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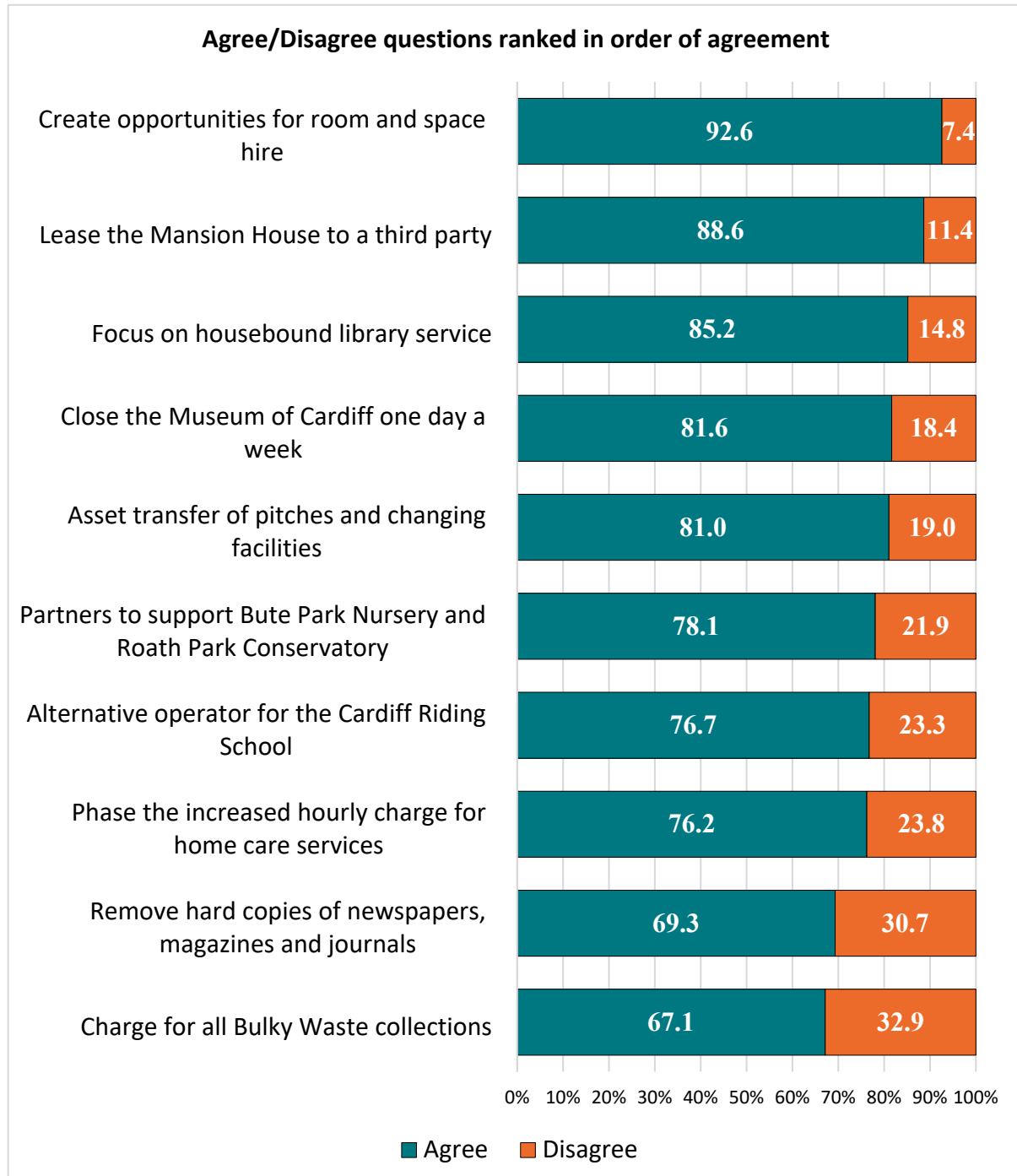
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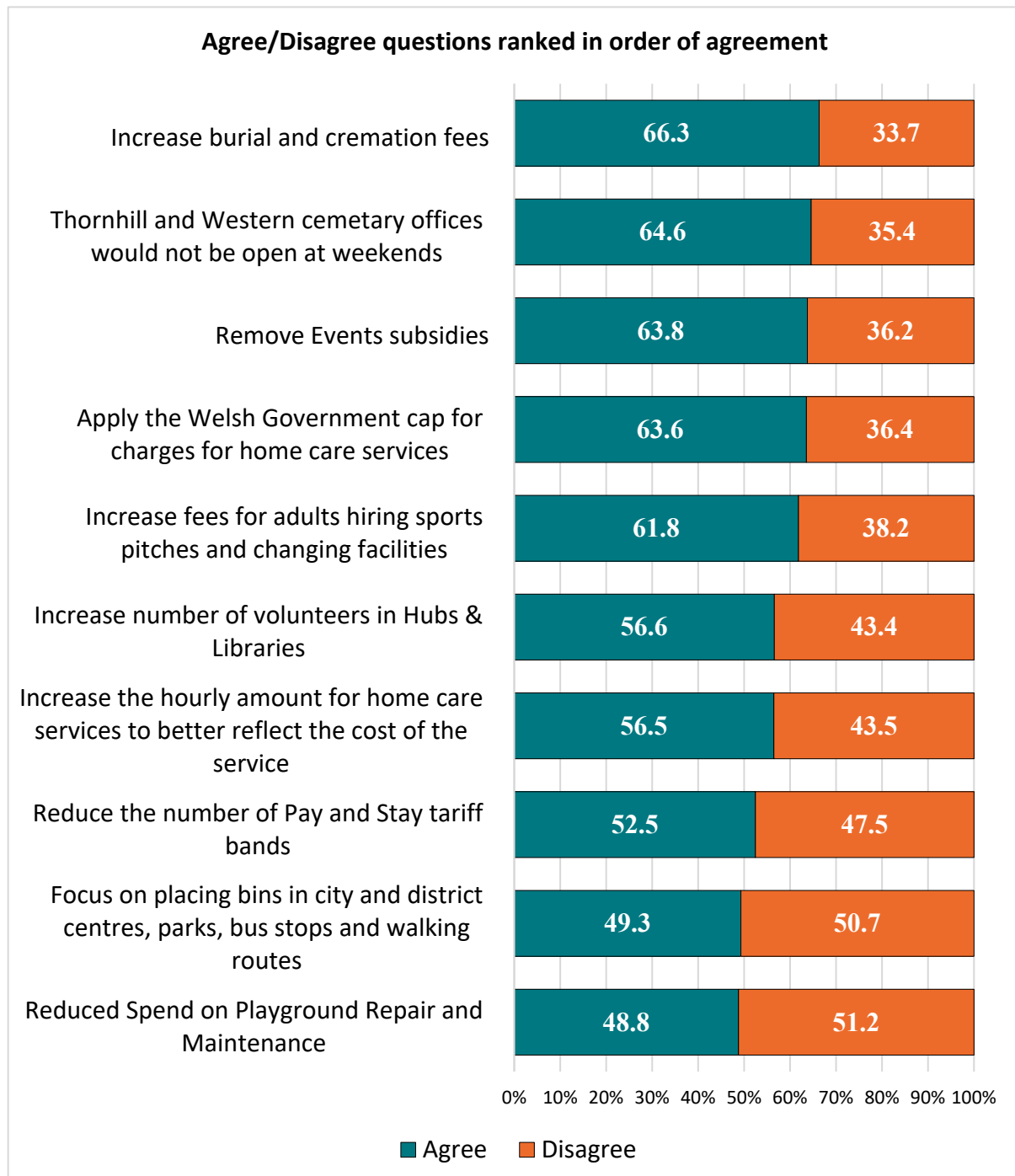
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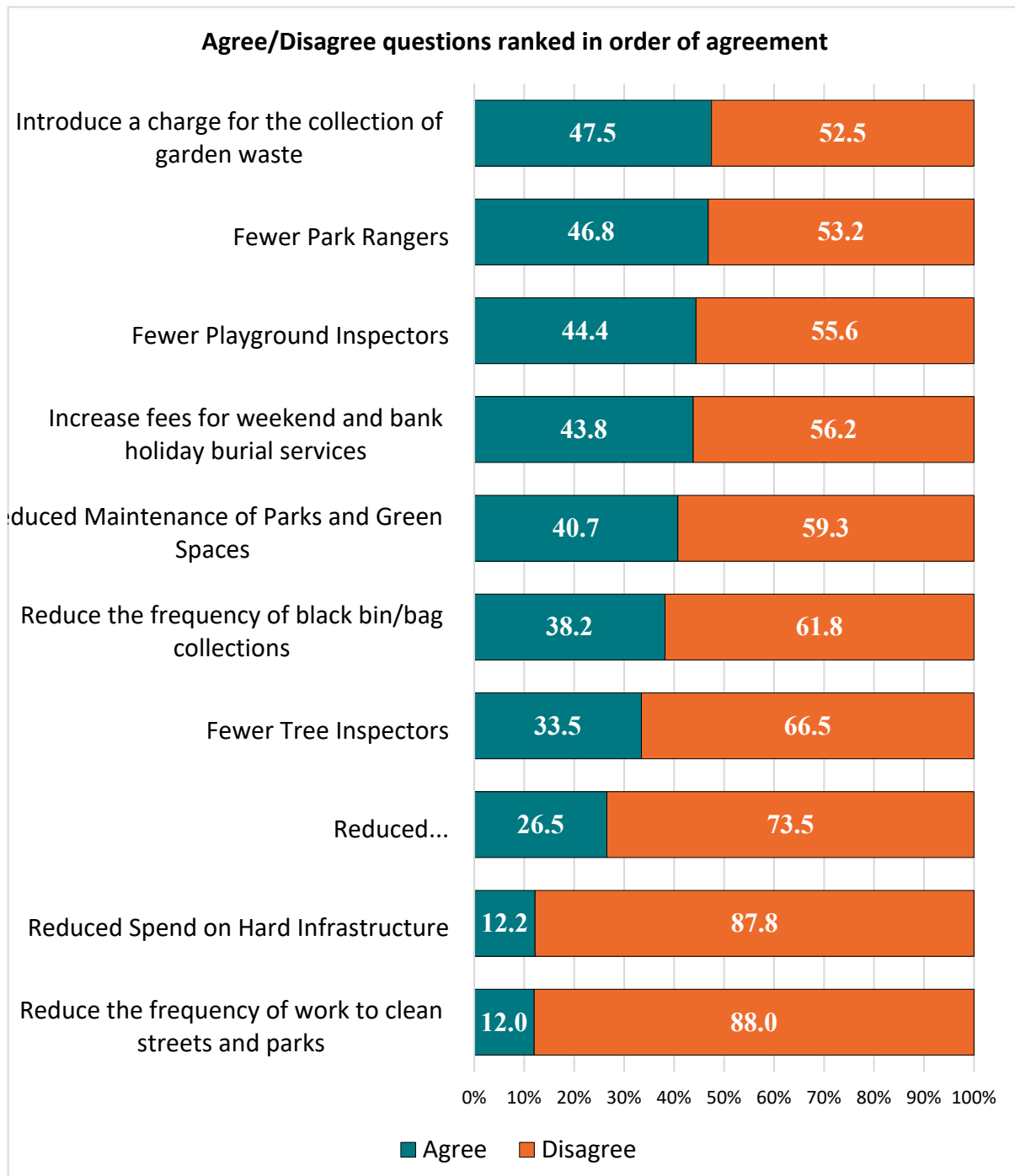
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Executive Summary

Agree/Disagree questions ranked in order of agreement (excluding 'Don't know responses):







Other Response options:

Options for Hubs & Libraries –

Option 1: Close selected branches on additional day	26.8%
Option 2: Core opening hours for selected branches	37.9%
Option 3: Close selected branches on Saturdays	2.8%
Option 4: Close selected branches on Saturday afternoons	3.8%
Option 5: No changes	28.7%

Local Action Teams

Option 1 - Remove the service	16.1%
Option 2 - Reduce the service, prioritising areas by need	51.8%
Option 3 - Keep the service as it is	32.1%

Bowling Clubs – Increase charges:

	Maintenance of Greens	Use of Park Pavilions
Up to £1,000	45.4%	47.8%
£1,001 - £2,000	15.3%	12.2%
More than £2,000	18.0%	15.5%
No increase in charge	21.3%	24.5%

Adults hiring sports pitches and changing facilities

10% increase in fees	47.6%
20% increase in fees	14.2%
30% increase in fees	9.0%
No increase in fees, find the savings elsewhere	29.1%

Increase fees for weekend and bank holiday burial services:

Increasing the fees by 10% to £341	23.5%
Increasing the fees by 20% to £372	13.9%
Increasing the fees by 30% to £403	17.1%
Increase the fees to £735 and remove all subsidy	30.8%
No increase in the cost of Burial Services on Weekends and Bank Holidays	14.7%

Increase the charge for school meals:

	Secondary	Primary – Years 5 & 6
Increasing the cost by 10p	25.6%	24.8%
Increasing the cost by 20p	13.2%	15.2%
Increasing the cost by 30p	28.3%	20.0%
No increase in the cost of school meals	33.0%	40.0%

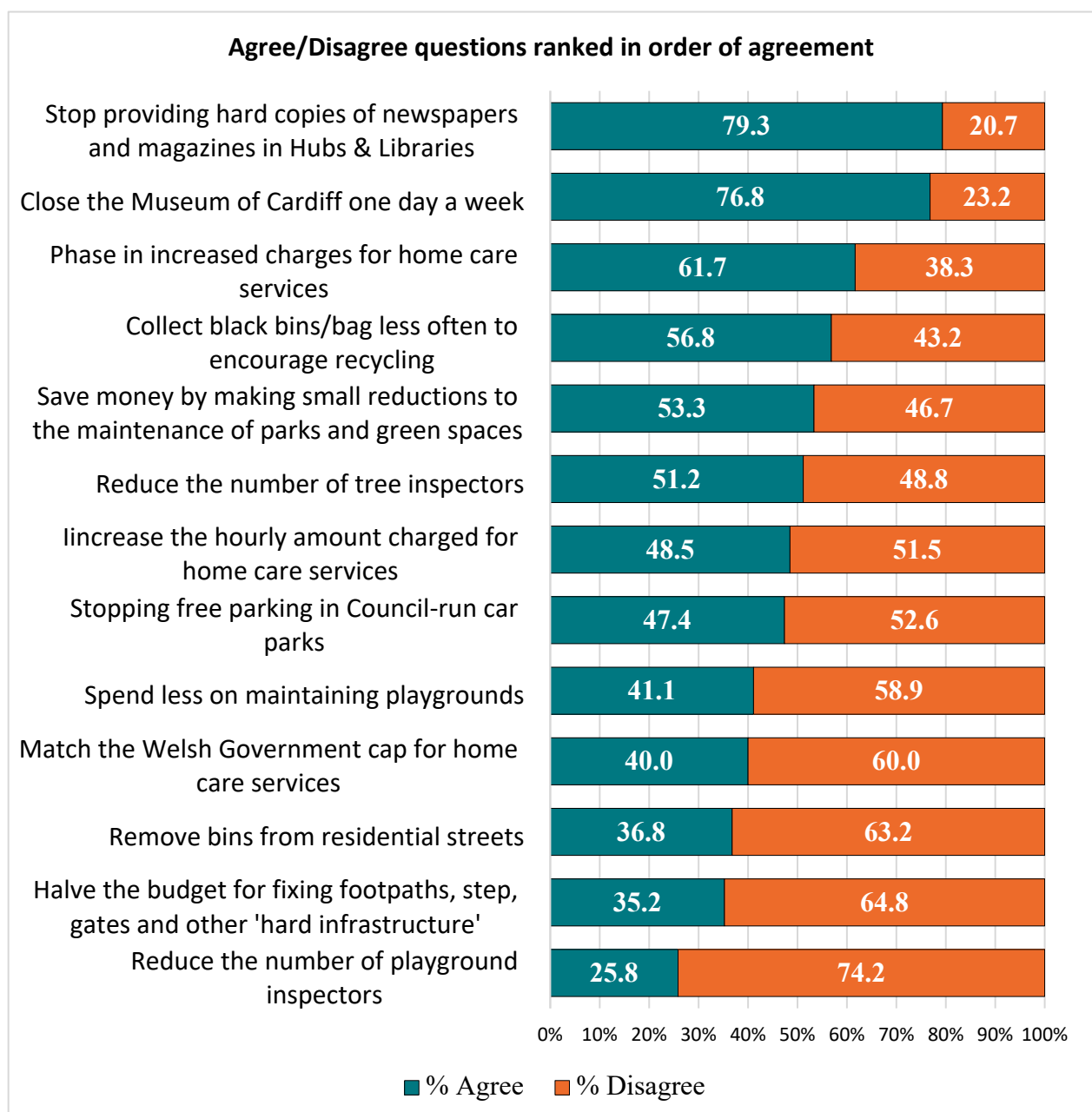
Level of Increase for Council Tax

Increasing Council Tax a greater amount than currently planned to help protect some services	33.9%
Keeping any Council Tax increase as low as possible, even though this will mean more services will be reduced or stopped.	58.2%
Don't know	7.9%

Prioritise School Budgets?

Yes, continue to prioritise school budgets	67.7%
No, schools should make a bigger contribution to bridging the funding gap	22.1%
Don't know	10.2%

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:



Other Response options:

Options for Hubs & Libraries –

Option 1: Close selected branches on additional day	50.5%
Option 2: Core opening hours for selected branches	36.4%
Option 3: Close selected branches on Saturdays	3.0%
Option 4: Close selected branches on Saturday afternoons	3.0%
Option 5: No changes	7.1%

Local Action Teams

Option 1 - Remove the service	18.4%
Option 2 - Reduce the service, prioritising areas by need	51.7%
Option 3 - Keep the service as it is	29.9%

Increase the charge for school meals:

	Secondary	Primary – Years 5 & 6
Increasing the cost by 10p	20.0%	20.9%
Increasing the cost by 20p	11.8%	16.3%
Increasing the cost by 30p	15.3%	14.0%
No increase in the cost of school meals	52.9%	48.8%

Level of Increase for Council Tax

Increasing Council Tax a greater amount than currently planned to help protect some services	19.8%
Keeping any Council Tax increase as low as possible, even though this will mean more services will be reduced or stopped.	44.2%
Don't know	36.0%

Prioritise School Budgets?

Yes, continue to prioritise school budgets	54.7%
No, schools should make a bigger contribution to bridging the funding gap	11.6%
Don't know	34.9%

Background

Like local authorities up and down the country, Cardiff Council has had to deliver services after more than a decade of austerity. This has meant that we have had to make savings of over £230m since 2012.

Over recent years we have also had to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic, a cost-of-living and energy crisis and rising costs and inflation which have hit our communities, our most vulnerable people and families, and our public services hard.

More and more the people of Cardiff are looking to the Council and to our public service partners for support, be it for housing, for employment, for care for older relatives or for family support. And yet because of the economic conditions and UK government spending decisions we do not have the funding we need to respond.

We estimate that, because of a combination of rising costs and demand on services, just maintaining the services the city currently benefits from will cost over £57m extra next year.

And so, despite an increase in funding from Welsh Government of £27m, that still leaves us with a £30.3m gap which we must close through further efficiency savings, increasing Council Tax or charges for services, or, in some cases by reducing or cutting services altogether.

This budget consultation sets out the changes to our services that we are having to consider in order to balance the budget in 2024/25.

Why is the Council Facing a Budget Gap?

The Council is dealing with one of the hardest budget challenges it has ever faced. We estimate that the cost of delivering the same services next year has increased by around £57m.

- **The demand for social care is the biggest driver of the budget gap we are facing.** Services supporting the most vulnerable- such as children needing protection or older people needing care- were already facing huge pressures. These pressures have continued to increase with the cost of delivery having risen sharply across the country. This is at a time when demand is going up and the level of support needed is becoming more complicated.
- **As the cost-of-living crisis deepens, more and more people are turning to the Council for support.** This wider demand pressures facing all Council services are taking their toll.
 - The number of people accessing the Council's advice services has doubled since before the pandemic.
 - Waiting lists for temporary accommodation are at historically high levels, having increased by 150% over the last two years.
 - The number of rough sleepers has more than tripled since 2022/23.

- The work done by the Council's into-work advice team has increased by 75% between the same period in 2019/20.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of people seeking support to access Universal Credit.

With more people seeking to access Council services, the cost of delivery is going up.

- **Inflationary Pressures:** High inflation has meant that the costs of all goods and services are more expensive, meaning that everything we need to buy to deliver our services is costing us more.
- **Pay:** We believe public sector employees - who deliver vital services across the city - should be paid fairly. Higher pay awards are being agreed nationally, reflecting the rate of inflation, but this is putting pressure on our budgets.

Even though Cardiff Council is due to receive an increase in Welsh Government support of 4.3% for next year – roughly £27m - it is not enough to meet the additional costs the Council is now facing.

This gap between the cost of delivering services and the amount of money available is known as the 'budget gap.' For next year the Council is facing a 'budget gap' of £30.3m, which we have to close.

How we propose to close the Budget Gap

The budget gap will need to be closed through a combination of:

- **Efficiency Savings:** The Council is committed to protecting frontline services and is therefore looking to generate as much savings as possible through back-office efficiencies. This means driving down the running cost of our buildings, reducing the amount of office space we need, and using new technology where it can save us money. Closing the budget gap will also require the Council to look at a managed reduction in the number of staff employed, through voluntary severance. This can generate savings whilst keeping compulsory redundancies to a minimum.
- **Council Tax:** Council Tax accounts for only 26% of the Council's budget, with the remainder coming from the Welsh Government. Each increase of 1% in Council tax only generates around £1.7m, therefore any increase in Council Tax will not be enough to close the budget gap.
- **Use of Reserves:** The Council has to be very careful when using its financial reserves, there is only a limited amount available and once they're gone, they're gone. The majority of the Council's reserves are earmarked for specific purposes and are therefore already committed in support of delivering services, for example funding one-off community initiatives and supporting Homelessness Prevention Services. The Council does maintain a

level of General Balance totalling £14.2M to cover unforeseen costs and this equates to less than 2% of the Council's overall net budget.

- **Changes to service:** Taken together, our efficiency savings will make the biggest component of our savings. Unfortunately, they will not be enough to balance the books, and some changes or reductions to services may be necessary, alongside increased charges. That is why we want to know what the people of Cardiff think about some of the potential changes that we could make to save money.

Methodology

Consultation on the Council's budget proposals for 2024/25 was undertaken by the Cardiff Research & Engagement Centre. The consultation ran from 8th January to 4th February 2024, following the budget announcement from the Welsh Government on 20th December 2023.

The survey was available online and in hard copy, in English, Welsh, Arabic, Polish and Bangla.

The Cardiff Research Centre worked closely with partnership organisations to ensure as representative a response as possible. In a bid to ensure the survey was promoted as widely as possible, the survey was promoted via:

a) Email

- Organisations known to work with less frequently heard groups (see [Appendix 40](#))
- Cardiff's Citizen's Panel
- Ward members in areas known to traditionally have a low response rate.

b) Internet/intranet

The survey was hosted on the Council website, at www.cardiff.gov.uk/budget, with the scrolls on the homepage and pop-ups promoting the consultation appearing on busy pages of the website. It was also promoted to Council employees via DigiGov, Intranet and Staff Information.

An accessible version of the survey (for use with screen readers) was made available alongside the main survey.

Amongst users who had enabled cookies to allow analytics to be recorded, the webpage received 7,440 views in total across both the English and Welsh versions, with 4,429 accessing the page from the scrolling bar on the homepage of the website.

c) Social media

The survey was promoted on the Council's corporate Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram by the Corporate Communications Team throughout the consultation period (to a combined audience of around 185,000 followers) - 54 posts were published across X (formerly Twitter), Facebook and Instagram and they generated 67,371 impressions (views) and generated 1,358 clicks. As well as general call outs for residents to complete the survey, these posts also included a selection of content highlighting the need for responses from under-represented groups. These posts were also shared in a range of relevant community run Facebook groups focussed on different topics such as groups covering different geographic

areas of the city, groups focusing on parenting/what's on for families, and groups formed around different ethnic backgrounds.

Targeted promotion was facilitated via stakeholder's social media accounts and Facebook and Instagram 'boosts' of paid advertising aimed at those less frequently heard i.e. under 25's, Minority Ethnic groups and those living in the 'Southern Arc'* of the city, as well as city-wide posts for residents of Cardiff. Eight adverts were published, running throughout the survey window, which were viewed 208,127 times, with 2,703 clicks through to the Budget Consultation page.

d) Hard copies

A total of 5,100 hard copies of the survey were made available in Hubs, libraries and community buildings across the city from Monday 8th January; they were also provided to Members Services, for all councillors to distribute.

Partner organisations were invited to request hard copies for distribution.

Demand for the hard copies was high, with Hubs requesting additional copies within the first week of the survey window, so an additional print run of 4,900 was ordered. This also gave the opportunity to correct a discrepancy that had been identified with one question on the hard copy compared with the online version of the survey. As the second run of surveys were distributed, any remaining copies of the earlier version of the questionnaire were removed from circulation.

e) Youth Survey

The Child Friendly Cardiff team created a modified version of the survey using less formal language, and distributed this to Schools Admin and Headteachers newsletters for completion online between 11th January and 4th February 2024.

f) Face to face interviews

An assessment of results received was made on a weekly basis to understand the profile of respondents. Officers went out to areas with the lowest levels of response to gather views of residents about the budget proposals, particularly those belonging to under-represented groups. Members representing wards with a low response rate were advised, and asked to support promotion of the consultation.

* See [Appendix 39](#) for map of 'Southern Arc'

Areas identified were Adamsdown, Butetown, Caerau, Cathays, Ely, Fairwater, Gabalfa, Grangetown, Llanrumney, Pentwyn, Plasnewydd, Riverside, Rumney, Splott and Trowbridge; interviews were also conducted in Central Library, capturing respondents for across the city.

Face-to-face engagement was undertaken across the city, either to promote and distribute the survey, to support completion of the survey, or to understand barriers to participation, and gather views on priorities as to which services should be protected, or where savings could be made.

Response

After data cleansing to remove blank and duplicated responses, a total of 9,001 responses were received for the main survey, with a total of 103 responses to the Youth survey.

A total of 1,932 face-to-face contacts were made, targeting people who were typically from seldom-heard groups (younger people, over 75s, minority ethnicities, people living in more deprived areas of the city).

Additional feedback to the consultation from a range of organisations and residents is provided in [Appendix 41](#).

Confidence in the data

Three factors determine the size of a confidence interval for a given confidence level – sample size, percentage and population.

Sample Size

The larger the sample, the more sure you can be that the answers truly reflect the population. This indicates that for a given confidence level, the larger the sample size, the smaller your confidence interval. However, the relationship is not linear (i.e., doubling the sample size does not halve the confidence interval).

Percentage

Accuracy also depends on the percentage of the sample that picks a particular answer. If 99% of the sample agree with a proposal and 1% disagree, the chances of error are remote, irrespective of sample size. However, if the percentages are 51% and 49% the chances of error are much greater. It is easier to be sure of extreme answers than of middle-of-the-road ones.

Population Size

The population size is the number of people the sample responding to the survey represents, in this case, the residents of Cardiff as a whole.

The mathematics of probability proves the size of the population is irrelevant, unless the size of the sample exceeds a few percent of the total population you are examining. This means that a sample of 500 people is equally useful in examining the opinions of a country of 15,000,000 as it would a city of 362,400. For this reason, the sample calculators ignore the population size when it is “large” or unknown. Population size is only likely to be a factor when working with a relatively small and known group of people (such as users of a specific service rather than the general public).

The minimum number required for a robust sample of a wider, large population is 385.

Confidence Level

Confidence Levels tell you how certain you can be in your data. It is expressed as a percentage and represents how often the true percentage of the population who would pick an answer that lies within the confidence interval. The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain – if the question were to be asked 100 times of a similar population, you could expect to receive the same answer 95 times out of the 100 samples.

Confidence Intervals

Confidence intervals are shown as a plus or minus figure ($\pm$). If, for example, you have a confidence interval of 4, and 47% picked an answer (e.g. 47% agree with a proposal in the survey), you could be confident that between 43% (47% minus 4) and 51% (47% plus 4) of the population would have picked that answer were the survey to be repeated.

The smaller the confidence interval, the more confident you can be that the data is robust.

The overall results for questions in this survey are extremely robust – we have confidence

that, were the survey to be repeated, the results would be similar. The sample size means that this confidence also applies to analysis of sub-groups, such as demographic and geographic characteristics, even though the proportion of responses for some of these groups does not reflect that of the city as a whole. Confidence intervals for each of these groups, at the 95% confidence level, are shown below. The sample size for the Child Friendly Cardiff version of the survey is smaller, and therefore it is likely that, were the survey to be repeated with this group, there could be a wider variance in responses than for the main survey. This is shown by the larger confidence intervals, shown for each question in this report.

Demographic Groups	Base	Confidence interval
Overall response	9,001	± 0.7
Under 35	1,038	± 3.0
55+	2,769	± 1.9
Female	3,291	± 1.7
Male	2,845	± 1.8
Minority Ethnicity	426	± 4.7
Identify as disabled	742	± 3.6
Welsh speaker	773	± 3.5
Children in household	1,983	± 2.2
LGBTQ+	577	± 4.1
CFC Survey	103	± 9.7

Deprivation Fifth	Base	Confidence interval
Most Deprived	626	± 3.9
Next Most Deprived	930	± 3.2
Middle	1,045	± 3.0
Next Least Deprived	1,450	± 2.6
Least Deprived	1,766	± 2.3

Research Findings

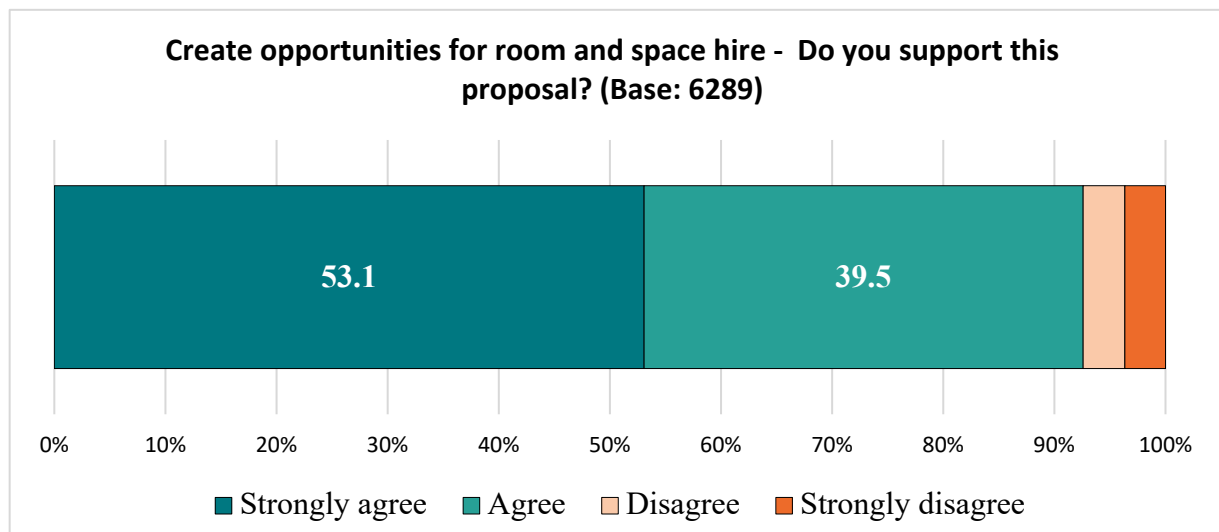
Hubs & Libraries

A number of Council venues, including Hubs and the Llanover Hall Arts Centre, have spaces that could be made available for community and local business use. The Council is proposing to review the spaces available to create opportunities for room and space hire. This will help to create additional income.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,289 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 69.9%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 0.7 for % agreeing with this proposal.

