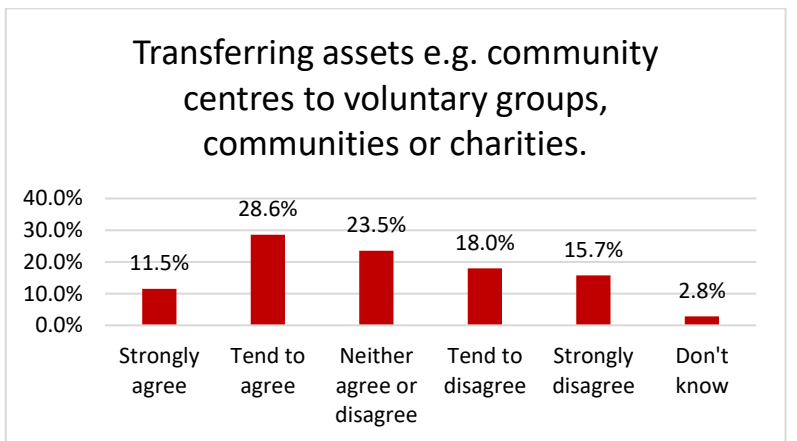


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Maximising income from commercial/property investments

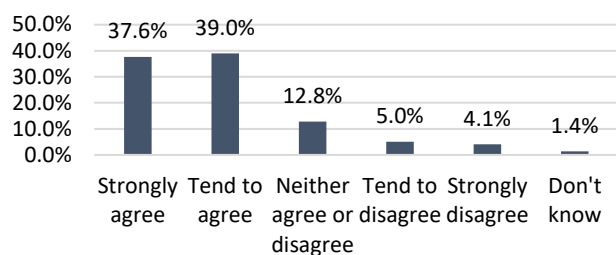


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Maximising digital technology and instilling a website first culture.

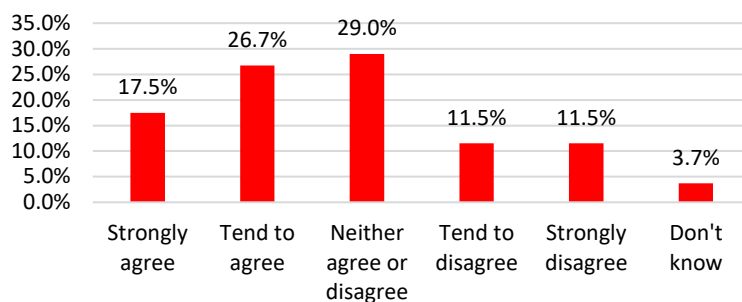


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Considering options to deliver services in alternative ways with partner organisations.

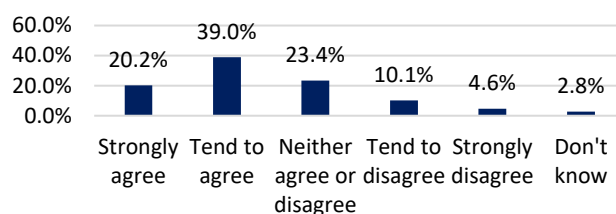


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Maximise external grant and funding opportunities to limit the need to borrow to fund capital investment.

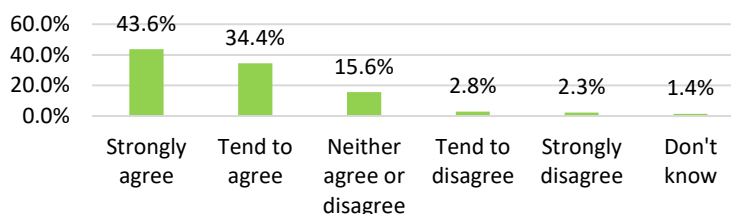


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Reduction or withdrawal of some non-vital services.

