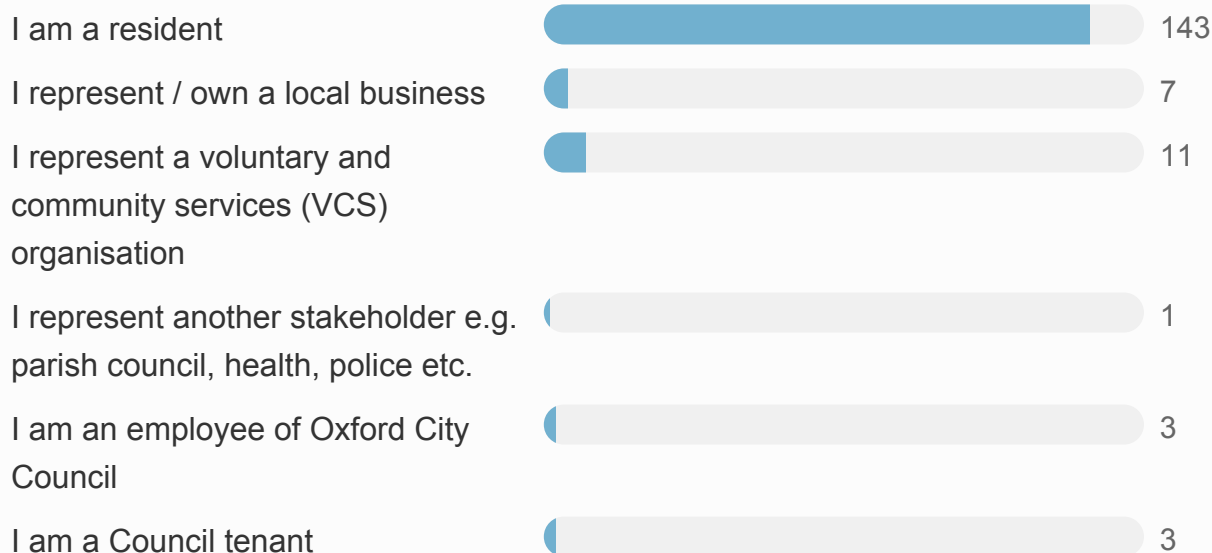


Summary of Responses

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In which role are you responding to this survey?



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In terms of meeting its overall objective of 'Building a World Class City for Everyone' the Council's key aims are, by the end of 2024, to:

- Enable an inclusive economy
- Deliver more affordable housing
- Support thriving communities
- Pursue a zero carbon Oxford

Please let us know if you agree or disagree with what we aim to have achieved by the end of 2024 - either directly through our own actions, in partnership with others, or by seeking to influence others to take action.

Enable an inclusive economy:

- Oxford needs a more inclusive economy wealth is distributed across our communities and where all citizens can share the benefits of growth.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Our staff are more skilled and confident in delivering services our citizens want and the workforce as a whole better reflects Oxford's diverse population	29	59	53	12	3
b. Our businesses' income underpins service delivery and our supply chain supports more local businesses, including social enterprises and cooperatives, promoting wider benefits to the local economy	32	73	38	9	3
c. Oxford's economy is stronger, with diverse sectors providing a wider range of accessible business and employment	43	51	35	21	5

opportunities that help address inequality					
d. We have secured different types of new workspace in the city to support business and employment growth	20	49	68	16	2
e. The movement of people and goods into and within the city has improved, resulting in less congestion, better air quality and faster journey times	53	25	13	32	32
f. Oxford's city centre is relevant and accessible to more of our citizens, while the impacts of tourism are better managed and more of its economic benefits retained locally	41	38	18	37	22
g. The city centre is expanding to the west, including attractive new	26	45	45	25	14

areas emerging around the station, in Oxpens and Osney Mead					
h. Many more of Oxford's employers are socially and environmentally responsible, pay the Oxford Living Wage and consider people and planet alongside profit	61	34	46	9	5
i. Local organisations adopt practices which support an inclusive economy and recognise the social value implications of their business decisions	35	57	48	13	1
k. Oxford is improving the workforce skills it needs through better educational attainment and more training for the jobs of the future	39	45	45	12	9

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Deliver more affordable housing: Intervention is needed to address Oxford's housing crisis where existing homes are unaffordable for many and demand for good quality homes outstrips what is available.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Oxford City Council has increased the supply of high quality, energy efficient housing with a balanced mix of homes for sale and to rent at different price points	34	40	40	21	19
b. Our Blackbird Leys regeneration delivers high quality homes and a better use of space	29	45	64	10	5
c. More Council and private sector tenants are supported to stay in their homes where they face the prospect of eviction	34	48	59	8	4
d. We have created a positive planning	20	35	52	24	23

environment so developers, housing associations and others view Oxford as a good place to build a range of different housing types

e. With other councils we have an agreed countywide approach to meeting housing need

f. Working with housing associations we have delivered more move-on accommodation for people housed in homeless hostels

g. Working with landlords we have improved the quality and energy efficiency of privately-rented homes in Oxford.

h. Oxford's Green Belt is expanded, to provide much-needed housing

	30	37	54	15	17
	44	43	56	7	3
	40	44	40	16	13
	25	35	44	21	27

while allowing the city to protect sites valued by local people for leisure, recreation and employment.

i. New housing including new urban extensions are built to create strong communities with good local amenities and transport links into the city

