

Budget Consultation 2026-27

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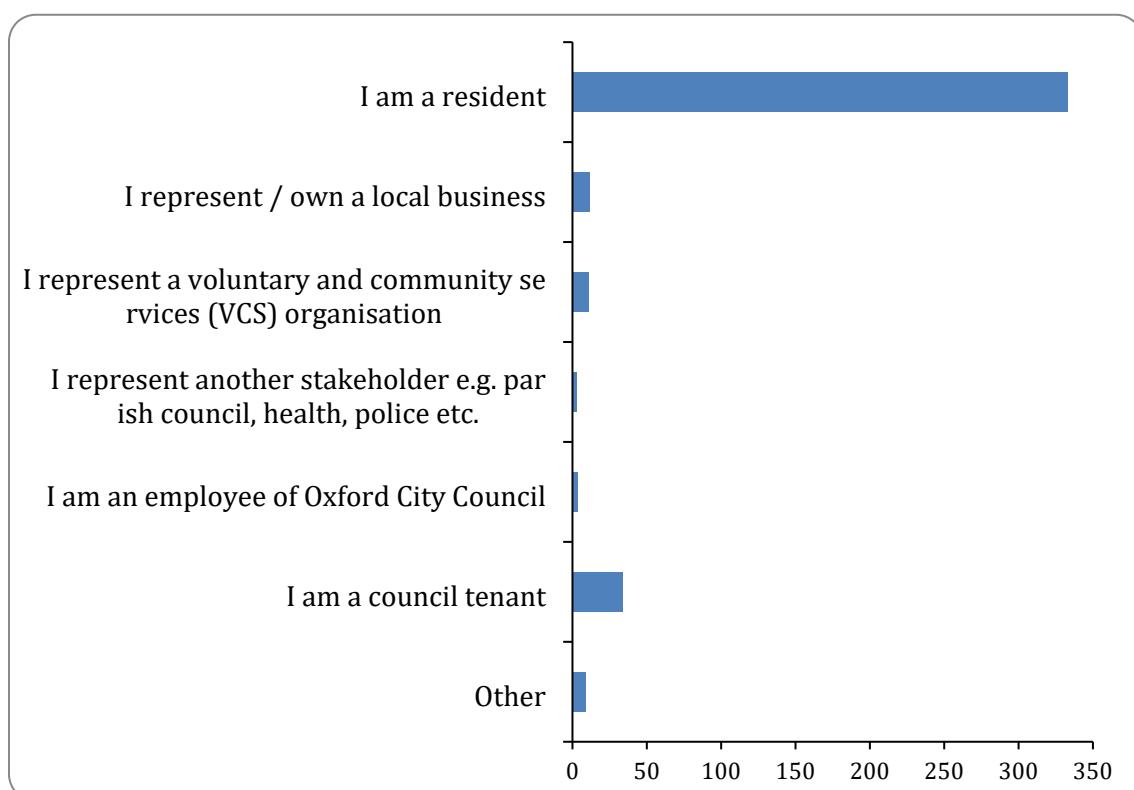
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Responses to this survey: **358**

In which role(s) are you responding to this survey. Please tick all that apply. capacity

There were 358 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
I am a resident	333	93.02%
I represent / own a local business	12	3.35%

I represent a voluntary and community services (VCS) organisation	11	3.07%
I represent another stakeholder e.g. parish council, health, police etc.	3	0.84%
I am an employee of Oxford City Council	4	1.12%
I am a council tenant	34	9.50%
Other	9	2.51%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

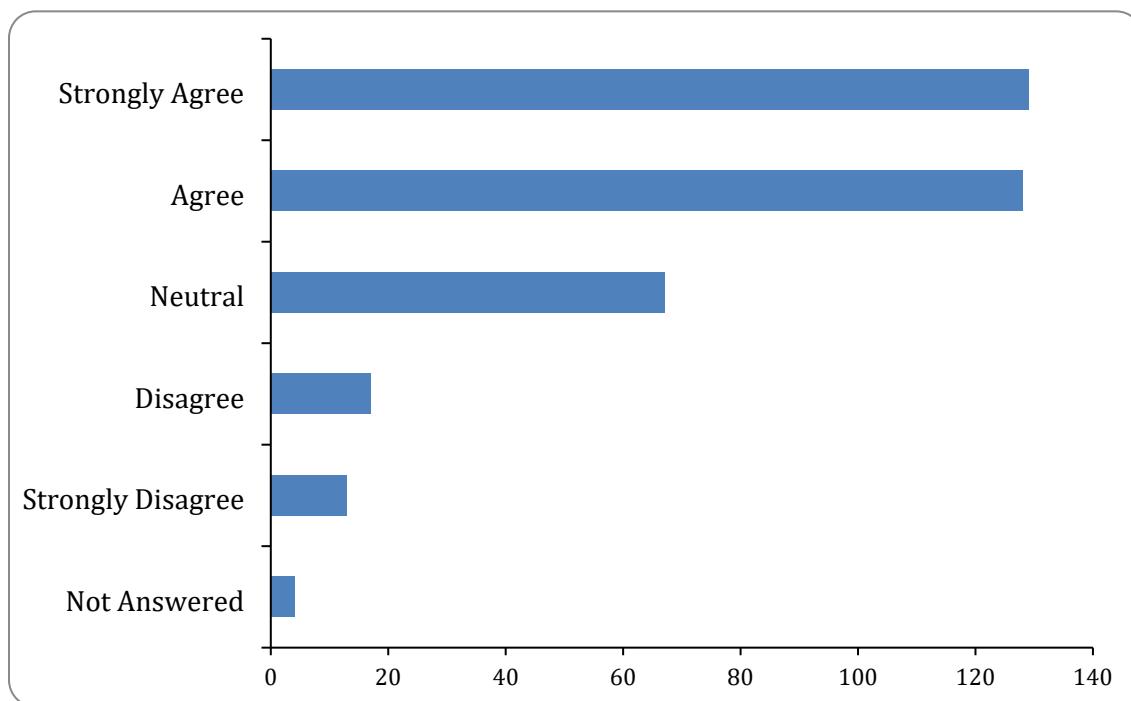
If Other, please provide details

There were 9 responses to this part of the question.

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

what we intend to do next year - Using our wholly owned company, Oxford Direct Services Ltd to generate more income from external trading from services such as highways and building maintenance and commercial waste collection

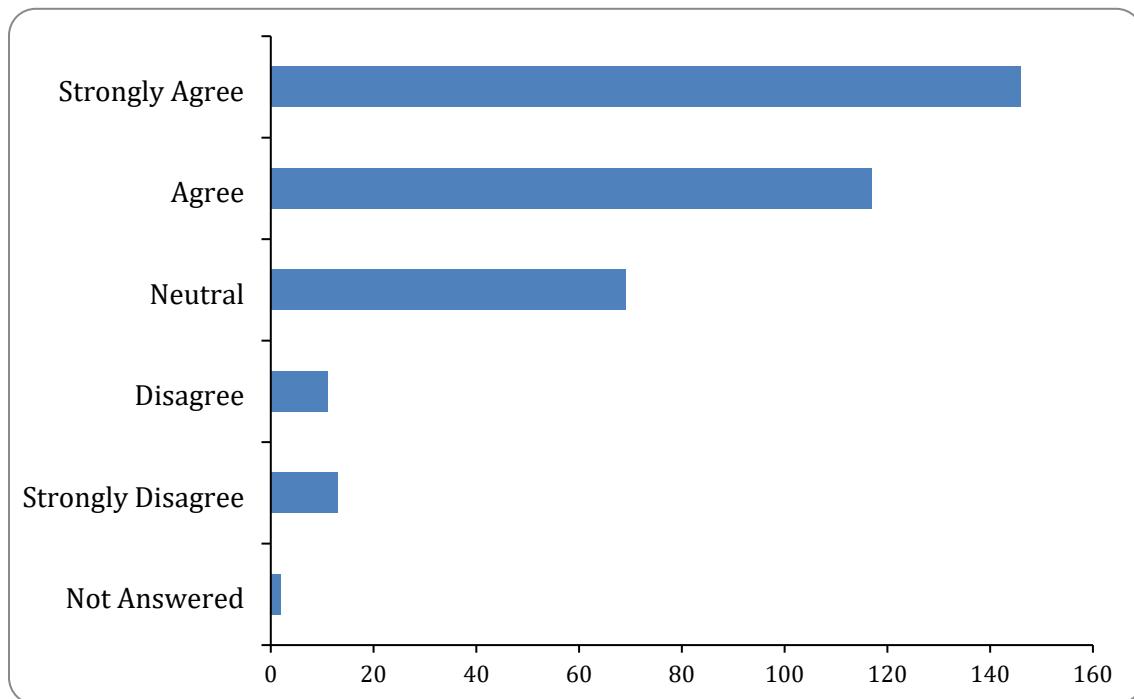
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Strongly Agree	129	36.03%
Agree	128	35.75%
Neutral	67	18.72%
Disagree	17	4.75%
Strongly Disagree	13	3.63%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

what we intend to do next year - Using our wholly owned company Oxplace to develop social and market housing and deliver financial returns back to the council.

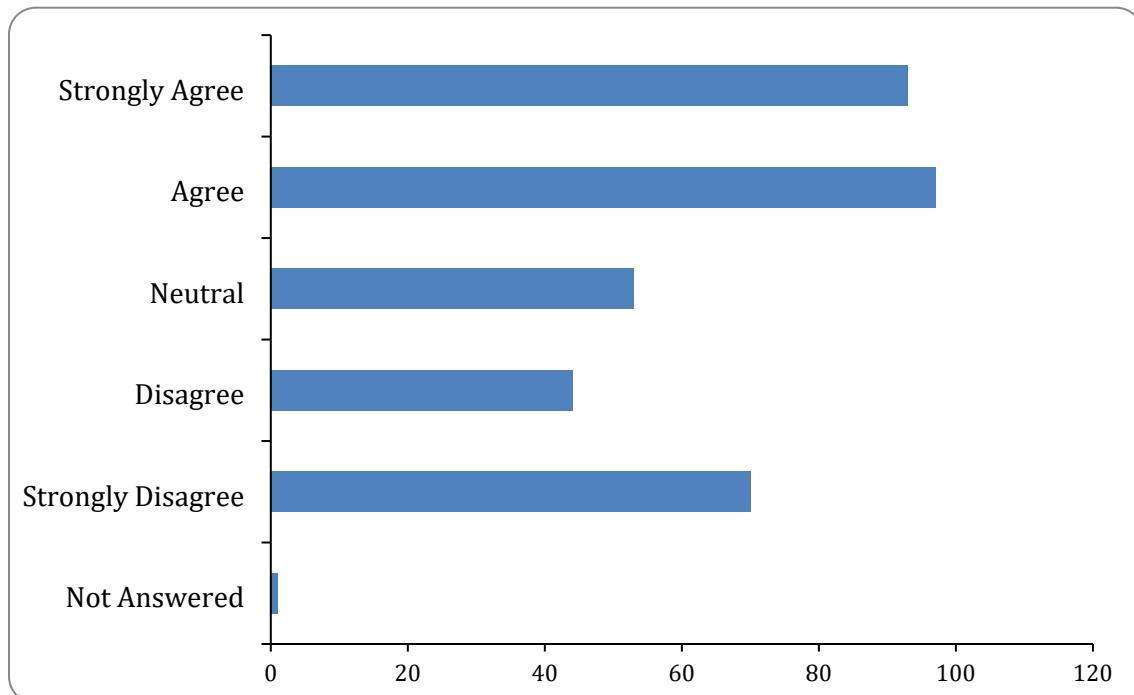
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	146	40.78%
Agree	117	32.68%
Neutral	69	19.27%
Disagree	11	3.07%
Strongly Disagree	13	3.63%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

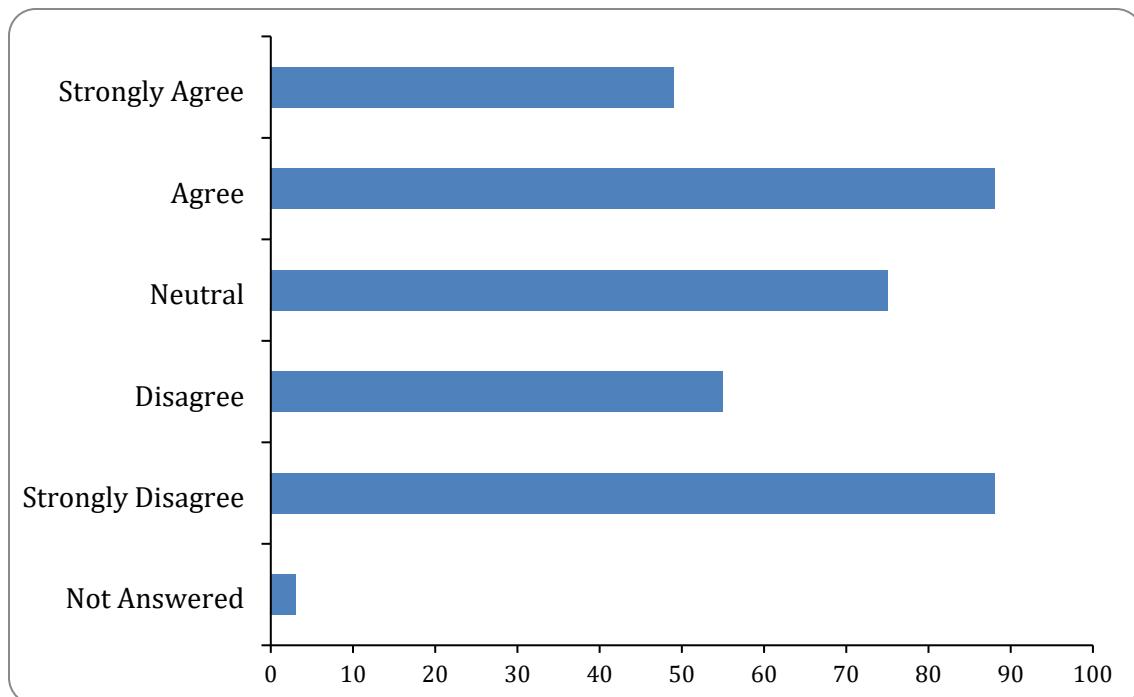
what we intend to do next year - Increase council tax by the maximum level permitted (2.99% or £10.67 per year) to safeguard services.