Overall, 92.6% of respondents agreed with the proposal to create opportunities for room and space hire in Hubs and other Council venues, with over half (53.1%) 'strongly agreeing'. Just 7.4% disagreed with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

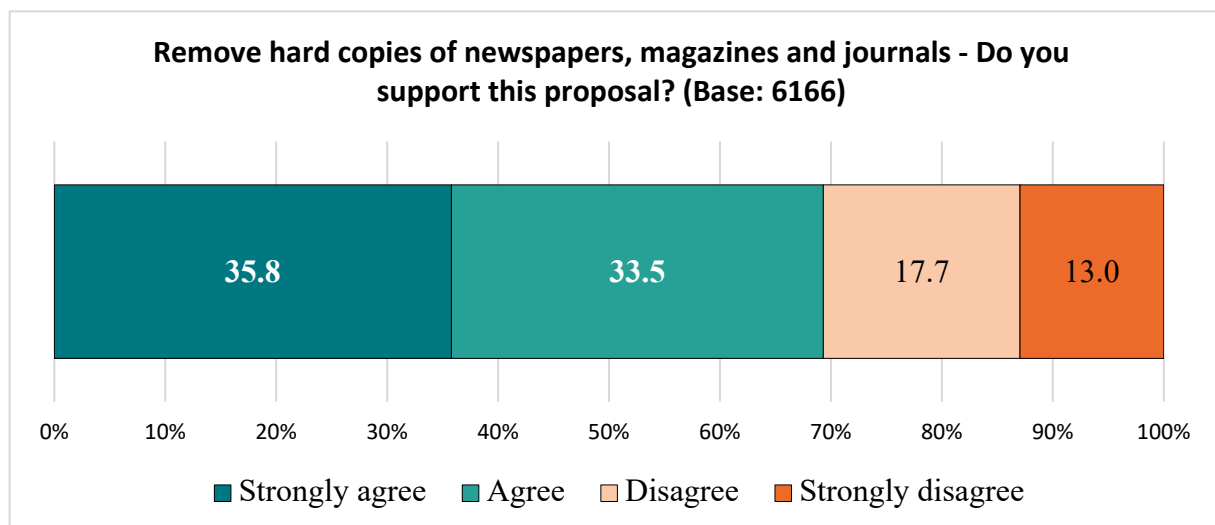
Results were consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 1](#)).

Hubs and Libraries in Cardiff currently provide copies of newspapers, magazines and journals. The library service offers a press reader, which allows people to access these newspapers and magazines electronically, using their tablet, mobile or the PCs in the Hubs and libraries. Stopping the provision of the hard copies would save £35,000 per year, whilst still allowing access electronically.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,166 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 68.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.5 for % agreeing with this proposal.

A total of 69.3% of all respondents agreed with the removal of hard copies of newspapers, magazines and journals from Hubs & Libraries, contrasting with 30.7% who disagreed.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Again, the results were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 2](#)).

Eighty-five respondents commented on newspapers/magazines or digital exclusion in the open comments question at the end of the section, with details shown in [Appendix 4](#).

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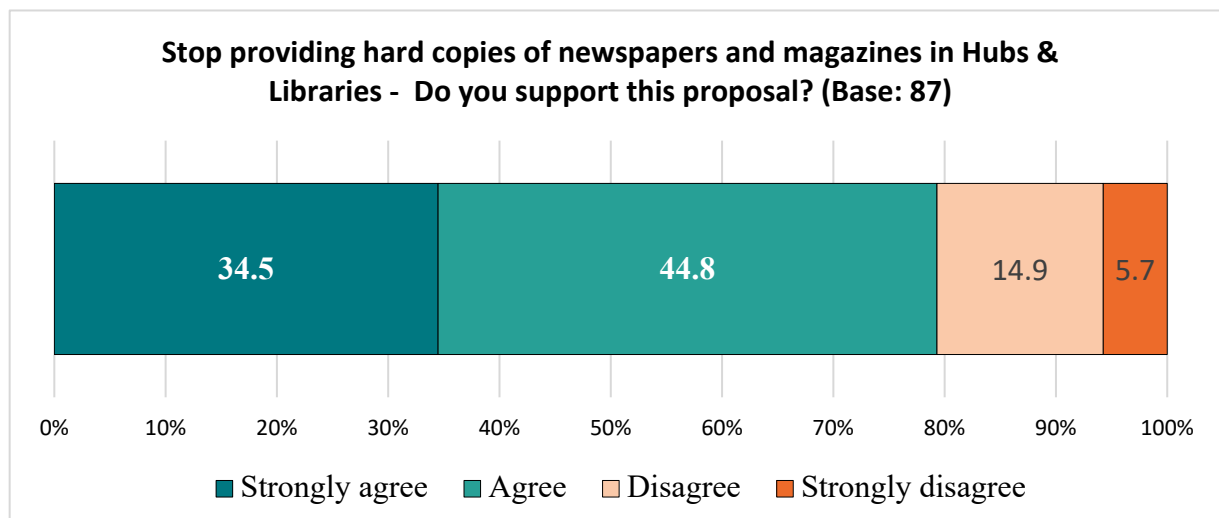
Hubs and Libraries in Cardiff currently provide hard copies of newspapers, magazines and journals.

They can also be accessed electronically, using a tablet, mobile or the PCs in the Hubs and libraries. If we stop providing the hard copies would save £35,000 over the next financial year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 87 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 84.4%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 8.6 for % agreeing with this proposal.

A total of 79.3% of young people taking part in the survey agreed with the proposal to stop providing hard copied of newspapers and magazines, and replace these with digital copies. Around one in five (20.7%) disagreed with this.



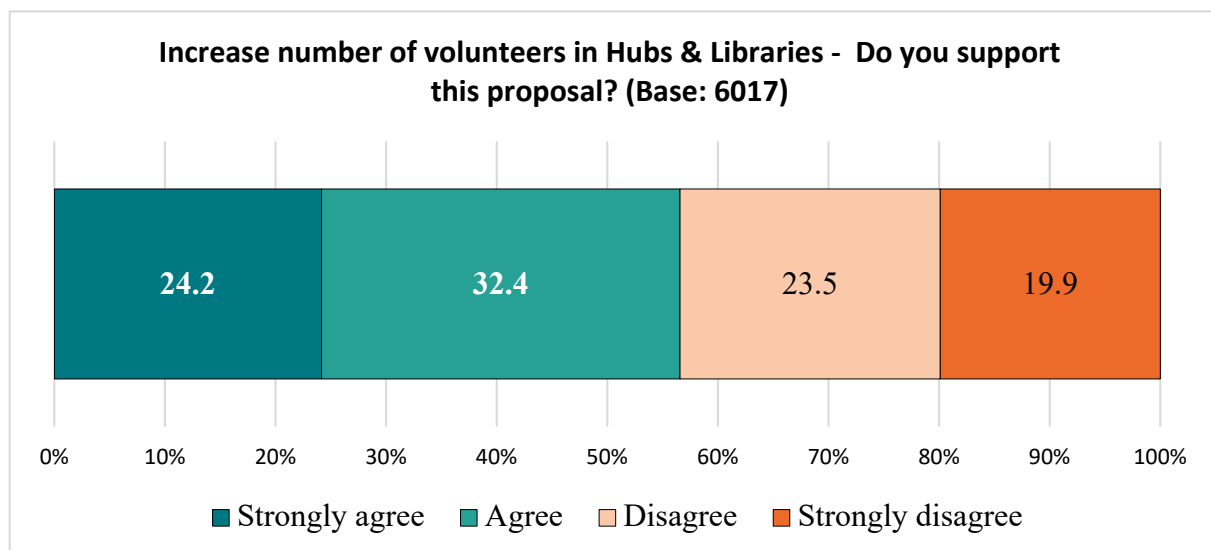
Excludes 'Don't know' responses

The Council is considering changes to Hubs and Libraries to help save money. Over 60 volunteers already support our Hubs and Libraries, and we are considering using more volunteers to assist in the Hubs and Libraries. Savings of £84,000 could be made by using more volunteers.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,017 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 66.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.6 for % agreeing with this proposal.

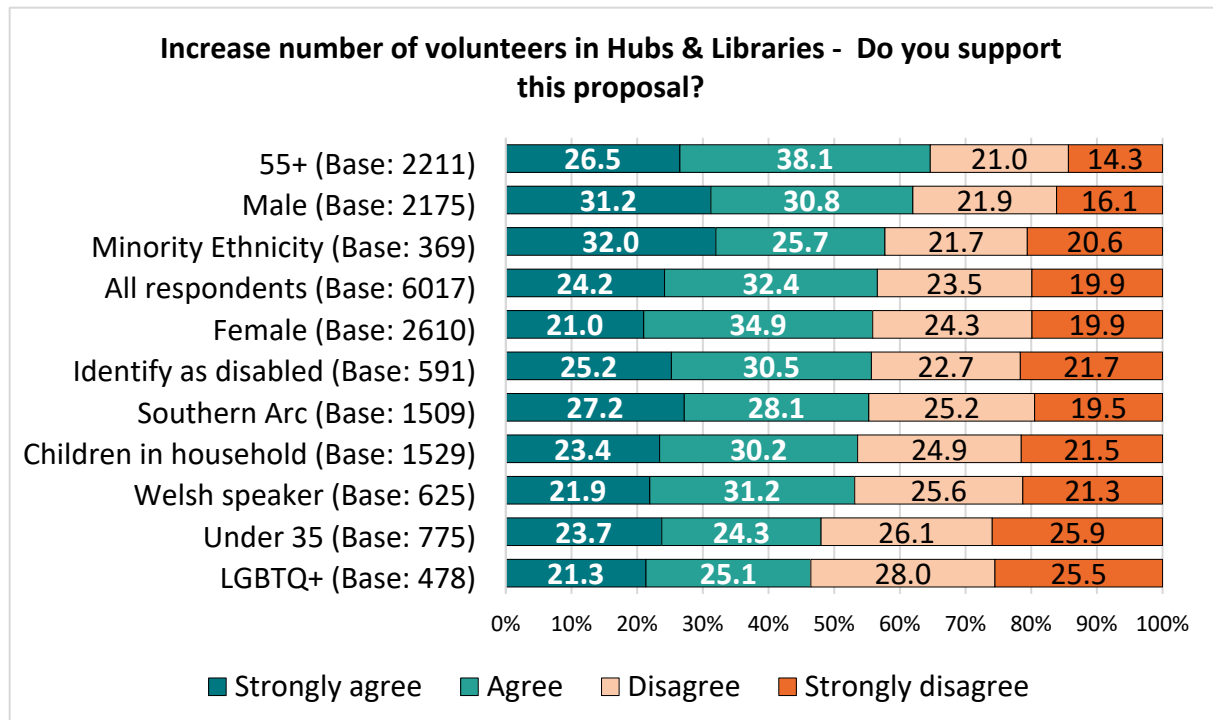
Opinion on this proposal was broadly split, with just over half of those giving an answer to this question (56.6%) agreeing with the proposal, including a quarter (24.2%) who 'strongly agreed'.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

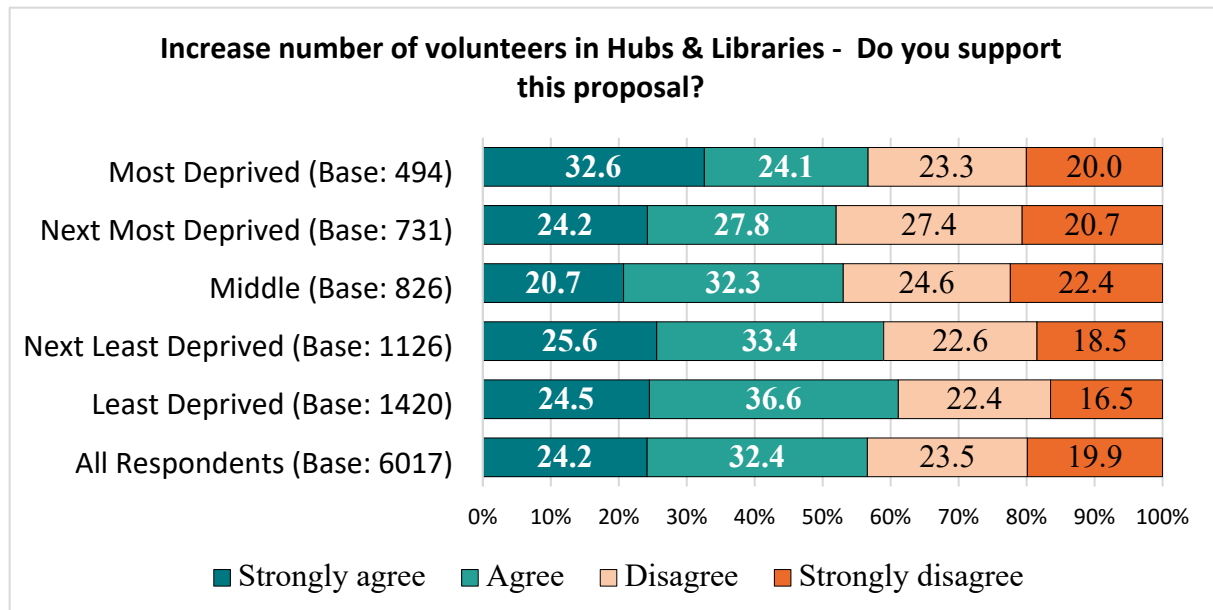
In the open comments question at the end of the section, concerns were raised regarding finding volunteers with suitable skills for working in the Hubs and Libraries (63 comments), whilst 20 respondents noted their support for increased numbers of volunteers.

Older respondents were most likely to agree with this proposal (64.6%), followed by males (62.0%), contrasting with younger respondents (48.0%) and those identifying as LGBTQ+ (46.4%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was not a direct correlation with agreement for this proposal and level of deprivation, but there were some notable results, with around a third of respondents living in the most deprived areas of the city (32.6%) 'strongly agreeing'.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Cardiff Council offers a range of library services. In addition to the 21 branches across the city, there is an online service with e-books and magazines readily available. There is also a mobile library service which visits 9 locations across the city on a timetabled basis and provides a home delivery service for our housebound residents.

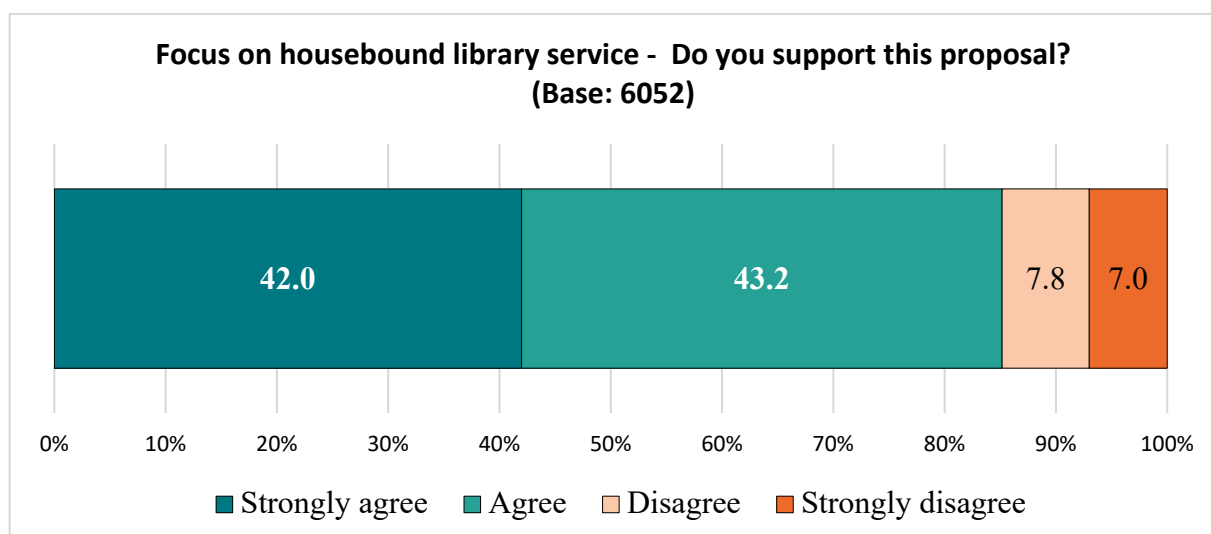
Due to the increase in Community Hubs across all the city, the demand for the mobile library service has significantly reduced, and now costs an average of £27 per user to provide this service.

It is therefore proposed that the mobile library service would be streamlined to focus on the housebound service only, continuing to provide books to the city's most vulnerable residents, saving £52,000 per year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,052 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 67.2%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Overall, 85.2% of respondents, or six in seven, supported the proposal to focus on the housebound library service rather than the mobile library, with more than two in five (42.0%) 'strongly agreeing'.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There were eight comments made about the mobile library service in the open question at the end of the section, with details provided in [Appendix 4](#).

There was a consensus of opinion across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details are provided in [Appendix 3](#)).

The Council is considering changes to Hubs and Libraries to help save money, with a number of options being considered. **Which of the following options do you prefer?**

- **Option 1** – Close Central Library Hub, Whitchurch Hub, Penylan Library, Rhiwbina Hub,

Rhydypennau Hub, Canton Library, Cathays Heritage and Branch Library and Radyr Hub for one additional day each week, saving £308,000.

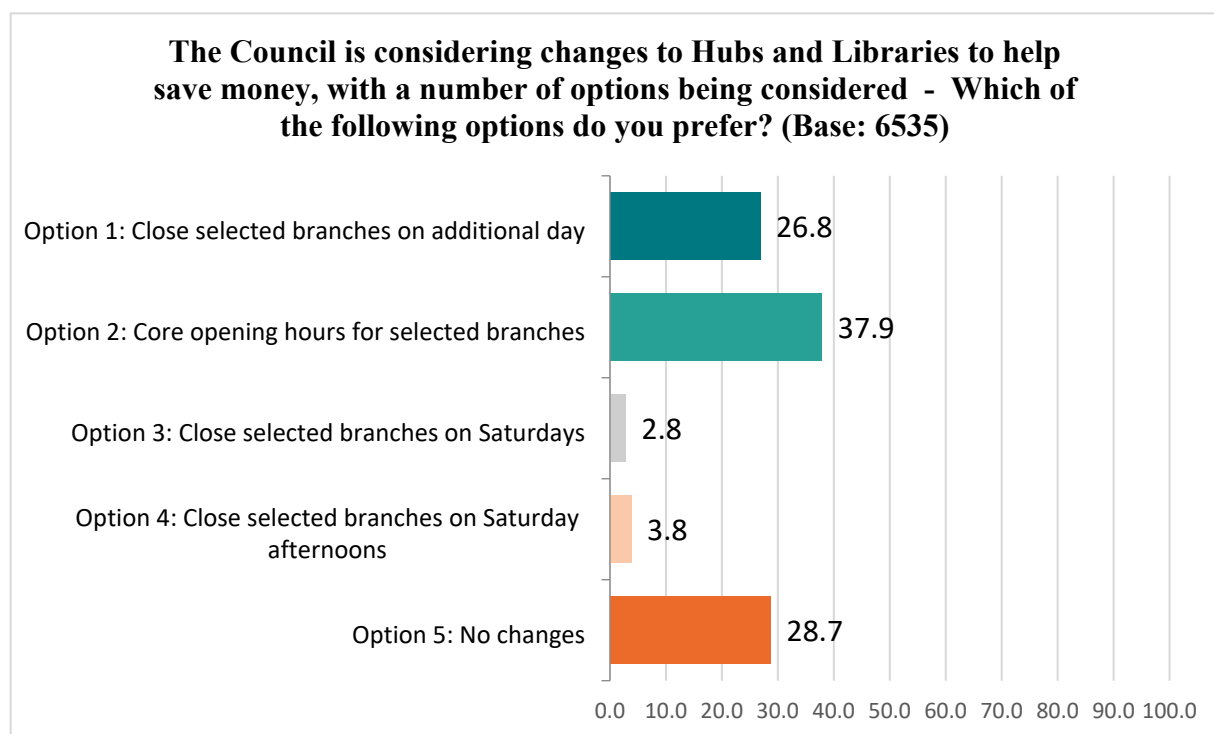
- **Option 2** – Change the opening hours for Central Library Hub, Canton Library, Cathays Heritage and Branch Library, Penylan Library, Rhiwbina, Rhydypennau and Whitchurch Hubs to 9am to 5pm, with all branches staying open throughout lunch times. To allow for late accessibility, Central Library Hub would stay open until 6pm for one evening a week. This proposal would save £120,000.
- **Option 3** – Close Radyr Hub, Rhiwbina Hub, Whitchurch Hub, Penylan Library and Rhydypennau Hub on Saturdays, saving £33,600.
- **Option 4** – Close Rhiwbina Hub, Whitchurch Hub, Penylan Library and Rhydypennau Hub on a Saturday afternoon, saving £14,000.
- **Option 5** – Keep the Hub & Library service as it is and find the saving elsewhere.

A total of 6,535 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.6%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.0 .

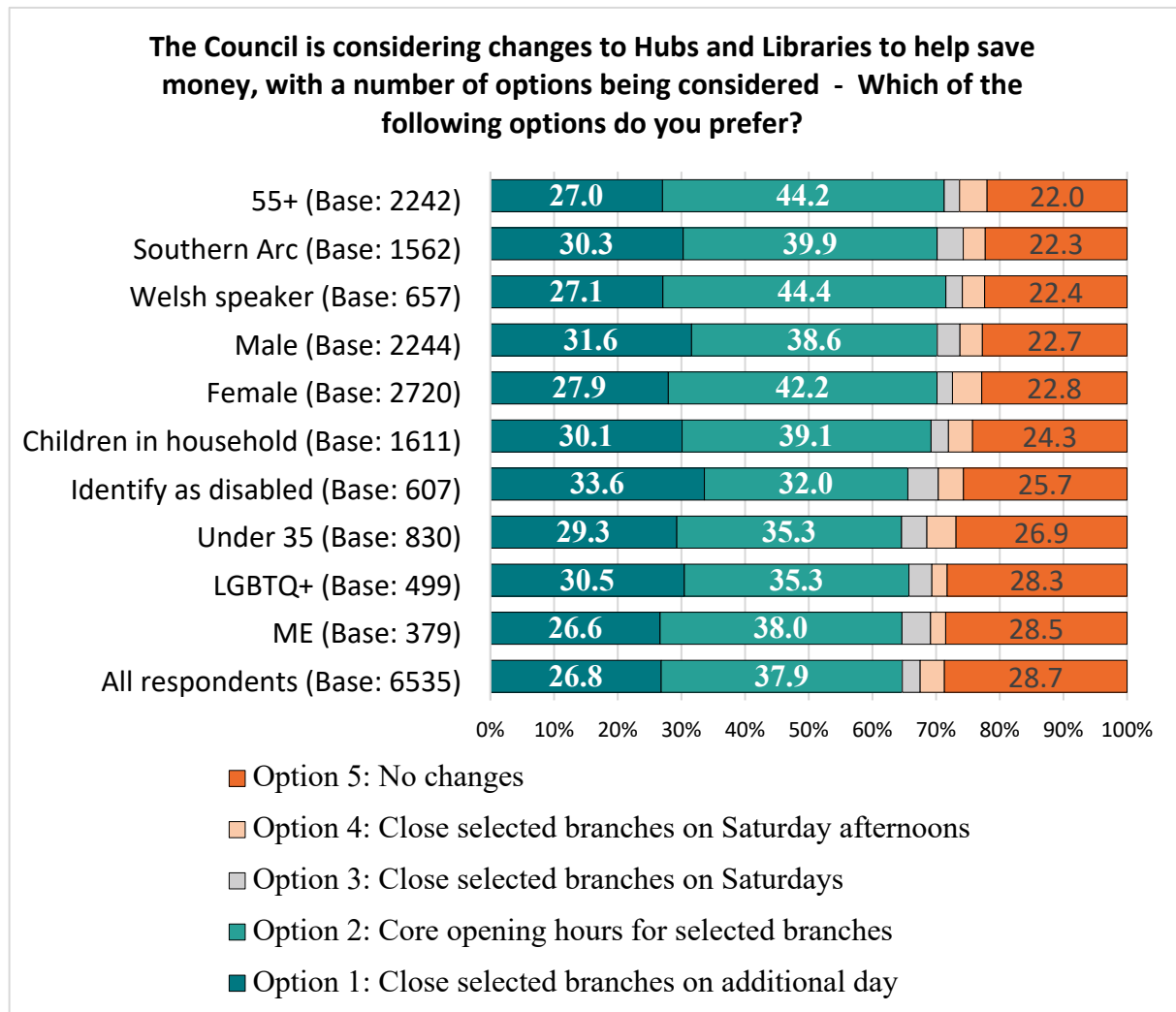
Of the options provided, the most popular choice was Option 2 – change the opening hours of selected branches to 9am to 5pm, with Central Library open until 6pm one day a week – selected by 37.9% of respondents.

Just over a quarter of respondents chose Option 1 – close the selected branches on an additional day each week (26.8%) or Option 5 – Keep the Hub & Library service as it is, and find savings elsewhere (28.7%).

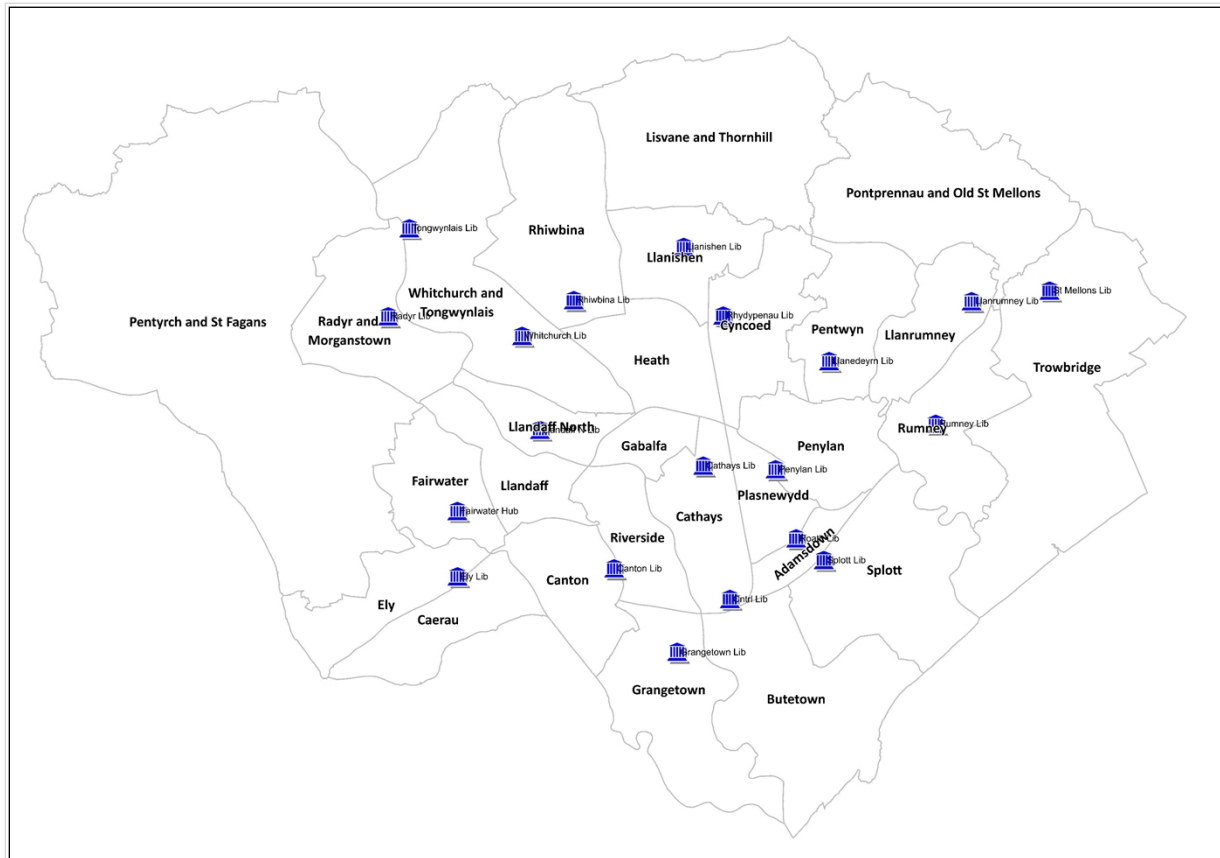
The options to close branches on Saturdays (either all day or in the afternoon) received little support, with just 6.6%, or one in fifteen respondents, selecting these.



There was evidence of campaigns to protect Hubs and Libraries, with 338 respondents (3.8% of all responses) choosing to only answer this question, with 330 of these selecting 'Option 5 – Keep the Hub & Library service as it is and find savings elsewhere'. This group declined to provide any demographic data, and so are excluded from demographic and spatial analysis, but their influence can be seen in the figure for 'All Respondents', which has the highest proportion selecting Option 5 (28.7%).

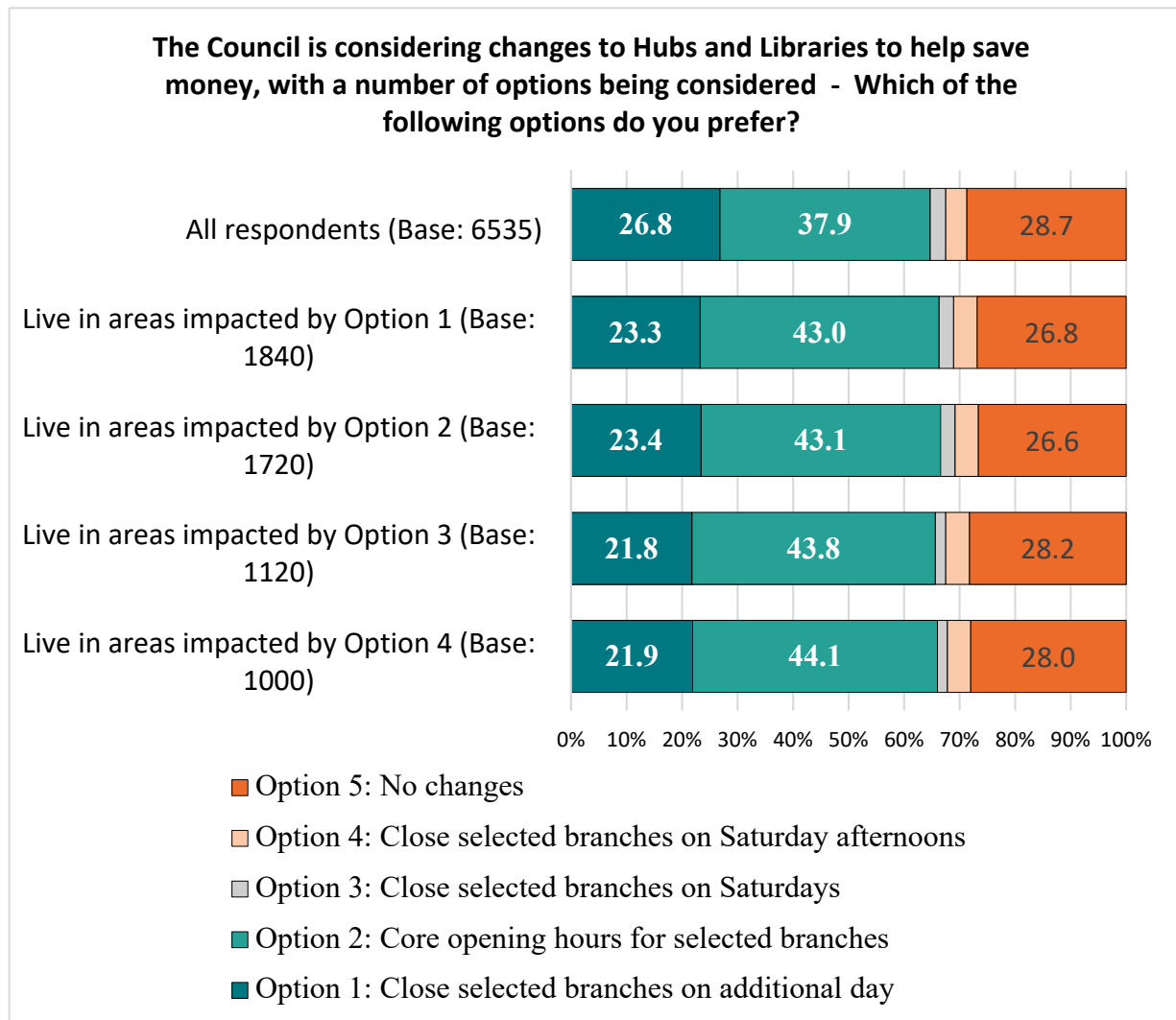


Results were analysed by postcodes within a 1km radius of Hubs and Libraries impacted by the proposals.



