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2. Draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2025-30 - Budget Proposals for 2025/26 Citizens Panel Consultation (Pages 3 - 10)

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# City of Lincoln Council's Budget Proposals for 2025/26 Consultation

## About you

Please select which statement best describes you (select all that apply).

- I am a resident
- I represent / own a local business
- I represent a voluntary and community services (VCS) organisation
- I represent another stakeholder e.g. health, police, etc
- I am an employee at City of Lincoln Council

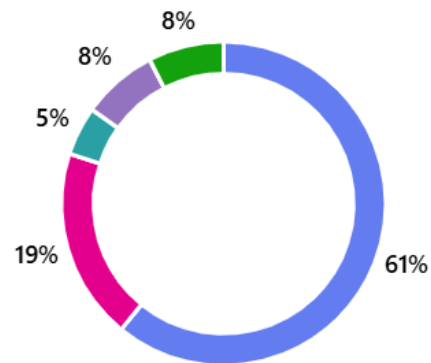


Figure 1

Figure 1 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 61.0%.

## Delivering Savings

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statement: "The City of Lincoln Council provides value for money".

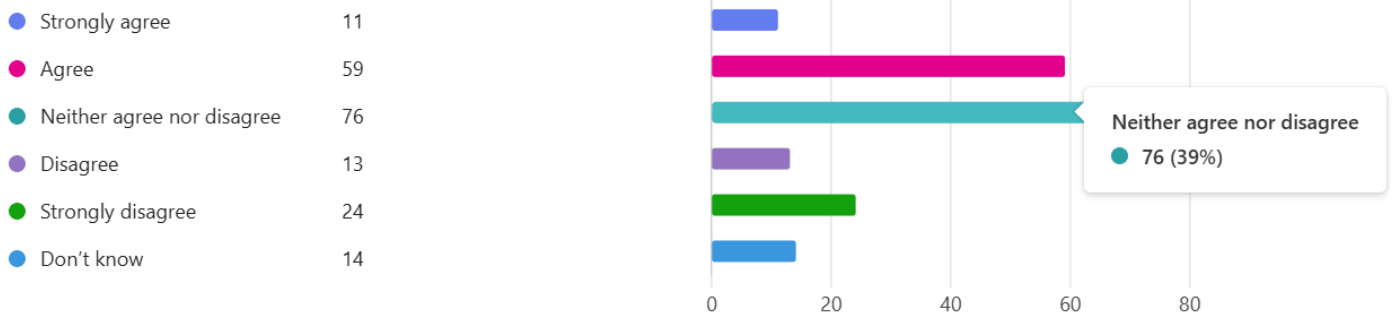


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows that, although most respondents remained ambivalent, the second most common selection was "agree" at 30%. This is 18% higher than those who strongly disagreed, the third most common choice amongst respondents.

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the council doing the following activities to generate savings:

■ Strongly agree ■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree ■ Strongly disagree ■ Don't know

Invest in the City to maximise future income streams from Council Tax and Business Rates



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Increase fees and charges for services to reflect the increased cost of providing these



The majority of respondents remained **neutral** regarding the above activity generating savings.

Make the best use of assets (e.g. share office space with other service providers)



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Increase Council Tax in line with referendum limits to safeguard services



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Review grants and financial support to voluntary groups, community groups and charities



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Transfer assets (e.g. community centres) to voluntary groups, communities, or charities



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Maximise income from commercial / property investments



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Maximise use of digital technology and instil a website first culture



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Consider options to deliver services in alternative ways with partner organisations



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

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



The majority of respondents **agree** that the above activity will generate savings.

Reduce or withdraw some vital services



The majority of respondents remained **neutral** regarding the above activity generating savings.

## Council Tax

Based on the financial pressures the Council is facing, and the need for us to continue to develop plans for growth and to deliver Vision 2030, what level of council tax increase would you support for 2025/26?