There were 357 responses to this part of the question.



what we intend to do next year - Increasing garden waste charges by 5%

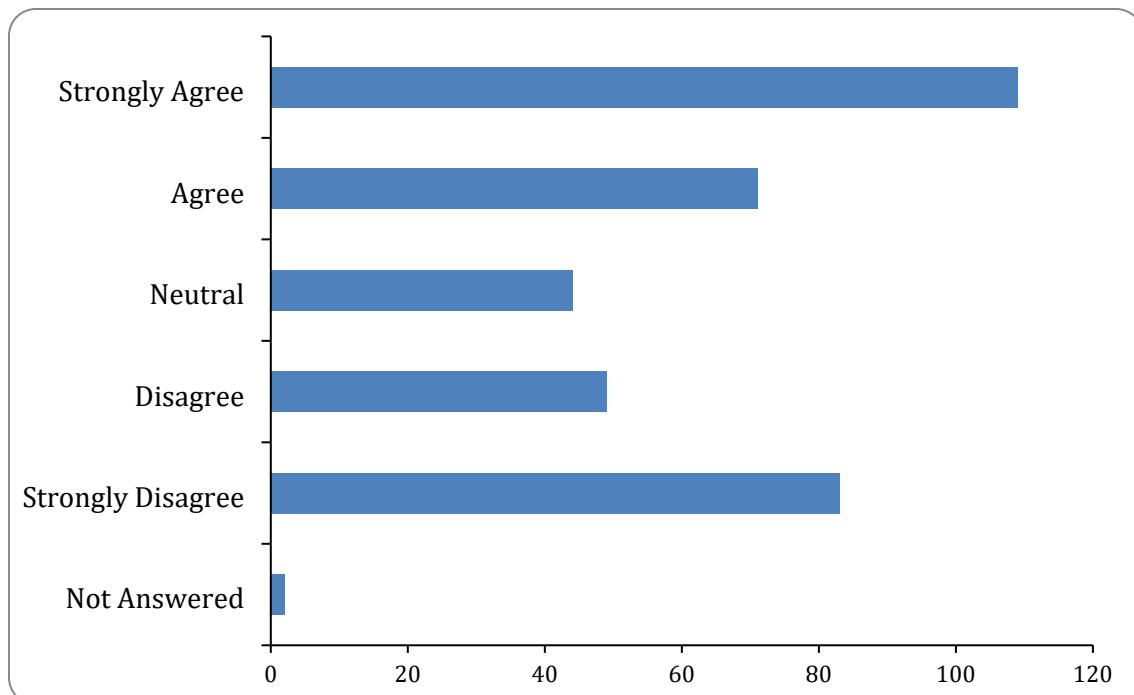
There were 355 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	49	13.69%
Agree	88	24.58%
Neutral	75	20.95%
Disagree	55	15.36%
Strongly Disagree	88	24.58%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

what we intend to do next year - Increase car park charges in the city centre by 50p on all tariffs

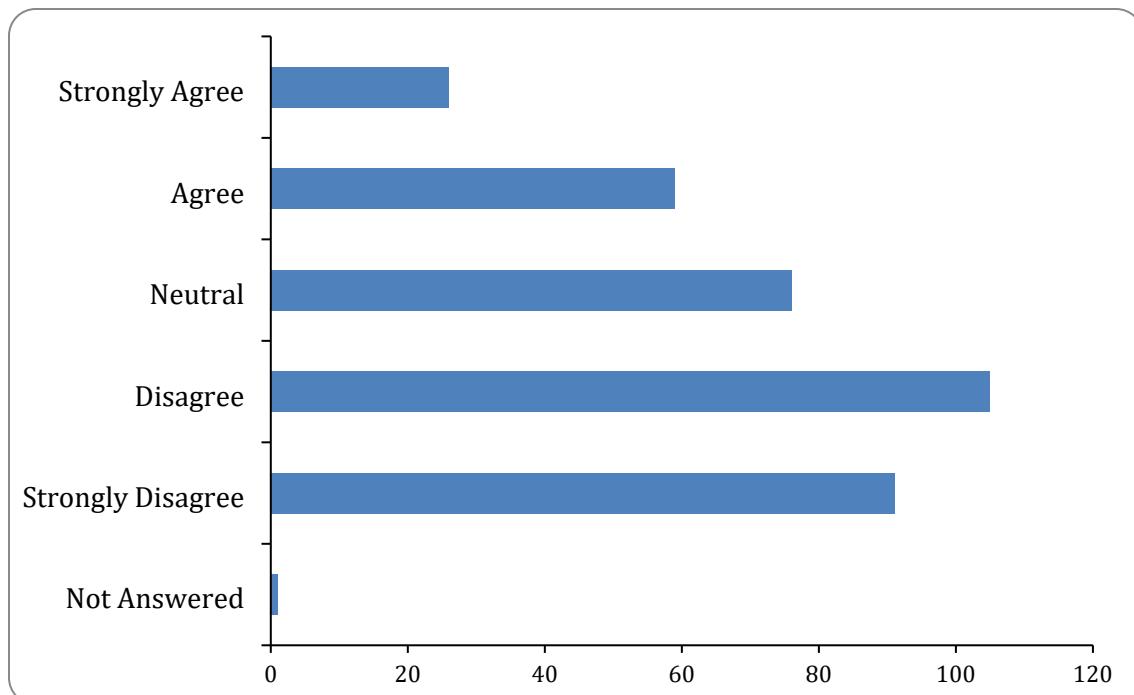
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	109	30.45%
Agree	71	19.83%
Neutral	44	12.29%
Disagree	49	13.69%
Strongly Disagree	83	23.18%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - Increase leisure centre charges by between 5% and 7%

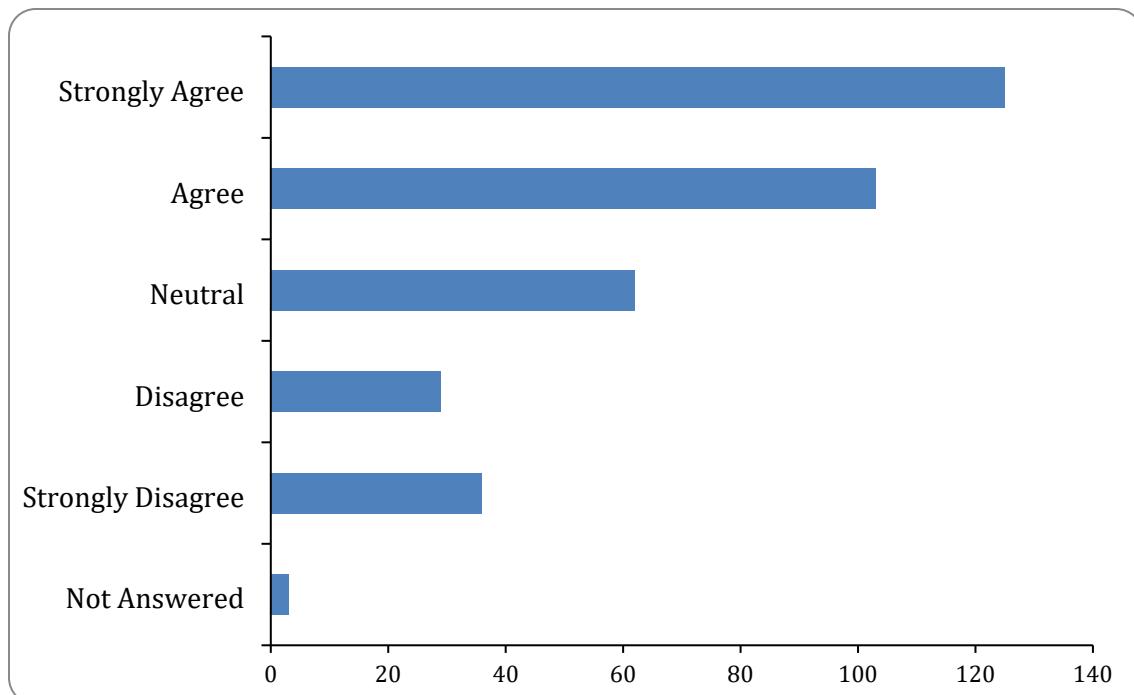
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	26	7.26%
Agree	59	16.48%
Neutral	76	21.23%
Disagree	105	29.33%
Strongly Disagree	91	25.42%
Not Answered	1	0.28%

what we intend to do next year - No increase on park and rise charges

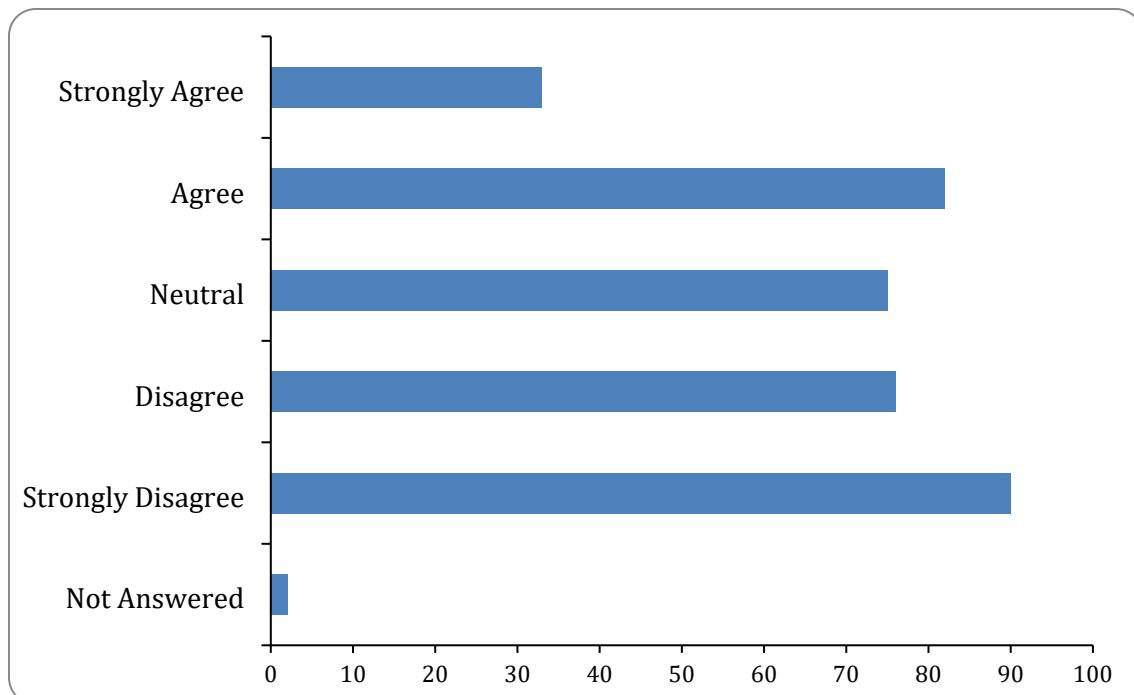
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	125	34.92%
Agree	103	28.77%
Neutral	62	17.32%
Disagree	29	8.10%
Strongly Disagree	36	10.06%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

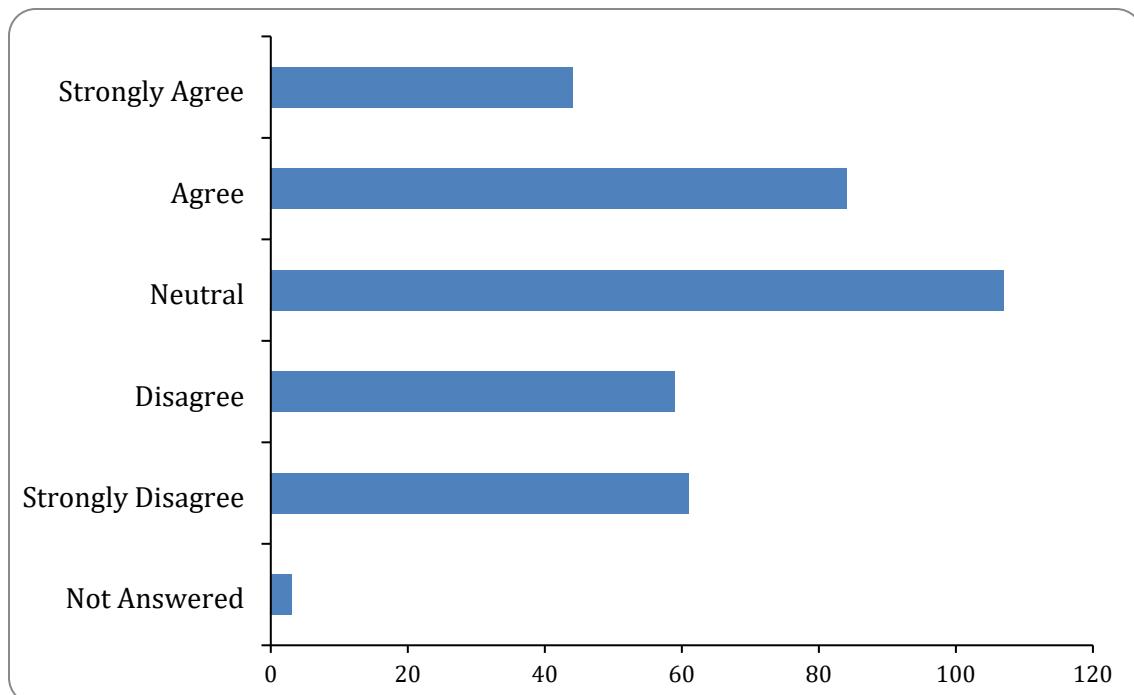
what we intend to do next year - Increase bulky waste charges by 5.11% per item

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what we intend to do next year - Football pitch fees increased by £2 (4.8%) and £4 (7.6%) for weekdays and weekends respectively

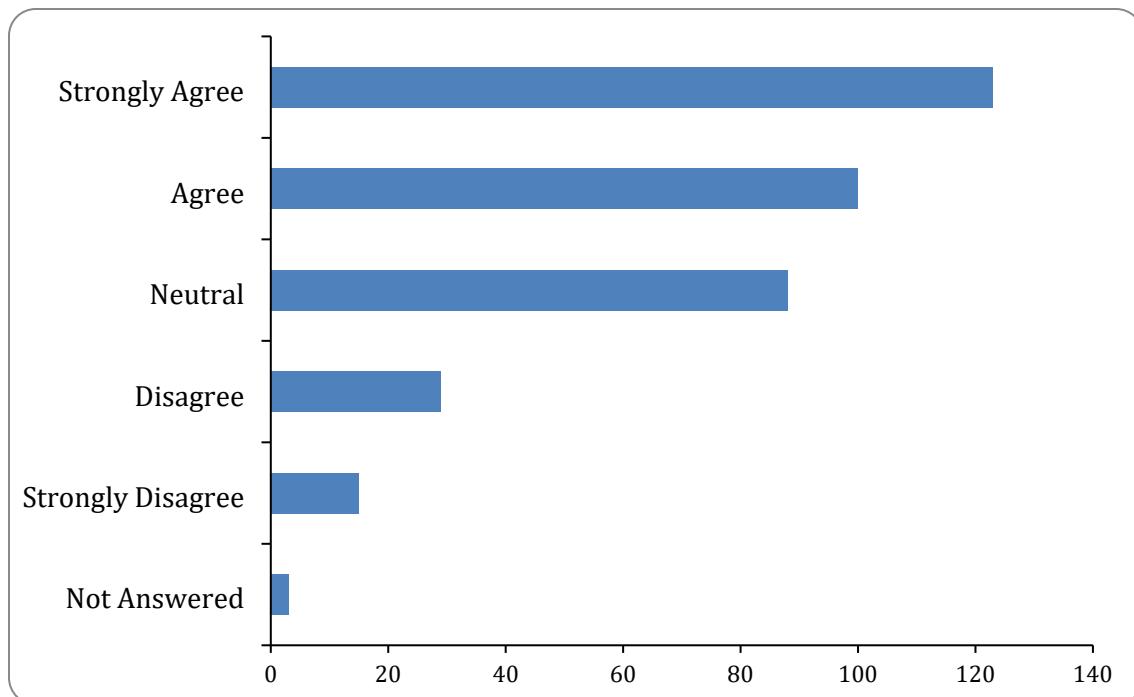
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Strongly Agree	44	12.29%
Agree	84	23.46%
Neutral	107	29.89%
Disagree	59	16.48%
Strongly Disagree	61	17.04%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

what we intend to do next year - Reducing our spend in international links by 1 fte post saving £50k per annum

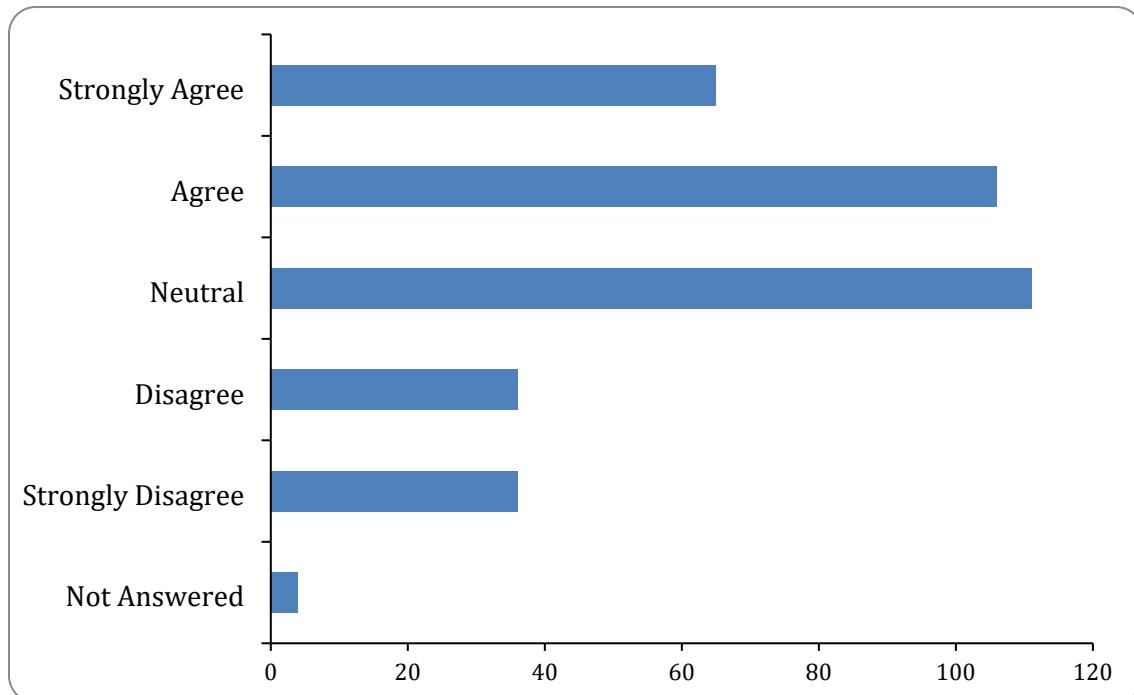
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Strongly Agree	123	34.36%
Agree	100	27.93%
Neutral	88	24.58%
Disagree	29	8.10%
Strongly Disagree	15	4.19%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

what we intend to do next year - Review the council tax reduction scheme and save £75k per annum