	30	36	43	14	31

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Support thriving communities: Oxford’s diverse communities should be equipped, supported and enabled to ensure everyone is able to play a full part in the life of our city.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a.Oxford City Council’s services, grants, community and leisure facilities, parks and cultural events have helped reduce inequality, increase cohesion and improve health	49	44	44	15	3

and wellbeing across Oxford's communities					
b. Children and young people's resilience and confidence is increased through the educational and recreational activities we offer	50	55	33	8	7
c. Our public spaces remain clean, safe, well maintained and are more accessible	53	56	17	21	6
d. With a focus on homelessness prevention, and working with neighbouring councils and partners, we ensure no one should have to sleep rough on the streets of Oxford	70	28	12	23	21
e. Homeless individuals and families in Oxford are moved more rapidly through temporary accommodation into secure housing	62	26	40	15	11

and are helped to improve health and job prospects

f. Local voluntary and community groups are supported and enabled to take a greater role in improving the city and the lives of citizens

g. Increasing numbers of people walk and cycle around the city

h. Our work with Thames Valley Police keeps communities safe and has helped to reduce hate crime, human trafficking, drugs-related crime and antisocial behaviour

i. Vulnerable people are safeguarded against harm

j. Oxford's diversity is celebrated and communities are more cohesive

41	53	47	12	1	
65	42	24	16	7	
51	49	37	12	6	
50	48	35	17	4	
39	60	44	7	3	

k. Citizens are actively engaged in civic and political life

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Pursue a zero carbon Oxford: The clear message from Oxford’s Citizens’ Assembly on Climate Change is that citizens want the city to continue to take a lead in reducing emissions and increasing biodiversity

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. Oxford City Council has made significant progress on the journey to reduce its own carbon footprint to zero	55	45	31	16	10
b. All new building by Oxford City Council is progressing towards near or net-zero carbon standards	55	38	52	8	4
c. Our existing council housing is being made more energy efficient	51	49	49	5	3
d. Oxford has taken a leading	49	44	29	22	13

role in the adoption of electric vehicles					
e. Air quality throughout the city continues to improve	59	28	29	24	17
f. All new development in Oxford is progressing towards near or net-zero carbon standards, with some examples of carbon positive development	53	34	52	10	7
g. Higher energy efficiency standards are set for residential and commercial landlords	49	49	44	8	5
h. Our streets, neighbourhoods and open spaces are greener with more trees and other plants	56	39	26	24	10
i. The city is more resilient to climate change including improved flood defences	51	40	32	18	14

j. Government introduces more rigorous energy efficiency standards on new-build and brings forward the end of petrol and diesel vehicle sales	59	38	37	14	7
k. Citizens, businesses and other organisations in the city are taking action to reduce carbon emissions and increase biodiversity	55	50	30	13	6
l. Citizens, businesses and other organisations in the city recycle more and produce less waste	49	63	32	10	1

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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
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Increase homelessness funding by £1.2million per year to provide extra services for rough sleepers	70	41	24	12	7
Commit £18million of new capital investment and £1million of additional operational expenditure to tackle the climate emergency	81	33	24	9	9
Pay City Council and Oxford Direct Services Ltd (ODS) workforce at least the Oxford Living Wage and encourage other Oxford employers to do the same	79	47	18	4	6
Continue to provide full Council Tax Reduction to those on the lowest incomes, while making the system simpler for customers and those who	66	40	31	9	7

administer the benefit					
Maintain the level of City Council grant funding for charities and voluntary organisations that support the community in a range of areas, from welfare benefits advice, to support to tackle isolation and loneliness to ensuring that culture is available to all	64	59	22	5	3
Using our wholly owned company, ODS to generate more income from external trading	55	41	45	4	7
Using our wholly owned company Oxford City Housing Ltd to develop social and market housing	56	42	39	4	11
Increase council tax by the maximum level permitted without a referendum (1.99%	67	39	17	14	16

per year) to safeguard services					
Work more closely with local councils and other organisations to deliver projects and save money	75	53	22	2	

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The Council's capital investment programme over the next four years totals £472 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
Covered market refurbishment £1.4 million	54	42	39	15	3
Disabled facility grants, adapting properties to support people with disabilities £4.8 million	52	70	26	4	2
Refurbishment and new build of some of our Community Centres £5.0 million	32	70	33	12	6

Works depot rationalisation to enable extra income from ODS £12.4 million	34	45	57	6	9
New council housing - £133 million	67	41	24	9	11
Council dwelling kitchen/bathrooms, heating, roofing, fire doors and electrical replacement, funded out of tenants' rents £25.0,million	53	65	26	7	3
Extra youth work on council estates, funded out of tenants' rents	65	50	30	7	1
Environmental improvements to estates, funded out of tenants' rents £4.7million	58	65	20	6	4
Regeneration programmes to improve housing and community centres £17.2million	41	57	42	6	6

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Over the four years of the Medium Term Financial Strategy we will build and acquire an additional 1082 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.

Select the most applicable option in each row. You can only select one option in each column.

	1	2	3	4	5
Building and acquiring new council homes	39	19	14	19	39
Maintaining the quality of existing council homes	23	39	28	27	14
Investing to improve the environment and services on council estates	14	26	38	24	30
Improving energy efficiency of existing council homes	38	25	27	28	14
Targeted estate regeneration replacing poor	27	29	31	29	29

quality homes with new housing					
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Are there any other comments that you would like to make on Oxford City Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24 and Consultation Budget 2020 -21?

This question has been answered 55 times.