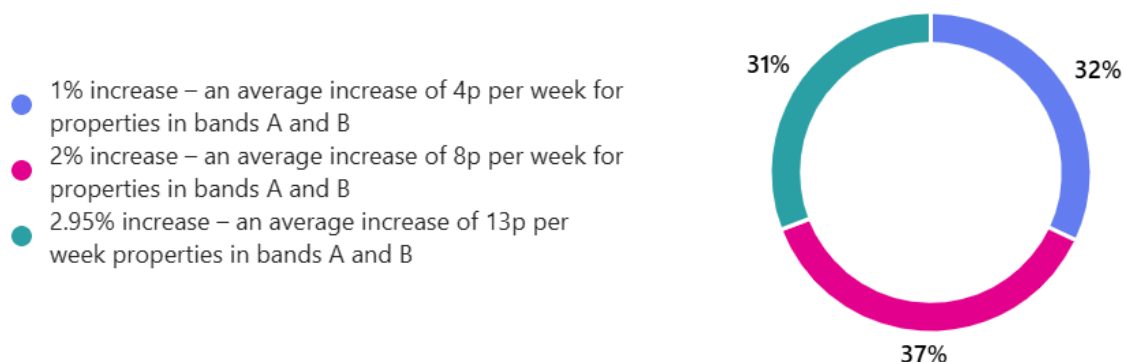


Figure 3

Figure 3 shows what level of council tax increase respondents would support for 2025/2026. Although the responses have shown an almost even split between all three options, the most frequently selected was a 2% increase at 37% of responses.

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

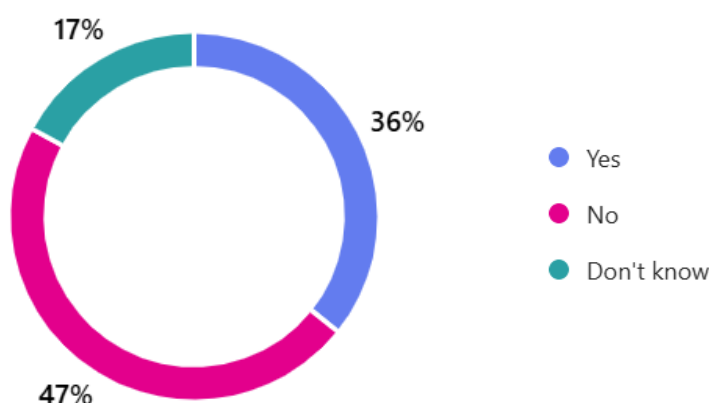


Figure 4

Figure 4 shows respondent's views on whether councils should have the ability to determine council tax increases without the need for a referendum. 47% of respondents felt the council should not have the ability to determine council tax increases without a referendum.

## Please tell us your age:

Under 18	0
18-24	3
25-34	18
35-44	37
45-54	44
55-64	38
65+	47
Prefer not to say	8

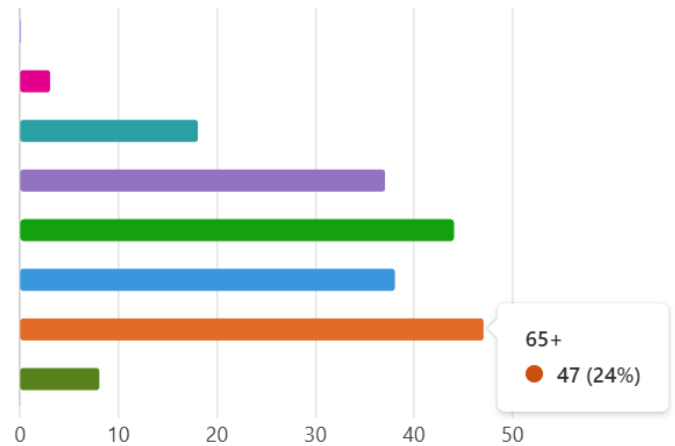


Figure 5

Figure 5 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 24.0%, however age range 45-54 was very close at 23%.

## Please select your gender:

Male	116
Female	70
Prefer not to say	9
Other	1

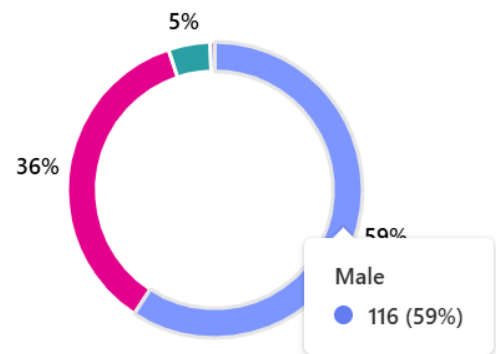


Figure 6

Figure 6 shows the gender of those completing our survey. As you can see, the majority of respondents were male.