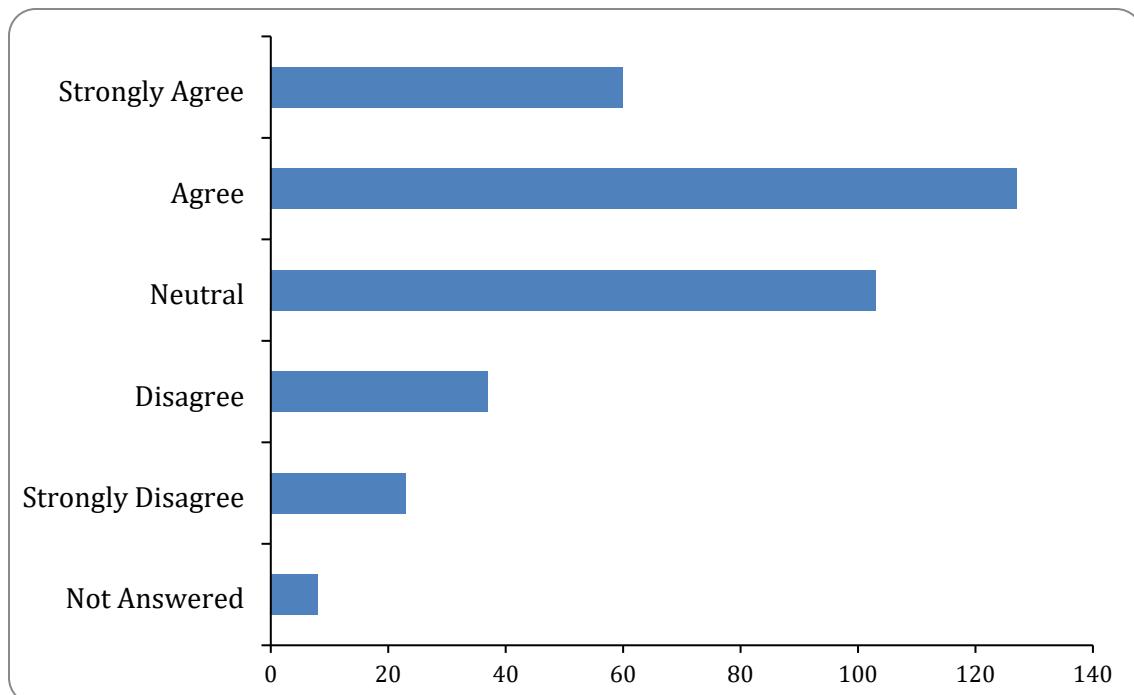
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Strongly Agree	65	18.16%
Agree	106	29.61%
Neutral	111	31.01%
Disagree	36	10.06%
Strongly Disagree	36	10.06%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

what we intend to do next year - Use of reserves and balances as a one-off support for services £8 million

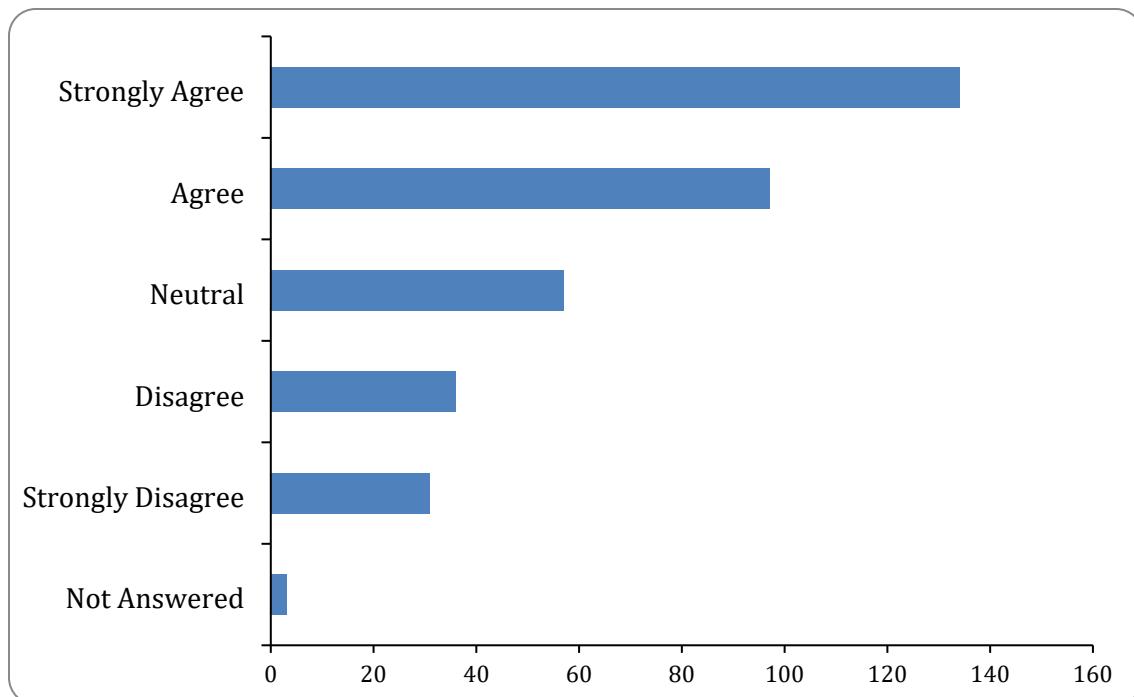
There were 350 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	60	16.76%
Agree	127	35.47%
Neutral	103	28.77%
Disagree	37	10.34%
Strongly Disagree	23	6.42%
Not Answered	8	2.23%

what we intend to do next year - Sale of artefacts no longer on display such as silverware, art and firearms

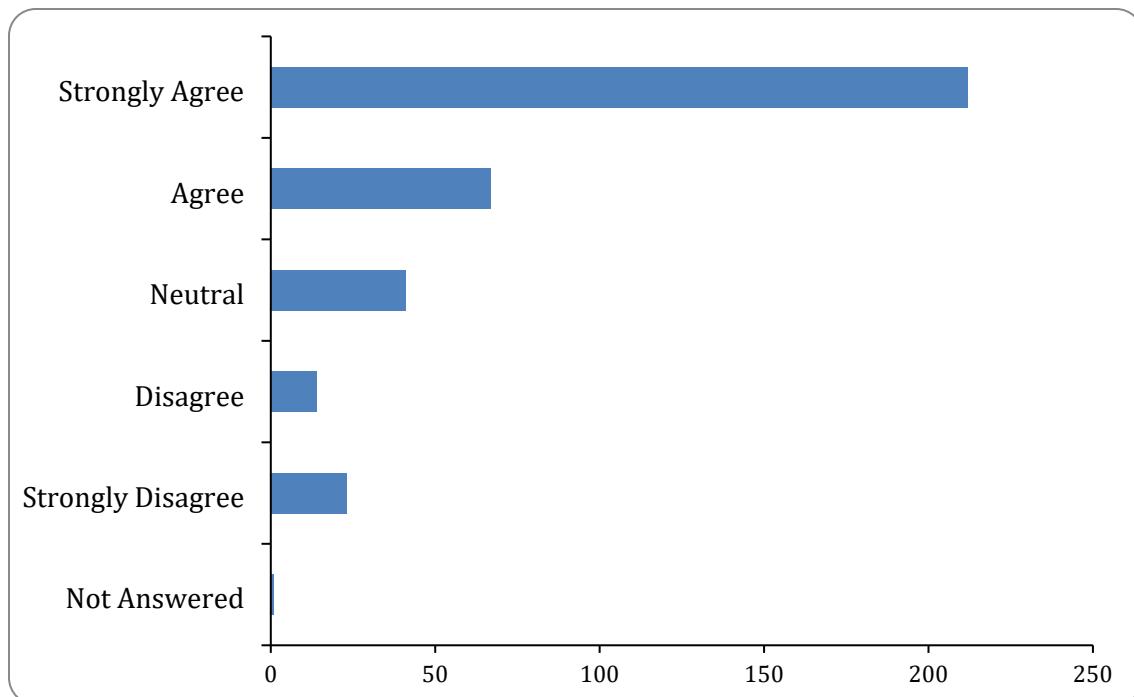
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Strongly Agree	134	37.43%
Agree	97	27.09%
Neutral	57	15.92%
Disagree	36	10.06%
Strongly Disagree	31	8.66%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

what we intend to do next year - Sale of Lord Mayor's car number plate FC1

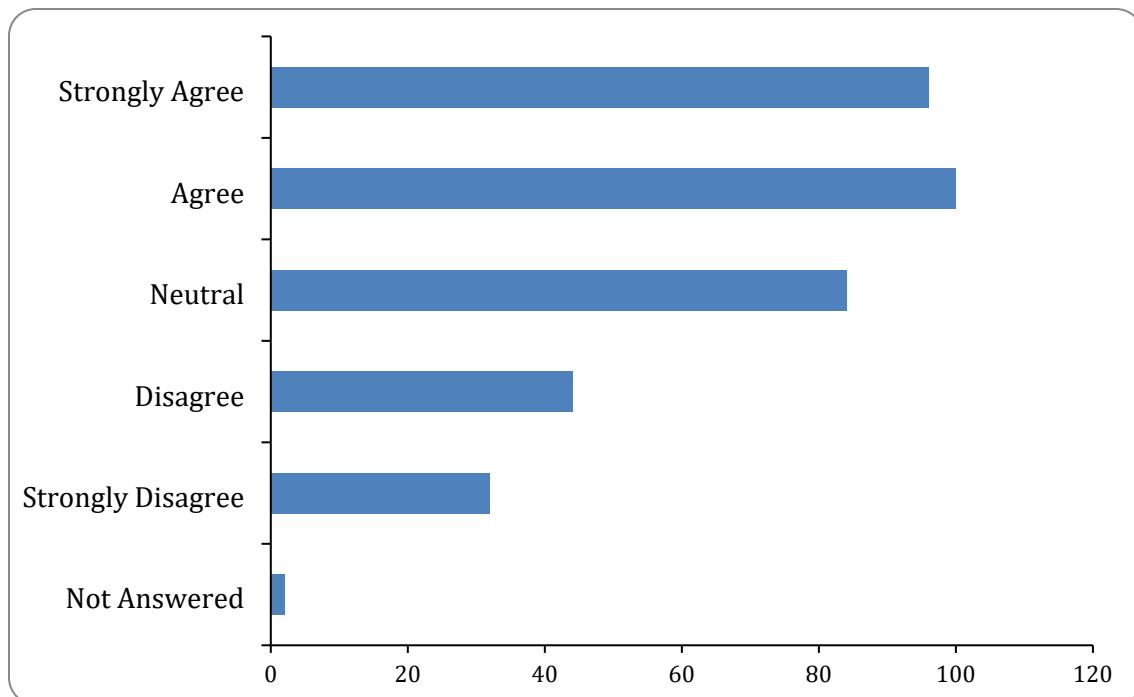
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	212	59.22%
Agree	67	18.72%
Neutral	41	11.45%
Disagree	14	3.91%
Strongly Disagree	23	6.42%
Not Answered	1	0.28%

what we intend to do next year - Sale of other assets and buildings to reduce overall borrowing

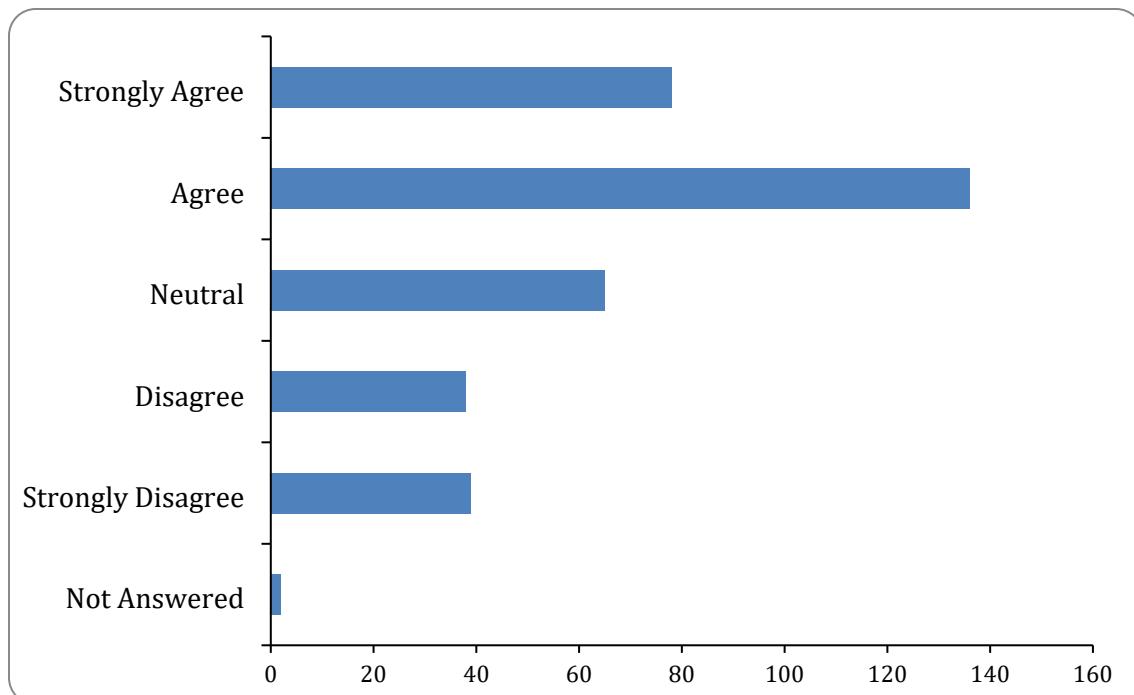
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Strongly Agree	96	26.82%
Agree	100	27.93%
Neutral	84	23.46%
Disagree	44	12.29%
Strongly Disagree	32	8.94%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - 2 new officers (£120k per annum) in the community safety complex case team to deal with anti-social behaviour in the vulnerable housed community.