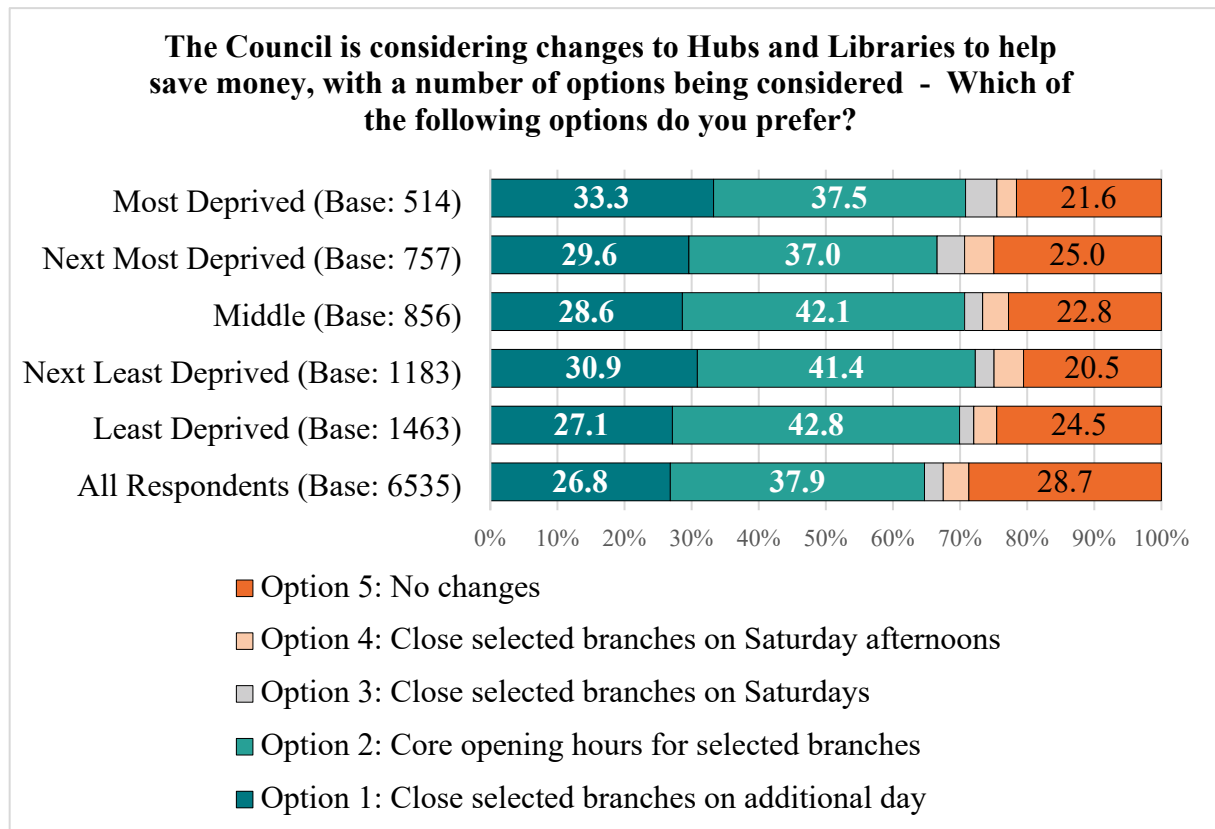
Respondents living in these areas were more likely to support Option 2 (changing the opening hours of the branches), with at least 43.0% choosing this, and less likely to support the option to close branches on an additional day (no more than 23.4%).

Levels of support for keeping the service as it is, or for changes to opening hours on Saturdays were broadly reflective of the overall results.



There was no correlation between a preferred option for changes to Hubs & Libraries and level of deprivation, although there were some notable differences:

- Option 1 was most likely to be supported by respondents living in the most deprived areas of the city (33.3%).
- Respondents living in the two most deprived quintiles showed the lowest support for Option 2 (37.5% and 37.0% respectively).
- Respondents living in the least deprived areas showed the lowest level of support for Option 1 (27.1%), and the highest level of support for Option 2 (42.8%).



Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The council are thinking about making some changes to our Hubs and Libraries. We have a few ideas and want to know what you think is the best one.

Here are the options, tell us which one you like best:

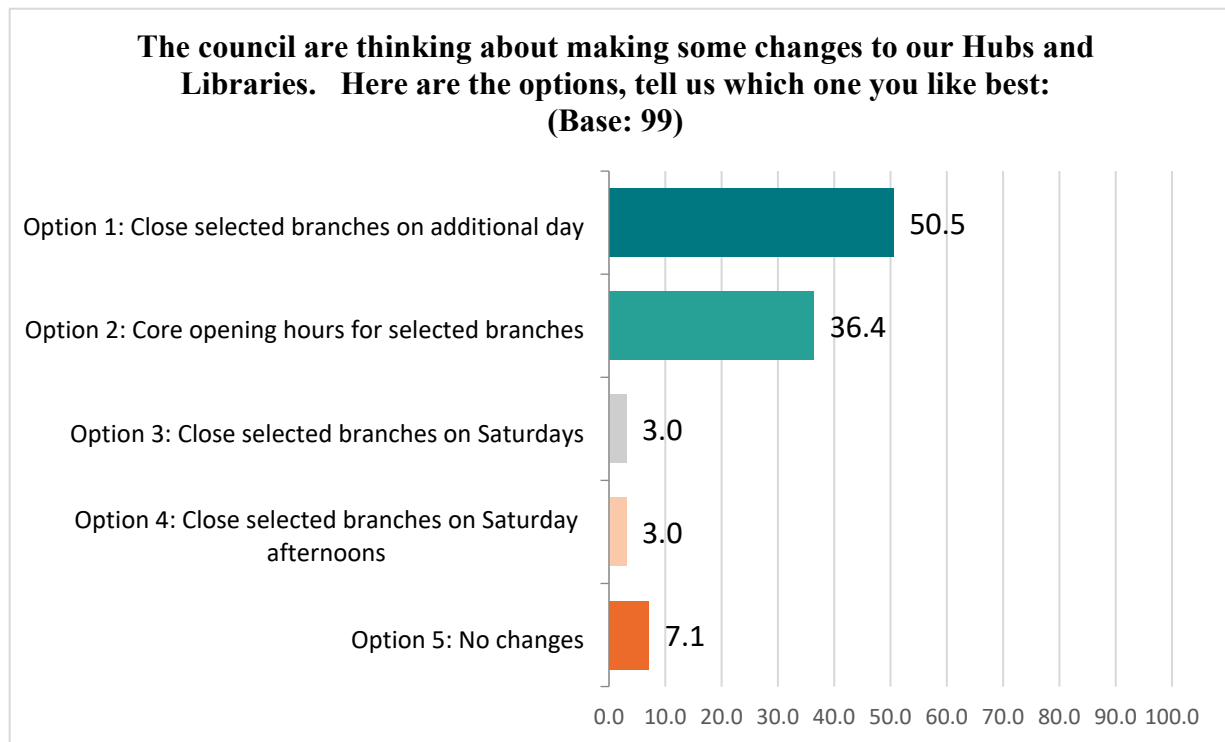
A total of 99 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 96.1%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 8.3 .

Half of those responding to the Child Friendly Cardiff version of the survey (50.5%) supported the option to close selected branches on an additional day, whilst over a third (36.4%) supported changes to opening hours.

Just 7.1% agreed there should be no changes to the Hubs and Libraries service, a quarter of the figure seen for the main survey (28.7%).

Just 6.0% of young people supported changes to Saturday opening hours, reflecting the findings of the main survey.



Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Hubs & Libraries?

A total of 1,267 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 4](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Hubs / Libraries are a community asset	379	29.9	- Libraries and hubs provide safe places for people to come together, creating community cohesion. Closure of these spaces outside of the centre of the city would undermine community cohesion - Public libraries are where the most vulnerable and less fortunate go to access information, be it digital or physical. Reducing their opportunity to access information is a complete disservice to those in the community who cannot otherwise access books or the internet. - Hubs are also important as a safe warm place for those who can't afford to heat their homes - Some residents rely on the hubs and libraries where closing them for one day in the week would be a huge mental health deficit - People need these services so please Do NOT scrap them. They provide more than library services. They are a social lifeline to many. - These are essential services for communities particularly the elderly and children. You must not reduce these services.
Residents working office hours need to be considered / Against a Saturday closure	174	13.7	- Opening times should be accessible to those working office hours - please consider keeping open outside of normal office hours and perhaps close some during the day. those of us who work are finding to increasingly difficult to physically access services - Keep Hubs and Libraries open on Saturdays if possible for use by families/children - close on other days where possible - Access outside 9-5 should be kept for those who work - I work full time. Closing libraries on Saturday would mean I can never access them
Alternative option suggestions	164	12.9	- Many libraries tend to be less busy during working hours. One suggestion is opening only from lunchtimes onwards until say 7pm or agreeing with closing entirely for one additional day - Don't change hours at Central Library but you can change the hours to 9 to 5 for 5 days of the week with one day open later

			- Make Option 2 - 10.until 6 - Main hub should remain open but other hubs closed - Option 2 could be an option if it's a 10-6 or 11-7 service for those working
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Face-to-face Engagement

Much of the engagement work undertaken took place in Hubs and Libraries, and therefore with users of this service.

Younger respondents, including students, valued the provision as a space to work. Comments received typically were appreciative of the service.

"I am satisfied with the services provided at the Hubs." [ME male, aged 60+]

Parks

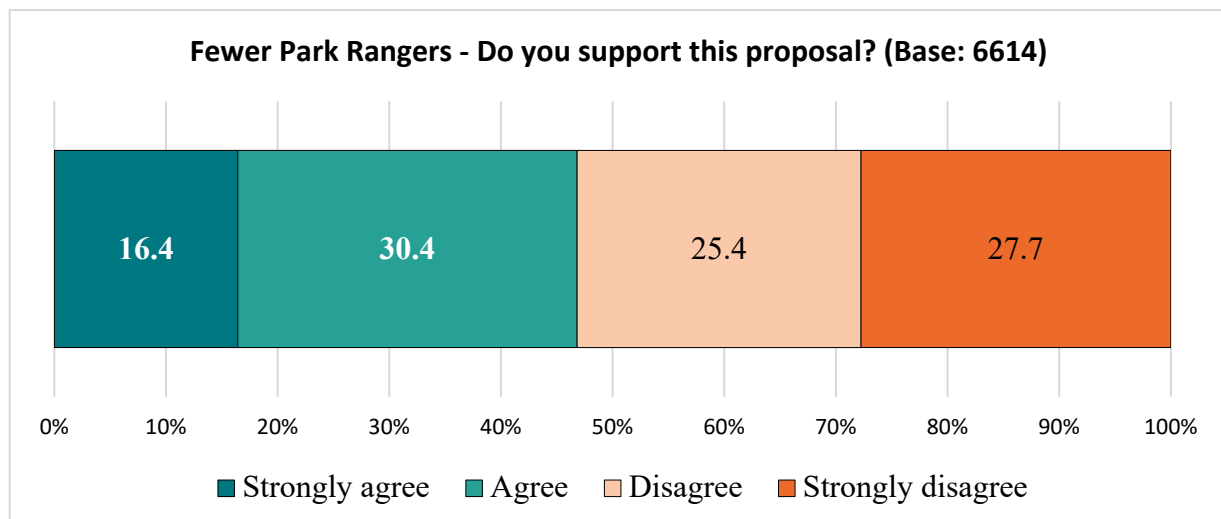
The Park Ranger Service works to ensure that our parks and green spaces in the city are a safe and enjoyable experience for both residents and visitors to the city. Park Rangers are a visible presence in our parks, and are responsible for the enforcement of park bye-laws and work with partner organisations such as the police to address issues of anti-social behaviour. Our Park Rangers are also responsible for co-ordinating our network of 'Friends of' groups and volunteers.

Over the last 3 years, the Council has increased the number of staff working within the service, with an additional 6 Park Ranger staff. The Council could run the service with fewer Park Rangers, reduce the number by 4, and save around £168,000 per year. The service would still have more Rangers than it did 3 years ago.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,614 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Opinion was split over reducing the number of Park Rangers, with 46.8% in agreement, and 53.2% disagreeing with the proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Opinion was broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 5](#)).

Over 150 comments were made regarding park rangers in the open question at the end of the section. Details are available in [Appendix 13](#).

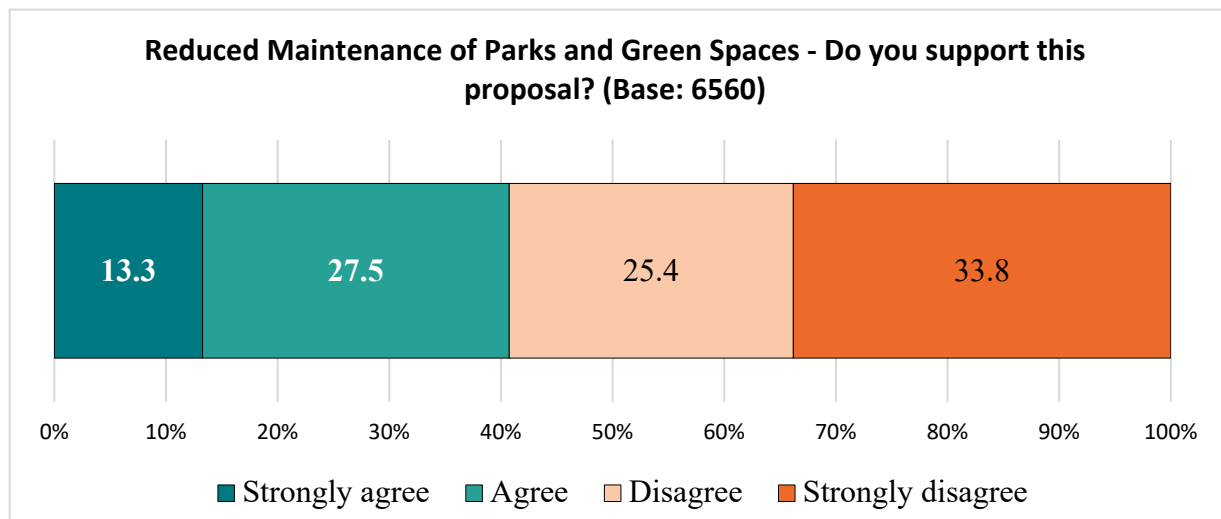
The Council is responsible for managing over 520 individually named parks and green spaces in the city, spending £1.3 million on grounds maintenance which includes mowing, the maintenance of sports pitches, rose gardens, herbaceous borders, wildflower areas, trees, hedges, spring and summer bedding displays and bulb planting. Eighteen of the Council's parks and green spaces hold Green Flag status, an industry award which recognises well-maintained, welcoming and safe spaces.

The Council could save money by making small reductions to the maintenance of parks and green spaces, saving the Council £80,000.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,560 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.9%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

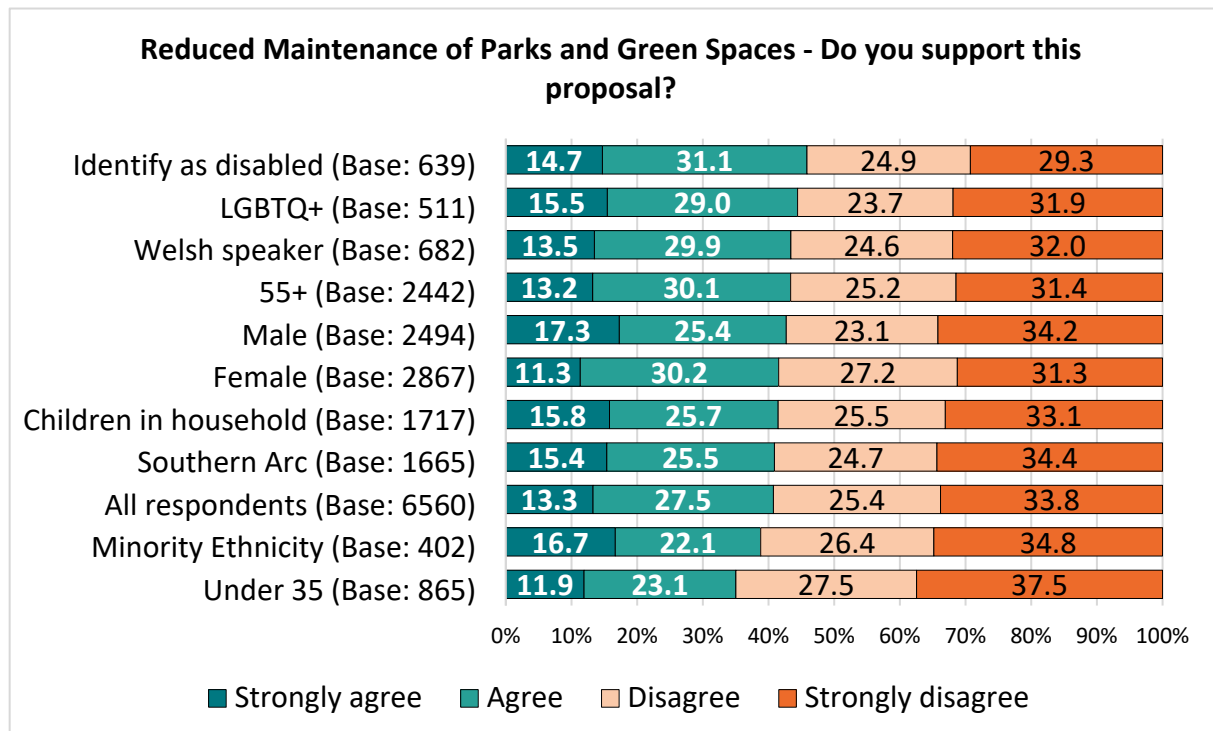
Two in five respondents (40.7%) agreed with the proposal to reduce maintenance of parks and green spaces, compared with 59.3% who disagreed, including 33.8% who 'strongly disagreed'.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Any differences shown in the narrative when combining scores in the chart is due to rounding errors.

Agreement with this proposal was lowest amongst respondents under the age of 35 (35.0%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was no correlation with results by level of deprivation, with results shown in [Appendix 6](#).

Almost 400 comments were made regarding the maintenance of parks and green spaces in the open question at the end of the section, with details of this available in [Appendix 12](#).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

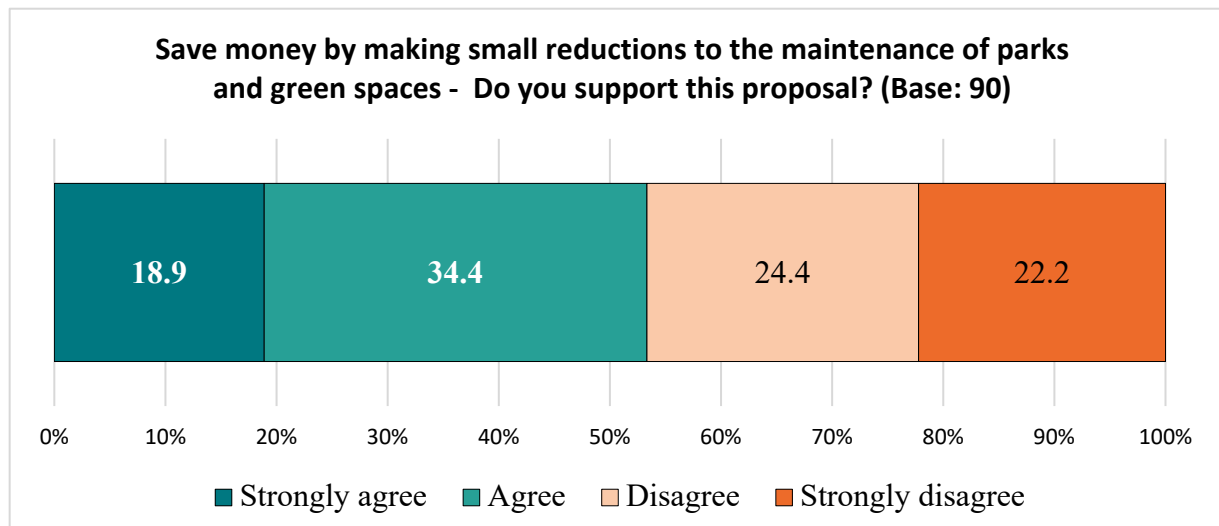
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The Council could save money by making small reductions to the maintenance of parks and green spaces, saving the Council £80,000.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 90 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 87.3%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.3 .

In contrast to the main survey, those completing the Child Friendly Cardiff survey were more likely to agree with this proposal (53.3%), whilst 46.7% disagreed.



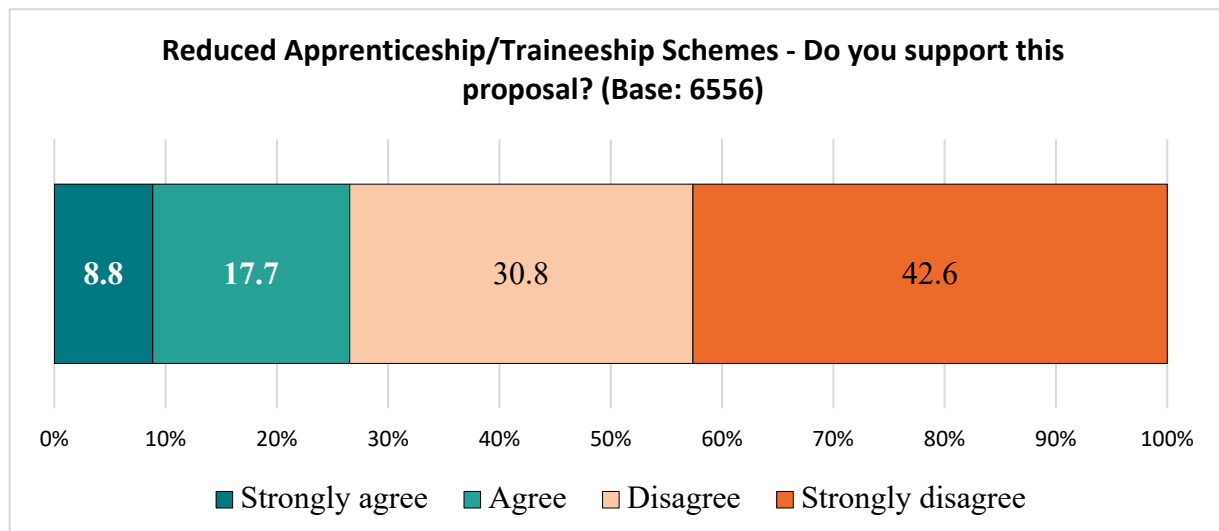
Excludes 'Don't know' responses

The Council currently offers Apprenticeship / Traineeship Schemes and could save money by making small reductions in the number being offered, saving the Council £87,000.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,556 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.8%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Almost three-quarters of respondents (73.5%) disagreed with the proposal to reduce Apprenticeship/Traineeship schemes offered in the Parks department, with more than two in five (42.6%) 'strongly disagreeing' with this.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

These findings were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 7](#)).

Forty comments were received about apprenticeships in the open question at the end of the section, with details available in [Appendix 12](#).

Online survey / Second Print Run wording:

Bute Park Nursery, its Visitor Centre and Roath Park Conservatory are run by the Council. The Council is exploring opportunities to create partnerships with external organisations or groups that may result in shared delivery and investment arrangements.

We would need find out if there are other organisations or groups interested in partnering with us. We are asking for your views on whether you'd support developing an alternative delivery model, in partnership, which could reduce the Council subsidy.

Do you agree with this proposal?

First Print Run wording

Bute Park Nursery and the Visitor Centre in Roath Park is run by the Council. The Council could transfer this service to another organisation who would be responsible for running them on the Council's behalf, potentially removing or reducing the subsidy of £40k currently provided.

We would need find out if there is another organisation who could take it over, and both would remain open up as this process is conducted. We are asking for your views on whether you'd support finding an alternative operator which could remove the Council subsidy.

Do you agree with this proposal?

There was a discrepancy in the wording of this question in the initial print run for hard copy versions of the survey, which was later corrected to match the wording used in the online survey. For transparency, these results were analysed separately, with results for the two versions shown below.

A total of 5,834 responses were received for the online and second print-run versions of this question, giving a response rate of 64.8%.

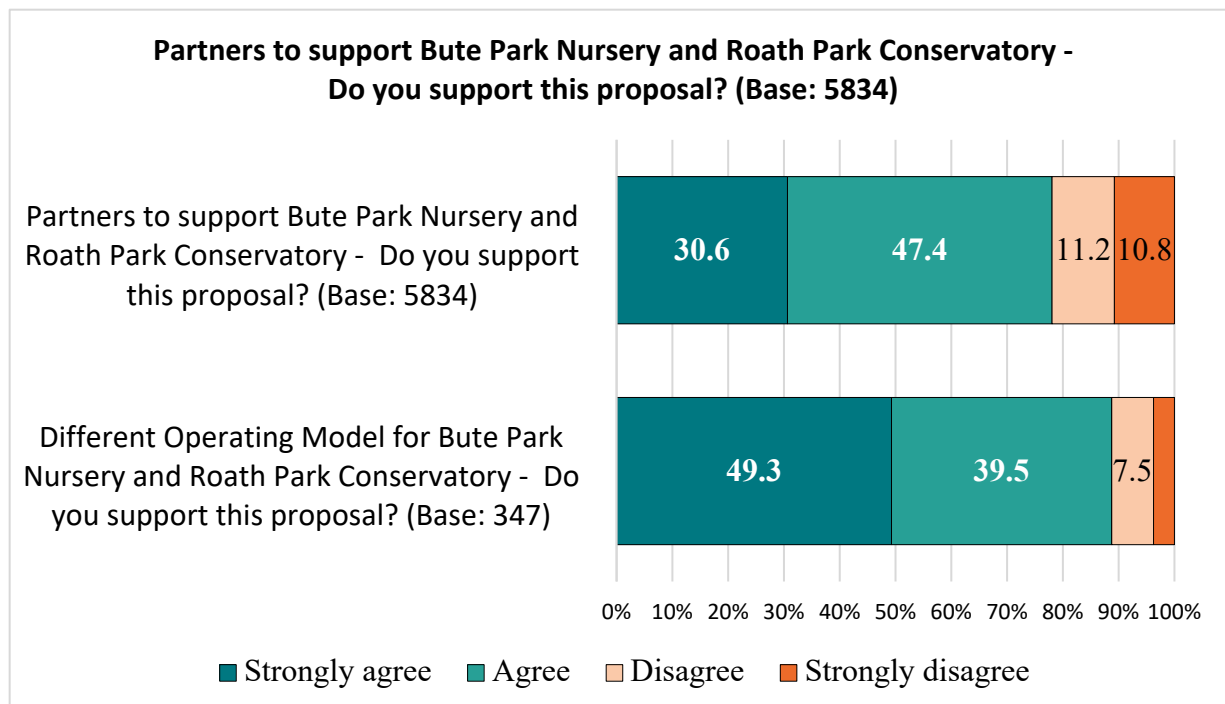
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

There were 347 responses to the original hard copy version of the question.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 5.3 .

Given the patterns of responses were broadly similar, and that the overall base size for the original paper version of this question were too small to offer robust analysis by subgroups, further analysis by demographic and geographic groups combines the two versions of this question, comparing the results to the online version of the question.

Around four in five respondents agreed with the proposal for alternatives to running Bute Park Nursery and Roath Park Conservatory – 78.1% supported partnerships with other organisations or groups, whilst 88.8% supported a different operating model.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was little difference in opinion across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 8](#)).

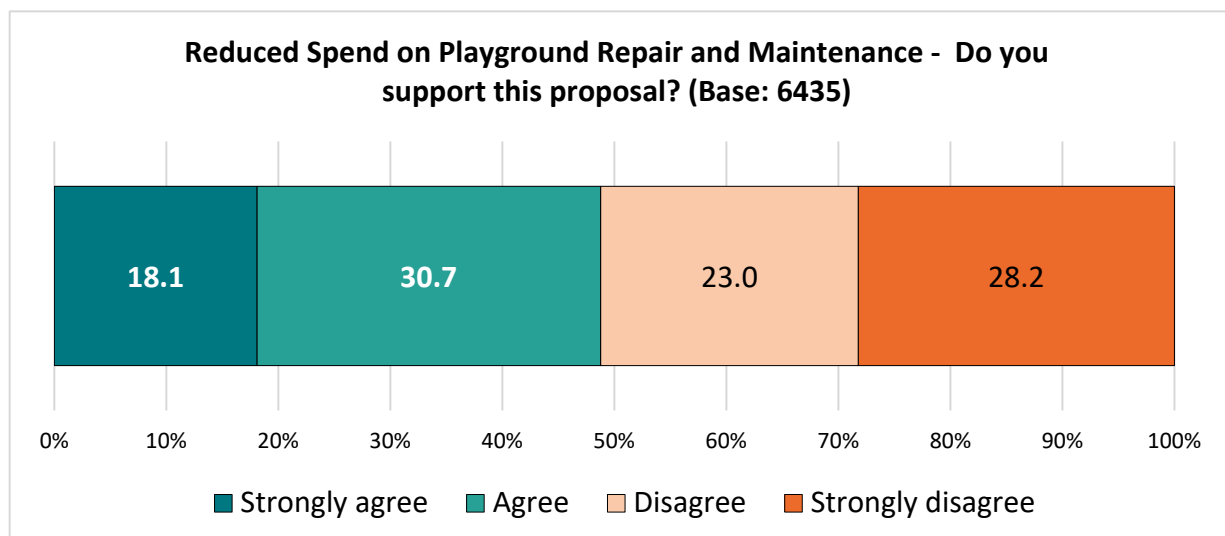
Fifteen respondents left comments specifically relating to this proposal in the open question at the end of the section, with comments either reporting there was not enough information to give an opinion, concerns over the selection of a suitable partner or that any change should not have a detrimental impact on the public. Example comments are shown in [Appendix 12](#).

The Council is responsible for the repair and maintenance of playground equipment, safety surfacing and general playground infrastructure. The Council could spend less money on these activities - returning to the levels we spent in 2020/21. Playgrounds would still be maintained by the Council, with playground equipment continuing to be repaired and replaced as necessary.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,435 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 71.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

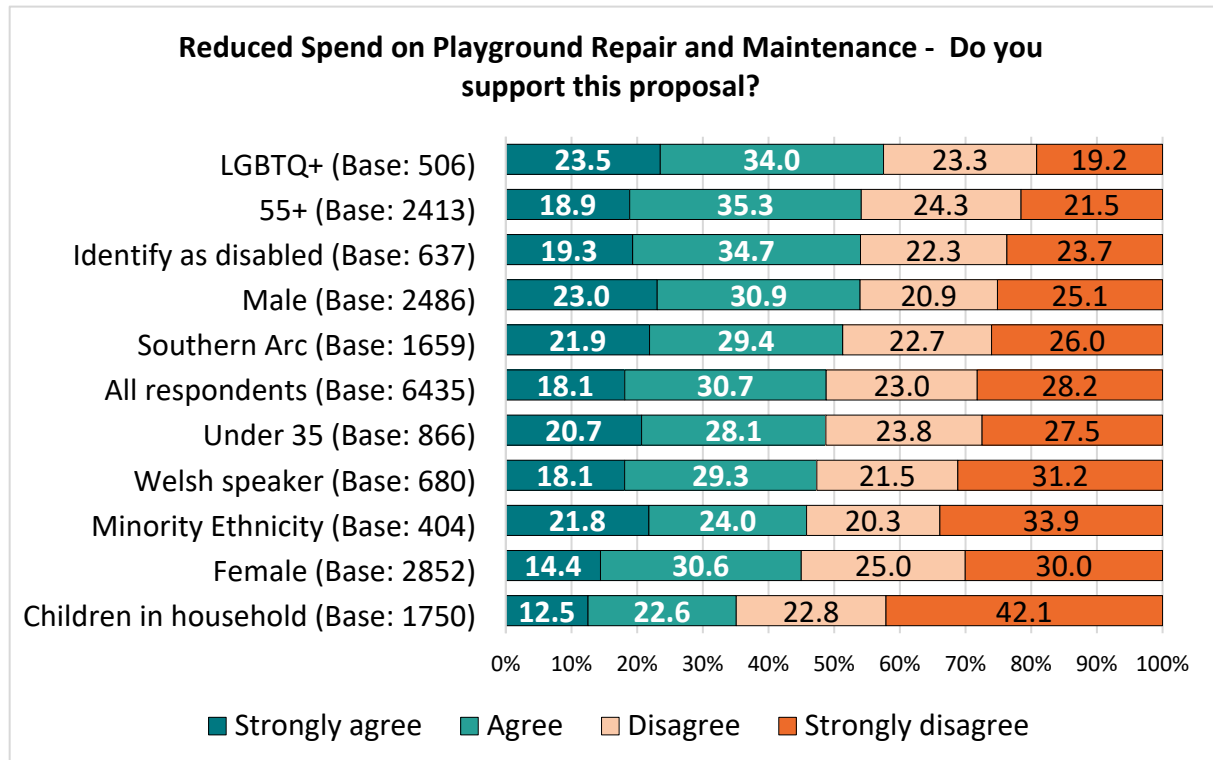
Opinion was split over reducing the spend on playground repair and maintenance, with 48.8% agreeing with this proposal, and 51.2% disagreeing.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

A total of 149 comments regarding playgrounds and/or children were made in the open question at the end of the section. (Details shown in [Appendix 13](#).)

Perhaps unsurprisingly, respondents with children in their household were least likely to agree with this proposal (35.1%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was no correlation with level of deprivation (see [Appendix 9](#)).