## Please tell us your ethnicity:

Asian or Asian British	2
Mixed	1
Black or Black British	9
White	158
Prefer not to say	17
Other	8

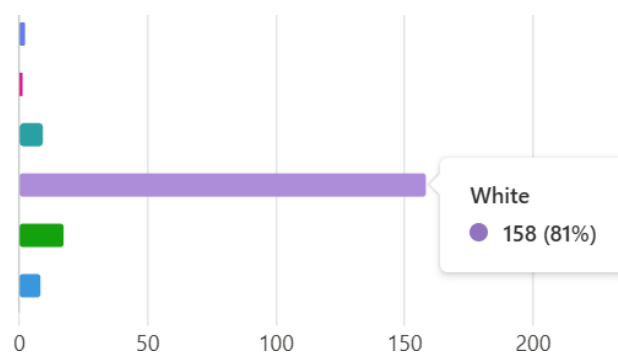


Figure 7

Figure 7 indicates the different ethnicities of those who responded to our survey. This is then broken down further into ethnic groups, allowing us to compare between our responders and the city's population. Please see Figures 8-11:

### Asian or Asian British

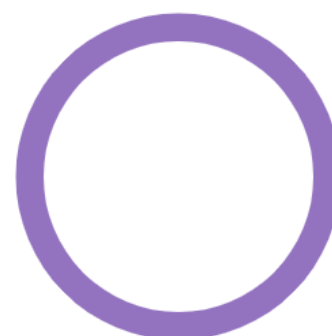
Chinese	0
Indian	1
Pakistani	0
Bangladeshi	0
Other	0

Figure 8



### Mixed

White & Black Caribbean	0
White & Black African	0
White & Asian	0
Other	1

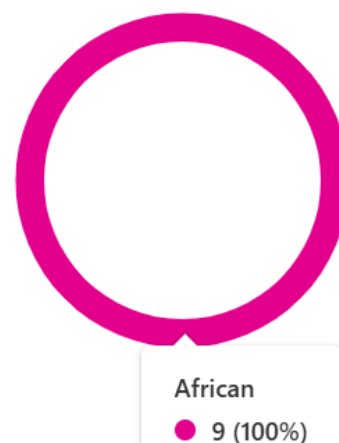


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## Black or Black British

Caribbean	0
African	9
Other	0

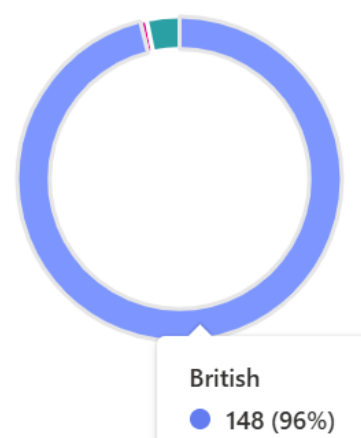
Figure 10



## White

British	148
Irish	1
Other	5

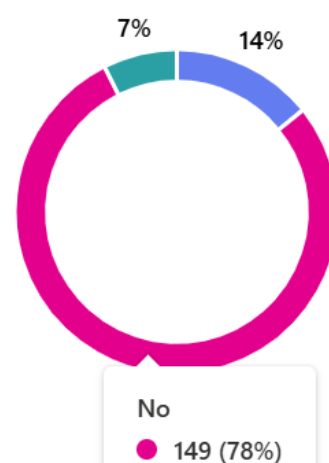
Figure 11



## Do you consider yourself to have a disability:

Yes	27
No	149
Prefer not to say	14

Figure 12



## Please select the type(s) of disability that apply to you:

Of the potential 200 responses, 50 people stated they consider themselves to have a disability. Of the 50, 43 went on to select the type of disability that applies to them, with Physical Disability being the most common at 26.0%.



Hearing impairment	8
Mental health	11
Learning disability	7
Physical disability	13
Sight impairment	4
Prefer not to say	4
Other	3

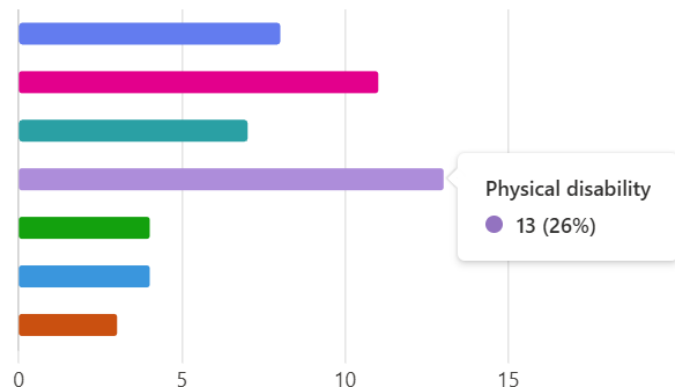


Figure 13

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