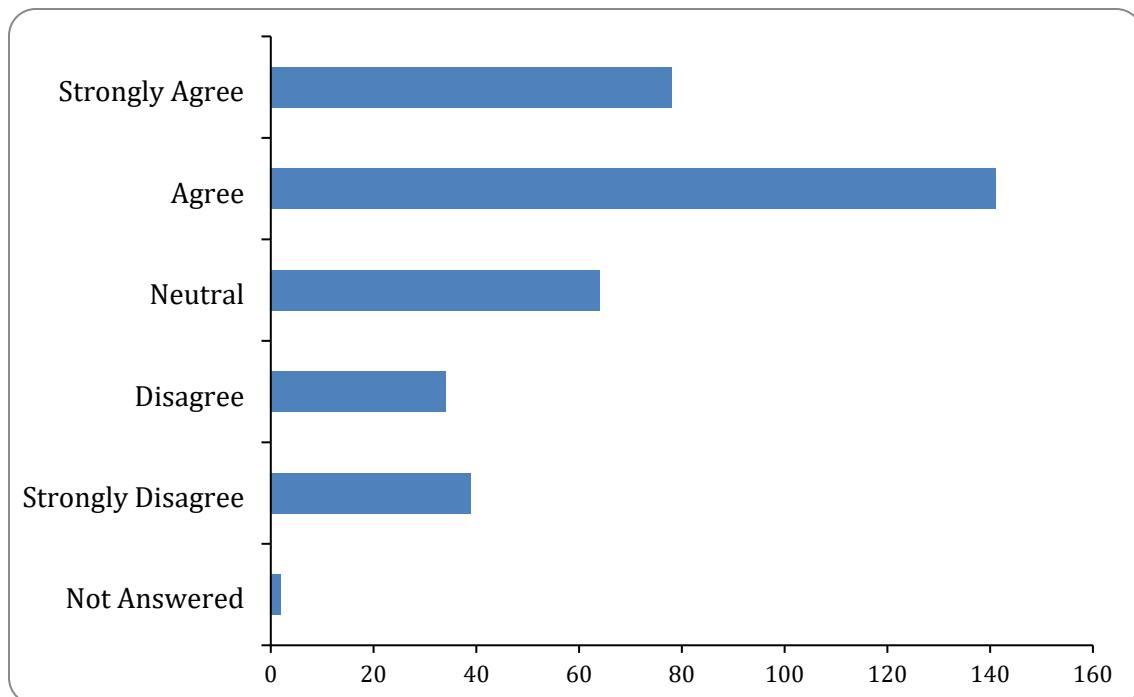
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Strongly Agree	78	21.79%
Agree	136	37.99%
Neutral	65	18.16%
Disagree	38	10.61%
Strongly Disagree	39	10.89%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - 3 new community response officers (£150k per annum) for our council housing estates to provide greater presence and address environmental crime and community safety in our housing areas

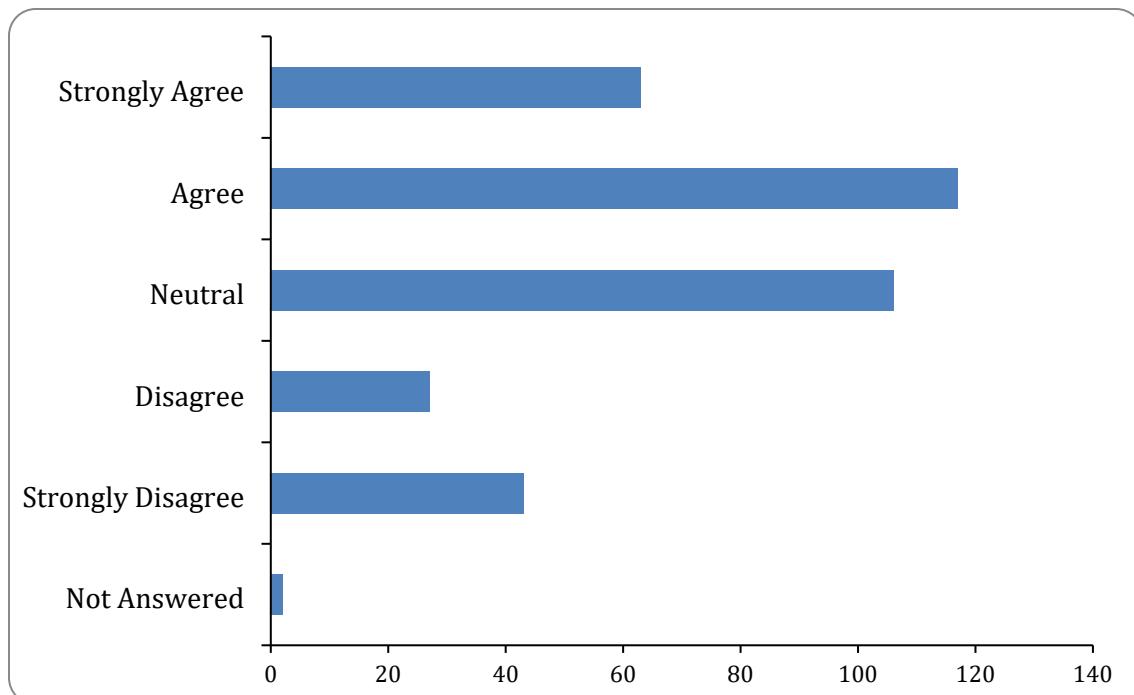
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Strongly Agree	78	21.79%
Agree	141	39.39%
Neutral	64	17.88%
Disagree	34	9.50%
Strongly Disagree	39	10.89%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - Introduction of crèche into Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, £37k per annum

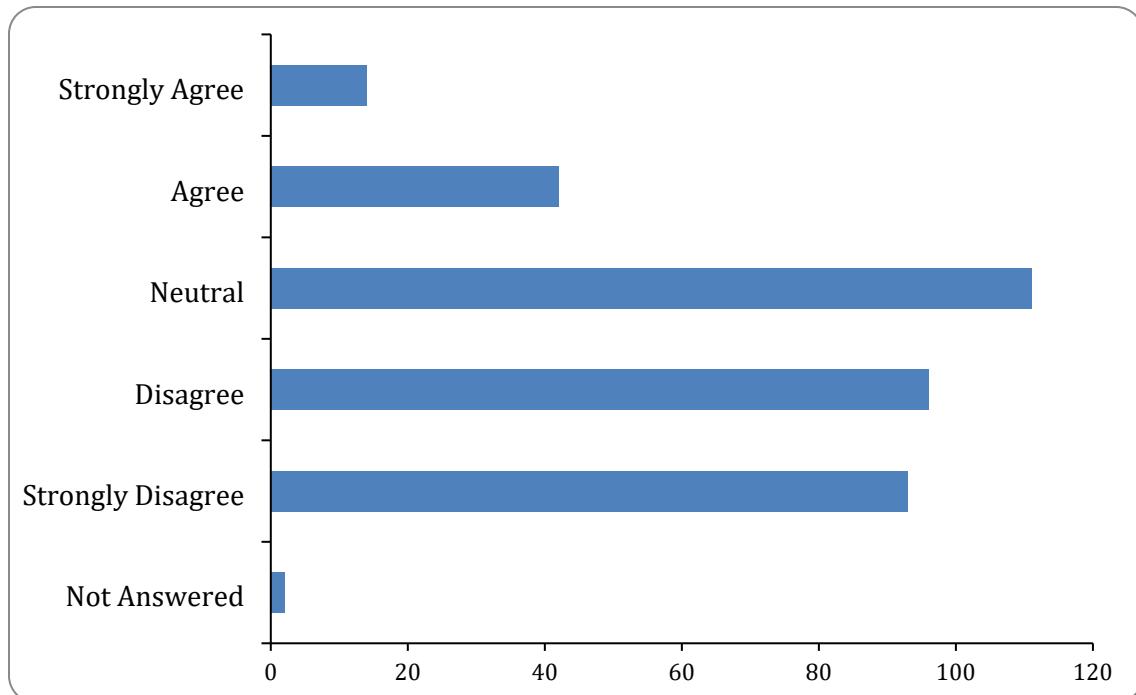
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Strongly Agree	63	17.60%
Agree	117	32.68%
Neutral	106	29.61%
Disagree	27	7.54%
Strongly Disagree	43	12.01%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - Additional weed spraying to garage forecourts - £15k per annum

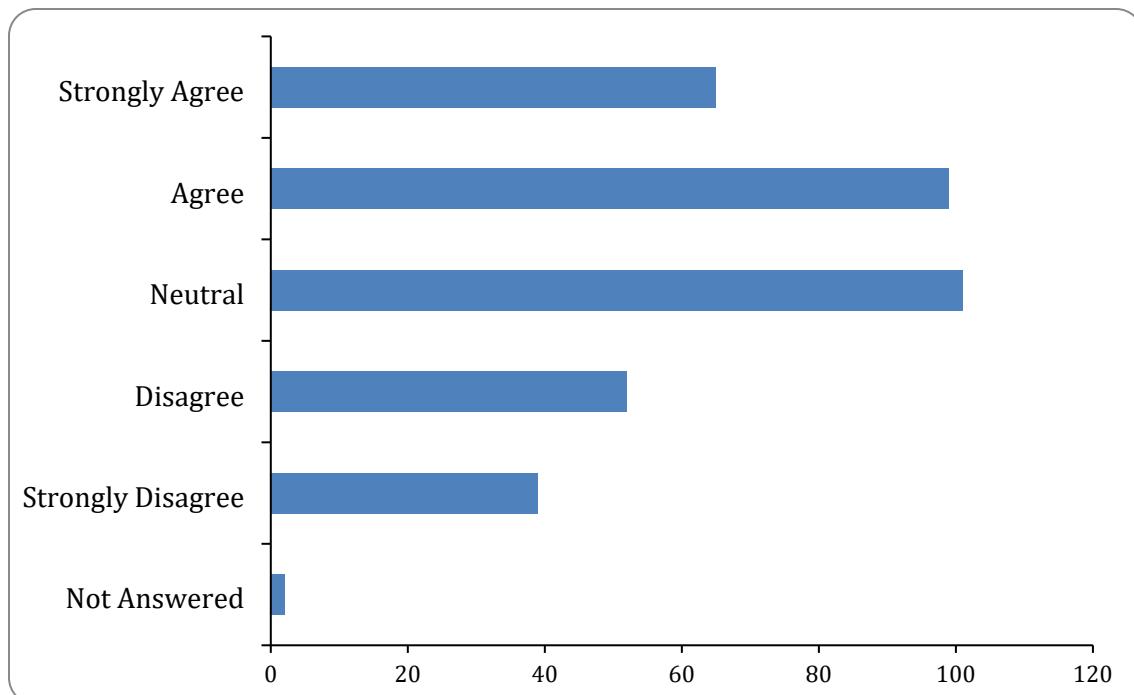
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	14	3.91%
Agree	42	11.73%
Neutral	111	31.01%
Disagree	96	26.82%
Strongly Disagree	93	25.98%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we intend to do next year - Additional opening hours at Hinksey pool to included March and October- £63k per annum

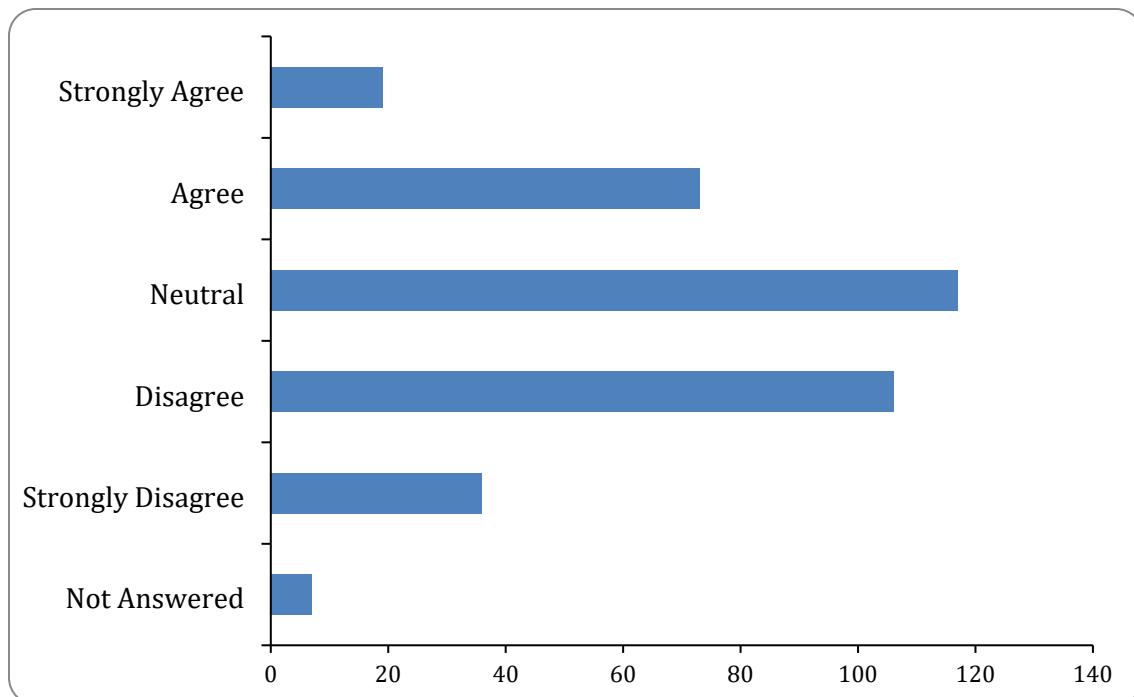
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Strongly Agree	65	18.16%
Agree	99	27.65%
Neutral	101	28.21%
Disagree	52	14.53%
Strongly Disagree	39	10.89%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

what we could do next year - Maintain all services but offer less

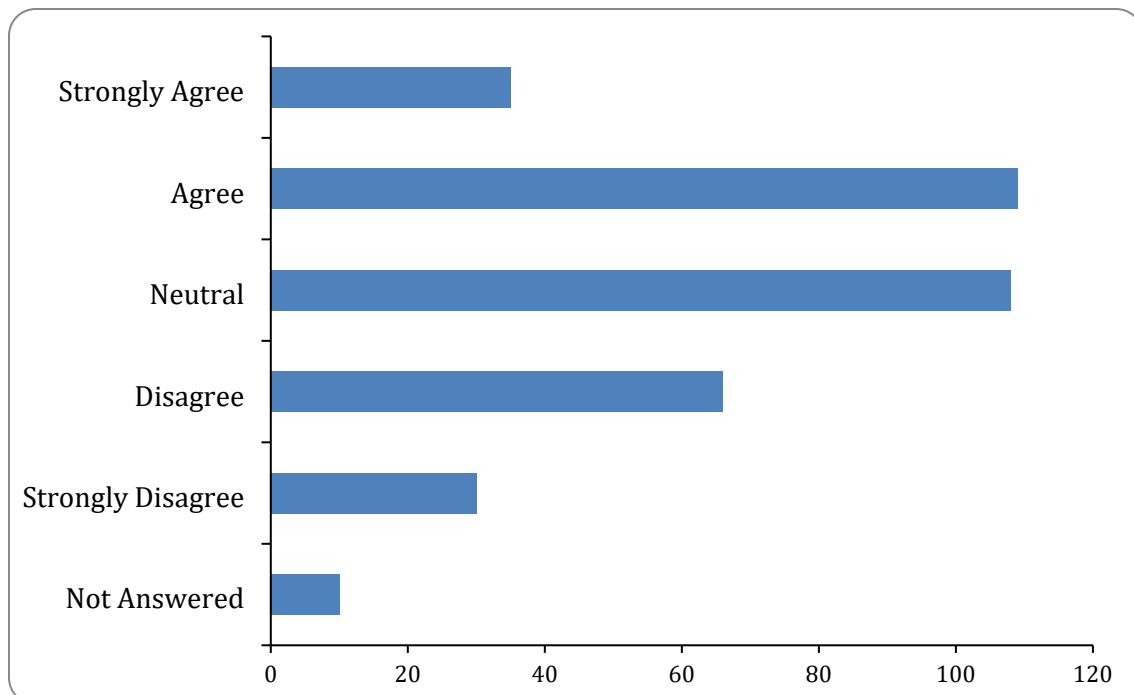
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	19	5.31%
Agree	73	20.39%
Neutral	117	32.68%
Disagree	106	29.61%
Strongly Disagree	36	10.06%
Not Answered	7	1.96%

what we could do next year - Stop delivery of less important services

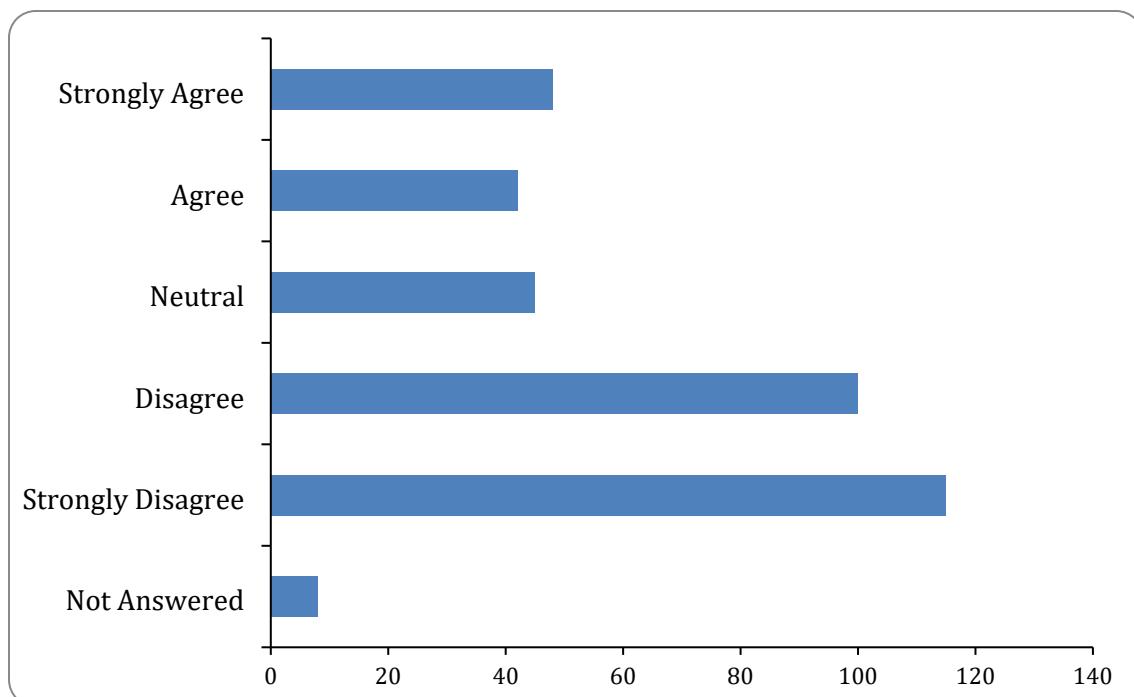
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	35	9.78%
Agree	109	30.45%
Neutral	108	30.17%
Disagree	66	18.44%
Strongly Disagree	30	8.38%
Not Answered	10	2.79%

what we could do next year - Freeze Council Tax this year and make cuts in frontline services