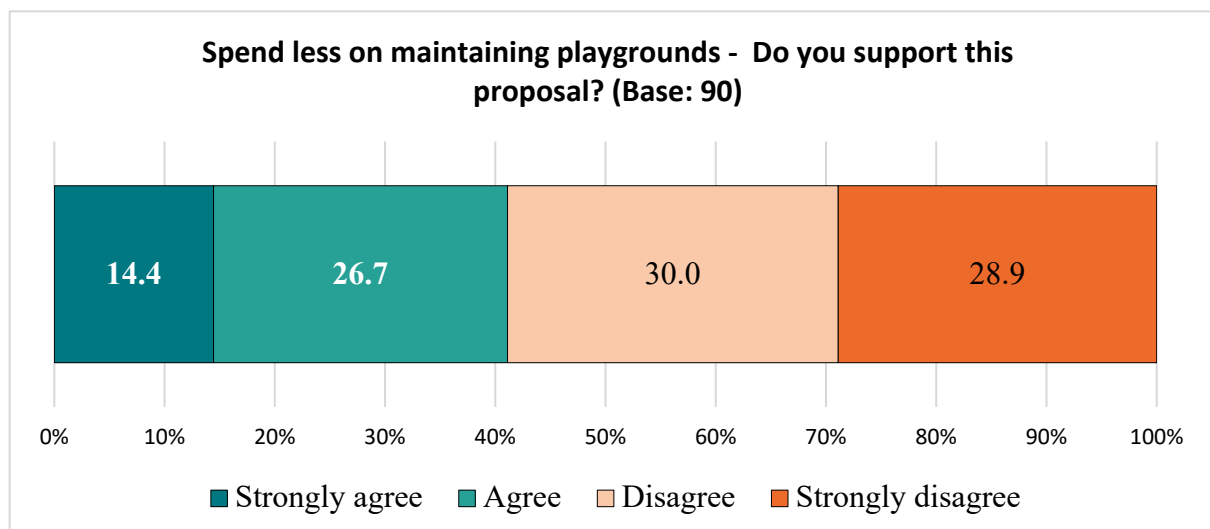
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The council is responsible for repairing and maintaining playground equipment and safety surfaces. The Council could spend less money on these activities, but it may result in delays in replacing playground equipment and carrying out repairs which would mean that some playgrounds would be out of use for a while.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 90 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 87.4%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.3 .

Younger people responding to the Child Friendly Cardiff version of the Budget Survey were slightly less likely to agree with this proposal than respondents to the main survey (41.1%).

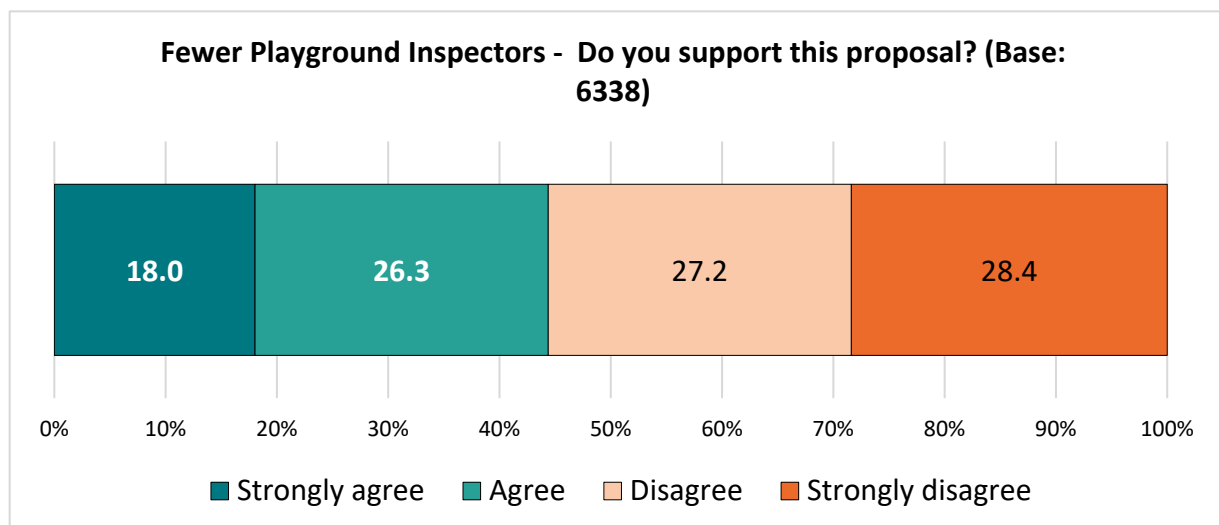


The Council currently employs two Playground Inspectors to manage safety inspections across 226 playgrounds and associated sites. Under this proposal this would be reduced to one Playground Inspector, returning to the number we had in 2020/21. The Council would continue to manage safety inspections at playgrounds across the city.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,338 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 70.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

There was a similar pattern of responses to the previous question, with 44.4% of respondents agreeing with the proposal to reduce the number of playground inspectors by one, and 55.6% disagreeing.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Whilst respondents with children in their household were least likely to agree with this proposal amongst the demographic groups analysed, this difference was notably smaller than for the proposal to reduce levels of repair and maintenance of playgrounds, and all groups analysed showed a consensus of opinion. (Details shown in [Appendix 10](#)).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

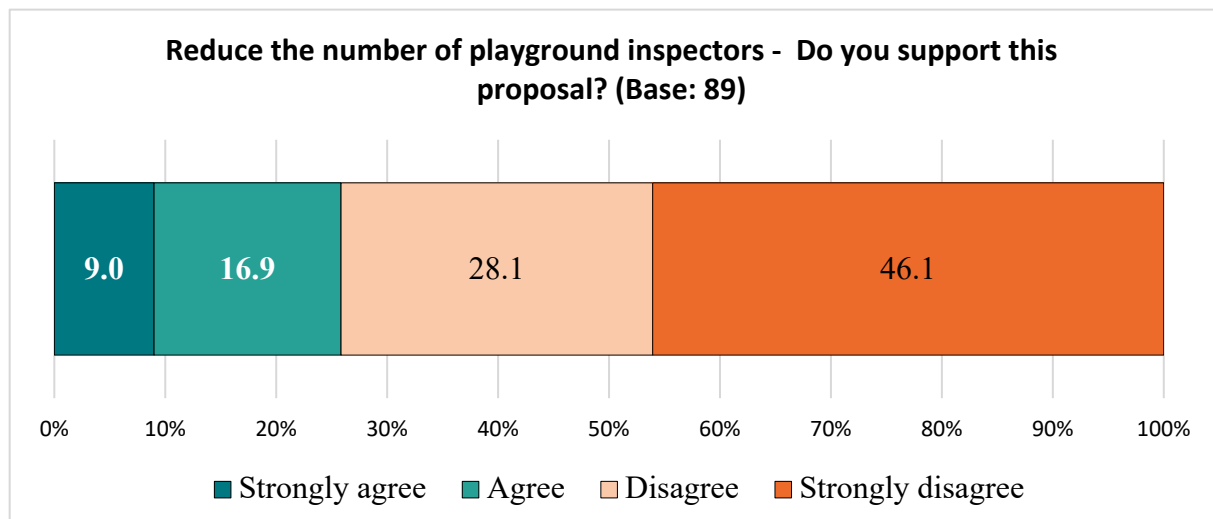
The Council currently employs two Playground Inspectors to manage safety inspections across 226 playgrounds and other sites. We are thinking of reducing it to one Playground Inspector. This will mean a reduction in the number of inspections carried out and may result in equipment or sites being out of use for some time.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 89 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 86.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.4 .

Respondents to the Child Friendly version of the survey showed a lower level of agreement with this proposal than any of the subgroups from the main survey (25.9%, 18.5 percentage points lower than the average score, and 13.1 percentage points lower than respondents with children in their household).

Almost half (46.1%) of this group 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal.

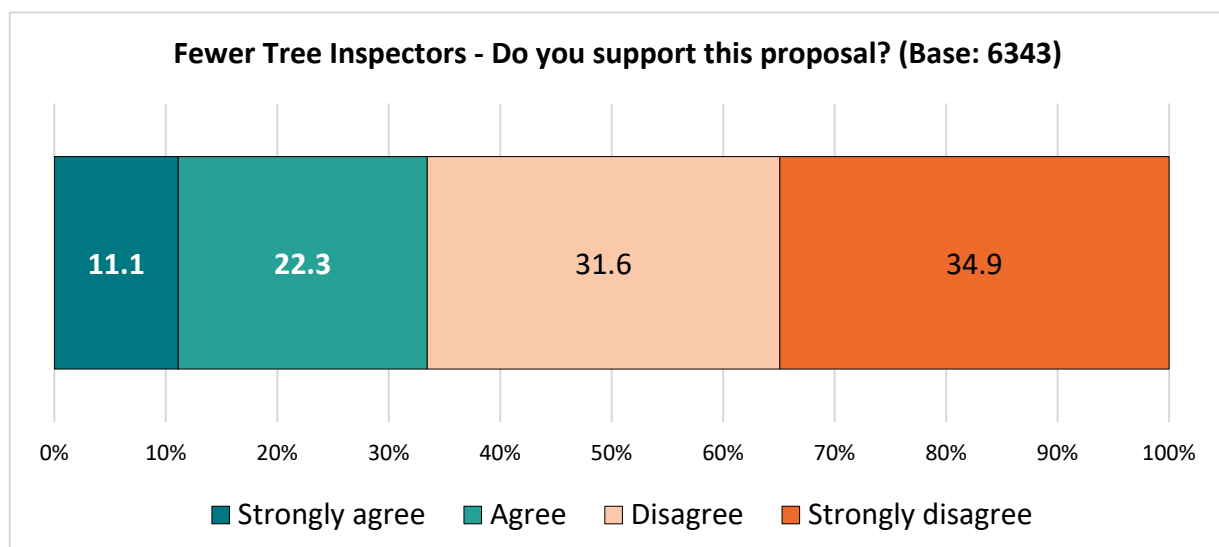


The Council currently employs three Tree Inspectors to manage more than 400,000 trees across the city, carrying out health and safety inspections and engaging with the public. Under this proposal the number of Inspectors would reduce from three to two. This proposal may lead to a reduction in inspection regimes and increased wait times for responses to requests for this service.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,343 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 70.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

A third of respondents (33.5%) of respondents agreed with the proposal to reduce the number of Tree Inspectors from three to two, around half the proportion 'disagreeing' or 'strongly disagreeing' with this proposal (31.6% and 34.9% respectively).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Results were consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 11](#)).

A total of 110 comments on Tree Inspectors or trees were made in response to the open question at the end of the section, with example comments shown in [Appendix 13](#).

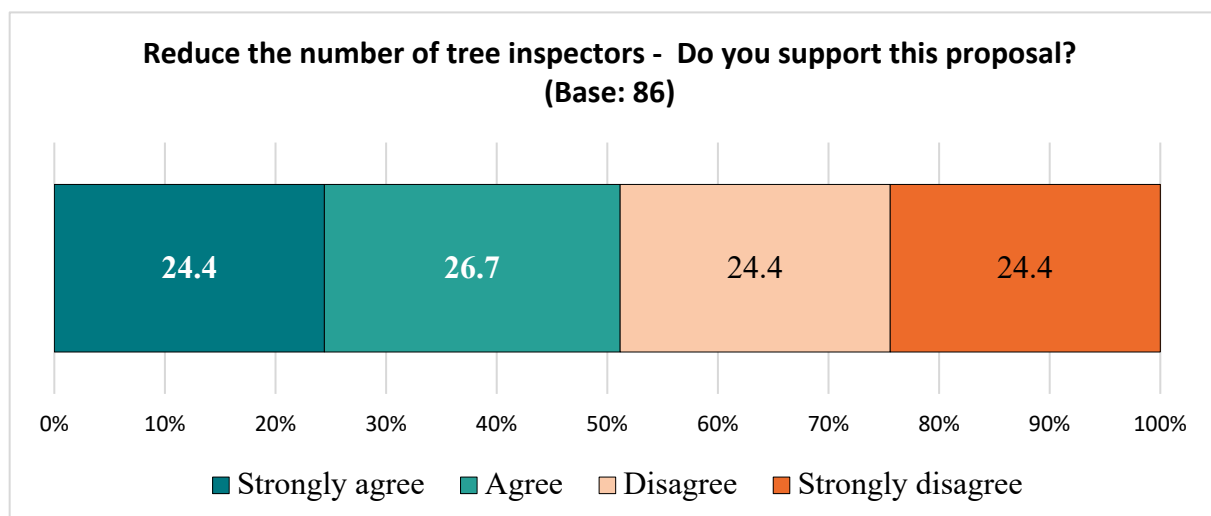
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The Council currently employs three Tree Inspectors to manage more than 400,000 trees across the city, carrying out health and safety inspections and to talk with the public. We are thinking about reducing the number of tree inspectors to 2. This would mean there will be a reduction in the number of tree inspections and increased wait times for responses for this service.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 86 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 83.5%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.6 .

Half of those responding to this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff Budget survey (51.1%) agreed with this proposal.



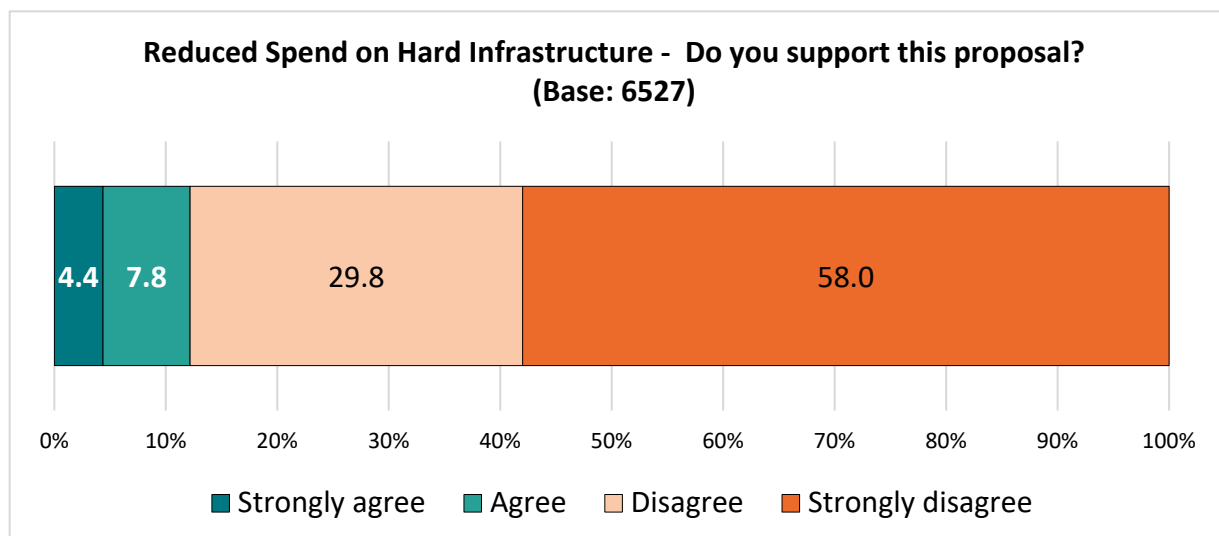
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The Council sets aside money to carry out work on 'hard infrastructure' such as footpaths, steps and handrails, gates, fences, signage, bollards, seats, lighting, bridges, drains, culverts, walls and embankments. The Council is proposing to reduce this budget by half, saving £60,000, which will reduce the Council's ability to respond to requests to fix problems and carry out maintenance.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,527 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Just 12.2% of respondents, or one in eight, agreed with the proposal to half the budget for work on 'hard infrastructure', with 87.8% disagreeing, 58.0% strongly.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

These results were consistent across all of the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 12](#)).

Amongst comments made in response to the open question at the end of the section, 175 referred to 'hard infrastructure'. Example comments are shown in [Appendix 13](#).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The Council has a budget for fixing and maintaining footpaths, steps, handrails, gates, fences, signs, bollards, seats, lights, bridges, drains, culverts, walls, and embankments. We are thinking about cutting this budget by half, saving £60,000. This will lower the Council's ability to fix issues and do regular maintenance.

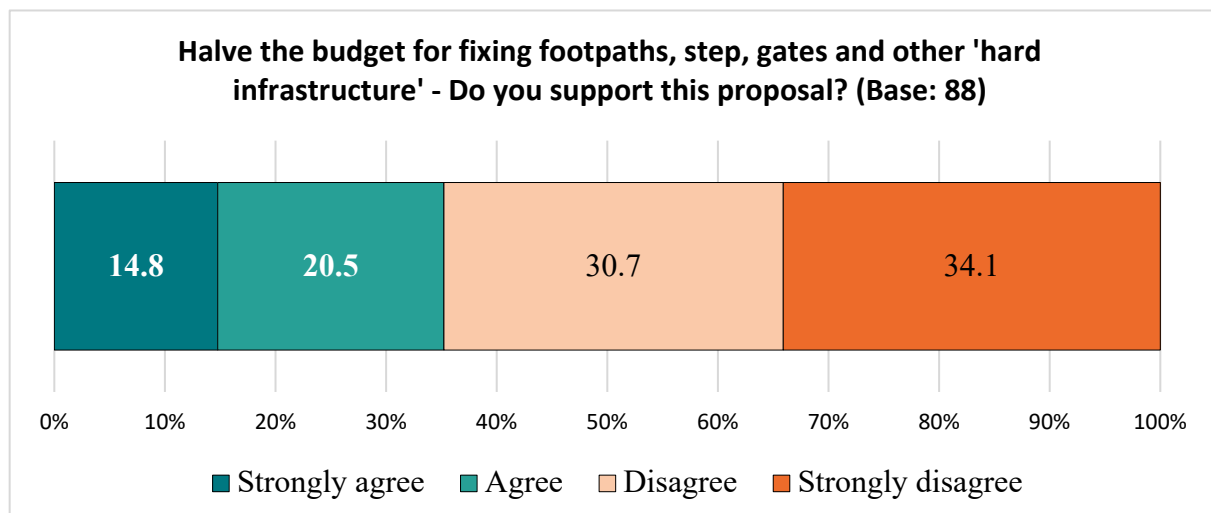
Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 88 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 85.4%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.4 .

Young people responding to the Child Friendly Cardiff Budget survey were almost three times more likely as respondents to the main survey to agree with this proposal (35.3%).

A similar proportion of this group (34.1%) 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Parks?

A total of 1,502 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 13](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Parks are important for exercise, socialising, physical & mental wellbeing, and free	311	20.7	- They need to be maintained for mental health. - Important for Cardiff population from a health and wellbeing perspective so let's not water down the service too much. - They give support to many people with financial, physical and mental health problems and give much pleasure. Reduced quality of service would be detrimental to all who enjoy these spaces. - Parks are a vital facility for the city and need to be maintained and managed by the council for the health and well-being of all the residents. - Parks and environmental recreational spaces are absolutely necessary. We found this during Covid, and our parks are a great asset to the city.
Health & Safety concerns	302	20.1	- Budget cuts that result in any reduction in health and safety should not be considered whatsoever. - Parks need maintaining & kept safe for people to enjoy. - If maintenance is downgraded, accidents will happen and litigation will increase. This is false economy. - Reduction to maintenance could lead to delays making repairs resulting in injuries. - Cutting the budget for carrying out work on hard infrastructure could be a case of shooting yourself in the foot, injury claims because of poorly maintain equipment, footpaths etc could skyrocket
To reduce would be a mistake / already on a shoestring/not maintained	289	19.2	- Many parks, particularly playgrounds, are neglected as it is. I wouldn't support scaling back maintenance budgets by the degree outlined here. - Parks are already under maintained. - The information you provided suggests parks services are already understaffed and severely underfunded. - They are already looking shabby, no further cuts can be made. - Parks are poorly maintained currently and cuts would just result in neglect.

Face-to-face Engagement

Residents love the parks and green spaces, but were unhappy with some aspects of maintenance:

“Too many weeds and too much litter.” [White male, 50+, Central Library].

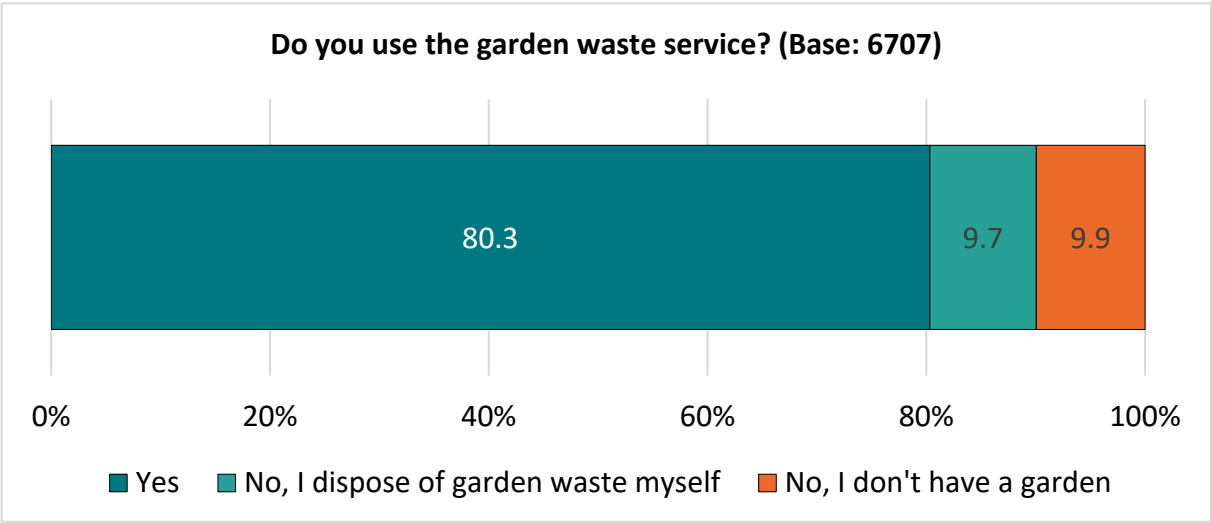
Respondents from a Minority Ethnicity were less likely to raise Parks as an issue when discussing the budget proposals.

Waste & Street Cleansing

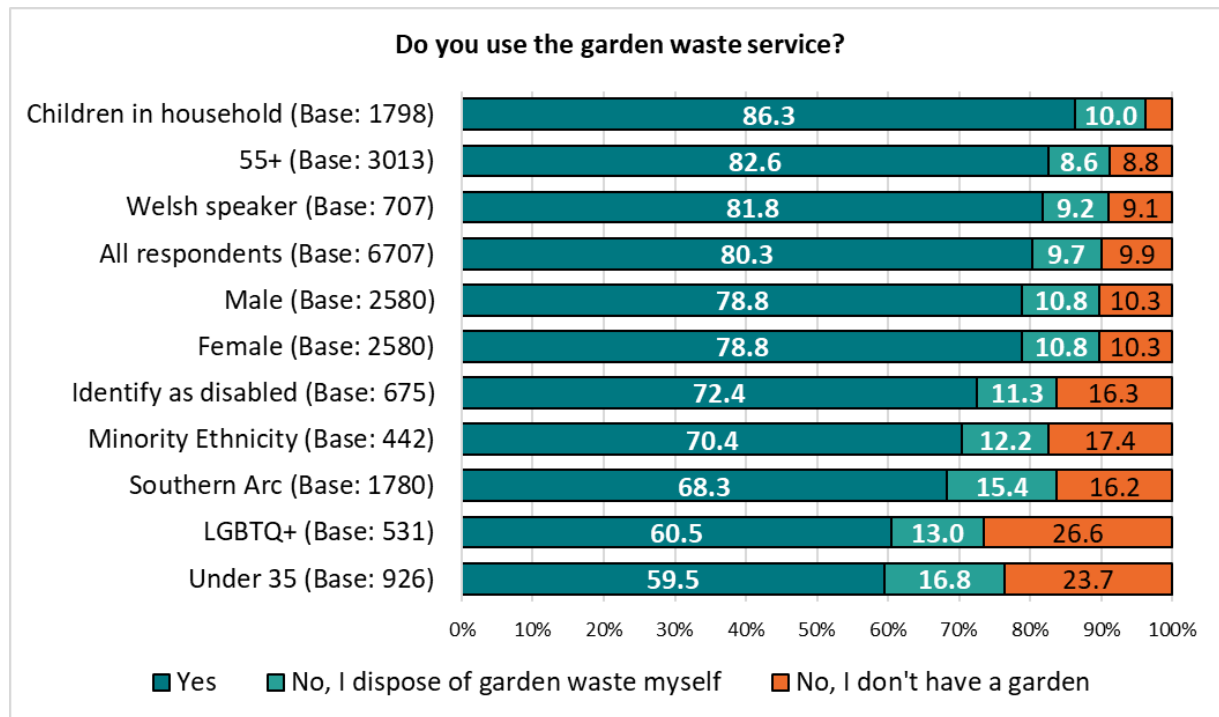
Do you use the garden waste service?

A total of 6,707 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 74.5%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

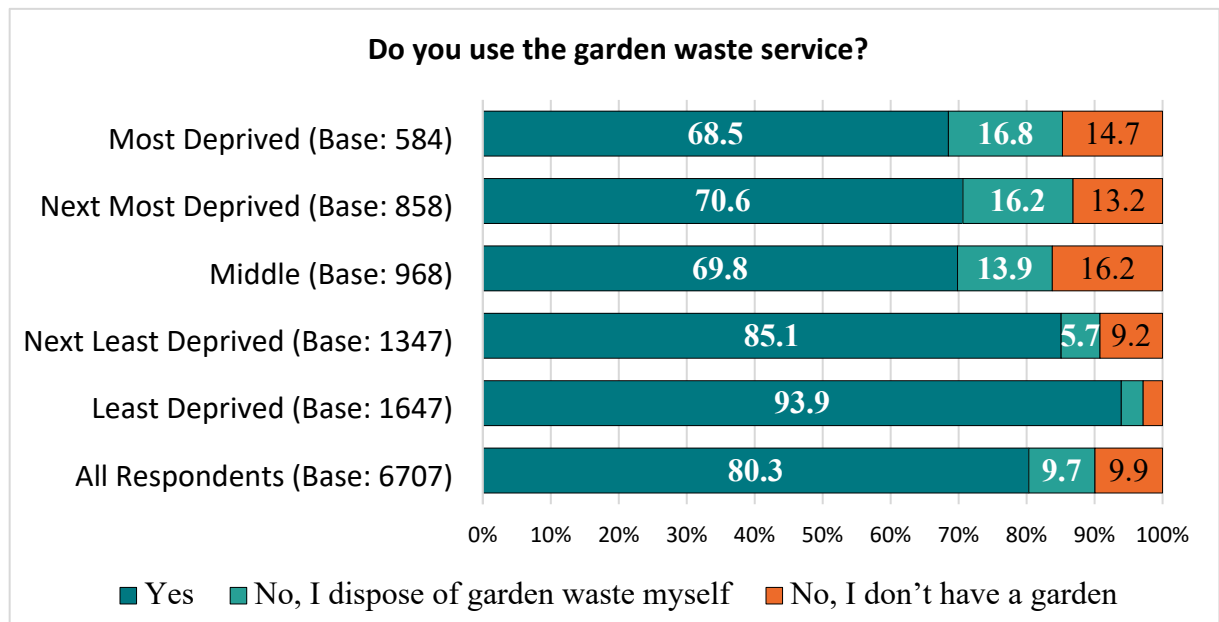
Four fifths of respondents (80.3%) reported they use the Council's garden waste service, with around one in ten either disposing of garden waste themselves (9.7%) or not having a garden (9.9%).



Respondents with children in their household were most likely to use the service (86.3%), followed by those aged 55 or older (82.6%), contrasting with those under the age of 35 (59.5%).



Almost all respondents living in the least deprived areas of the city used the service (93.9%).



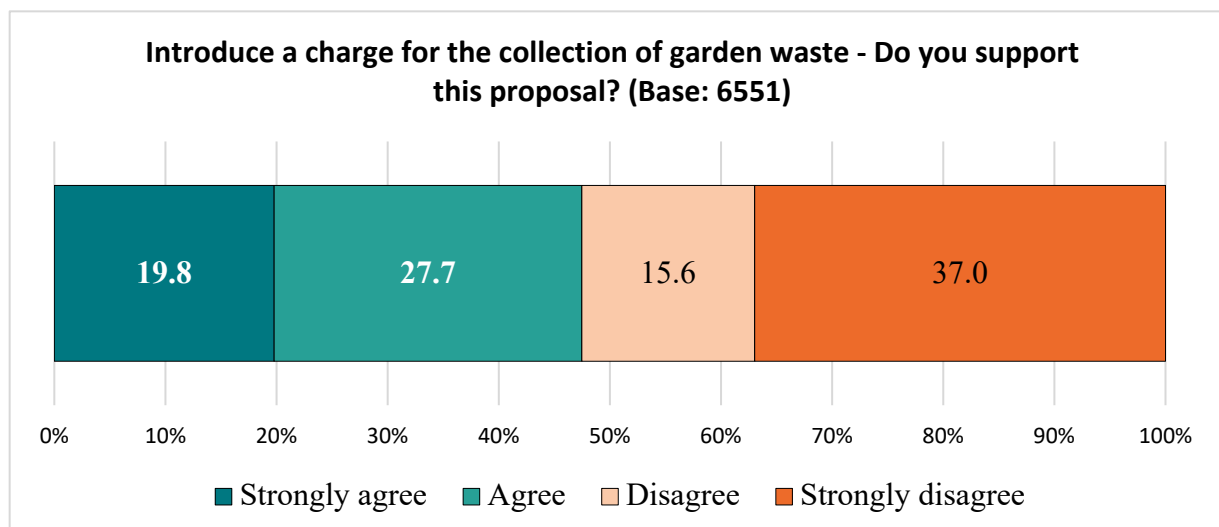
The collection of garden waste costs the Council around £1.5 million a year. Unlike the collections of black bins and bags, food waste and recycling, a Local Authority can charge for the collection of garden waste. Given growing financial pressures and the need to maintain the essential waste services we are required to provide by law, the Council is considering

recovering costs by charging for the collection of garden waste, in line with most other Local Authorities in Wales. If this were to be introduced, the charge would be similar to what other local authorities are charging (in the region of £35 - £45 per year) which is less than £1 per week.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,551 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.8%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

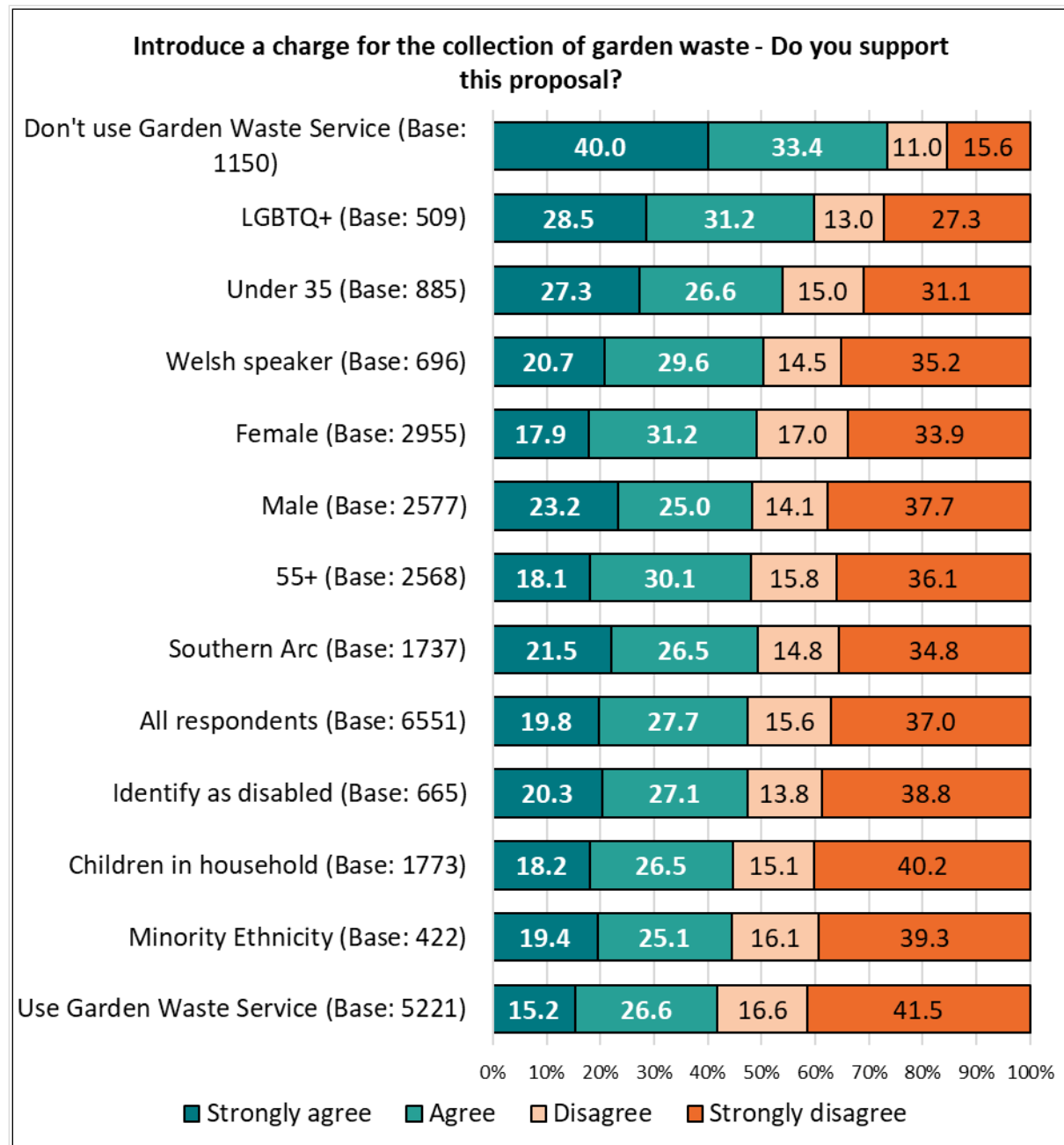
Opinion was divided amongst respondents, with just over half of people responding to this question disagreeing with the proposal to charge for garden waste collections (52.5%), and 47.5% in agreement.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Over 280 comments on these proposals were made in response to the open question at the end of the section. Further details can be found in [Appendix 18](#).

