

Summary of Responses

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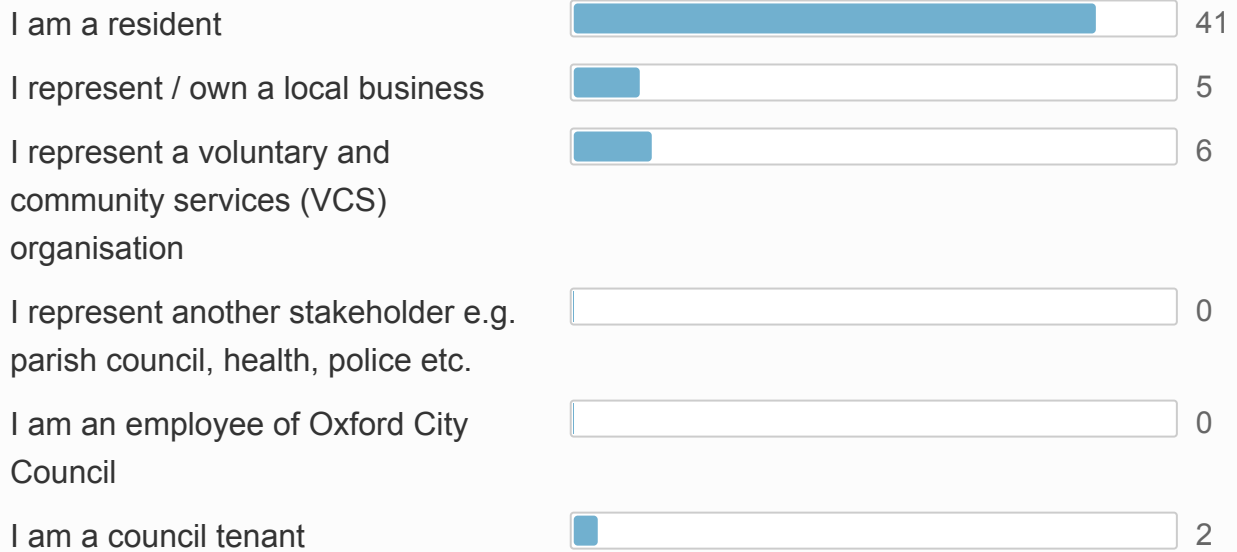
List Responses

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In which role(s) are you responding to this survey.



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Approach to Budget Setting

As Government grant reductions begin to have a financial impact our approach to balancing the budget needs to change if services are to be maintained. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these approaches?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Maintain all services but offer less		12	10	13	9

Stop delivery of less important services	5	18	10	7	7
Using our wholly owned company, Oxford Direct Services Ltd to generate more income from trading	19	18	5	2	2
Increase council tax by the maximum level permitted (2.99% per year) to safeguard services	12	17	5	6	7
Freeze Council Tax this year and make cuts in frontline services	5	1	1	21	17
Work with local councils and other organisations	27	16	2	1	1

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Our priorities

In terms of meeting its overall objective of 'Building a World Class City for Everyone' the Council has a number of key priorities :

- ▶ Vibrant and Sustainable Economy –a thriving local economy supported by improved infrastructure, training and skills
- ▶ Meeting Housing Need- Improving Oxford residents' access to affordable and high-quality homes in good environments that are close to jobs and facilities

- ▶ Strong and active communities – socially cohesive and safe communities
- ▶ A clean and green Oxford -An attractive and clean city that minimises its environmental impact by cutting carbon, waste and pollution
- ▶ An efficient and effective Council -A customer focused organisation, delivering efficient, high quality services that meet people’s needs

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following priorities.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Provision of affordable housing	26	13	6	2	
Preventing homelessness	25	17	4		1
Providing and supporting community centres	7	25	12	1	2
Strengthening our local economy	16	16	10	2	2
Enhancing our city centre	9	11	18	6	2
Keeping our city centre clean and tidy	17	18	7	3	1
Maintaining and improving recycling	16	19	10	2	
Maintaining parks and open spaces	13	24	8		
Providing leisure centres and	6	24	9	4	3

keeping them affordable					
Providing services for young people	11	29	2	3	2
Helping with council tax for those on low income	8	20	13	3	2
Supporting community safety	17	21	4	3	1
Providing grants to voluntary and community groups	10	17	11	5	4

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CAPITAL INVESTMENT

The Council's capital investment programme over the next four years totals £192 million. Some of the more significant schemes are detailed below. To what extent do you agree or disagree with these schemes?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Purchase of housing for homeless families £2.5 million	23	13	7	3	1
Covered market refurbishment £3 million	9	14	15	6	3
Information and communication	6	14	17	7	2

technology to support services provision - £4million					
Refurbishment of the Museum of Oxford at Town Hall (partly funded externally) £2.3million	1	9	19	10	7
Disabled facility grants £4million	9	24	8	4	1
Pedestrianisation of Queen Street contribution £0.5million	2	12	15	13	5
Refurbishment of Community Centres £5.1 million	2	21	12	7	4
Additional spaces at Seacourt Park and Ride, to raise income and provide more parking options £3.2million	4	16	13	8	5
Works depot rationalisation to enable extra income from Oxford Direct Services £8million	9	21	10	1	3
New facility to sort waste for recycling	15	18	7	3	3

and reduce cost -£3 million					
Council dwelling kitchen/bathrooms and electrical replacement, funded out of tenants' rents £28.0,million	7	22	9	7	1
Environmental improvements to estates, funded out of tenants' rents £3.0million	8	28	8	3	
Regeneration programmes to improve housing and community centres £15.9million	8	22	9	6	2

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COUNCIL HOUSING

Over the coming years of the Medium Term Financial Strategy we will build and acquire an additional 500 new homes, ensure that our existing homes are properly maintained (including meeting the new “Oxford Standard”), improve the environment on our estates (through the “Great Estates” programme), improve the energy efficiency of existing homes and provide particular support to the regeneration of central Blackbird Leys and Barton.

In what order should the council prioritise the following with 1 being your most important priority and 5 being your least important priority.

	1	2	3	4	5
Building and acquiring new council homes	24	6	4	7	2
Maintaining the quality of existing council homes	9	15	11	6	2
Investing to improve the environment on council estates	3	6	10	17	7
Improving energy efficiency of existing council homes	5	14	14	5	7
Targeted estate regeneration e.g Blackbird Leys and Barton	3	3	8	8	23

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OTHER COMMENTS

Are there any other comments that you would like to make on Oxford City Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-23 and Consultation Budget 2019 -20?

This question has been answered 12 times.

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