There were 350 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	48	13.41%
Agree	42	11.73%
Neutral	45	12.57%
Disagree	100	27.93%
Strongly Disagree	115	32.12%
Not Answered	8	2.23%

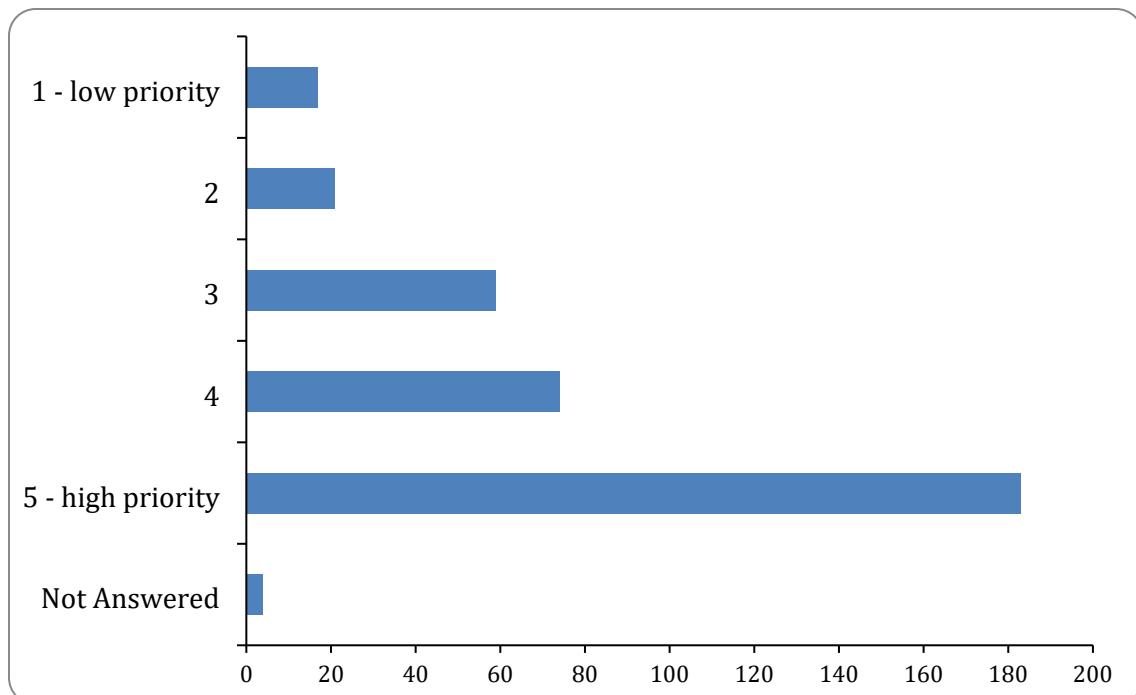
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There were 140 responses to this part of the question.

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

priority - Provision of affordable housing

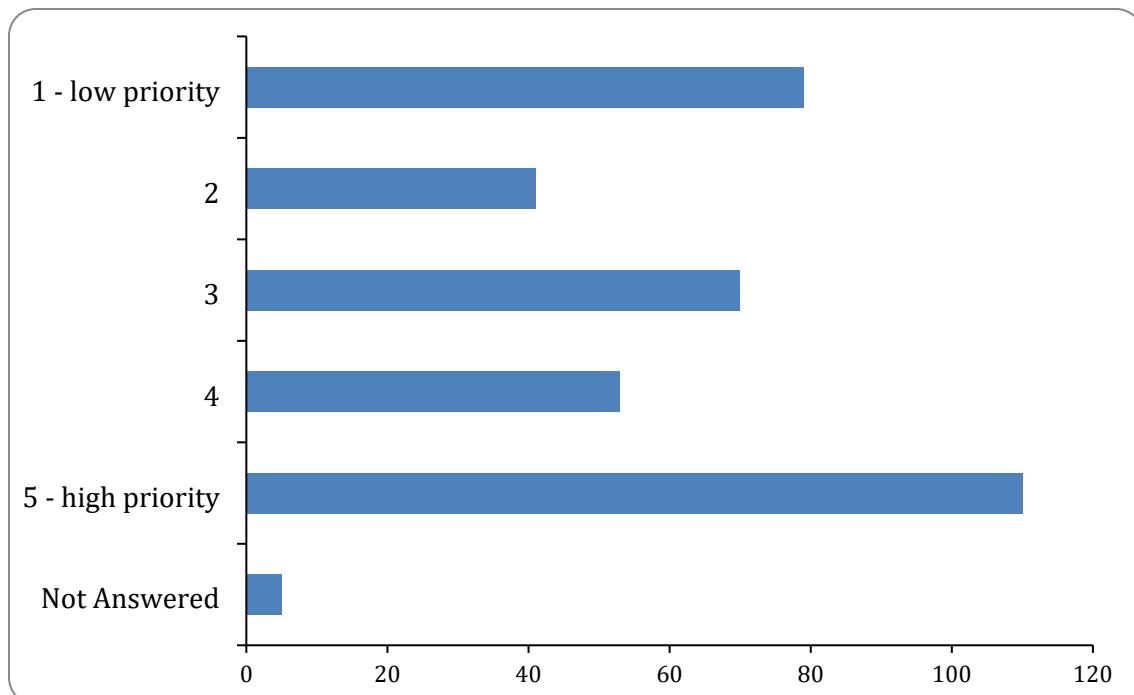
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	17	4.75%
2	21	5.87%
3	59	16.48%
4	74	20.67%
5 - high priority	183	51.12%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

priority - Tackling climate change

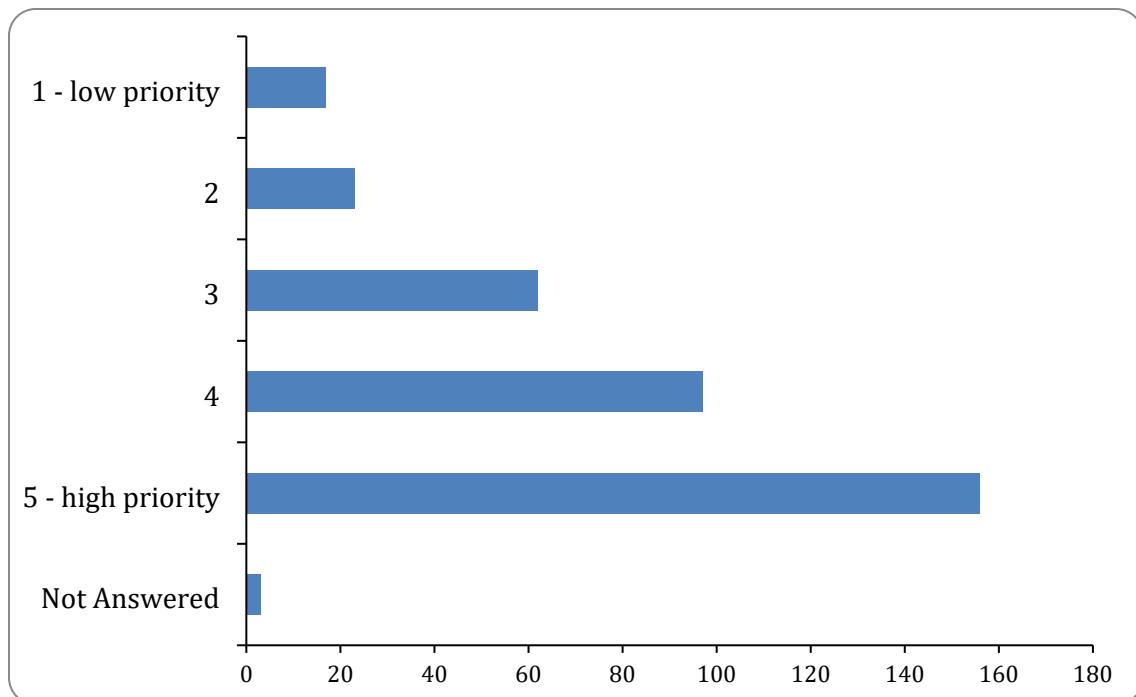
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	79	22.07%
2	41	11.45%
3	70	19.55%
4	53	14.80%
5 - high priority	110	30.73%
Not Answered	5	1.40%

priority - Preventing homelessness

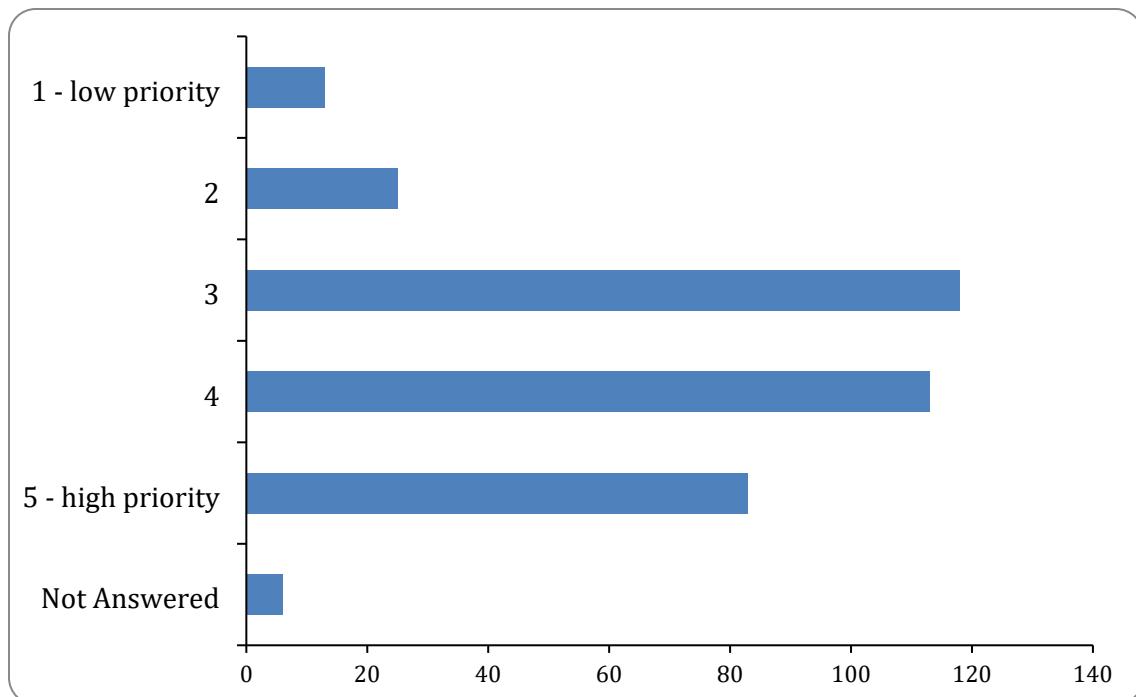
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	17	4.75%
2	23	6.42%
3	62	17.32%
4	97	27.09%
5 - high priority	156	43.58%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

priority - Providing and supporting community centres

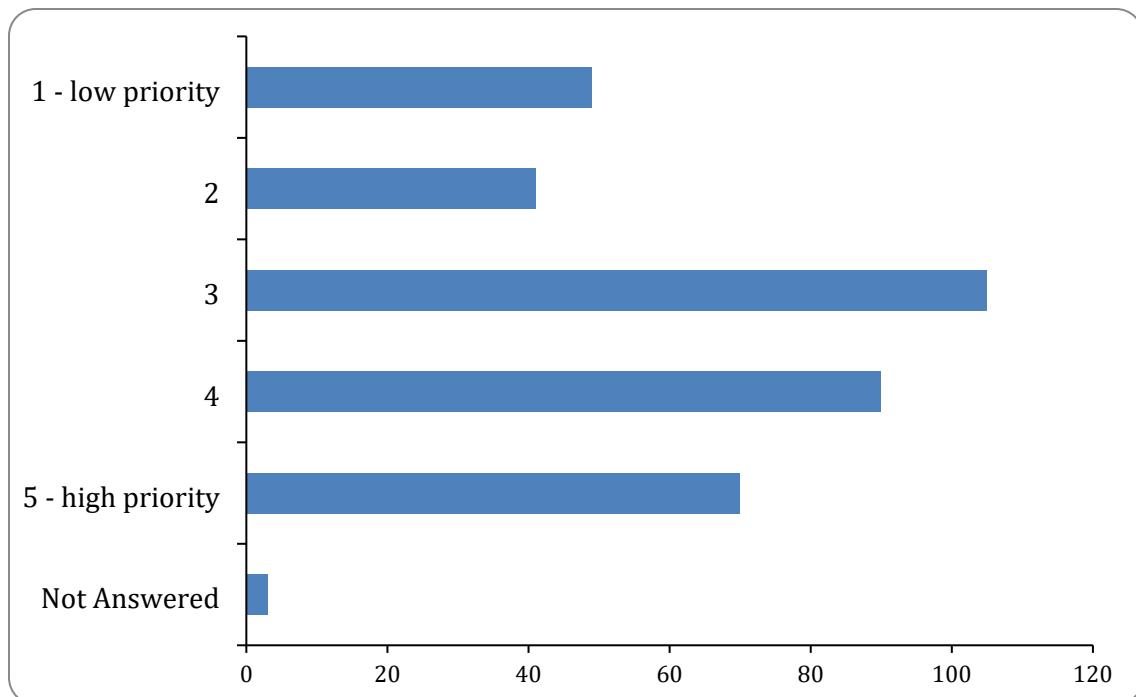
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	13	3.63%
2	25	6.98%
3	118	32.96%
4	113	31.56%
5 - high priority	83	23.18%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

priority - Encouraging our customers to self-serve, enabling access to more of our services electronically online

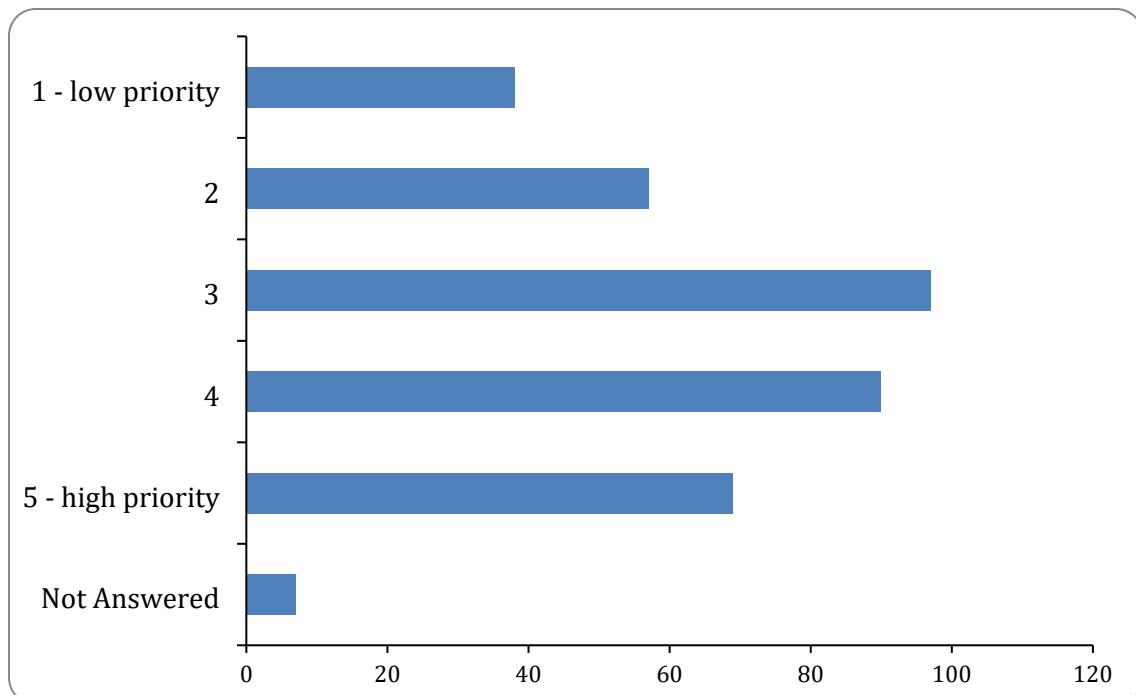
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1 - low priority	49	13.69%
2	41	11.45%
3	105	29.33%
4	90	25.14%
5 - high priority	70	19.55%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