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the biggest driver of opinion was whether or not respondents used the garden waste service, with 73.4% of those not using this service agreeing with the proposed charge, compared with 41.8% of those using the service.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was no correlation with level of deprivation. (Details shown in [Appendix 14](#)).

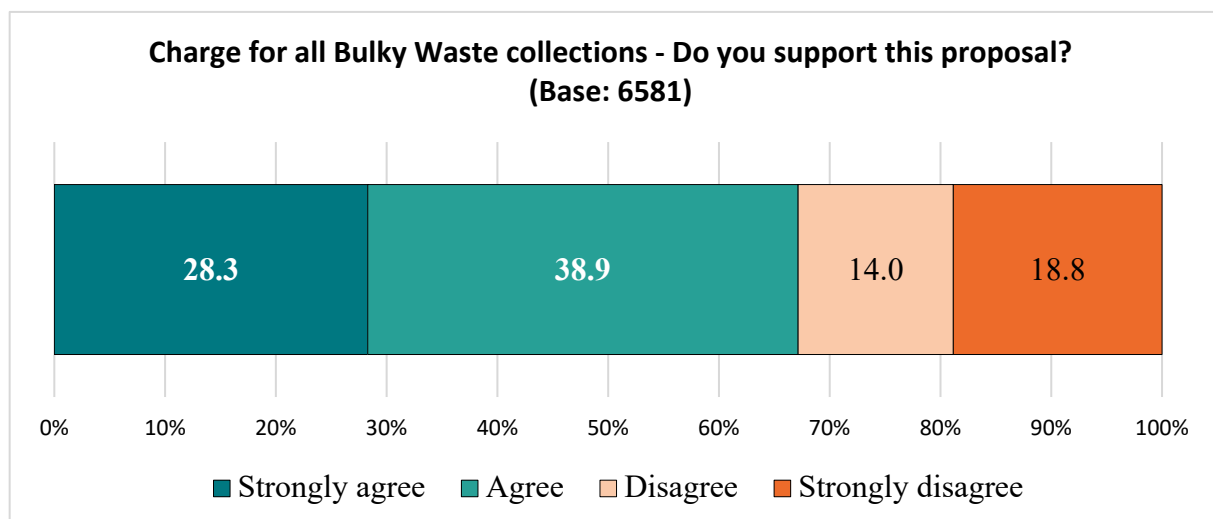
Cardiff Council offers a Bulky Waste collection service for items that are not collected as part of general waste collections, and that are too big to take to a recycling centre. The collection of Bulky Waste costs the Council around £300,000 per year. A Local Authority can charge for items that weigh over 25kg or cannot fit into bins. Whilst some items already attract a charge, others are currently collected for free, including large electrical appliances, white goods, or items made of metal, wood, MDF or laminate.

Given growing financial pressures and the need to maintain the services we are required to provide by law, the Council is considering charging for all bulky waste collections, in line with most other Local Authorities in Wales. The charge would be £17.50 for up to 2 items, £30 for up to 4 items, £42.50 for up to 6 items and £55 for up to 8 items, including a £5 booking fee. This is similar to what other Local Authorities are charging, and would save the Council £71,000 per year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,581 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.1%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

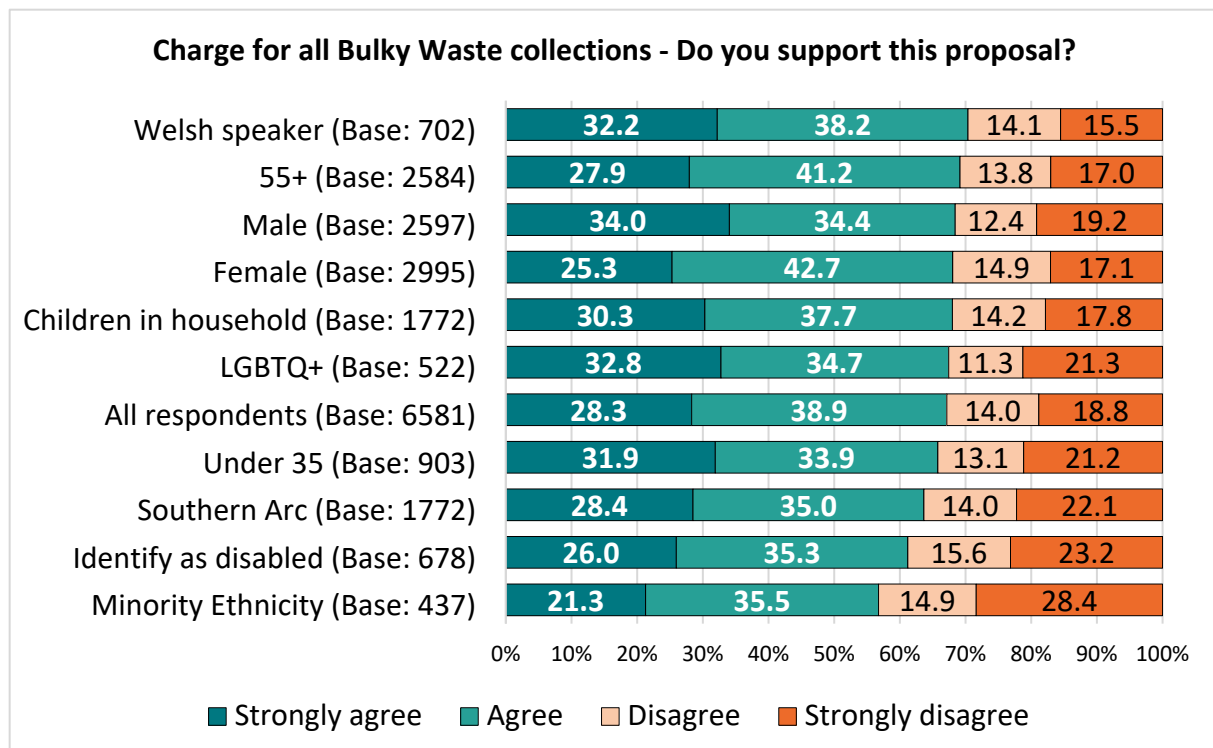
Two-thirds of respondents (67.1%) supported the proposal to charge for the collection of all bulky waste items.



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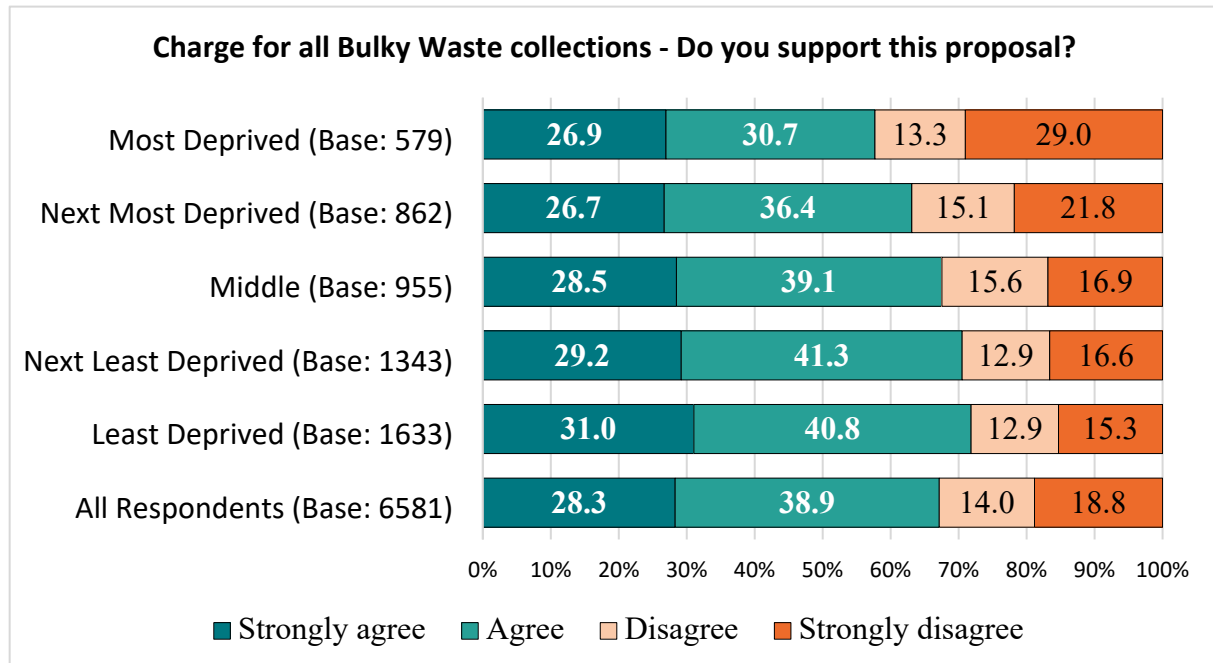
More than 150 comments relating to the proposals for bulky waste collections were left in response to the open comments question at the end of the section. Further details are available in [Appendix 18](#).

Whilst there was a consensus of opinion amongst most groups analysed, over two in five respondents from a Minority Ethnicity (43.2%) disagreed with this proposal, more than 10 percentage points higher than the average score (32.9%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Agreement with this proposal correlated with levels of deprivation, with those living in the more deprived areas of the city least likely to agree.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

The Welsh Government is increasing its target to recycle, re-use or compost waste collected by Local Authorities from 64% to 70% in 2024/25. Authorities that do not meet this target will be fined by the Welsh Government.

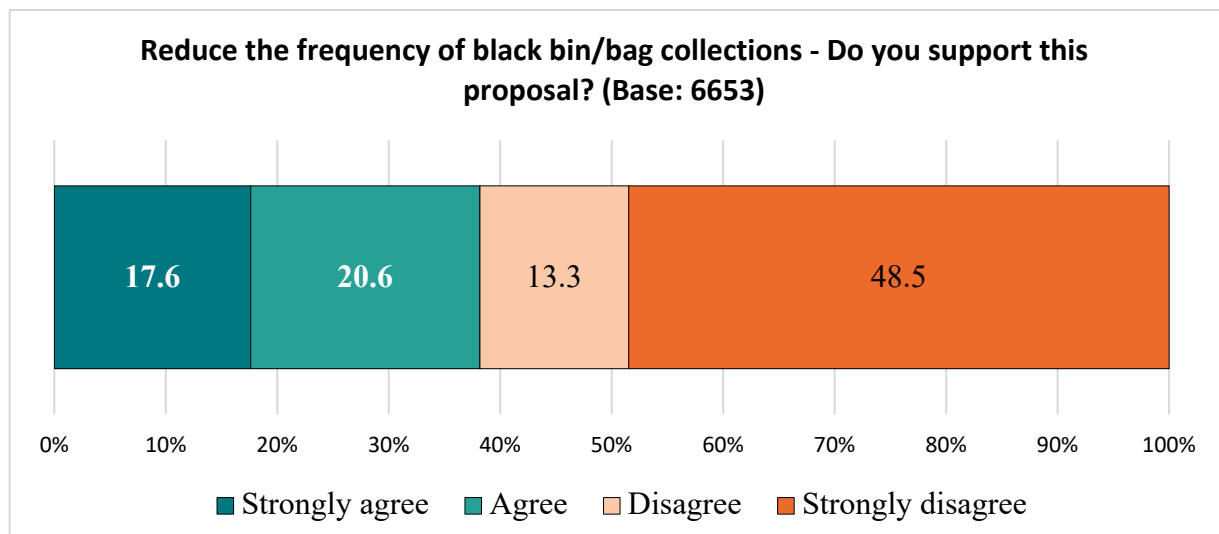
Whilst Cardiff currently performs well, we need to do more to encourage households to recycle and compost more waste, and dispose of less using their black bins or bags. We know that more than 40% of the waste currently put into black bins or bags could be easily recycled at home.

In order to boost recycling rates and meet the higher target, the Council is proposing to reduce the frequency of black bin/bag collections from 2 weeks to 3 weeks, whilst continuing to collect recycling and food waste weekly. This would help to improve Cardiff's carbon footprint, minimise the risk of fines and reduce the cost of collecting and disposing of this waste, saving £244,000 per year on disposal costs.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,653 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.9%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Almost half of all responses to this question 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal (48.5%), more than the total figure in agreement (38.2%).

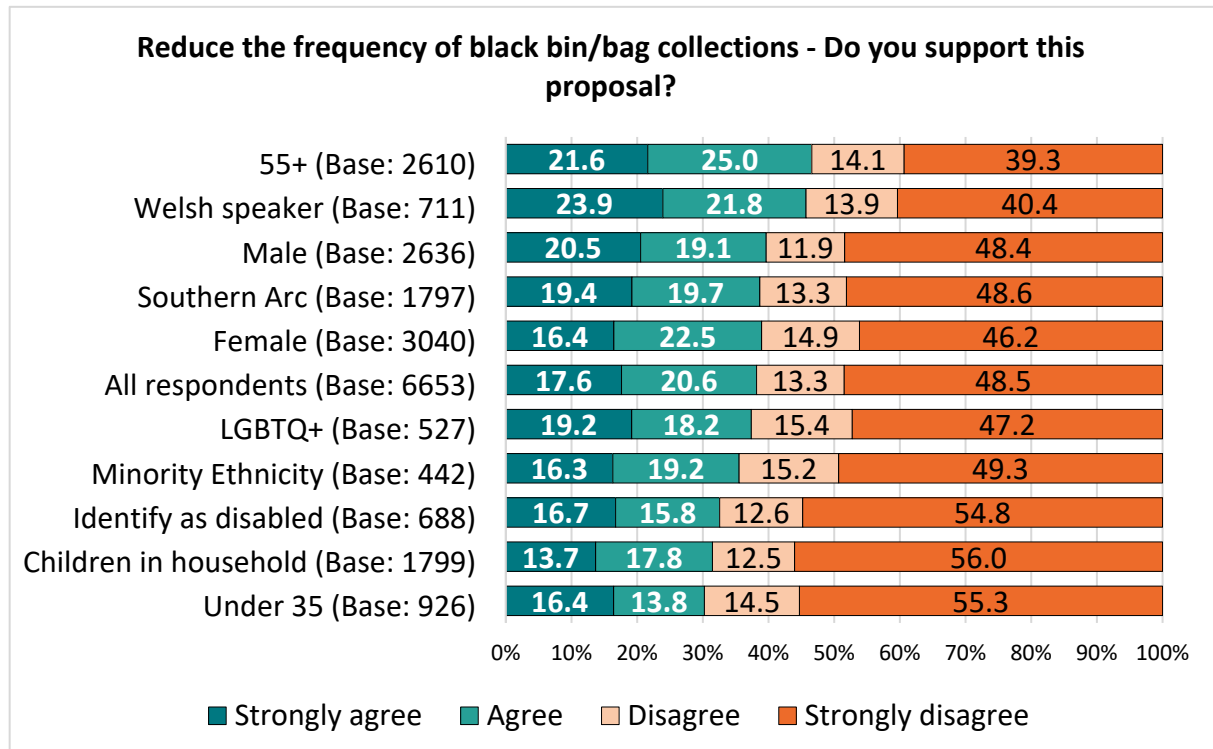


Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Over 500 comments relating to the frequency of black bin/bag collections were left in response to the open question at the end of the section, with further details in [Appendix 18](#).

There were differences in opinion across the demographic groups analysed, with older respondents most likely to agree (46.6%), contrasting with those under the age of 35 (30.2%).

More than half of respondents with children in their household (56.0%), under the age of 35 (55.3%) or who identify as disabled (54.8%) 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was no correlation between agreement with this proposal and level of deprivation. (Details shown in [Appendix 15](#)).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The Welsh Government plans to increase its recycling, re-use or composting goal for local councils from 64% to 70% by 2024/25. Councils that don't achieve this will be fined.

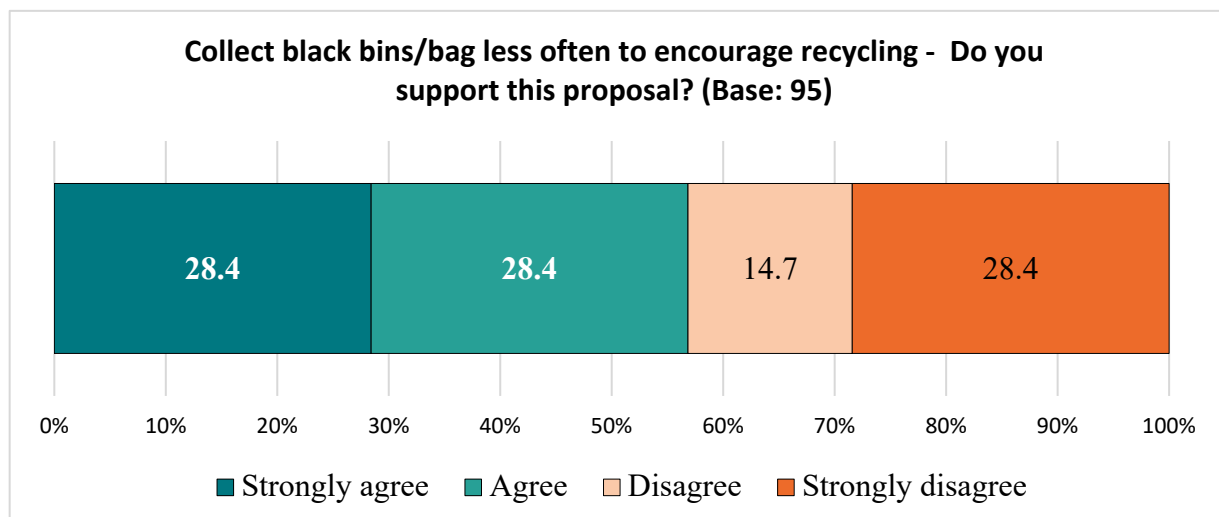
Although Cardiff is doing well, more effort is needed to get people to recycle and compost more, and reduce what they throw away in black bins or bags. Over 40% of what's in these bins or bags could be recycled at home.

To help meet this new target, Cardiff Council wants to collect black bins/bags every 3 weeks instead of 2, while still picking up recycling and food waste every week. This change aims to lower Cardiff's carbon footprint, avoid fines, and save £244,000 each year in waste disposal costs.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 95 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 92.2%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.1 .

Young people responding to the Child Friendly Cardiff Budget survey were more likely than respondents to the main survey to agree with these proposals (56.8%).



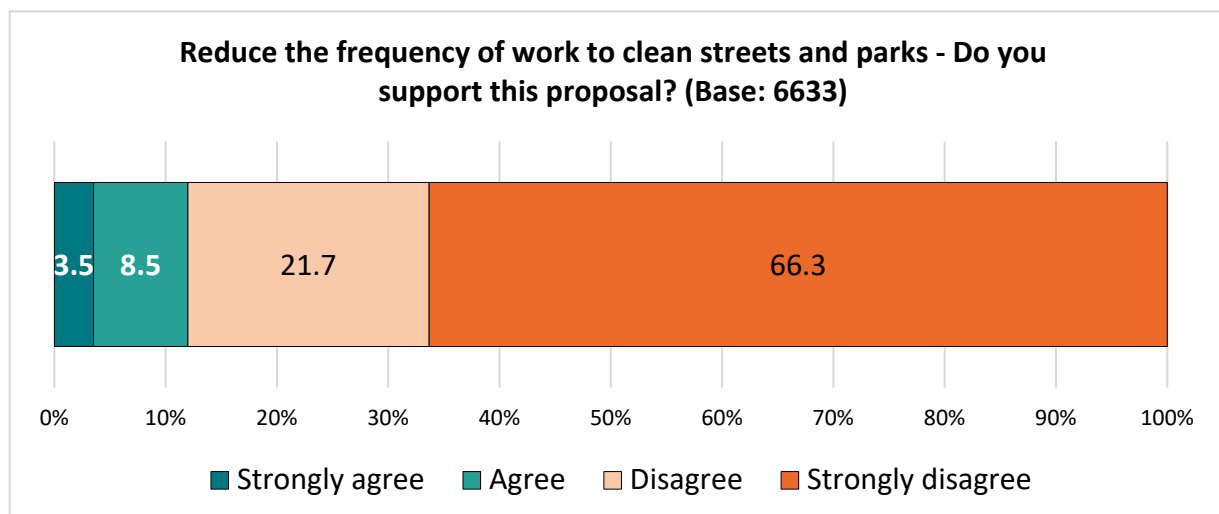
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The Council currently spends £6.25 million on street cleansing. The Council could save up to £880,000 if it were to reduce the amount of work done cleaning streets and parks, emptying litter bins and doing targeted cleansing in some inner city areas. Street cleansing and the targeted work would continue to take place, but the frequency would reduce.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,633 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.7%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

There was strong disagreement with the proposal to reduce the frequency of work to clean street and parks (66.3%), with a further 21.7% disagreeing. Just 12.0%, or one in eight respondents, agreed with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

These results were consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 16](#)).

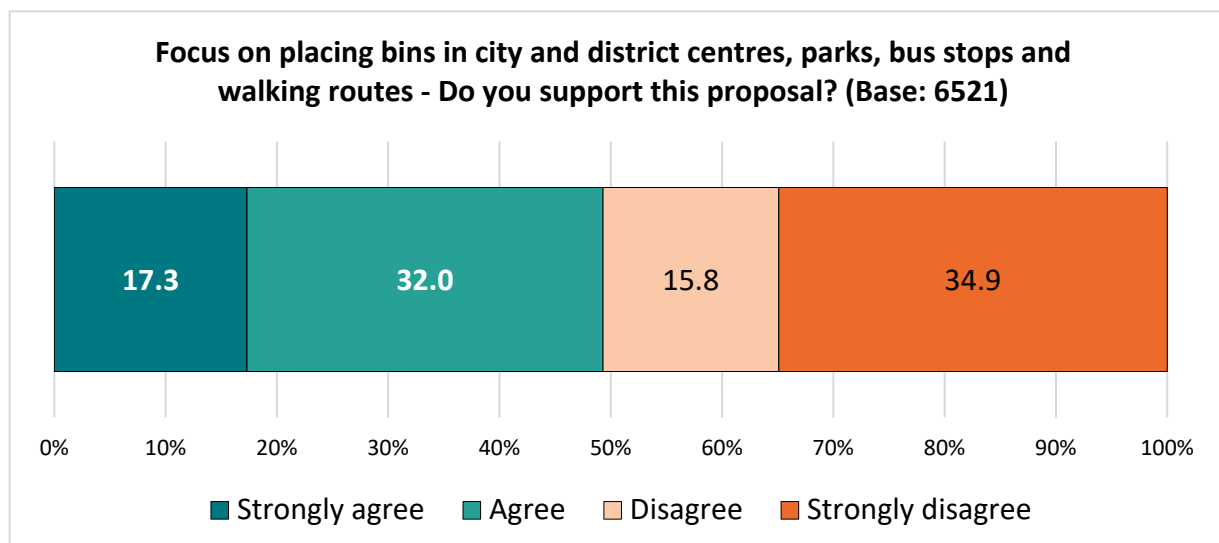
Over a thousand comments referencing litter or street cleansing were left in response to the open question at the end of this section; further details are available in [Appendix 18](#).

There are approximately 3,000 public bins across the city. A significant number of these in residential streets are not used widely by local residents, but these public bins do attract fly-tipping. The Council could remove public bins from residential streets and focus instead on placing bins in city and district centres, parks, bus stops and dog walking routes. This would save £139,000 per year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,521 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 72.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Opinion was split on this proposal, with 49.3% of respondents in agreement, and 50.7% disagreeing.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Results were consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 17](#)).

Over 300 responses referencing on-street bins were received in response to the open question at the end of the section. Further details can be found in [Appendix 18](#).

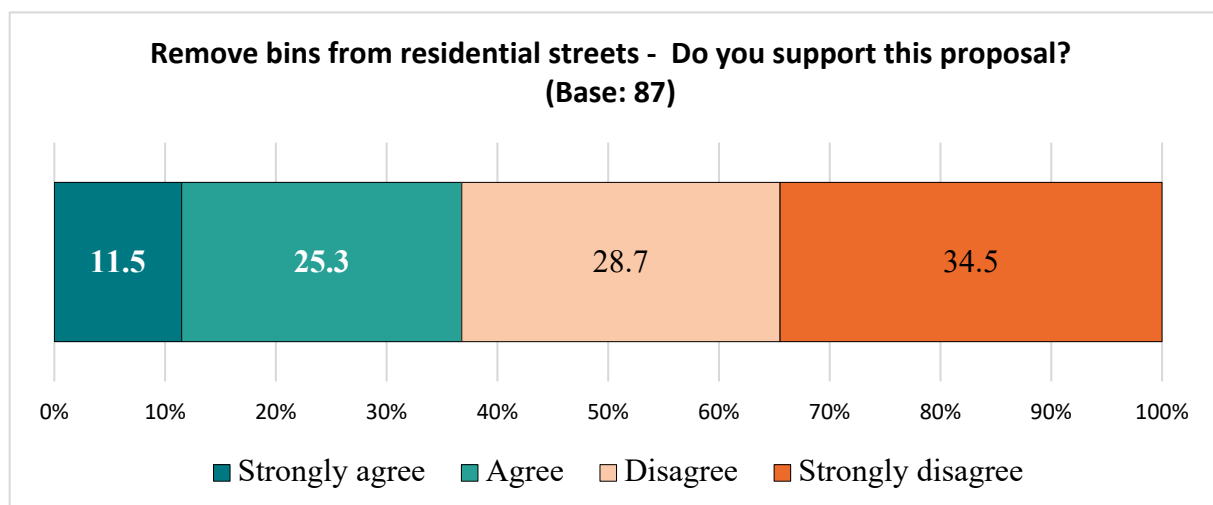
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The city has about 3,000 public bins. Many bins on residential streets are not used much by locals but attract illegal dumping. The Council might remove these bins and only have bins in city and district centres, parks, bus stops, and dog walking areas. This could save over £139,000 every year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 87 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 84.5%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.5 .

Respondents to the Child Friendly Cardiff survey were less likely to agree with this proposal than those completing the main budget consultation, with 36.8% in agreement, and 63.2% disagreeing.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

The Local Action Teams were introduced in 2020, and enhanced in 2022, and work to improve the neighbourhoods in and around 17 of the city's housing estates where there are a high number of council homes. This service is partly funded by the Council's Housing Team, which is responsible for supporting council homes. They work to create cleaner and safer places for residents by proactively removing rubbish and waste from gardens, removing fly tipping, carrying out clearance of open land, cut back trees and hedges and clear overgrown areas. They also carry out street action days, encouraging residents to get involved in improving their environment.

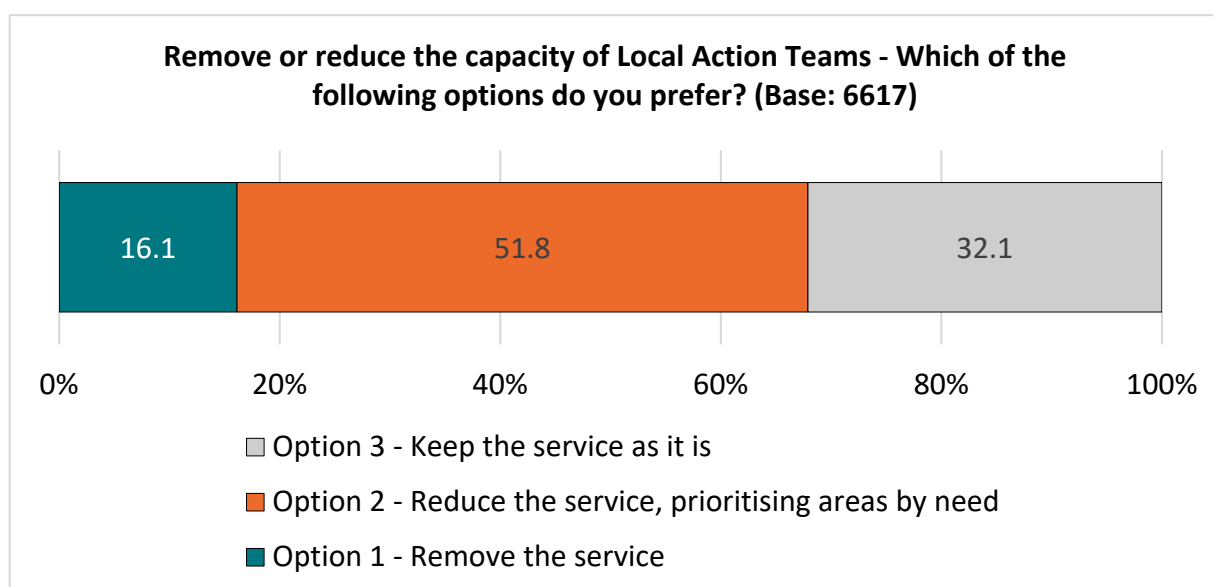
To save money the Council could stop the provision of this service or reduce the capacity of the teams.

Which of the following options do you prefer?

- **Option 1** – Remove the service, saving £854,000.
- **Option 2** – Reduce the service, prioritising areas by need, saving at least £312,000.
- **Option 3** – Keep the service as it is and find savings elsewhere.

A total of 6,617 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

Just over half of those responding to this question supported the option of reducing the capacity of Local Actions Teams, prioritising its work by need. Just under a third (32.1%) opted to keep the service as it is, double the proportion of respondents preferring that the service be removed (16.1%).

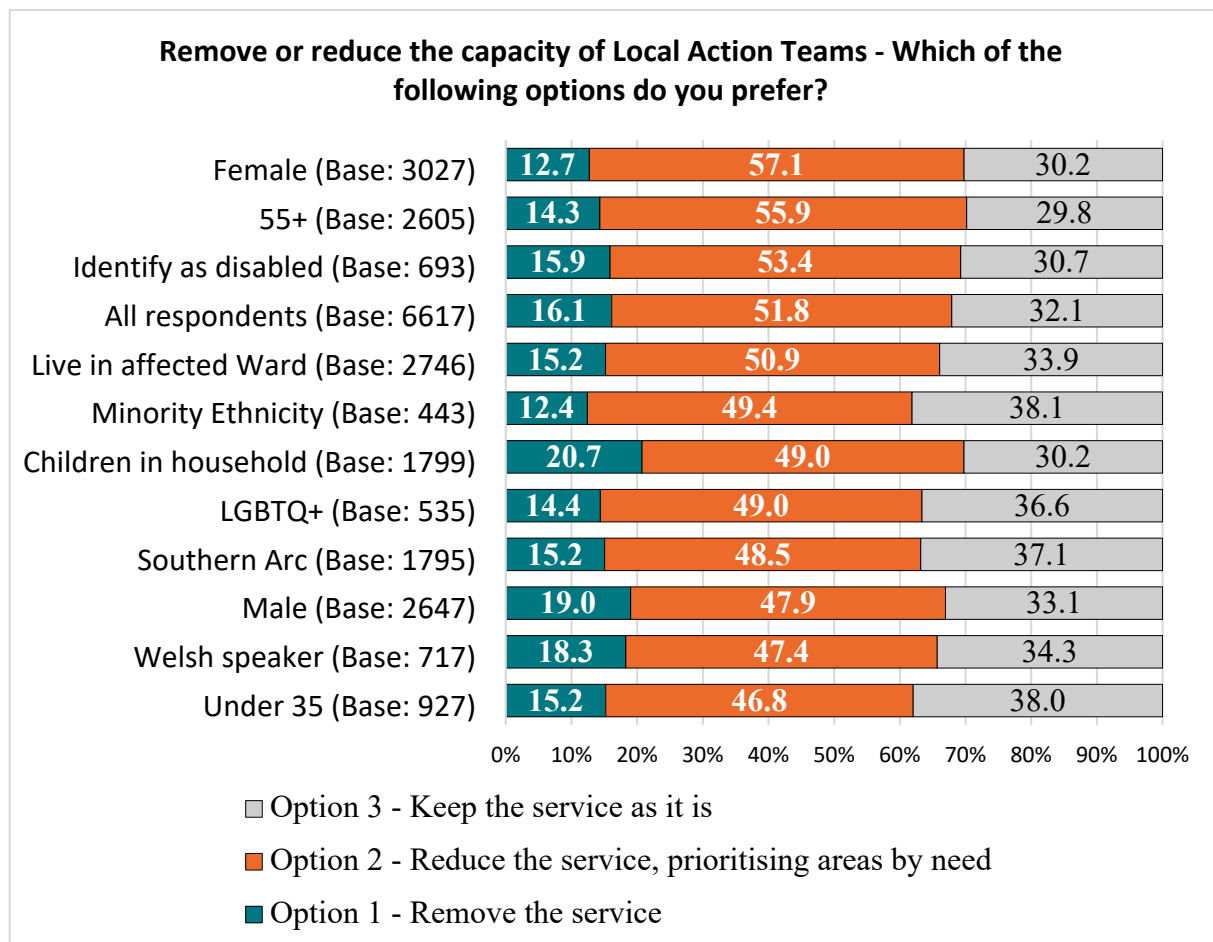


Almost 90 comments on the Local Action Teams were given in response to the open question at the end of the section. Details can be found in [Appendix 18](#).

