Budget Consultation Results

The consultation concentrated on a number of key areas which are shown with 13 responses being received. The results for each are detailed below:

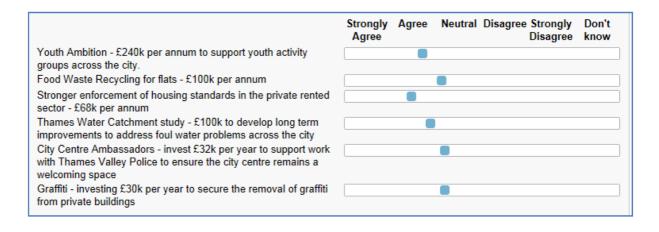
Council Priorities

Consultees were asked to rank the Councils priorities in order of importance



New and Continued Investment

The City Council's Corporate Plan and Budget 2015 -19 set out its support for a number of investment proposals made in previous years, along with some new ones. For each investment proposal consultees were asked to indicate to what extent they agreed or disagreed with theareas.



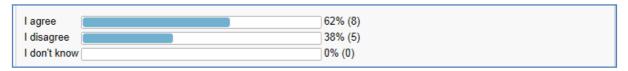
Council Tax Increase

Consultees were asked to give their opinion on the proposed level of council tax increase for 2015/16 of 1.50% together with an increase up to the referendum level of 1.99% and also a council tax freeze. The results were as follows:



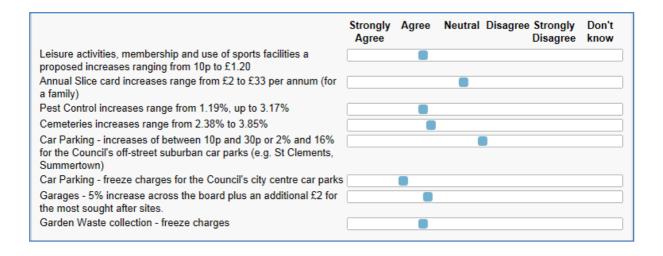
Council Tax Support

The Consultation budget assumes the Council retains the Council Tax Support scheme on the same basis as that introduced on 1st April 2013. The Council are recommended to agree to maintain the scheme at this level for 2015/16.



Fees and Charges

While the Council proposes that most charges such as those for garden waste, building control and planning and will remain at 2014 -15 prices, its draft Medium Term Financial Strategy does propose to increase some fees and charges over the next four years. Consultees were asked to indicate whether they agreed or disagreed with the following specific proposals:



Housing Revenue Account

The following is a list of the main proposals in Oxford City Council's Housing Revenue Account. Consultees are asked to indicate whether you agree or disagree with these proposals.

	Strongly agree	Agree		Don't know
Council Housing Ambition - £101m over the next four years to build new council homes and improving our existing housing stock				
Council Housing Ambition - A proposed additional £96m over the next 10 years on 485 new homes, the refurbishment of existing homes and redevelopment of city's estates				
Energy Saving Projects - £4.4m over the next four years to fund projects that will reduce fuel bills for council tenants				
Average rent increase of 3.49% from April 2015. This equates to £3.59 per week on an average rent of £105.77 per week				

Capital Investment

Consultees were asked to give their views on the capital investment being undertaken by the Council over the next four years.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Cycling and Public Realm - £500k on improvements						
Energy efficiency measures - £600k						
Environmental improvements to St Clements - £50k						
Extension to Seacourt Park and Ride - £1.6m						
Flood alleviation measures at Northway and Marston - £1.4m						
Improvements to Community and Leisure Centres - £1.3m						
Improvements to the Covered Market - £75k						
Town Hall improvements - £285k						
Purchasing property to assist homeless people - £2.5m						
Sports & Leisure Facilities - £3.4m						
Resurfacing of car parks - £1.3m						
Skatepark - invest £70k in a new skate park in Northway						