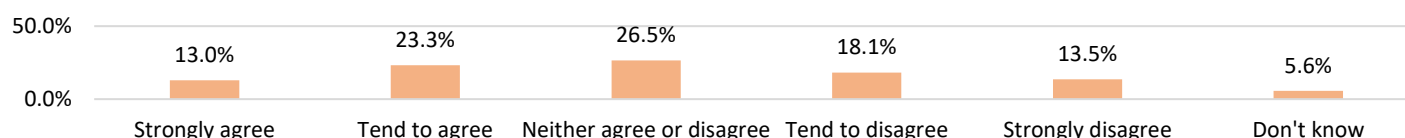


Figure 29

Figures 19-29 show whether or not respondent agree with the mentioned approaches. Generally more respondents were in agreement with all approaches mentioned than in disagreement.

If you have any specific comments on the proposed savings by category, please let us know.

The above question was a comments-based question. Figure 30 is an overview of the comments received. The most common topic in this instance excluding 'General' was 'Reprioritisation of resource' with 8 comments received in relation to this topic.

Please note, for all comments based questions, the comments have been placed under the topic the comments relate to most, however, in some cases more than one topic is mentioned within the comment.

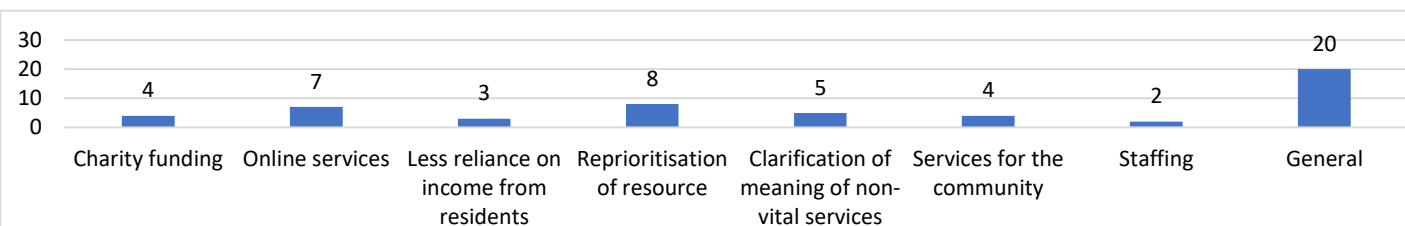


Figure 30

Are there any other proposals that you believe we should be doing to increase income, save money or increase value for money for council spend?

The above question was a comments-based question. Figure 31 is an overview of the comments received. The most common topic in this instance excluding 'General' was 'Services for the community' with 11 comments received in relation to this topic.

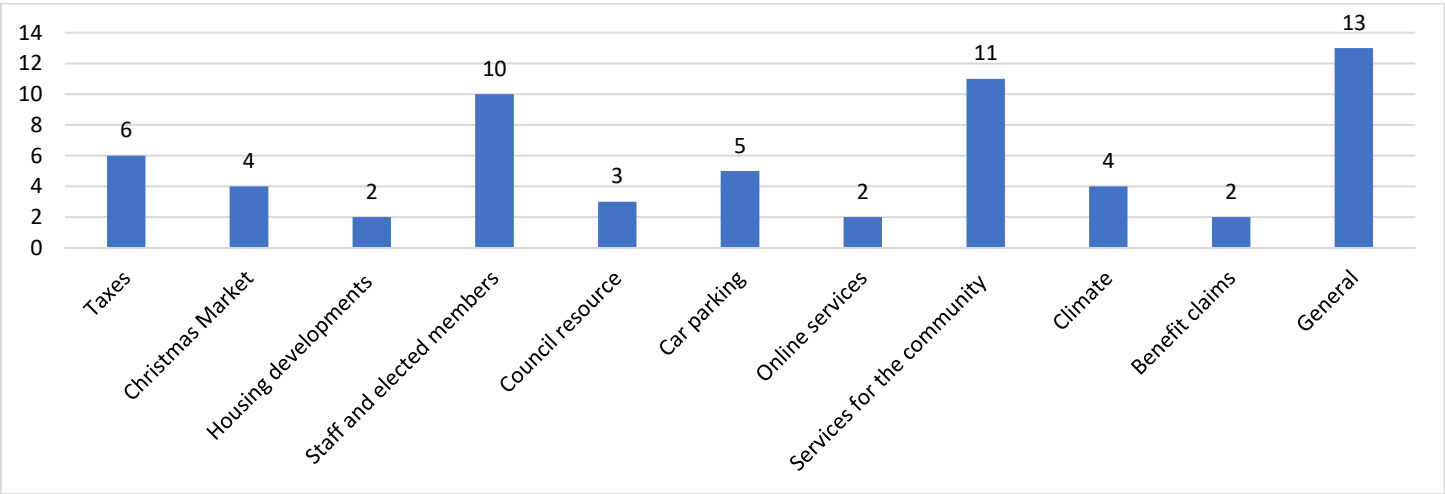


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Council Tax and Rents

In light of the financial pressures the Council is facing as well as a need to continue to develop plans for growth, what level of council tax increase would you support for 2023/24?