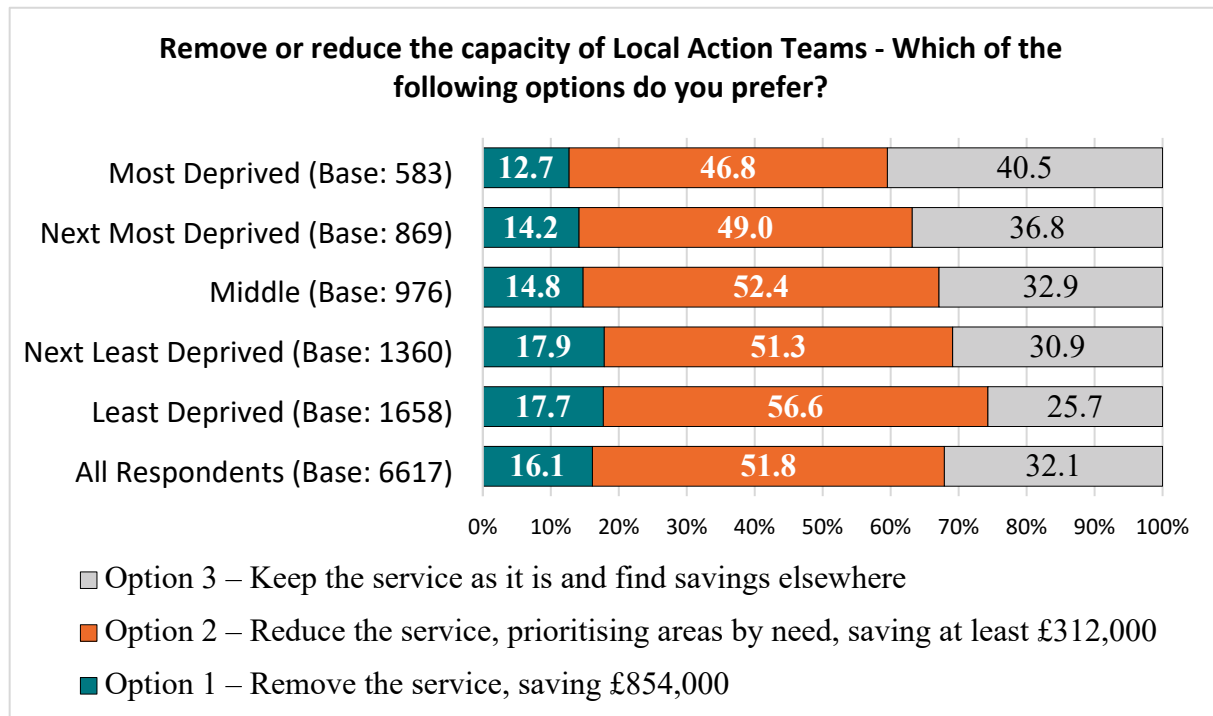
Females (57.1%), respondents aged 55 or over (55.9%) and those who identify as disabled (53.4%) showed the highest level of support for reducing the Local Action Teams service.

Respondents from a Minority Ethnicity (38.1%) or under the age of 35 (38.0%) were most likely to want to keep the service.

Respondents with children in their household (20.7%) or males (19.0%) were most likely to support the removal of the Local Action Teams service.



There was a correlation between respondents' views on the Local Action Teams service and level of deprivation – the more deprived the area, the more likely respondents were to want to keep the service as it is; the more affluent the area, the more likely the respondents were to support reducing this service.



Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

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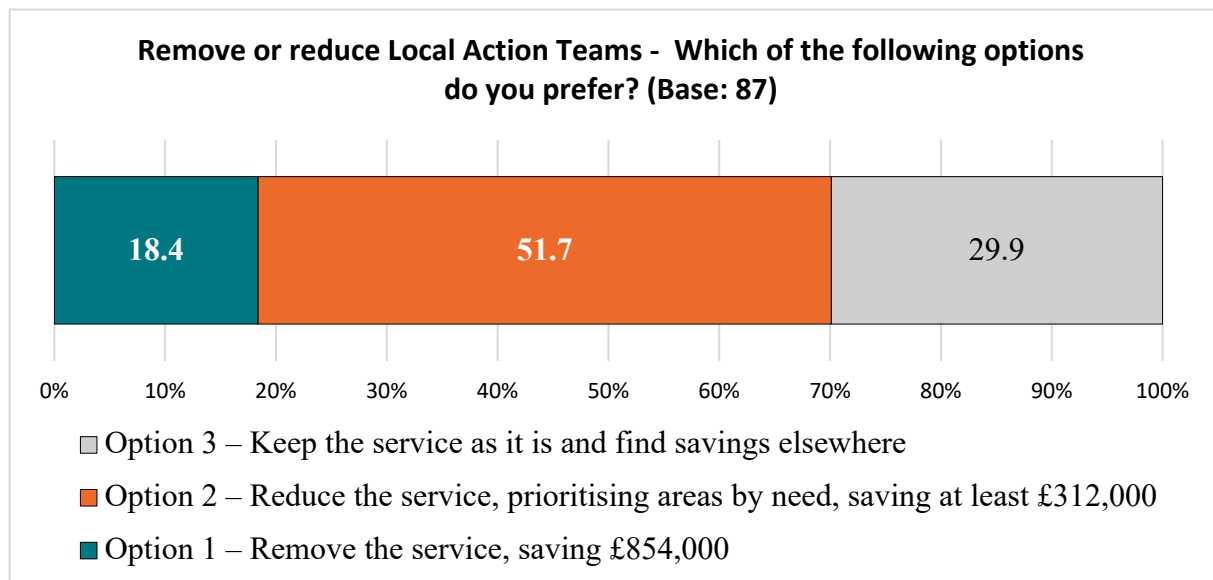
To save money the Council could stop the provision of this service or reduce the capacity of the teams.

Which of the following options do you prefer?

A total of 87 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 84.5%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.5 .

Responses to the Child Friendly Cardiff budget consultation reflected the findings of the main survey, with 51.7% supporting the reduction of the Local Action Teams service.



Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Waste & Street Cleansing?

A total of 1,649 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 18](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Cardiff is already filthy	893	54.2	- <i>Is it the council's ambition to host the Festival of Litter? It certainly feels like it.</i> - <i>Cardiff is the worst place for litter I have ever lived. You cannot reduce services and remove bins.</i> - <i>An absolute joke. The streets are filthy enough as it is and now you want the public to pay to get rid of their litter?! We can't control our litter, I can assure you I recycle as much as possible and my black bin is still full! You are absolutely disgusting and a waste of space for proposing this. Cardiff is becoming a rancid, boring, dirty little city and you are to thank for that!</i> - <i>Living near a park and since the occurrence of covid the prevalence of dog walkers has increased I would certainly resist any measures that reduced the availability of walkers to dispose of their collected dog excrement.</i> - <i>Keeping our city as clean and free of litter as possible is a huge priority and reducing services in this area would be horrendous.</i> - <i>The streets of Cardiff are already a filthy disgrace. How could you even think of this.</i> - <i>Cardiff is one of the dirtiest and most litter-strewn cities in the UK I have experienced - any reduction to these services would have a terribly negative impact on our communities and the potential to for Cardiff to advertise itself as a tourist location and a centre of future economic development.</i>
Black bin collection issues - keep fortnightly collections	486	29.5	- <i>Absolutely awful idea to increase black bins to 3 weeks, especially for families with young children or pets where waste disposal is essential. Hygiene bins in my area have already been suspended for over a month. Also, if a household were to miss bin collection for whatever reason there will then be 6 weeks of waste to deal with. Unacceptable!</i> - <i>Reducing black bin waste will only cause people to put more unrecyclable plastics into the recycling bins. This will also increase fly tipping. Families with pets or multiple children produce a lot of waste- most of which isn't recyclable. Further, some tower block flats do not have facilities for food waste.</i>

			<i>Their bins will pile up with food, increasing pest issues.</i> <i>- Reducing these services or charging for them will inevitably lead to fly tipping. Short term saving for long term problems. Black bags every 3 weeks will lead to maggot infestations, especially if the householder and/or council miss a collection. Lamby Way will not dispose of household waste that won't fit in black bins, so more fly tipping...</i> <i>- Do not reduce black bin collection. I pay close attention to what is/isn't recyclable and I come close to filling my black bin every 2 weeks.</i> <i>- Reducing black bag collection will encourage rats.</i> <i>- The black bin collections for families are already a nightmare. Single occupancy households have the same bin space as a family of four. I think reducing collections could well increase fly tipping as it's not easy to dispose of general waste, even the recycling centres won't just take a black bag full of general household rubbish so there's nowhere for it to go.</i>
Against reduction in street cleaning	281	17.0	<i>- Cardiff streets are very poor, lots have significant amounts of rubbish and do not get cleaned frequently enough as it is without reducing this service. It is a problem that needs addressing not cutting.</i> <i>- Street cleaning is important for sanitation, hygiene and also accessibility - keeping pavements safe. At the moment there is a big problem with litter in Cardiff, especially from rubbish bags which have been torn open / left on the street.</i> <i>- I'm sorry, but the streets of Cardiff are constantly dirty. There is way too many rubbish flying around the streets. You can't stop or reduce cleaning because we gonna drown</i> <i>- Streets of Cardiff are full of rubbish, litter and bags full of rubbish. It looks absolutely awful and the proposal to clean the streets even less is mind boggling!</i> <i>- Street cleaning is important for road safety of both pedestrians and cyclists. Both rubbish and leaves create slip and trip hazards.</i> <i>- Many streets in Cardiff are filthy through unfortunately litter louts but also the lack of street cleansing. Any reduction in this area would see Cardiff looking more and more like a third world country. Also many of the roadside verges are strewn with litter. If anything, additional services</i>

are required.

Face-to-face Engagement

This theme was at the forefront of a lot of people's minds, in part due to the media picking up on these proposals from the budget consultation, plus comments made on social media. A number of people commented on their experiences of missed waste collections and a perceived lack of street cleansing, summarised by an engagement officer:

"Many people wanted to give their feedback and convey their frustration about the city's poor cleaning and high levels of trash."

Discussions with groups of people became passionate as they shared their frustrations, experiences and opinions, such as a group of women from Minority Ethnicities, across a range of ages (20s to 70s), in Riverside:

"I have heard about the bins [proposal]!"

"There is too much rubbish everywhere already!"

"So much rubbish everywhere!",

"The [bin] men just leave it – if they drop it, they just leave it!",

"Have you seen this road on bin day? After the [bin] men have been? It is terrible! It is the same by me!",

"And so many plastic bags! The birds tear them, rubbish everywhere."

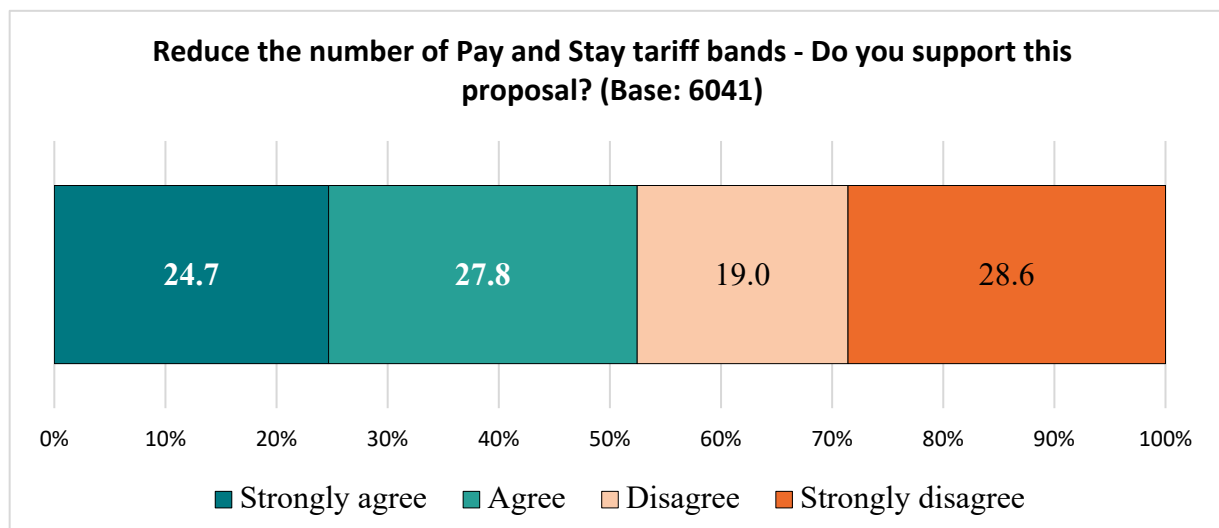
Parking

Currently the Council has 12 different on-street Pay and Stay tariff bands across the city, operating at different times and on different days. We propose to simplify this by reducing the number of tariffs from 12 to 4. To help manage demand, we propose higher charges for parking locations closer to the city centre, with an average increase of £1 per hour in the city centre, and 50p in districts outside the city centre. The amount of “long-stay” parking available to commuters will also be reduced, to support residents and local businesses, and encourage the use of public transport or active travel.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,041 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 67.1%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

Opinion was split on the proposal to reduce the number of Pay and Stay tariff bands, with 52.5% of respondents agreeing, and 47.5% disagreeing.



Results were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 19](#)).

Over 400 comments on parking charges, and the possible impacts of the proposal were left in the open question at the end of the section, with further details in [Appendix 21](#).

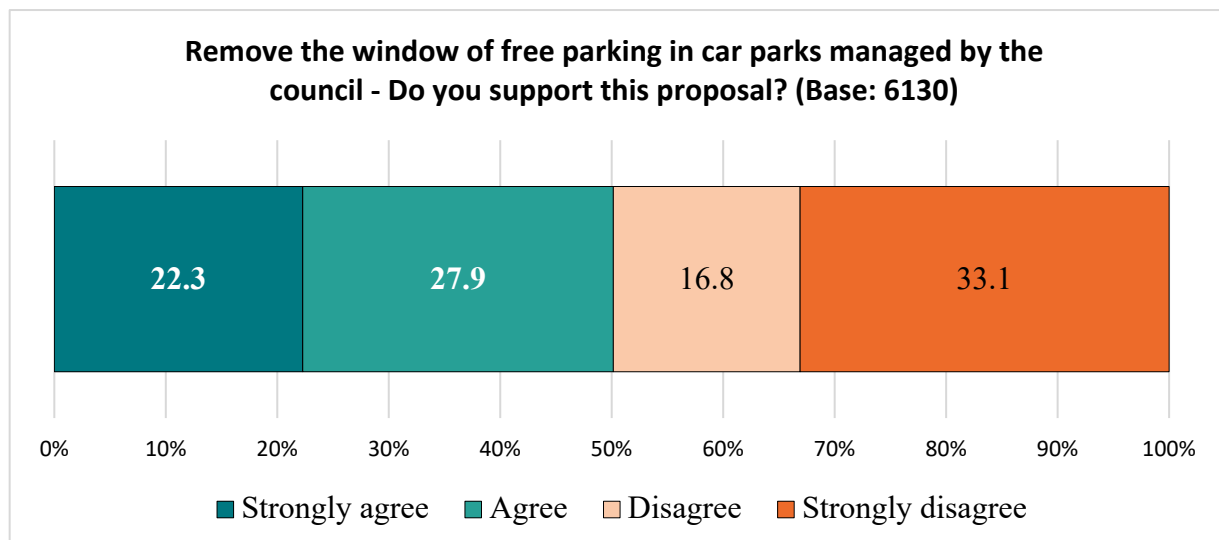
Some Pay and Stay locations managed by the Council currently provide up to 2 hours of free parking in car parks and on-street, as long as a free ticket is obtained. This subsidises parking and doesn't reflect the costs of maintaining and managing the parking areas. It is proposed that this window of free parking be removed in car parks, with a charge introduced of £1 for the first hour (or £1.50 for the first two hours) in locations within the central parking area and

50p for the first hour (or £1 for the first two hours) for other locations outside the city centre.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 6,130 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 68.1%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

Opinion was split on removing the window of free parking in car parks managed by the council, with 50.1% agreeing with this proposal, and 49.9% disagreeing.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

These results were broadly reflected across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 20](#)).

Overall, 270 comments were received about removing the window of free parking in council-run car parks, with further comments on the impact this could have, or alternative suggestions to the proposed charges. Further details are available in [Appendix 21](#).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

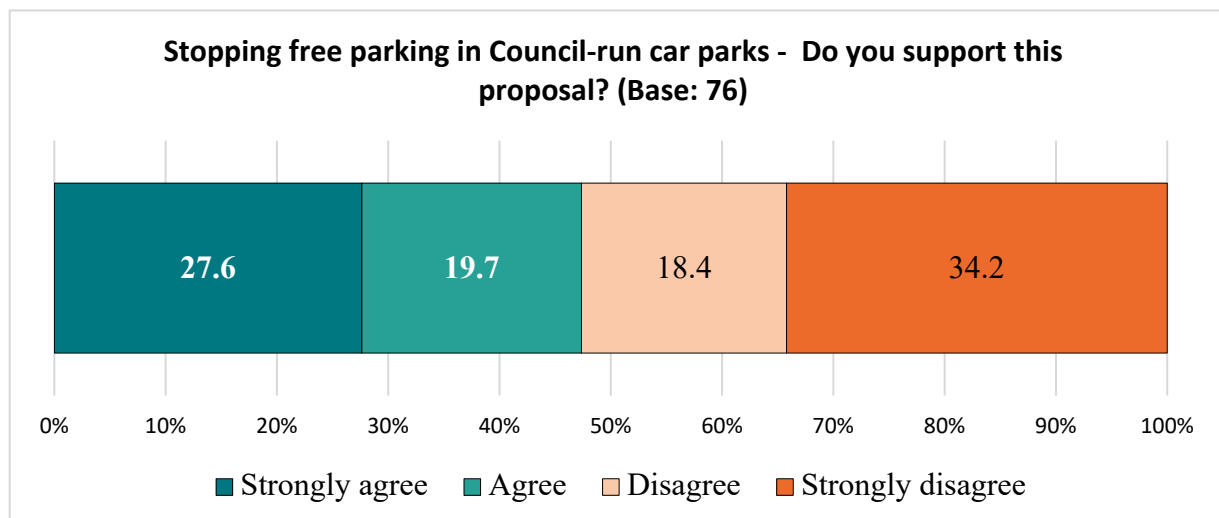
Some parking spots run by the Council offer up to 2 hours of free parking if you get a free ticket. This makes parking cheaper but doesn't cover the costs of keeping and running these parking areas. The council is thinking about stopping this free parking. Instead, they might charge £1 for the first hour in central parking areas and 50p in areas outside the city centre.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 76 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 73.8%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 11.2 .

Respondents answering this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff budget survey showed a lower level of support for this proposal than amongst respondents to the main survey, with 47.3% in agreement with the proposal to remove the window of free parking in council-run car parks.

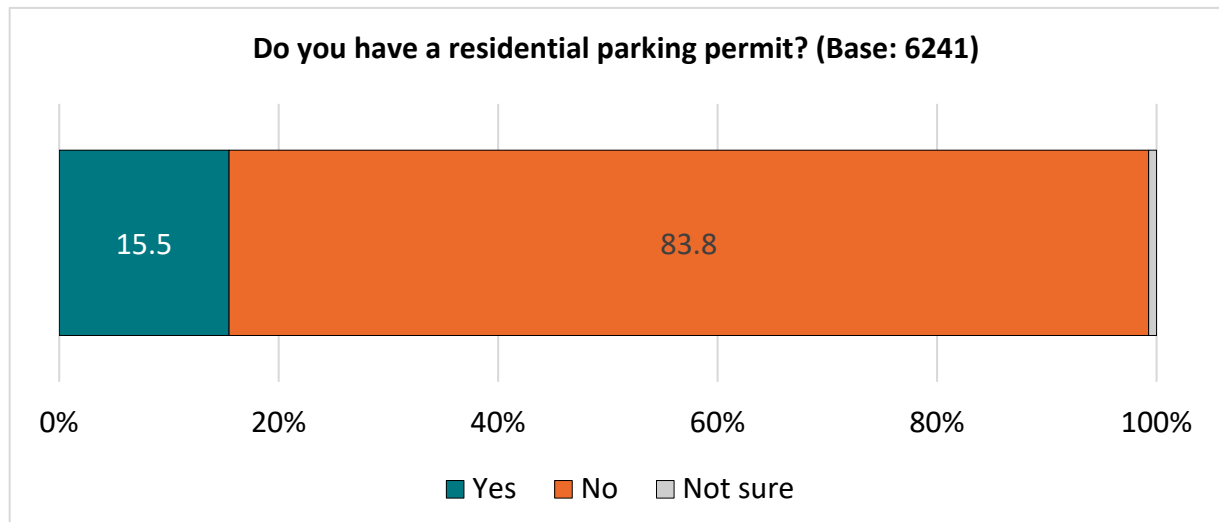


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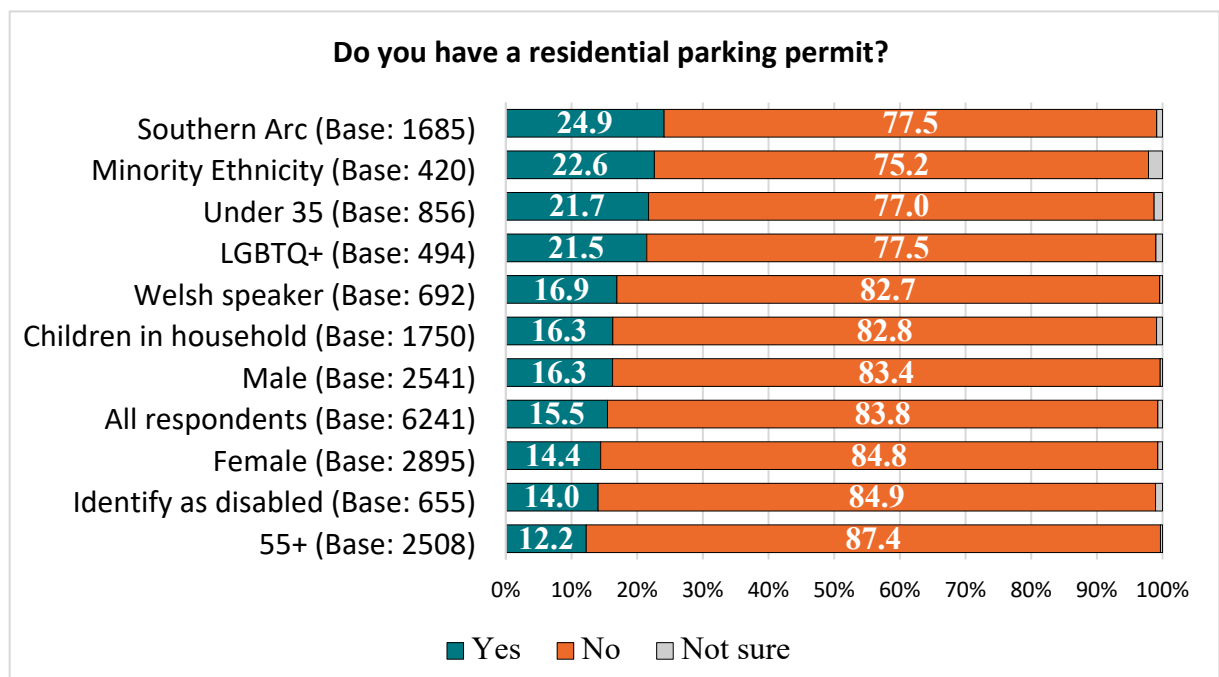
Do you currently have a residential parking permit?

A total of 6,241 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 69.3%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 .

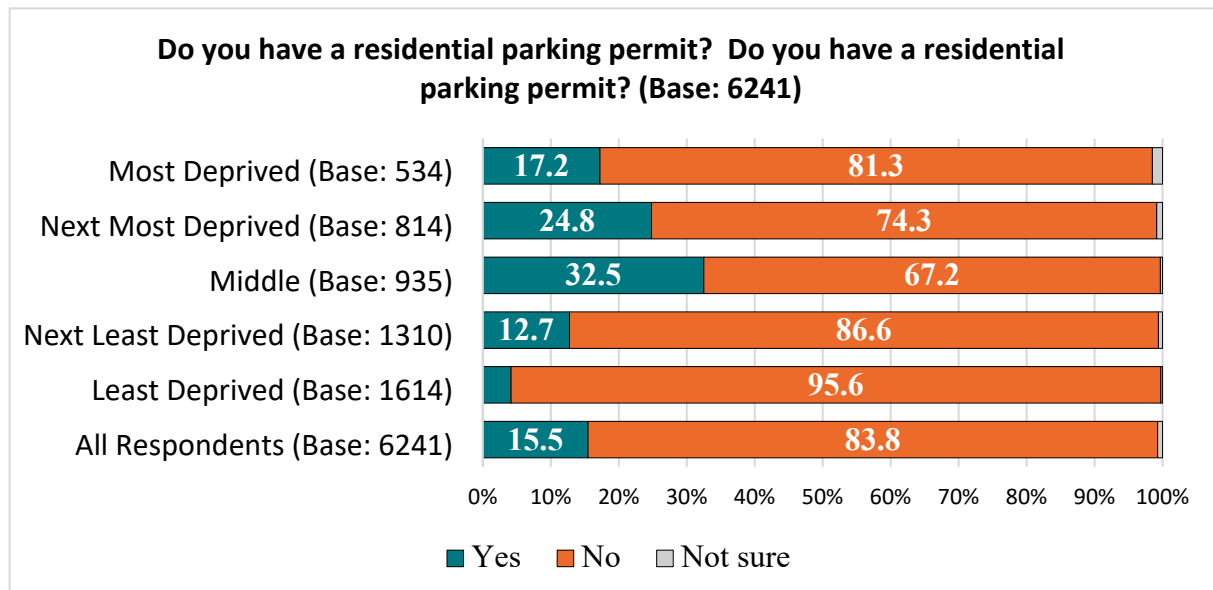
Around one in six respondents (15.5%) stated that they held a residential parking permit.



Respondents living in the Southern Arc (24.9%), from a Minority Ethnicity (22.6%) or under the age of 35 (21.7%) were most likely to hold residential parking permits.



A third of respondents living in the middle deprivation quintile (32.5%) held a residential parking permit, compared to 17.2% in the most deprived quintile, and just 4.2% in the least deprived quintile.



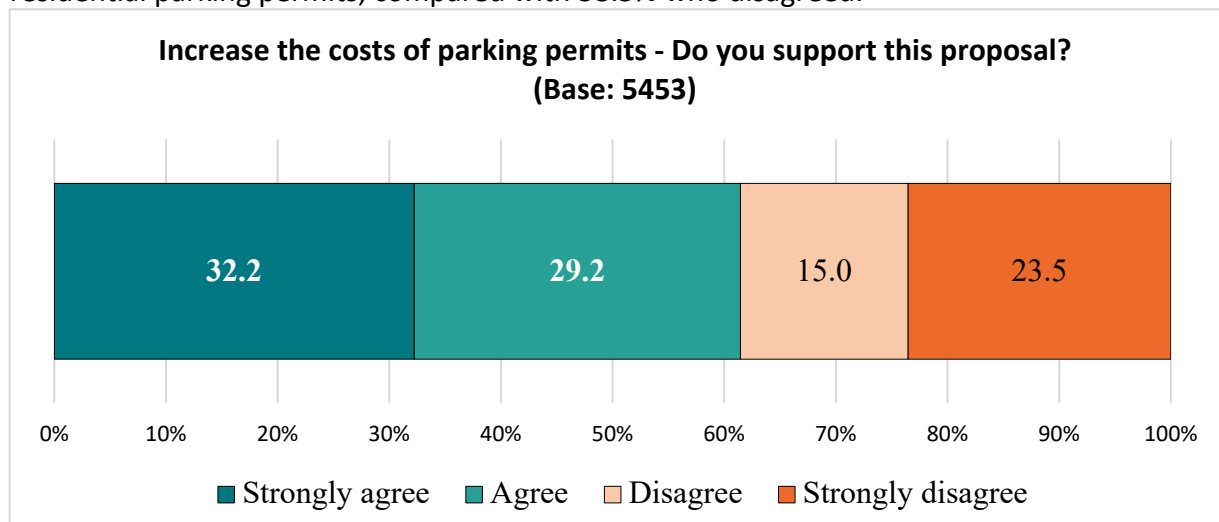
The Council offers parking permits as a service to residents in specific areas across the city. There are four levels of permits, which limit parking in particular streets to holders of residential or visitor permits. This service includes administering the relevant type and number of permits to applicants, and monitoring vehicles parking in restricted areas to ensure these areas are only used by permit holders.

The cost of parking permits in Cardiff is well below the average amount charged by similar Local Authorities across the UK, who charge an average of £48 for a first permit and £82 for additional permits. It is proposed that the cost of a first permit should increase from £24 to £30, and a second permit increase from £54 to £80.

Do you agree with this proposal?

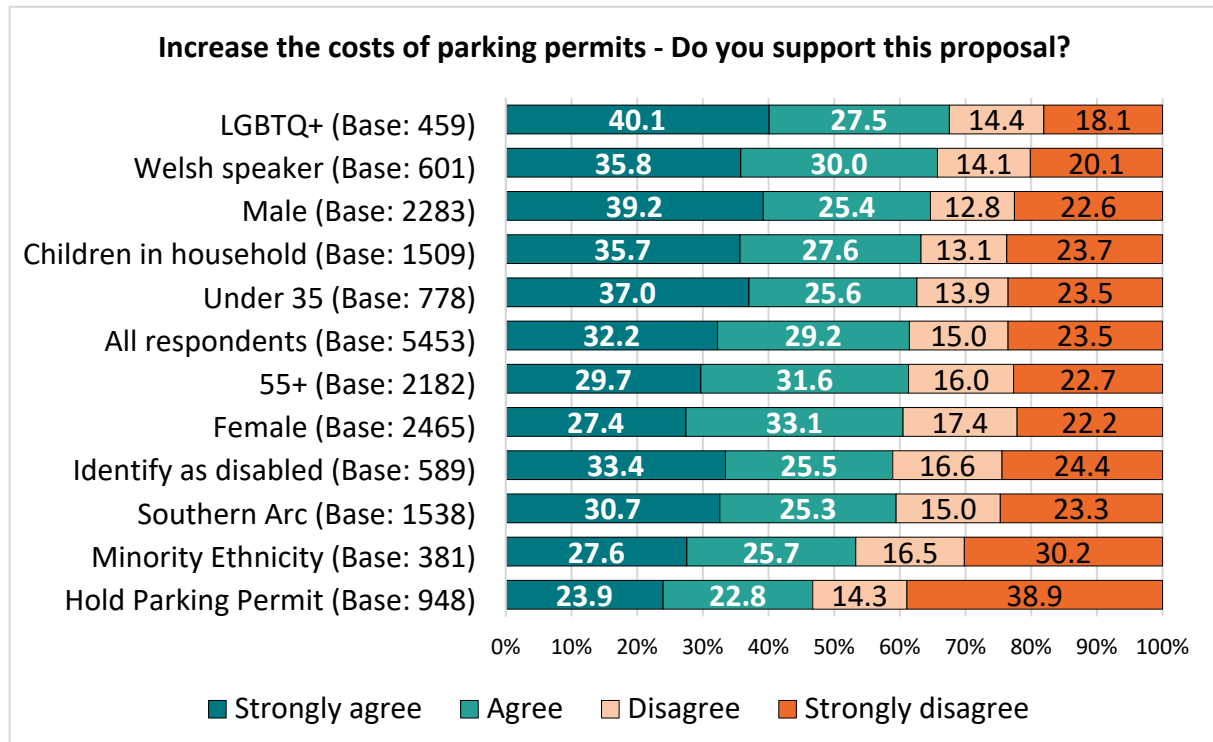
A total of 5,453 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 60.6%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

Just over three in five respondents (61.5%) agreed with the proposal to increase the cost of residential parking permits, compared with 38.5% who disagreed.