priority - Enhancing our city centre

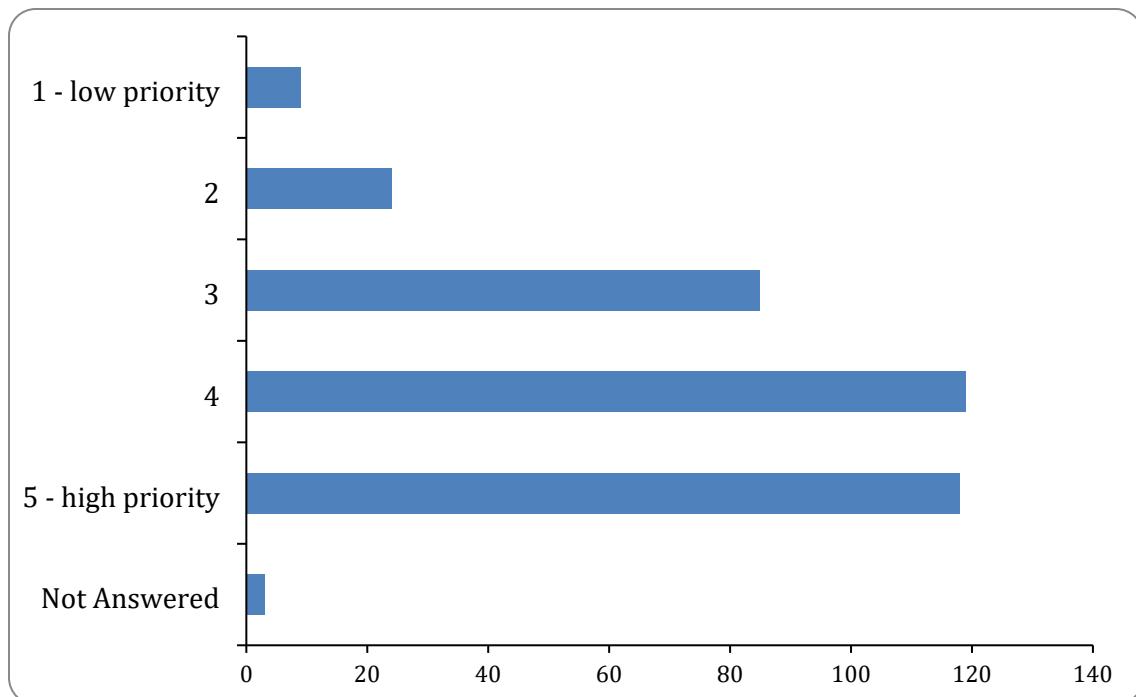
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1 - low priority	38	10.61%
2	57	15.92%
3	97	27.09%
4	90	25.14%
5 - high priority	69	19.27%
Not Answered	7	1.96%

priority - Keeping our city centre clean and tidy

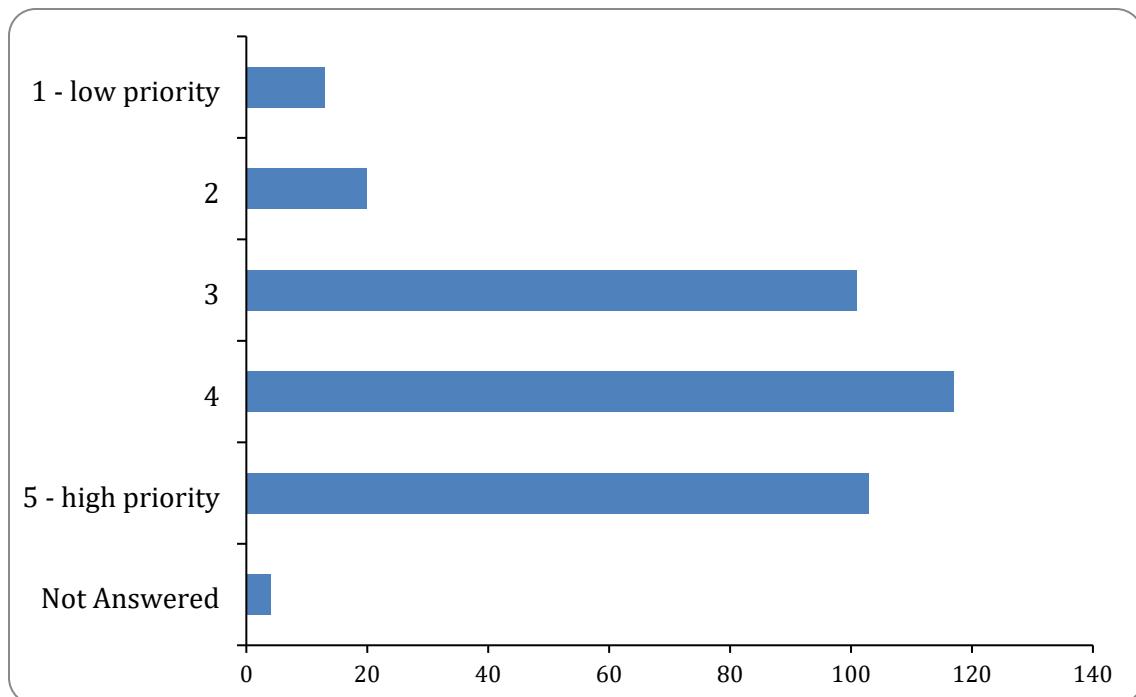
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	9	2.51%
2	24	6.70%
3	85	23.74%
4	119	33.24%
5 - high priority	118	32.96%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

priority - Maintaining and improving recycling

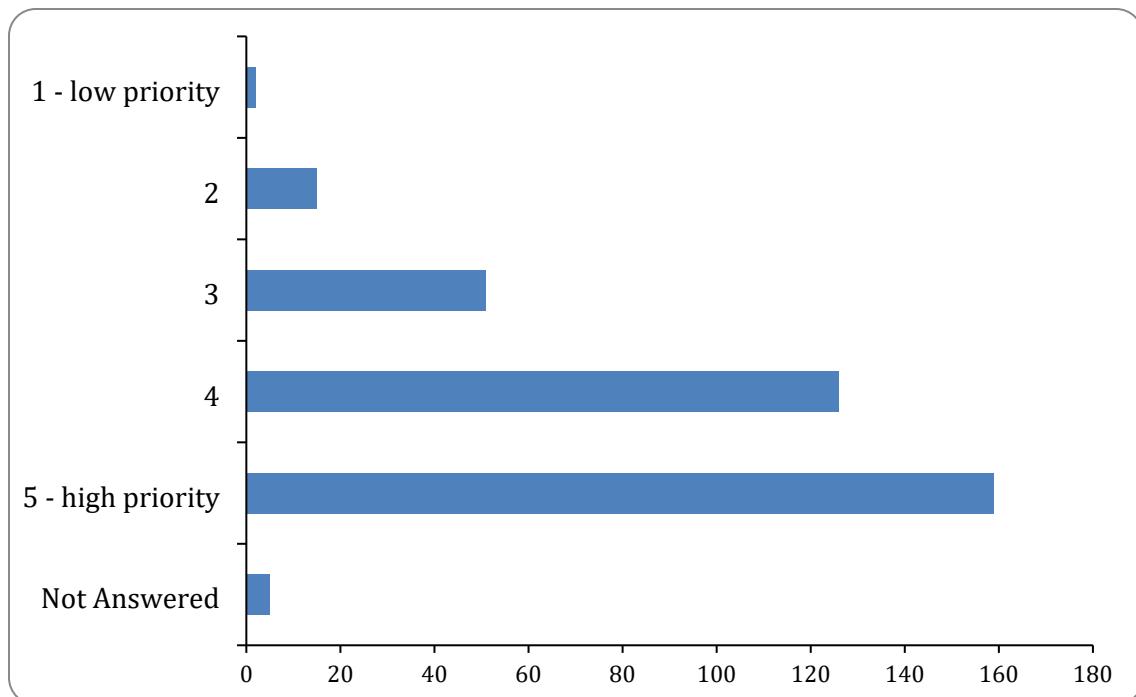
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1 - low priority	13	3.63%
2	20	5.59%
3	101	28.21%
4	117	32.68%
5 - high priority	103	28.77%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

priority - Maintaining parks and open spaces

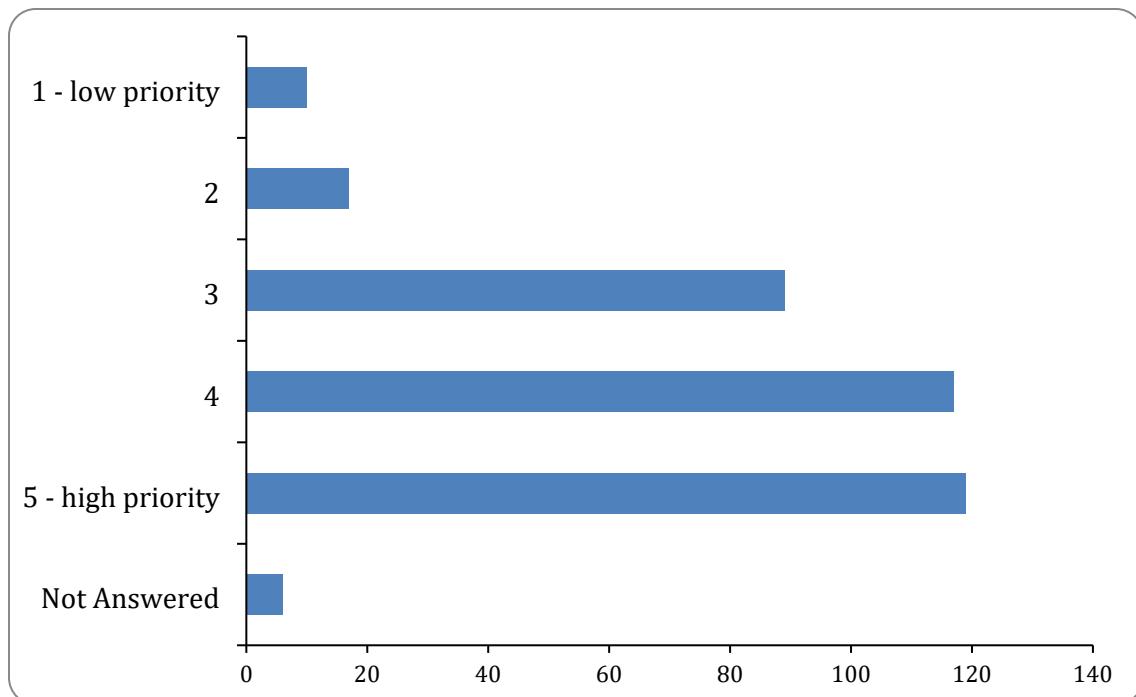
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	2	0.56%
2	15	4.19%
3	51	14.25%
4	126	35.20%
5 - high priority	159	44.41%
Not Answered	5	1.40%

priority - Providing leisure centres and keeping them affordable

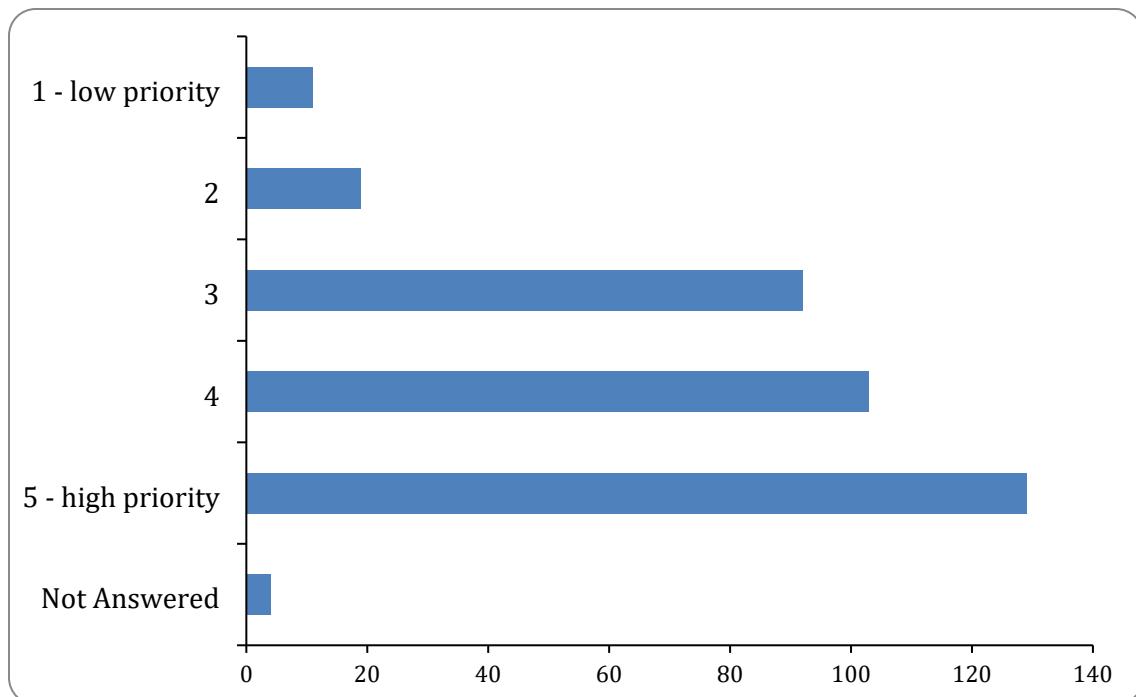
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1 - low priority	10	2.79%
2	17	4.75%
3	89	24.86%
4	117	32.68%
5 - high priority	119	33.24%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

priority - Providing services for young people

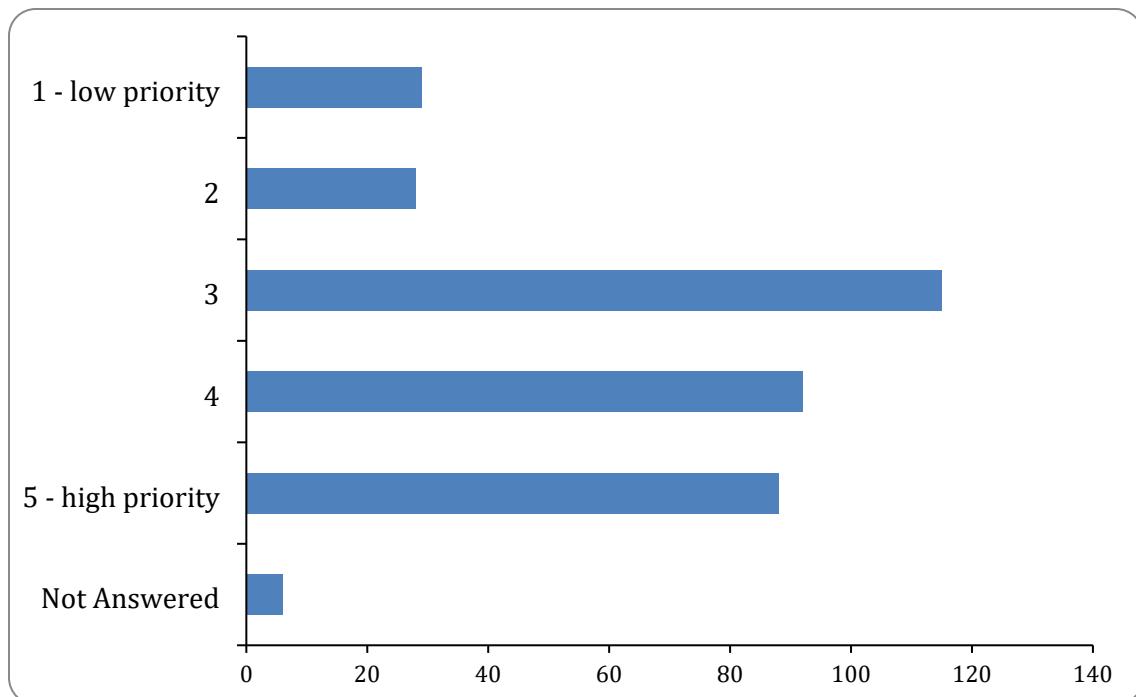
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1 - low priority	11	3.07%
2	19	5.31%
3	92	25.70%
4	103	28.77%
5 - high priority	129	36.03%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