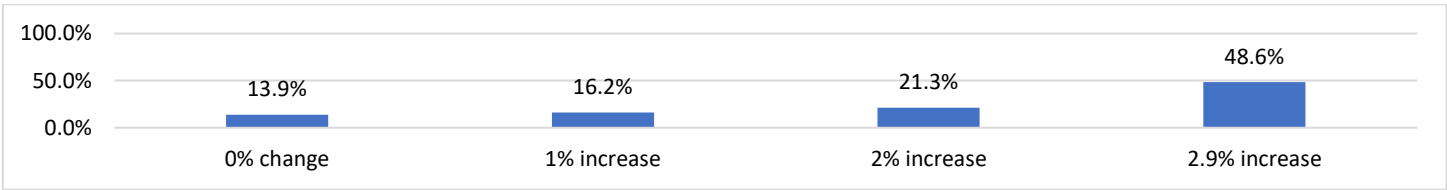


Figure 32

Figure 32 shows what level of council tax increase respondents would support for 2023/2024. Just under half of the respondents to the consultation were in favour of a 2.9% increase. Only 13.9% of respondents selected a 0% change.

Do you think that councils should have the ability to determine council tax increases, without the need for a referendum, based on their local circumstances?

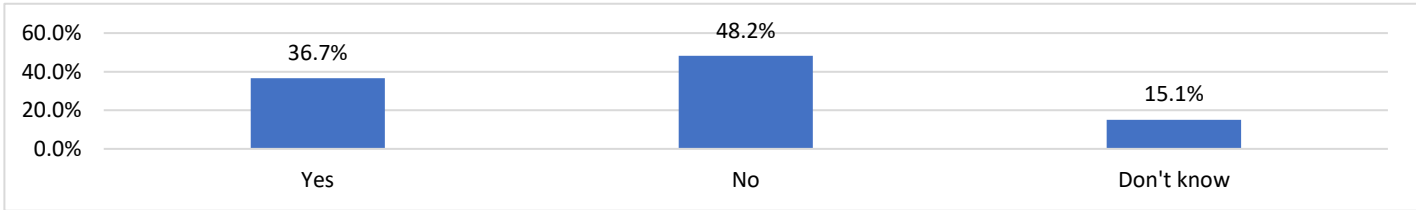


Figure 33

Figure 33 shows respondents views on whether councils should have the ability to determine council tax increases without the need for a referendum. Just under half of respondents felt the council should not have the ability to determine council tax increases without a referendum.

New legislation is due to be approved that will allow us to charge a 100% council tax premium on second homes and properties that have been empty for more than one year (currently it's two years), from 1st April 2024. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the potential to apply this premium?

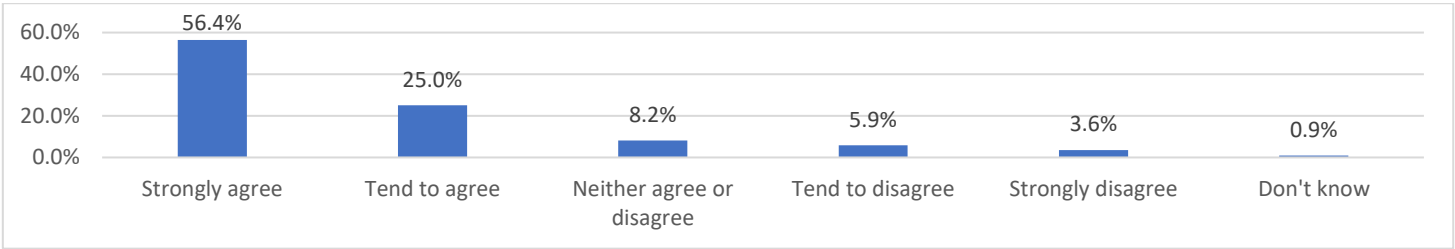


Figure 34

Figure 34 shows whether or not respondents were in agreement with the 100% council tax premium that is being applied to second homes and properties that have been empty for more than one year. 81.4% of respondents strongly agreed or tended to agree with applying this premium.