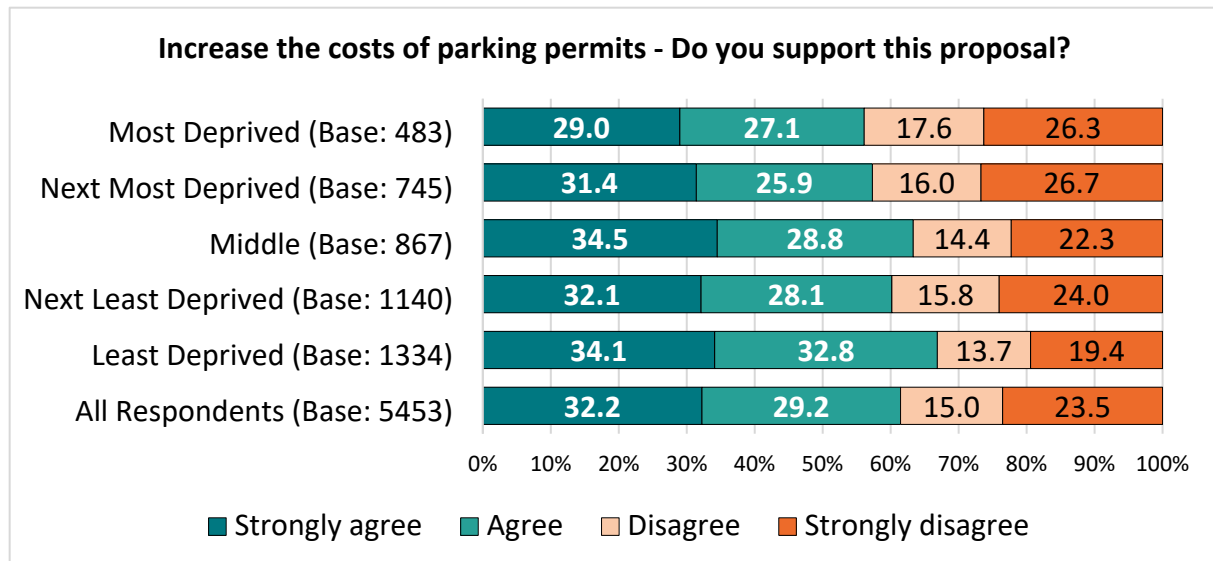
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Perhaps unsurprisingly, support for the increase in cost for permits was lowest amongst permit holders (46.7%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Whilst there was no direct correlation with level of deprivation, agreement with this proposal was highest amongst respondents living in the least deprived areas of the city, and lowest amongst those in the most deprived areas.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Parking?

A total of 1,682 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 21](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Public transport/infrastructure - is poor / Needs to improve / Recent bus provision cut	552	32.8	- More than happy to pay more for parking, but these increases need to be used to fund improvements to public transport so that people have genuine alternatives. - Bus services in Cardiff are unreliable and therefore can't replace car services. - Public transport is extremely poor in Cardiff and getting worse. I have experienced much better service in other cities I have lived in and when I lived and worked in Europe. This needs to be sorted out first before any other steps can be taken! - Public transport is not reliable or frequent or sufficiently coordinated to meet increased demand. - Public transport in Cardiff is particularly poor and requires substantial improvement before it is comparable to similarly sized cities - all savings from these should go towards improved transport networks where possible.

			- Let's actually see some form of improved public transport first. Currently it's not really fit for purpose and leaves almost everyone reliant on cars to get around even within the centre of the city.
Knock on effect of proposal - Businesses / visitors - local and city centre	423	25.1	- Short term free parking can facilitate use of local businesses perhaps reduce to 30 mins - Where are commuters supposed to park? Public transport is not an option for many, as it is infrequent and unreliable, even non existent in some areas. Loss of the free 2 hour parking option in suburban car parks will adversely affect local shopping areas such as Whitchurch and Wellfield Rd. - The city centre is dying as it is, charging motorist for parking further will reduce people coming into the city centres - You are pushing visitors to cardiff away from the city centre - The Council seems determined to drive away workers and visitors. Long-term, this will have a devastating effect upon town centres and businesses. It is a very short-sighted strategy. I guarantee it will not shift more people on to public transport. - It is important to ensure that any changes do not adversely affect usage of local shops, restaurants, etc.
Suggestions For more charges / Alternatives to proposed charges	352	20.9	- Reducing pay and stay to first 30 minutes free for quick pick up and drop offs would be better, charges starting after. - Additional permits often required for homes with multiple cars which are part of the congestion problem. Council should not be subsidising households with too many cars. - Cut the Active Travel budget to support parking. - Perhaps reduce free parking to one hour rather than dispensing with it all together. And for the love of all that's holy, get the public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure right before trying to get people out of cars. - Enforcement officers need to check the 2 hour free parking window the system is much abused. - Bring back paper permits so residents can actually see if a vehicle has a current permit.

Face-to-face Engagement

Parking permit charges were more of an issue for men than for women, either being raised spontaneously, or as a prompt to complete a survey when told that this was one of the topics in the questionnaire.

*"I can't park even if I pay for my permit!" (White British male, 60s, Roath),
"You have already raised the price for parking!" (A group of Minority Ethnicity men, aged 35-64, Grangetown)*

Other issues around parking were also raised, including concerns around pavement parking, particularly amongst older participants:

"In the Roath area, there is some streets where people park on the pavement. I had to walk [in the road], frightened, keeping turning back to check if cars are coming! I've fallen twice." (White female, 70s, Roath)

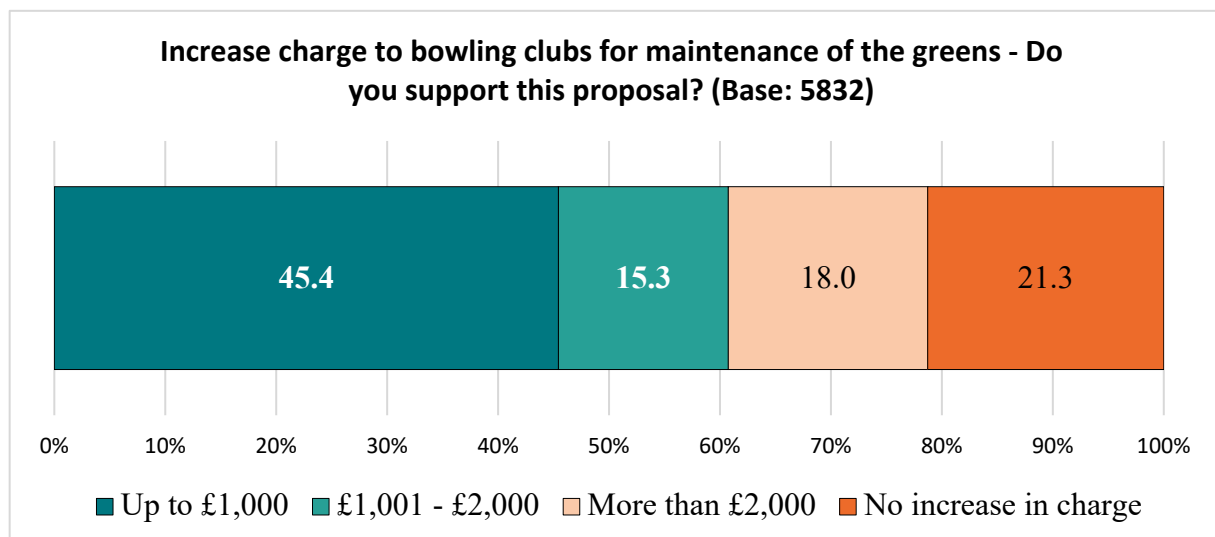
Leisure & Sports

The Council provides a subsidy of £11,000 each for 4 bowling greens across the city to support the maintenance of the greens, and two of these clubs are not charged for the use of park pavilions. The Council is proposing to increase charges to the clubs to cover the cost of this maintenance, and introduce a charge for the use of each park pavilion to cover the cost of providing this facility.

Do you support increasing the charge to the bowling clubs for the maintenance of the greens by:

A total of 5,832 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 64.8%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

Just over three-quarters of respondents (78.7%) supported an increase in the charge to bowling clubs for the maintenance of the greens, with most respondents (45.4%) supporting an increase of up to £1,000. Just over a fifth of respondents (21.3%) did not support any increase in charges for this service.

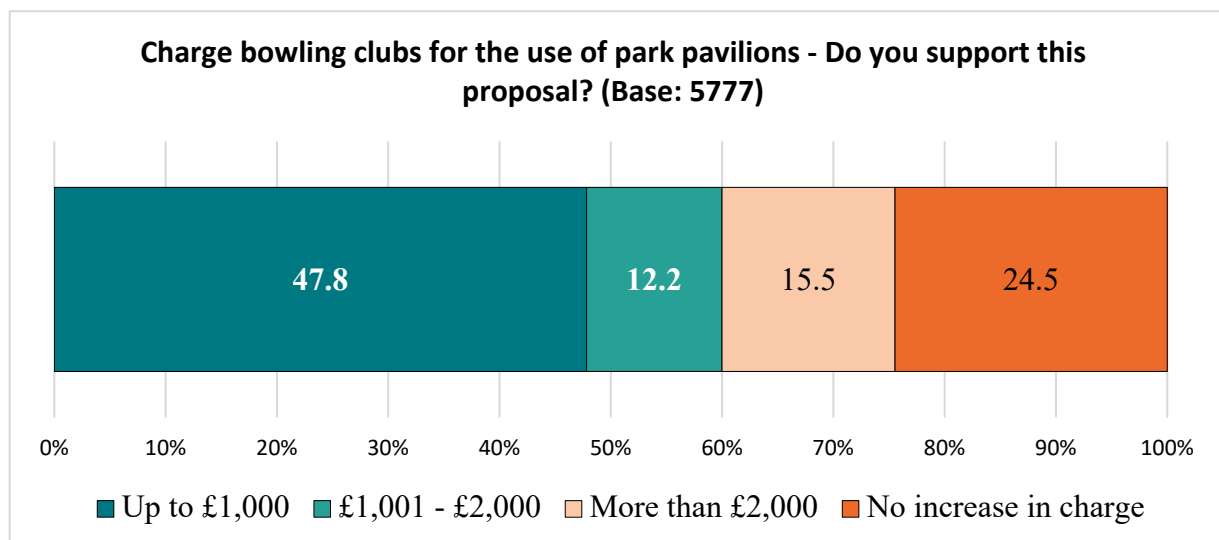


Patterns of responses were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analyses; see [Appendix 22](#) for further details.

Do you support charging for the use of park pavilions?

A total of 5,777 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 64.2%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

Again, around three-quarters of respondents supported charging bowling clubs for the use of park pavilions - almost half (47.8%) supported charging bowling clubs up to £1,000, one in eight (12.2%) supported a charge of up to £2,000, and more than one in seven (15.5%) supported a charge of more than £2,000. A quarter of respondents did not want an increase in the cost of the use of the pavilions.



Again, patterns of responses were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analyses; see [Appendix 23](#) for further details.

A number of comments were received about subsidies for bowls clubs, and other leisure facilities in response to the open question at the end of the section; further details can be found in [Appendix 27](#).

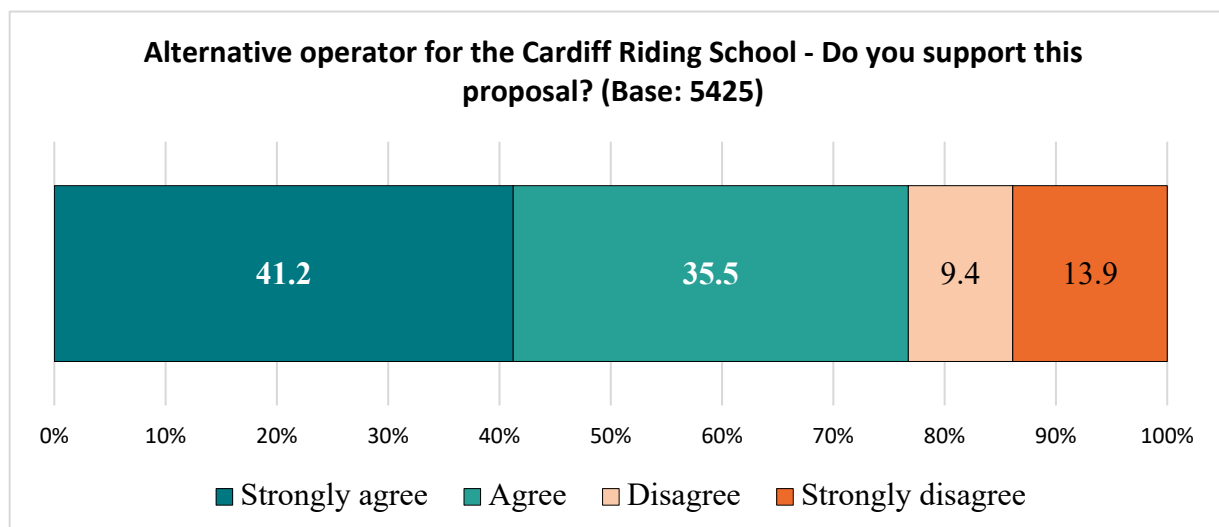
The Cardiff Riding School, based in Pontcanna Fields, is run and subsidised by the Council. The Council could transfer this service to another organisation who would be responsible for running the Riding School on the Council's behalf, potentially removing or reducing the subsidy needed.

We would need to find out if there is another organisation who could take it over. It would continue to operate whilst this takes place. We are asking for your views on whether you'd support finding an alternative operator which could remove the Council subsidy.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 5,425 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 60.3%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

Around three-quarters of respondents (76.7%) supported the proposal to find an alternative operator for the Cardiff Riding School, including 41.2% who 'strongly agreed'.



There was a broad consensus of opinion across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details show in [Appendix 24](#)).

Over 150 comments regarding the Cardiff Riding School, and proposals for how this should be run were made in response to the open question at the end of the section; further details can be found in [Appendix 27](#).

The Council currently spends £240,000 subsidising the cost for adults hiring sports pitches and changing facilities across the city. Fees vary by sport and whether changing rooms are included.

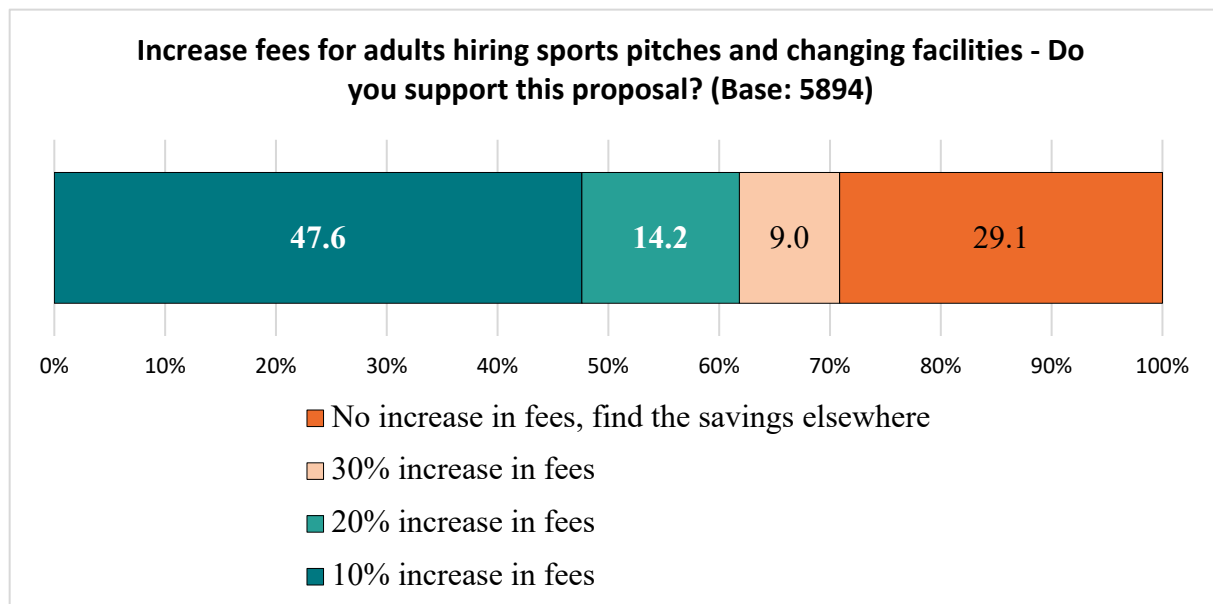
The Council is proposing to reduce subsidies for the provision of football, rugby, cricket and baseball pitches. Currently, hire fees range from £50.92 to £76.12, however the Council is considering increasing the fees to help cover costs.

Which of the following levels of increase do you support?

A total of 5,894 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 65.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

The most popular response to this question was support for a 10% increase in fees for adults hiring sports pitches and changing facilities (47.6%), with around a quarter (23.2%) supporting a greater increase.

Three in ten respondents (29.1%) did not support an increase in fees.



There was a broad consensus of opinion across the demographic and geographic groups analysed, with details available in [Appendix 25](#).

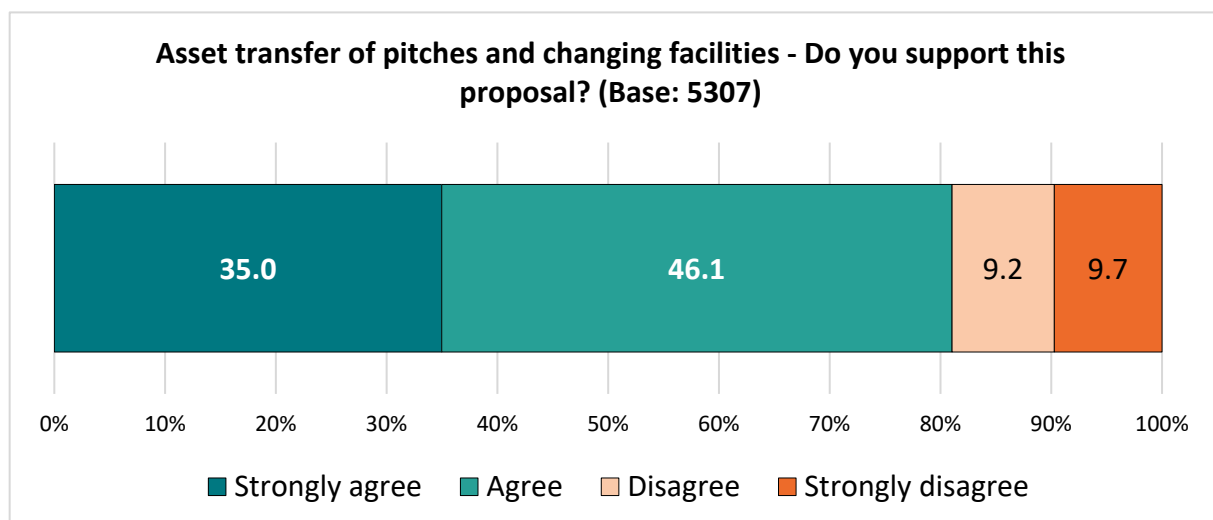
Almost 500 respondents commented on the importance of affordable facilities in response to the open question at the end of this section; further details are available in [Appendix 27](#).

The Council is currently responsible for running a number of pitches and changing facilities used for community sports across the city, and has arrangements in place with a number of clubs who have taken over responsibility for managing the pitches and facilities they use. The Council is proposing to repeat these arrangements with more clubs, which could save a further £25,000.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 5,307 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 59.0%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

More than four out of five respondents (81.0%) supported repeating the asset transfer of pitches and changing facilities with more clubs, contrasting with 19.0% who did not agree with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Demographic and geographic groups analysed showed consistency of opinion on this proposal. (Details shown in [Appendix 26](#)).

Around 150 comments on asset transfer of this, and other services, were made in response to the open question at the end of the section, with more details on this available in [Appendix 27](#).

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Leisure & Sports?

A total of 885 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 27](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Leisure & Sports need to be affordable and accessible to all / against proposals	497	56.2	- It is important to encourage exercise so increases to charges here should be modest. - 10% increase for sports clubs is too much. 5% is fairer. - Gyms need to be more affordable/accessible. Very hard to find anywhere to do any indoor exercise that doesn't charge large amounts. - It's important that these facilities are kept affordable. - Important to encourage participation in sports at all levels. - Plz don't discourage public from exercise
Health & Wellbeing current and future implications	294	33.2	- Keep people healthy. - We need to be encouraging more people into an active lifestyle not putting them off if you were to introduce these costs then less people would be likely to participate. - By putting up fees too much would put people off using the facilities and not keeping fit. - Your proposals don't exactly encourage a healthy lifestyle if you look to increase costs of playing fields etc. - Exercise/sport for all is important for health and well-being. A survey such as this one fails to address the nuances of each situation. - Exercise is important. It helps the council in the long run if people can exercise.
Impact on young / vulnerable / low income	266	30.1	- Just the rich kids playing sports then? - Sport is essential for good health and fitness. It should not become the reserve of the better off in our communities. We already have an obesity crisis! - The bowling clubs are mainly for the retired people of the city, people who have worked and supported the city in most cases all of their lives, it would be criminal to charge them for their leisure activity (and I do not play bowls). - I would not want to see the cost of providing sports facilities for children and young people going up by more than the rate of inflation. - Facilities to keep people fit and active must be maintained and not become the privilege of the

			<i>rich.</i> - <i>Access to sport should be promoted and restrictions removed.</i>
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Face-to-face Engagement

Leisure and Sport was not a common topic for spontaneous comments, but a group of older White men in Butetown Pavilion said that they wanted leisure and sport promoted for all ages, to reduce health issues and avoid the congestion in hospitals.

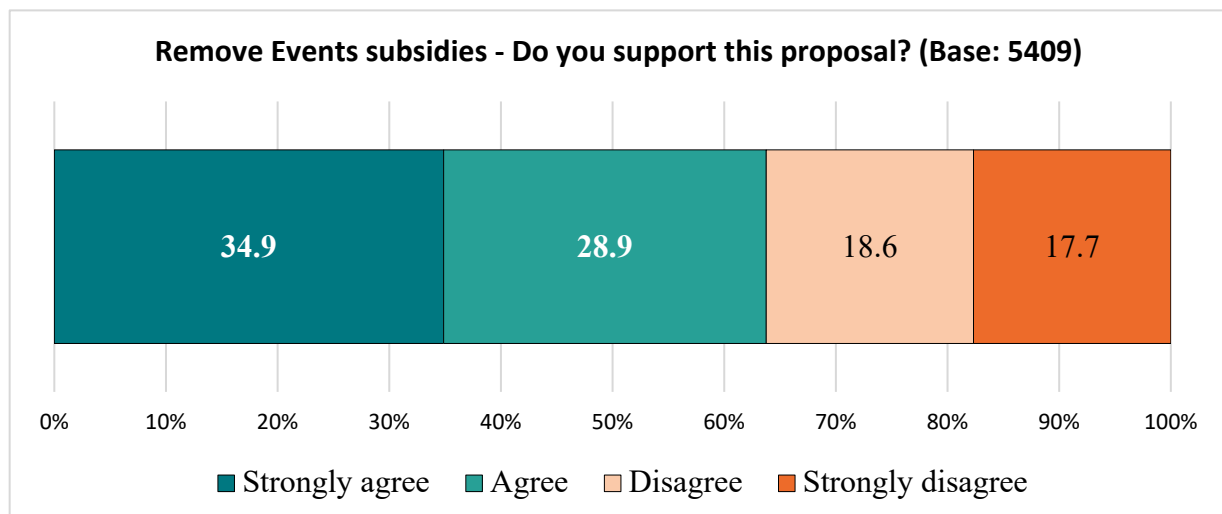
Culture & Events

The Council currently spends around £36,000 per year subsidising events including Artes Mundi and The Big Gig. The Council proposes removing this funding.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 5,409 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 60.1%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

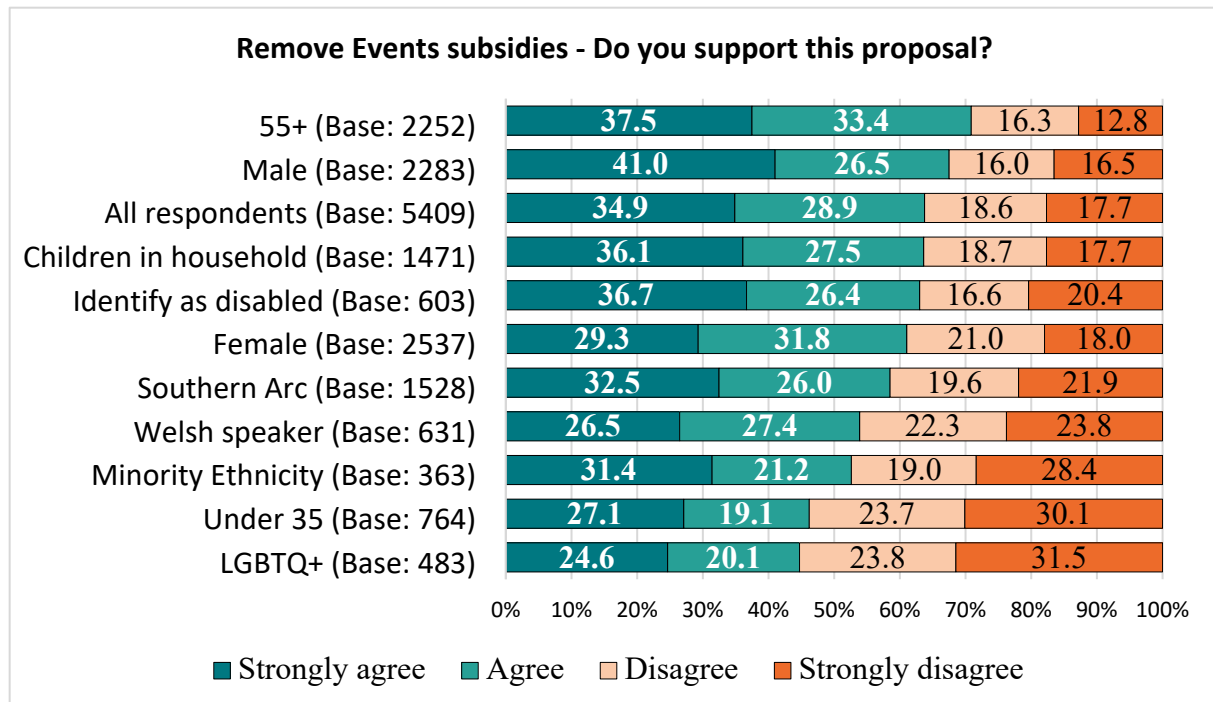
Almost two-thirds of respondents (63.8%) agreed with the proposal to remove subsidies from events such as Artes Mundi or The Big Gig.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

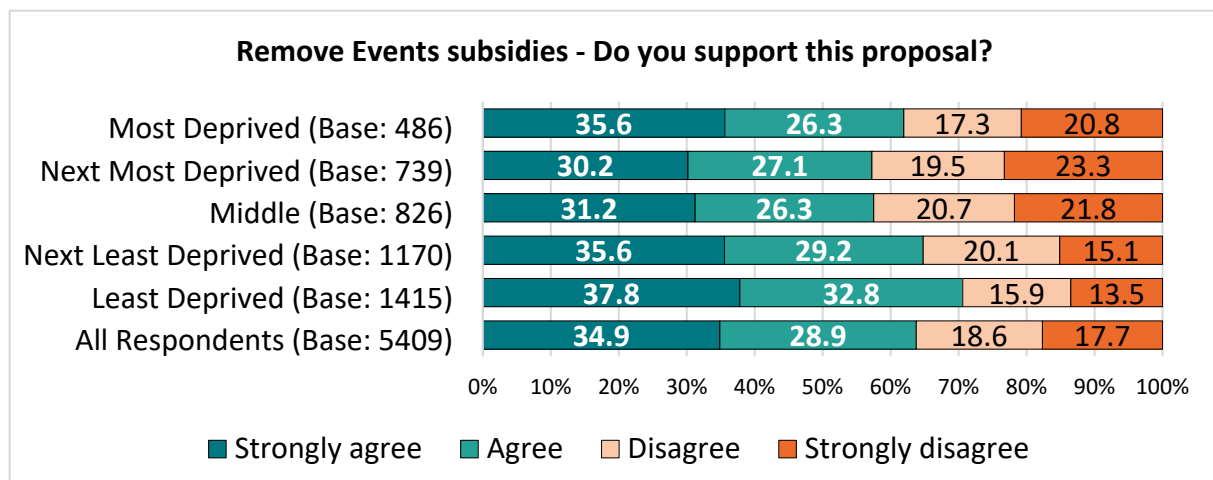
Over 50 comments on events were received in response to the open question at the end of this section; further details can be found in [Appendix 30](#).

Agreement for removing these subsidies were highest amongst respondents aged 55 or older (70.9%) and males (67.5%); it was lowest amongst respondents identifying as LGBTQ+ (44.7%) or under the age of 35 (46.2%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Whilst there was no clear correlation with agreement for this proposal and the level of deprivation, agreement was highest amongst respondents living in the most affluent areas of the city.



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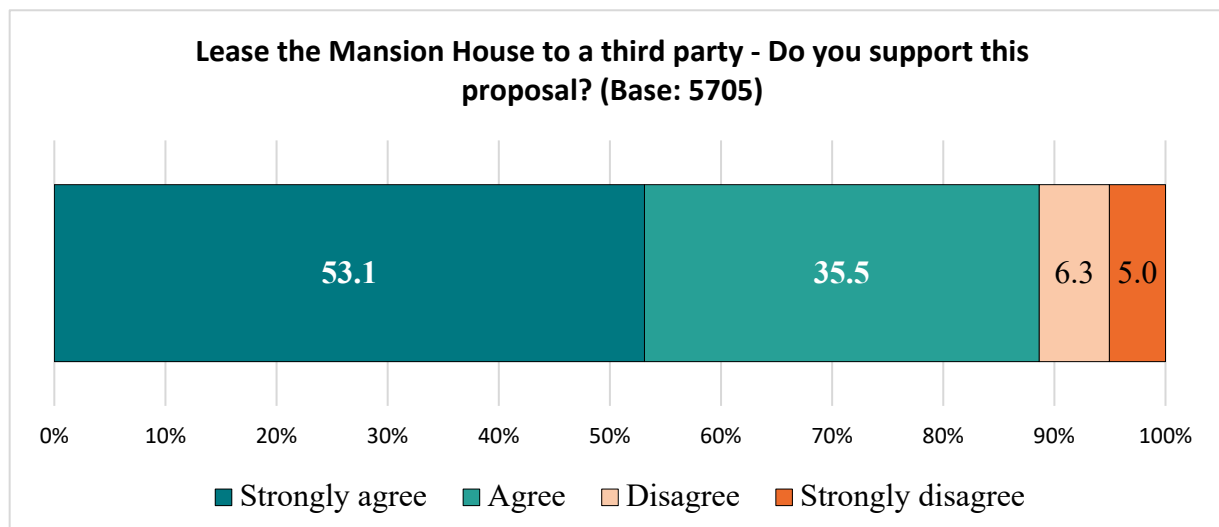
The Mansion House is the former residence of the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, which is now used to host civic and corporate events. The Grade II listed building is in a worsening state of repair, and needs investment over the medium to long term, which cannot be funded by the income

it currently generates. The Council is proposing to lease the building to a third party, who would take on the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the building, saving the Council £31,000 per year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 5,705 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 63.4%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

Almost nine in ten respondents (88.6%) agreed with the proposal to lease the Mansion House to a third party, who would take on the responsibility for repairs and maintenance of the building.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

All demographic and geographic groups analysed showed a consistency of opinion for this proposal. (Details shown in [Appendix 28](#)).

Over 70 comments on the Mansion House, or Third Party arrangements were made in response to the open question at the end of this section; more details are available in [Appendix 30](#).