priority - Helping with council tax for those on low income

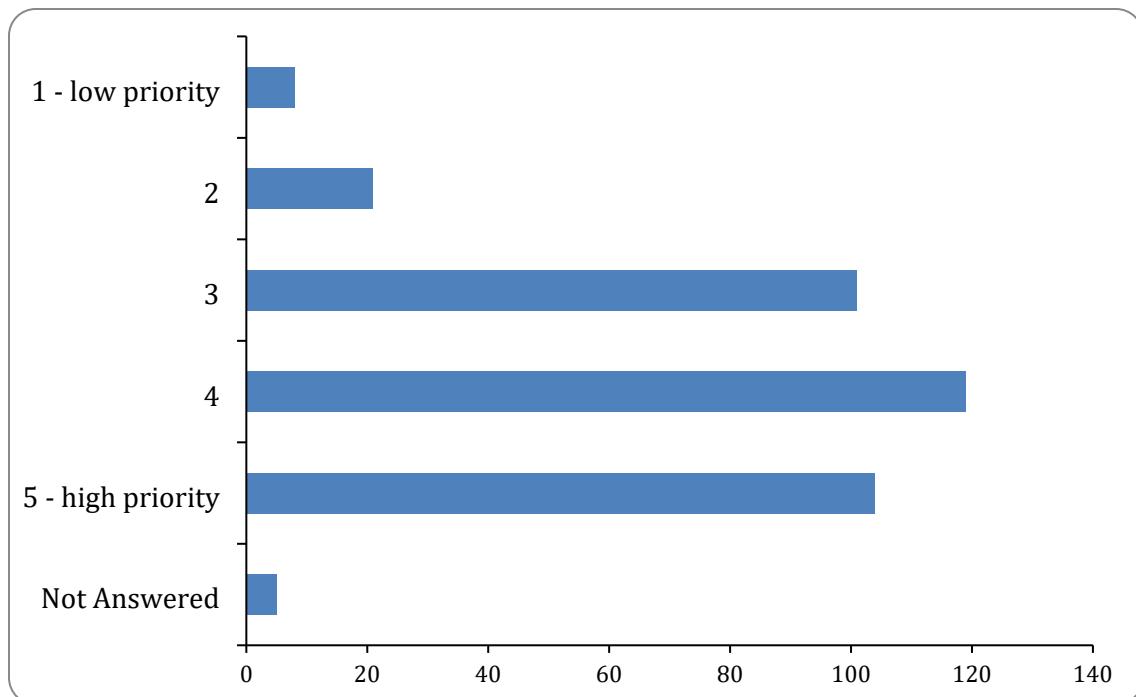
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1 - low priority	29	8.10%
2	28	7.82%
3	115	32.12%
4	92	25.70%
5 - high priority	88	24.58%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

priority - Supporting community safety

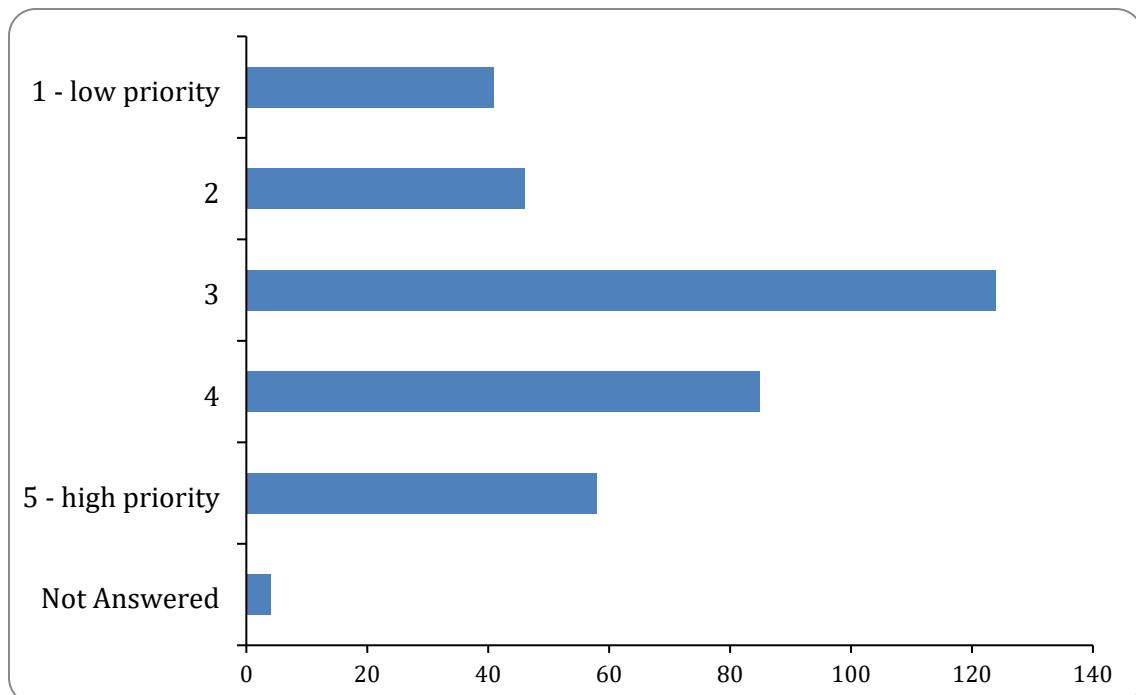
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - low priority	8	2.23%
2	21	5.87%
3	101	28.21%
4	119	33.24%
5 - high priority	104	29.05%
Not Answered	5	1.40%

priority - Providing grants to voluntary and community groups

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1 - low priority	41	11.45%
2	46	12.85%
3	124	34.64%
4	85	23.74%
5 - high priority	58	16.20%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

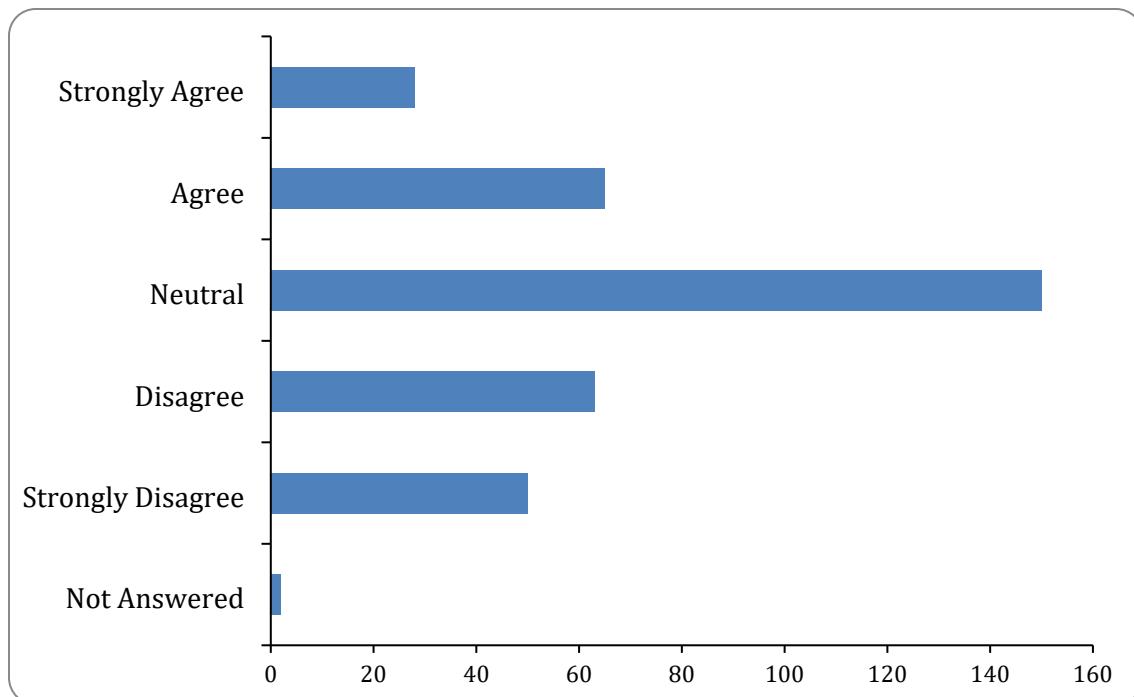
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To what extent you agree or disagree with these schemes?

Capital investment - Blackbird Leys Cricket nets - £30k

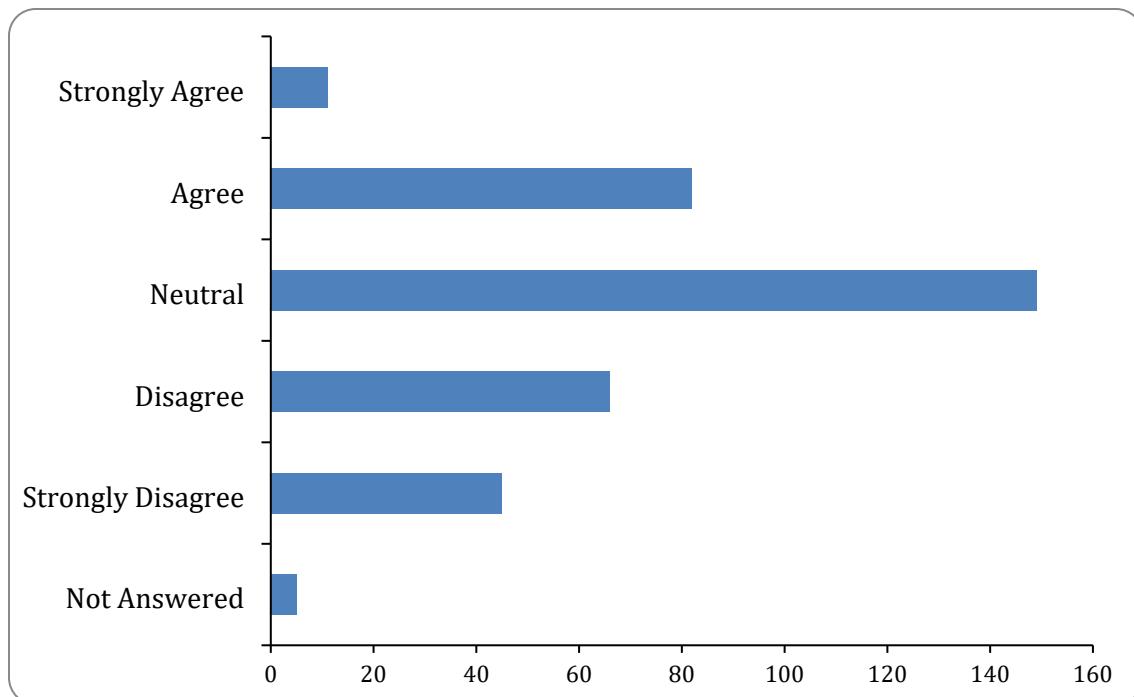
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Strongly Agree	28	7.82%
Agree	65	18.16%
Neutral	150	41.90%
Disagree	63	17.60%
Strongly Disagree	50	13.97%
Not Answered	2	0.56%

Capital investment - Replace outdoor gym equipment - £36k

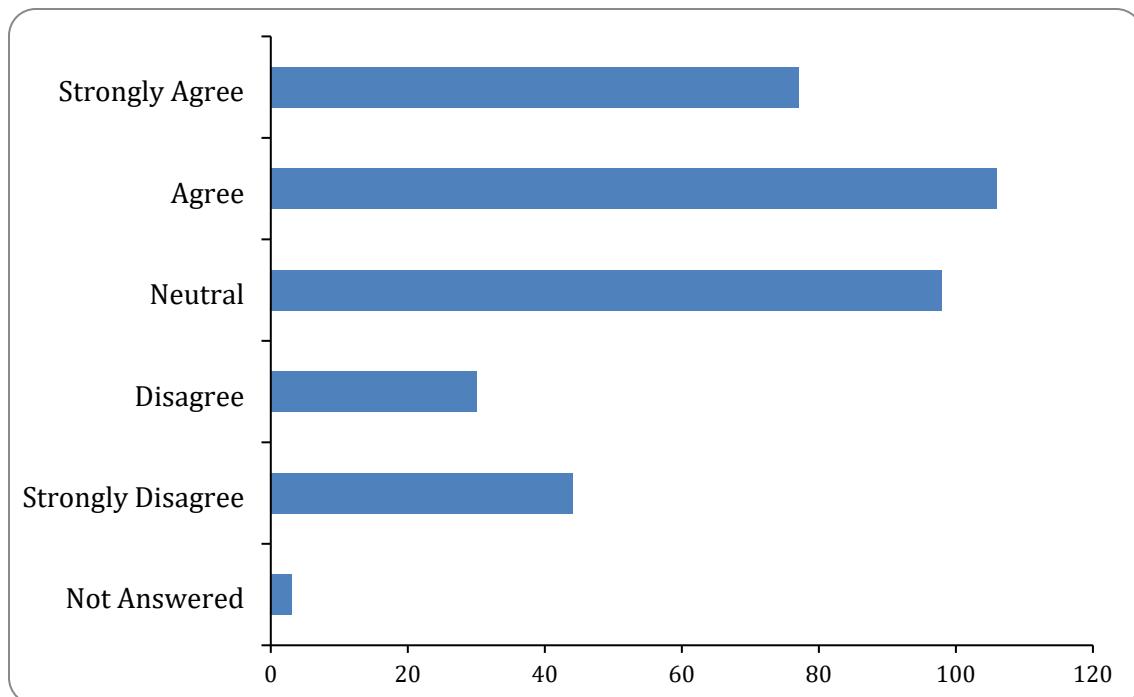
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Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	11	3.07%
Agree	82	22.91%
Neutral	149	41.62%
Disagree	66	18.44%
Strongly Disagree	45	12.57%
Not Answered	5	1.40%

Capital investment - Acquisition of 150 units for temporary accommodation use (£32 million)

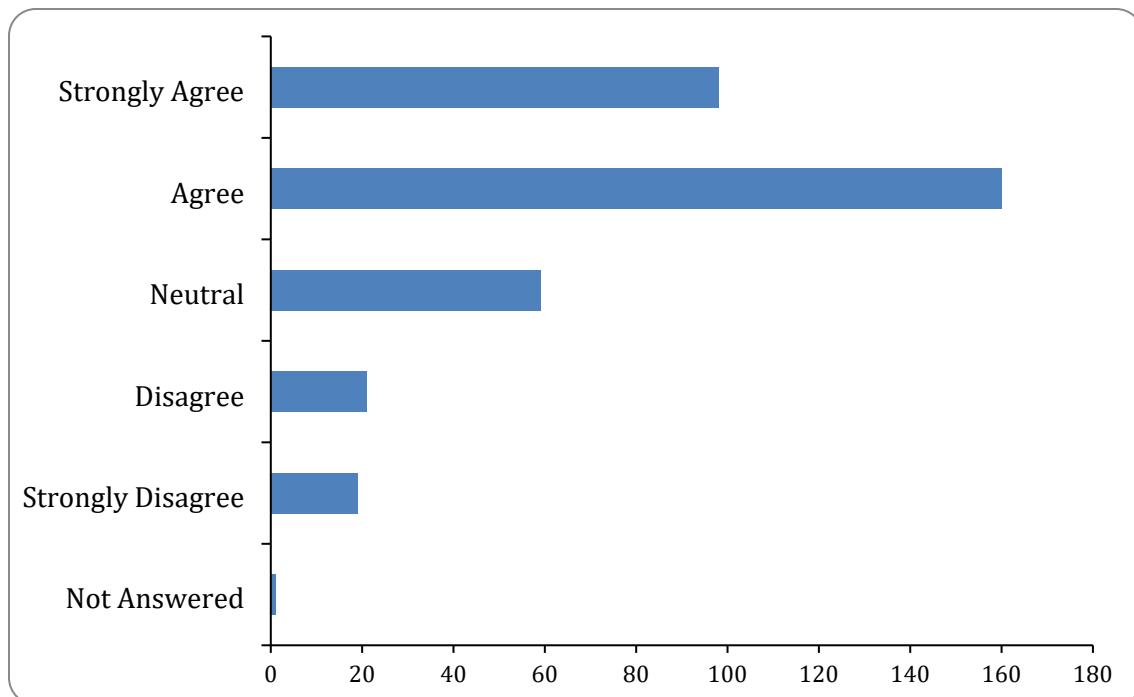
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Strongly Agree	77	21.51%
Agree	106	29.61%
Neutral	98	27.37%
Disagree	30	8.38%
Strongly Disagree	44	12.29%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

Capital investment - Planned maintenance to our council housing stock (£147 million)