Do you have any further comments you wish to make around the level of Council Tax?

The above question was a comments-based question. Figure 35 is an overview of the comments received. The most common topic in this instance excluding 'General' was 'Council Tax rates / increases' with 18 comments received in relation to this topic.

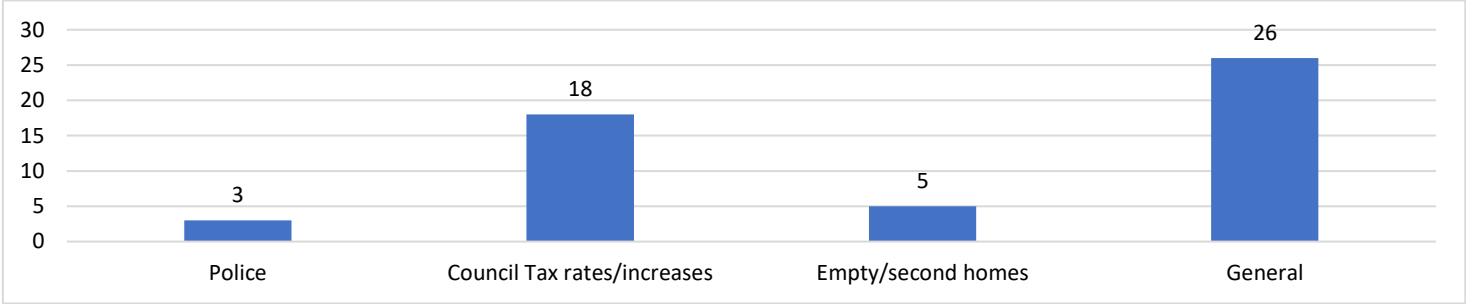


Figure 35

Do you have any other comments to make about the Council's priorities, proposed budget for 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2023-2028?

The above question was a comments-based question. Figure 36 is an overview of the comments received. The most common topics in this instance excluding 'General' was 'Taxes / costs for residents' and 'Housing', both with 4 comments received for each of these topics.

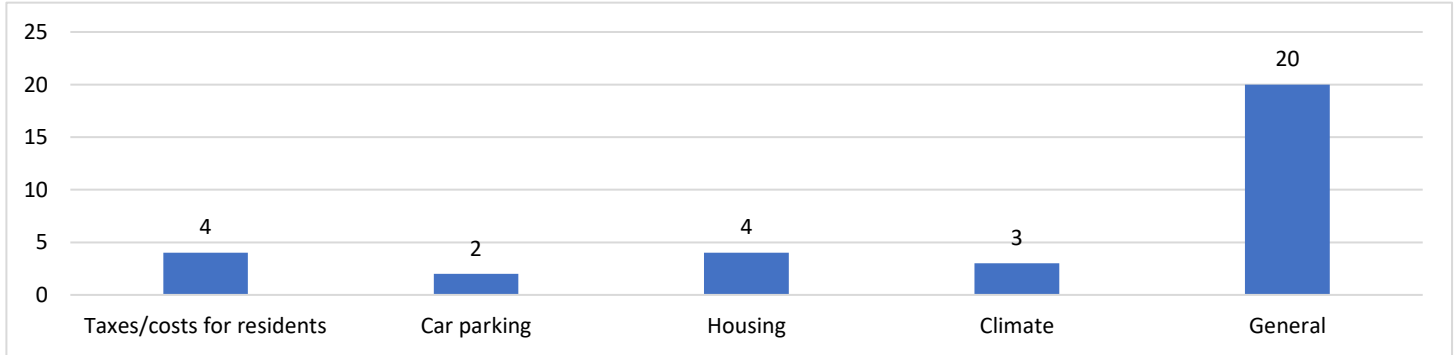


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