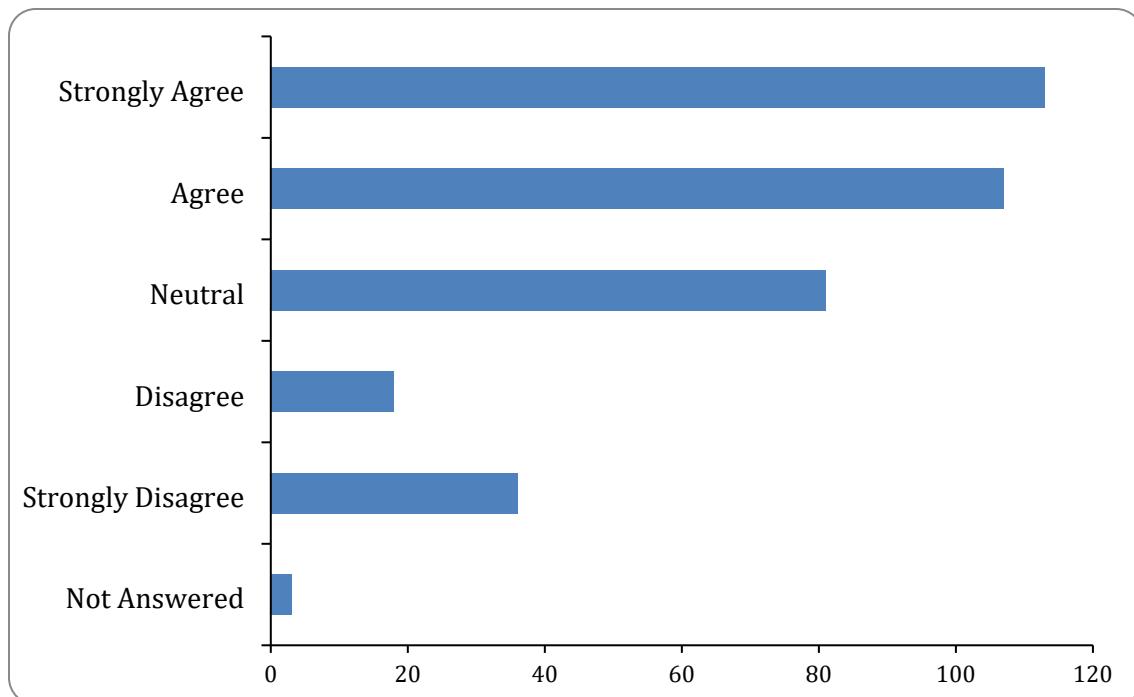
There were 357 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	98	27.37%
Agree	160	44.69%
Neutral	59	16.48%
Disagree	21	5.87%
Strongly Disagree	19	5.31%
Not Answered	1	0.28%

Capital investment - New affordable housing (£389 million)

There were 355 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Strongly Agree	113	31.56%
Agree	107	29.89%
Neutral	81	22.63%
Disagree	18	5.03%
Strongly Disagree	36	10.06%
Not Answered	3	0.84%

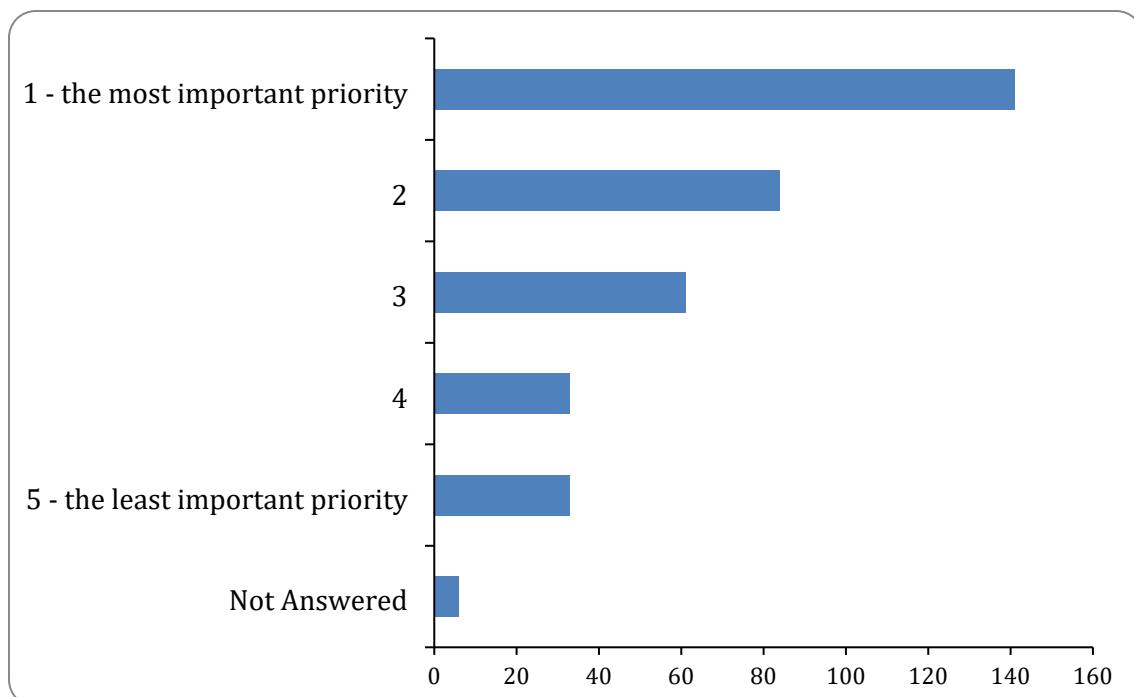
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There were 90 responses to this part of the question.

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

housing priority - Building and acquiring new council homes

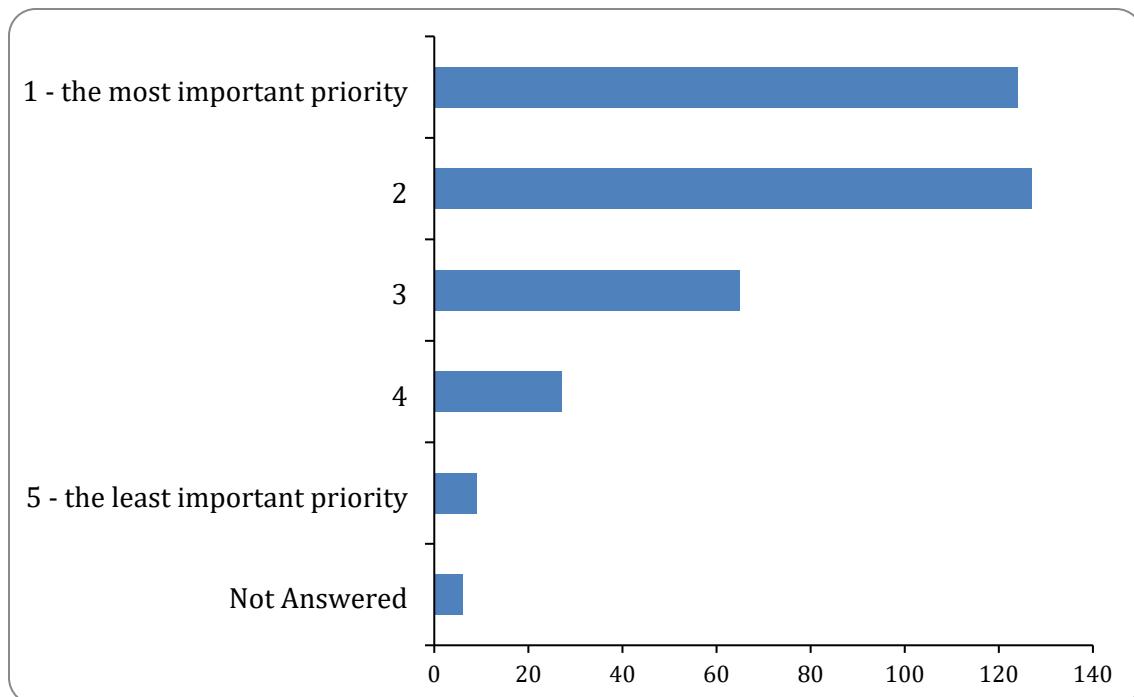
There were 352 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1 - the most important priority	141	39.39%
2	84	23.46%
3	61	17.04%
4	33	9.22%
5 - the least important priority	33	9.22%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

housing priority - Maintaining the quality of existing council homes

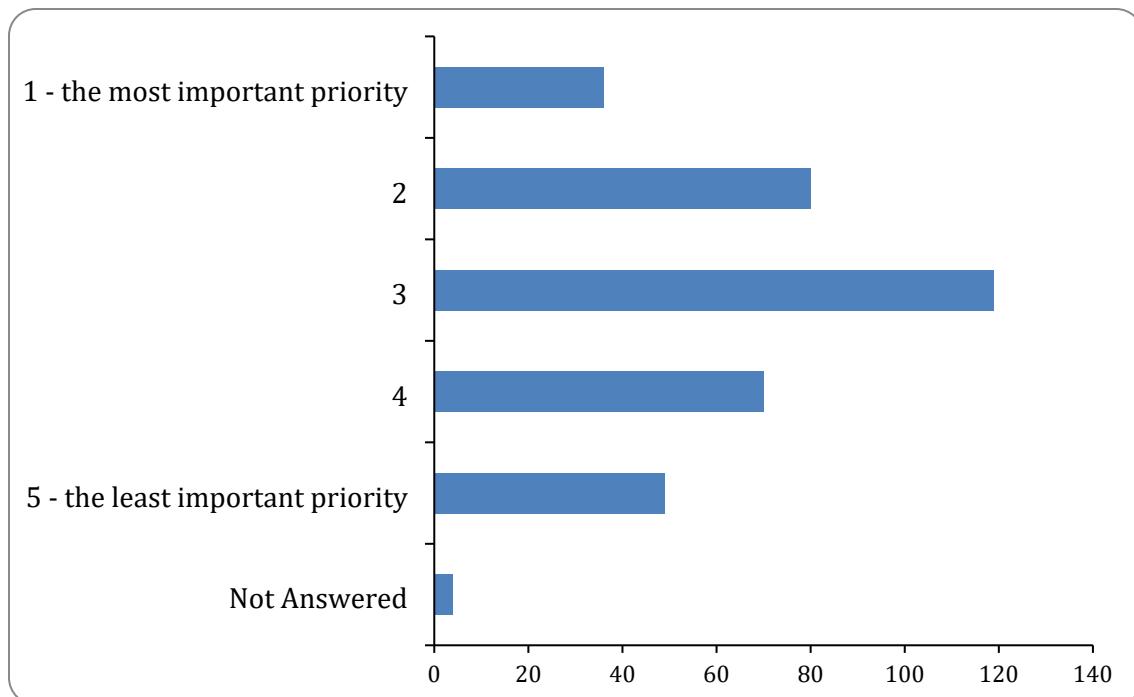
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - the most important priority	124	34.64%
2	127	35.47%
3	65	18.16%
4	27	7.54%
5 - the least important priority	9	2.51%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

housing priority - Investing to improve the look and feel of our council estates

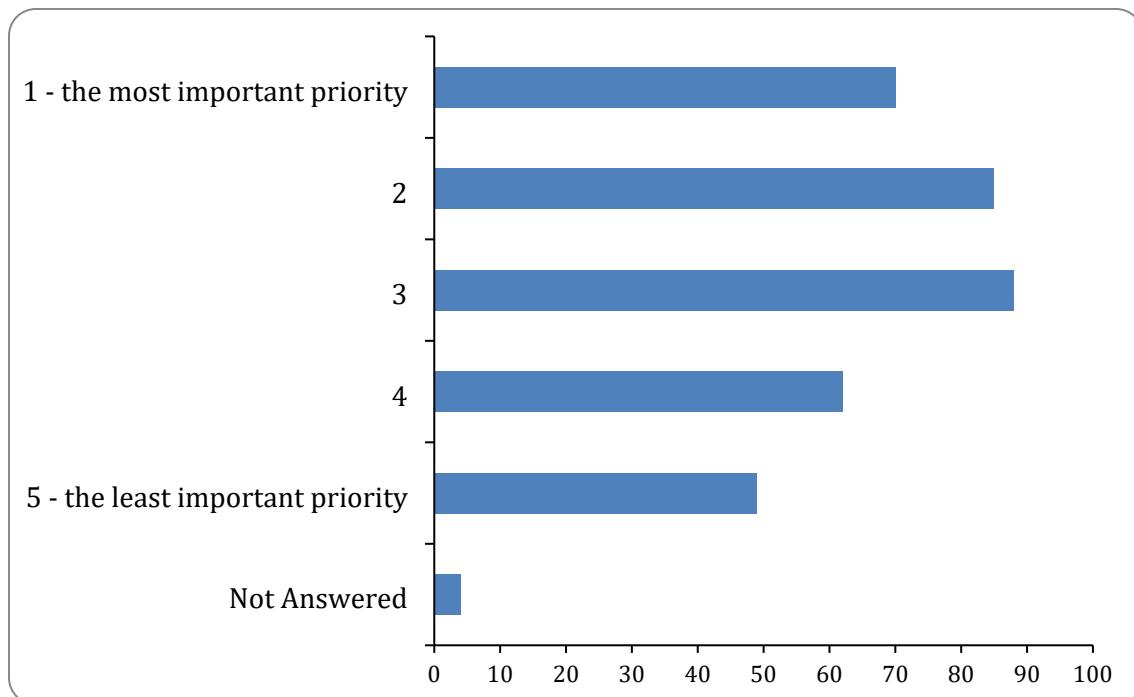
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Option	Total	Percent
1 - the most important priority	36	10.06%
2	80	22.35%
3	119	33.24%
4	70	19.55%
5 - the least important priority	49	13.69%
Not Answered	4	1.12%

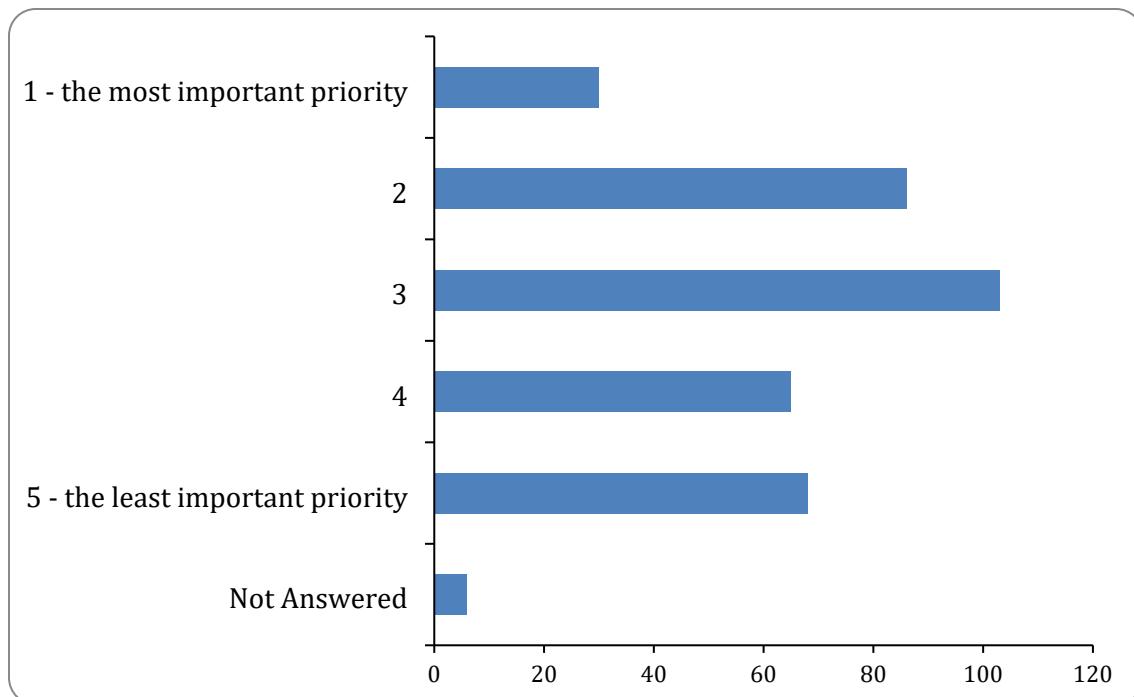
housing priority - Improving energy efficiency of existing council homes and progressing to zero carbon

There were 354 responses to this part of the question.



housing priority - Targeted estate regeneration

There were 352 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
1 - the most important priority	30	8.38%
2	86	24.02%
3	103	28.77%
4	65	18.16%
5 - the least important priority	68	18.99%
Not Answered	6	1.68%

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There were 57 responses to this part of the question.

Are there any other comments that you would like to make on Oxford City Council's draft Medium Term Financial Strategy 2027-30 and Consultation Budget 2026 -27?

further comments

There were 100 responses to this part of the question.