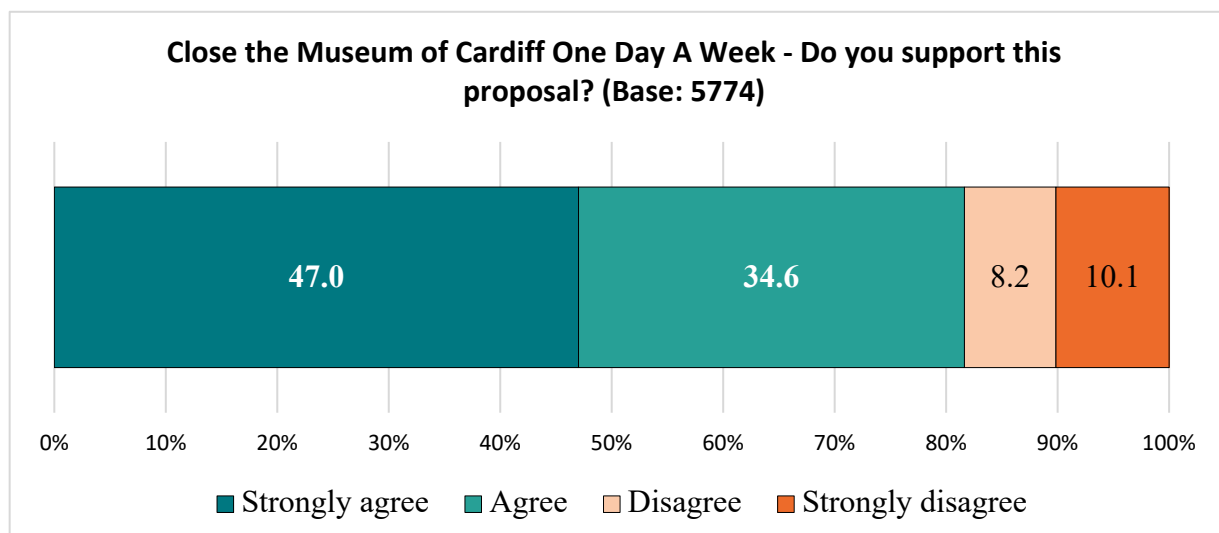
The Old Library building in the Hayes is in the process of being leased to the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama for use as a campus. This will deliver new performance spaces, opportunities to promote and protect the Welsh Language, and provide a 'city living room' for public access. The Old Library is also currently home to the Museum of Cardiff (not to be confused with the National Museum of Wales in the Civic Centre).

The Museum of Cardiff is currently costing the Council £525,000 a year to run. The Council is considering finding an alternative location for the Museum of Cardiff to reduce its running costs in the longer term. Whilst this work is on-going, the Council is proposing to reduce the cost of running the Museum by closing it one day a week, probably on Sundays, which would save £24,000 per year.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 5,774 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 61.9%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

More than four in five respondents (81.6%) agreed with the proposal to close the Museum of Cardiff one day a week to reduce its running costs.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Results were broadly consistent across the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 29](#)).

Over 450 comments relating to the Museum of Cardiff were received in response to the open question at the end of this section; further details are available in [Appendix 30](#).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

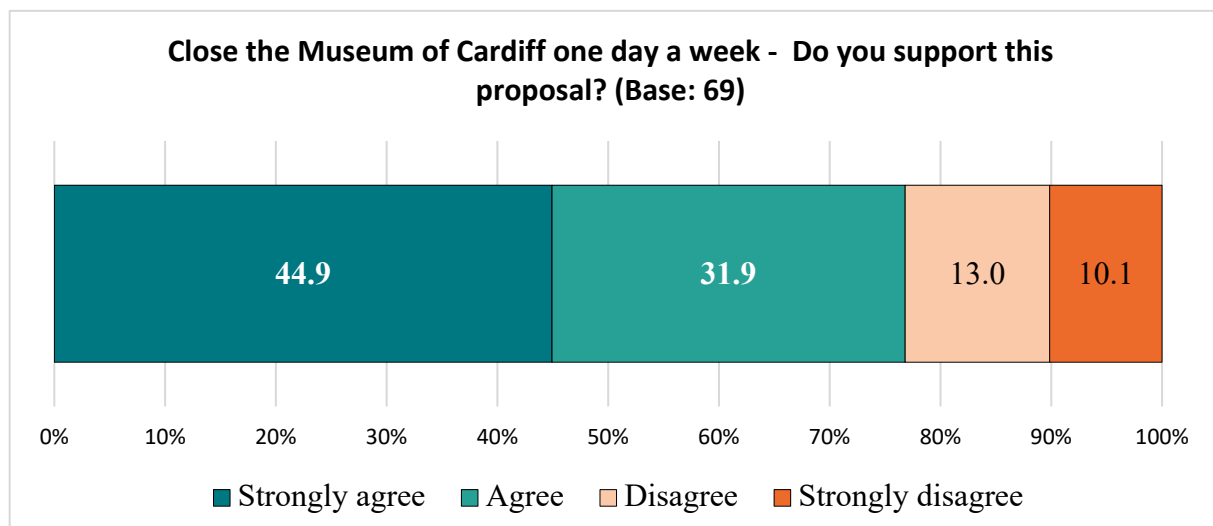
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Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 69 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 67.0%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 11.8 .

More than three-quarters of those answering this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff budget survey (76.8%) supported the proposal to close the Museum of Cardiff one day a week, reflecting the findings of the main budget consultation.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Culture & Events?

A total of 897 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 30](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Against a weekend closure / Alternative option suggestions for The Museum of Cardiff	299	33.3	- Closing the museum on Sundays seems a bit counterintuitive; that is the day the majority of the working population have off. Why not a weekday or if a weekday wouldn't equate to the same financial saving, two weekdays? - The days the Cardiff Museum should close must surely be based on the least used days, I would have expected weekend use to be higher the week days? - Agree with closing a day but not a Sunday. - Close the museum on the least busiest day. - Why Sunday? Close it on one or two week days when less likely to be used. - Why a Sunday when families could visit why not mid-week i.e Wednesday?
Alternative location suggestions for The Cardiff Museum	74	8.2	- Move museum of Cardiff to City Hall. - Move the museum of Cardiff into "National Museum of Wales". - As a retired tour guide (MBE) i think it is essential that the museum remains in the city centre site. Could part of the Howells store be used for this VIP purpose? Could the 'listed' church on that site be used? - Move the museum to St Fagans museum. - Could put the Museum of Cardiff in the Coal Exchange
Cardiff's Culture and Heritage needs to be protected	72	8.0	- Cardiff's culture is currently great and a big reason why people love the city. We must be careful not to lose this cultural identity simply to cut some costs. - Culture and events are important to safeguard in our Capital City. They are a key part of the Future Generations legislation. - It is important for the capital city to host major cultural and significant events that attract people to visit. I feel it would be a mistake to remove subsidies. - As a capital city Cardiff should have events through the year to reflect this. - Capital city needs culture- and a Tourist information office!

Face-to-face Engagement

Parents of a range of ethnicities in Central Library / Hub said:

“Closing [the Museum] on Sunday is not a good idea!” and that it “offers much pleasure and education”.

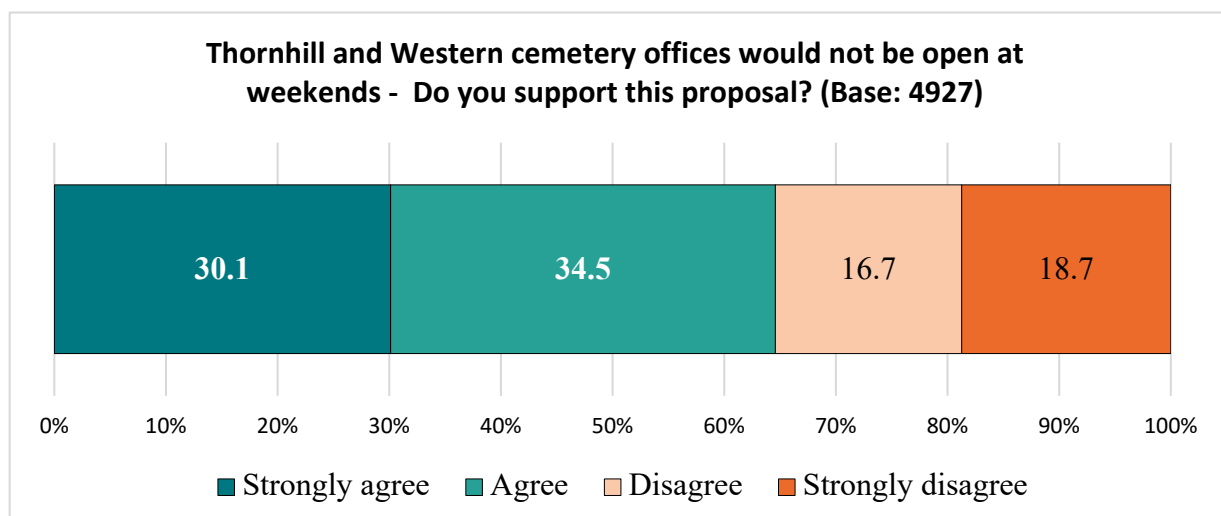
Bereavement Services

Thornhill & Western cemetery offices would not be open at weekends. General enquiries will not be available face to face on the weekends, however, a digital portal for all enquiries will be available online. The out of hours service for cultural funerals will continue.

Do you agree with this proposal?

A total of 4,927 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 54.7%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.4 .

Almost two-thirds of respondents (64.6%) agreed with the proposal move general enquiries from face-to-face at Thornhill and Western cemetery offices at weekends to an online portal. Almost a fifth (18.7%) 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal.



There was a consensus of opinion amongst the demographic and geographic groups analysed. (Details shown in [Appendix 31](#)).

Around 100 comments on opening hours and digital exclusion were received in response to the open question at the end of this section, with more details available in [Appendix 33](#).

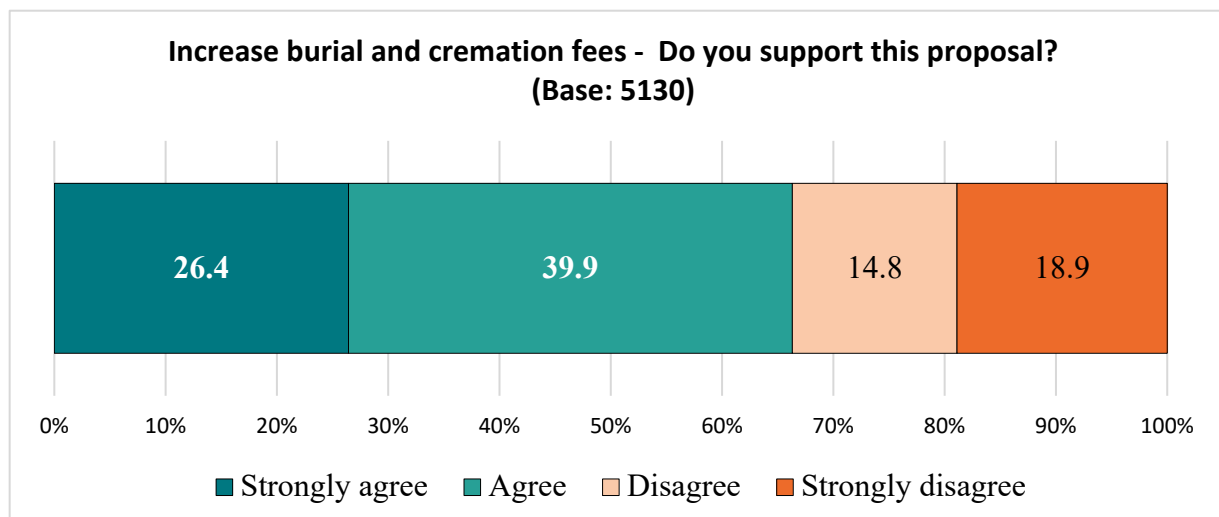
The Council's Bereavement Service is responsible for undertaking over 4,000 funerals per year, as well as the upkeep and maintenance of 9 sites across the city, including Thornhill Cemetery and Crematorium, Western Cemetery and Cathays Cemetery.

Cardiff Council charges less than most other UK cities for its cremation and burial services, however inflationary pressures have increased the cost of running this service. The Council is proposing to increase burial and cremation fees in line with the average charge in other UK core cities, with cremation fees to increase by £50 to £870 and burial fees to increase by £100 to £1,040.

Do you agree with this proposal?

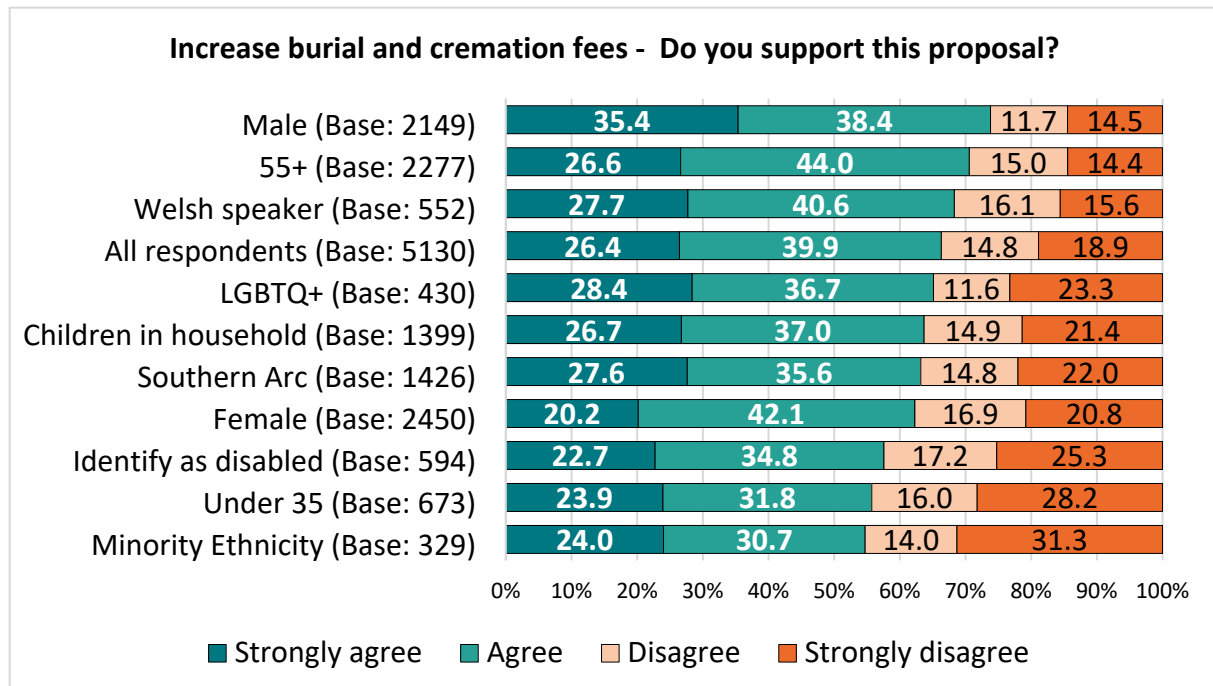
A total of 5,130 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 57.0%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.4 .

Two-thirds of respondents (66.3%) agreed with the proposal to increase burial and cremation fees to better reflect the cost of the service; again, just under a fifth of respondents (18.9%) 'strongly disagreed' with this proposal.



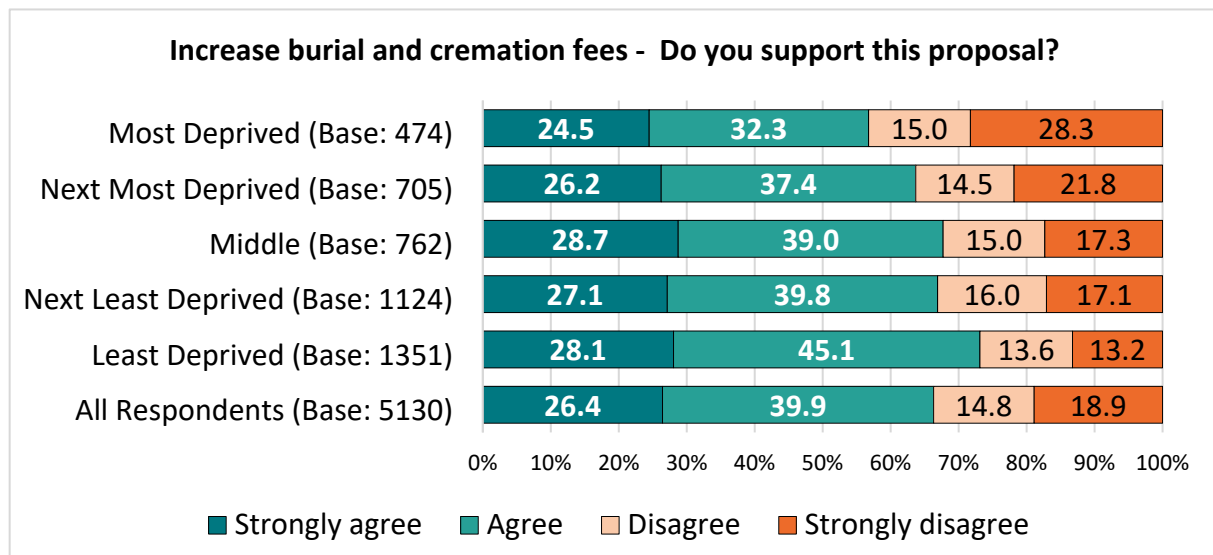
Around 150 comments on the cost of burials and cremations were received in response to the open question at the end of this section; more details are available in [Appendix 33](#).

Agreement for this proposal was highest amongst males (73.8%) and respondents aged 55 or older (70.6%); it was lowest amongst respondents from a Minority Ethnicity (54.7%) and those aged under 35 (55.7%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Agreement for this proposal correlated with level of deprivation, with those living in the most deprived areas of the city least likely to agree.



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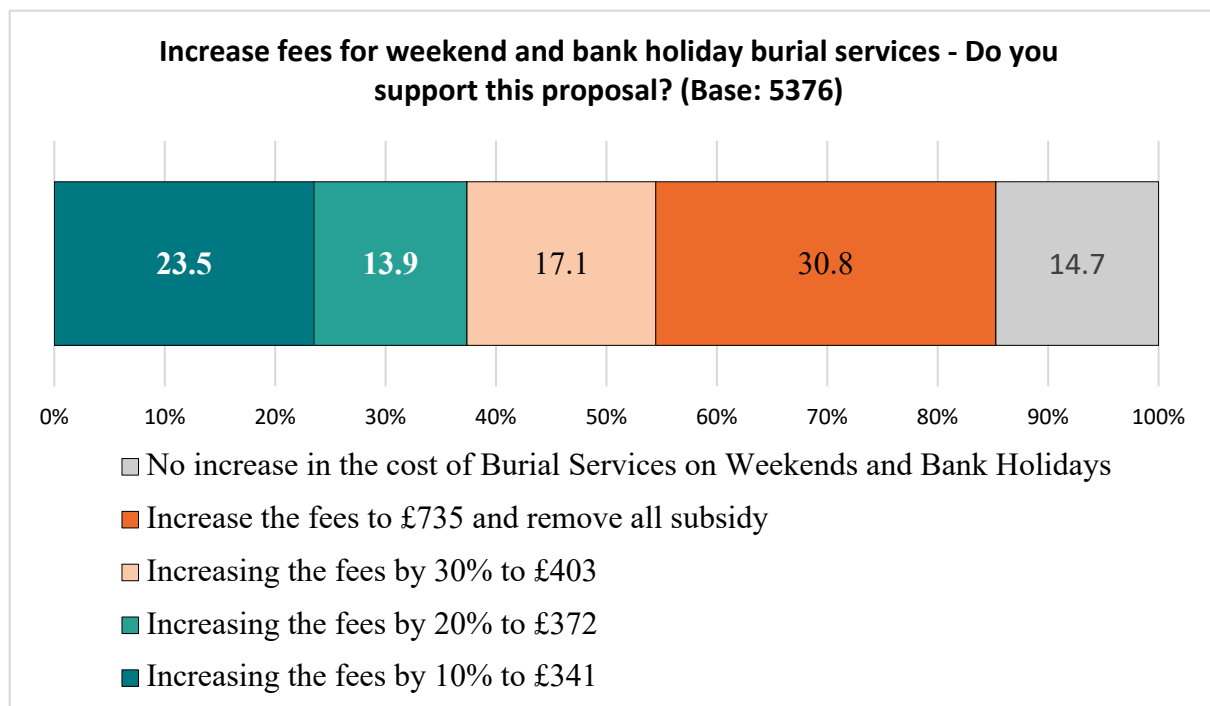
There is an additional cost to the Council for providing burial services on bank holidays and weekends. Burial services on weekends and bank holidays are currently subsidised, with the fees charged not reflecting the full cost of providing this service. The Council is proposing to increase the additional fees for the weekend and bank holidays service, but thinks that increasing the fees to reflect the actual cost of delivery - which includes additional staff cost - would be too great a rise.

As a result, it is proposed that the extra fees for weekend and bank holiday burial services would increase from £310, so that they are closer to the true cost of delivery, which is £735.

Which of the following options do you support?

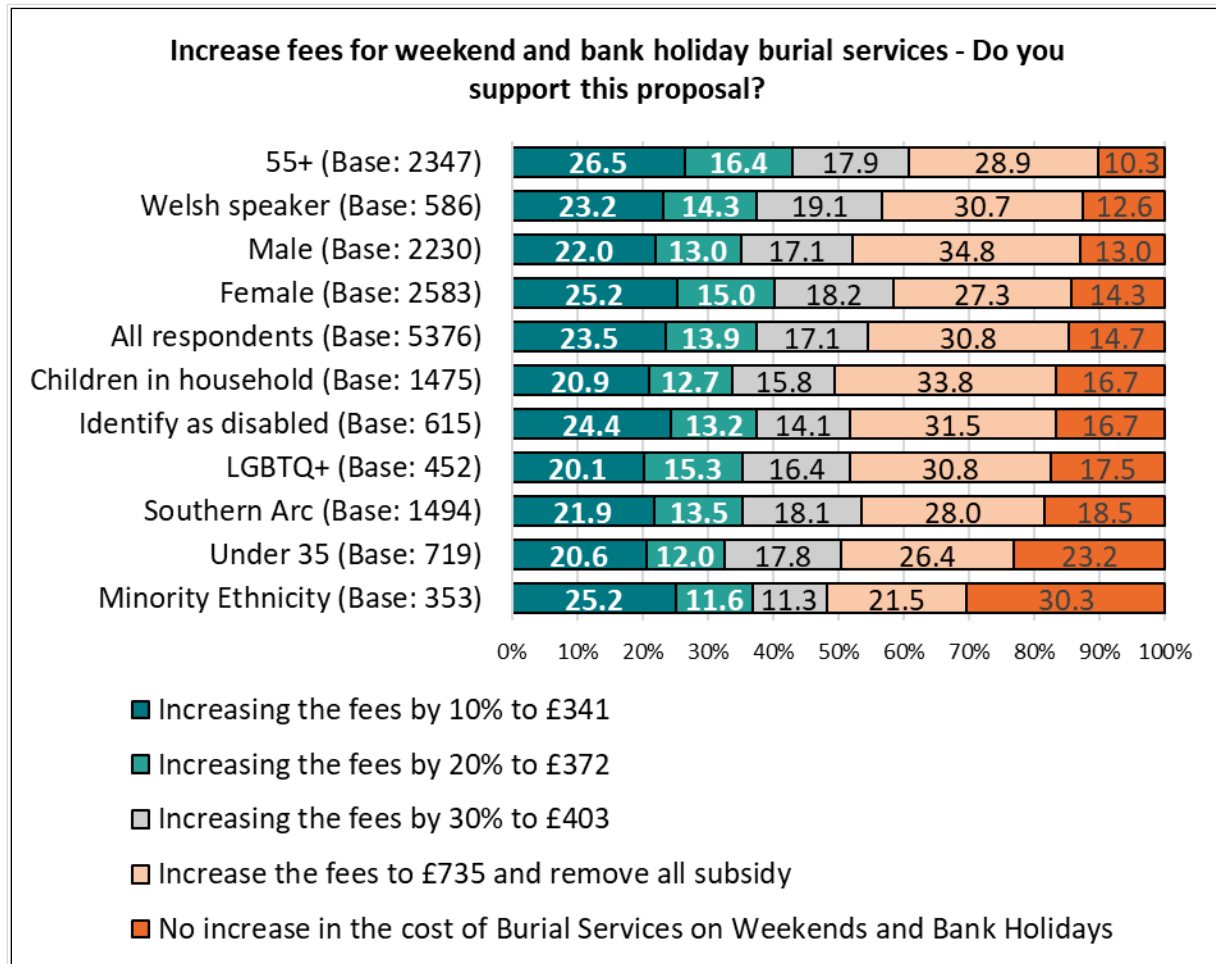
A total of 5,376 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 59.7%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

Six out of seven respondents (85.3%) supported an increase in fees for weekend or Bank Holiday burial services, with most (30.8%) supporting the removal of all subsidies from this service.



Over 100 comments on weekend and Bank Holiday burial services were received in response to the open question at the end of this section; further details are available in [Appendix 33](#).

Support for an increase in fees for weekend or Bank Holiday burial services was broadly consistent across the demographic groups analysed, with the exception of those from a Minority Ethnicity – this group were more than twice as likely as average to support no increase in fees for this service (30.3%).



There was no correlation with responses by level of deprivation. (Details shown in [Appendix 32](#)).

Do you have any comments on the proposed changes to Bereavement Services?

A total of 506 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 33](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Generally against increases in costs / negative comments	142	28.1	- During a cost of living crisis these are a service people cannot afford to increase. - People are already grieving. To add more costs on top is just not good. - For some of the public this increases are far too much. A realistic increase needs to be revisited. - Shame on you. Disgusting behaviour. - This has to be a joke!!!! - People can barely afford funeral arrangements we cannot add to their stress with increased fees.
Alternative option suggestions	103	20.4	- Funeral directors make mega money they should pay more. - Should be more open - digital enquiry portal is too difficult to use and people could prefer face to face because of subject. - How about closing the cemeteries on a Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday? Surely people need the option of weekend burials and cremations? - Limit opening hours of cemetery offices on weekends, instead of full closure. - Perhaps the council could consider the cost of a one off advertising campaign encouraging people to take out funeral insurance or to pay for their own funerals in advance with a payment plan so the cost increase is not passed on to as many grieving relatives. - If anything, remove services on weekdays instead of weekends. Employ staff on contracts with 2 weekdays in place of weekends, as surely this is the time where the majority of people who work weekdays need to use these services?
Improve affordability	92	18.2	- People can barely afford funeral arrangements we cannot add to their stress with increased fees. - Low income and elderly households would be hardest hit with these changes. - People from poor households or on pension cannot afford more than 10%. So it must be kept affordable. - Again, its a question of what people can afford. - Could there be a 'means tested' service so that

			<i>pensioners and others on a fixed/low income would not be put under too much financial strain at a very difficult time?</i>
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Face-to-face Engagement

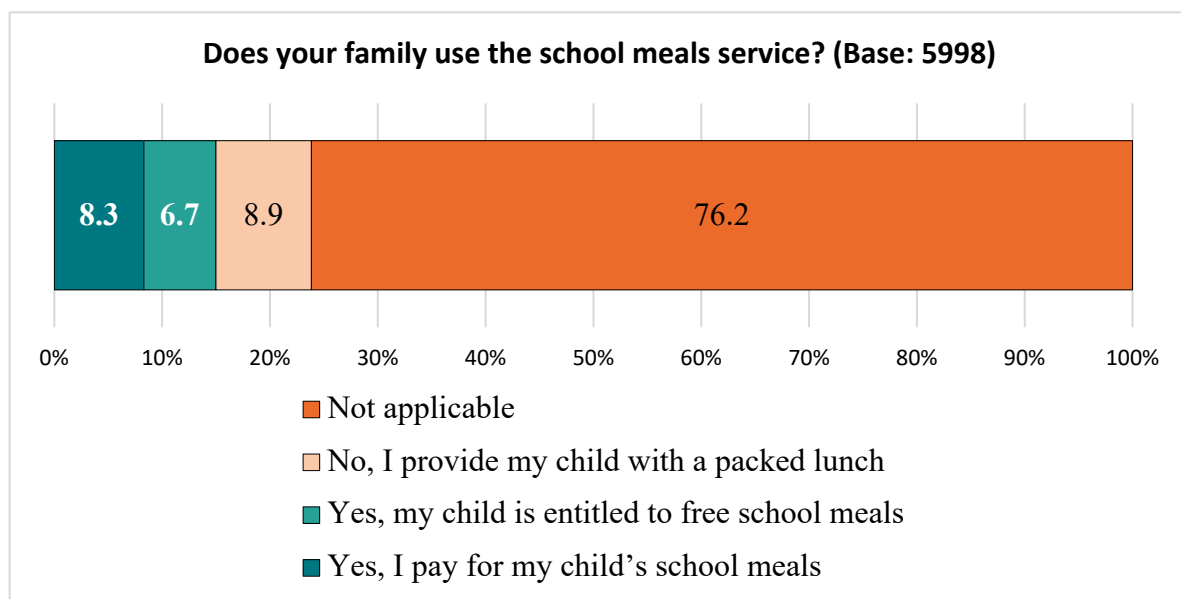
There were no spontaneous comments about Bereavement services. It was generally seen as a sensitive, uncomfortable topic during face-to-face engagement, for example, when helping people complete the survey.

Fees & Charges, and Other Comments

Does your family use the school meals service?

A total of 5,998 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 66.6%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

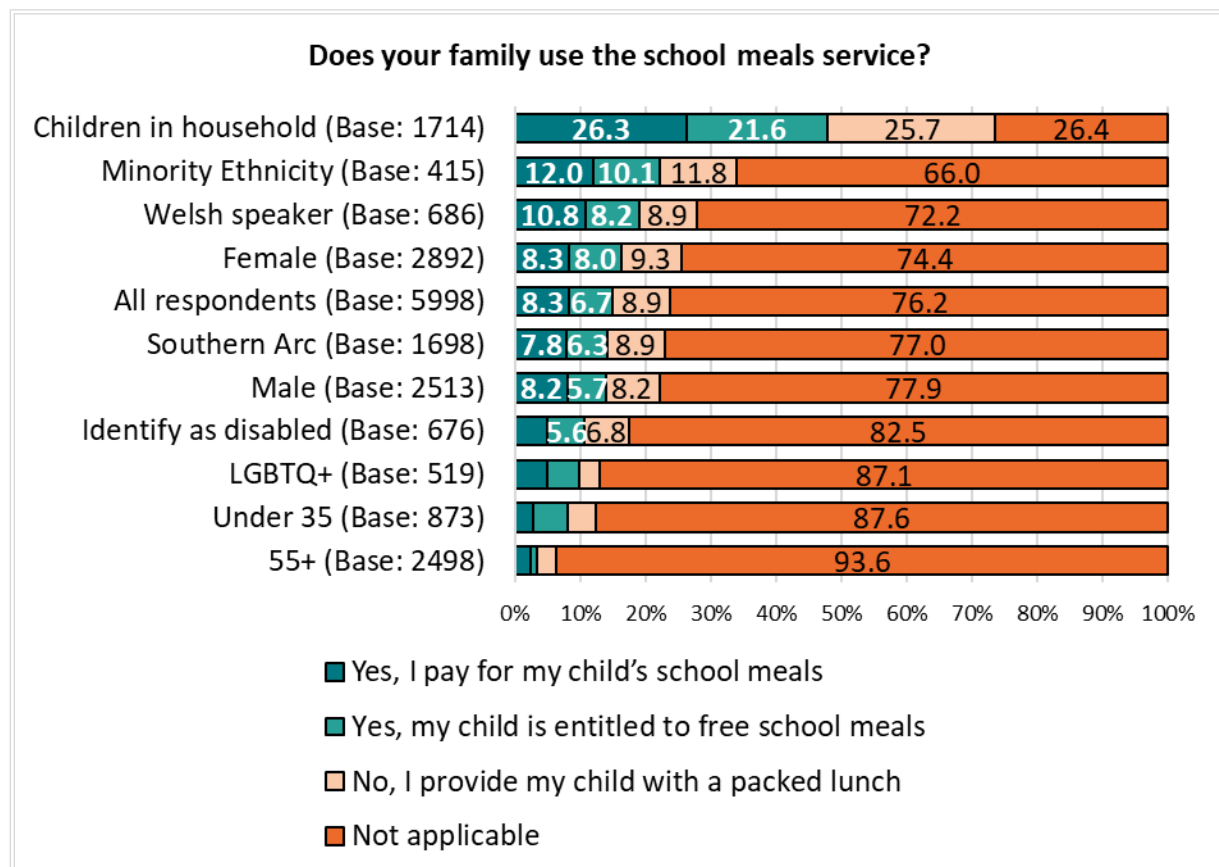
One in twelve (8.3%) respondents answering this question used the school meals service, with a similar proportion providing their child with packed lunch. One in fifteen (6.7%) reported that their child is entitled to free school meals.



Looking at patterns of use of the school meals service by different demographic groups showed broadly similar patterns to the overall findings, but with changes to the proportions using the service.

For respondents with children in their household, around a quarter paid for their children's school meals (26.3%), or provided a packed lunch (25.7%). Just over a fifth (21.6%) were entitled to free school meals.

A quarter (26.4%) had children who had either not started, or had left school, and so the use of the school meals service did not apply to them.



Use of this service was consistent across the deprivation quintiles (shown in [Appendix 34](#)).

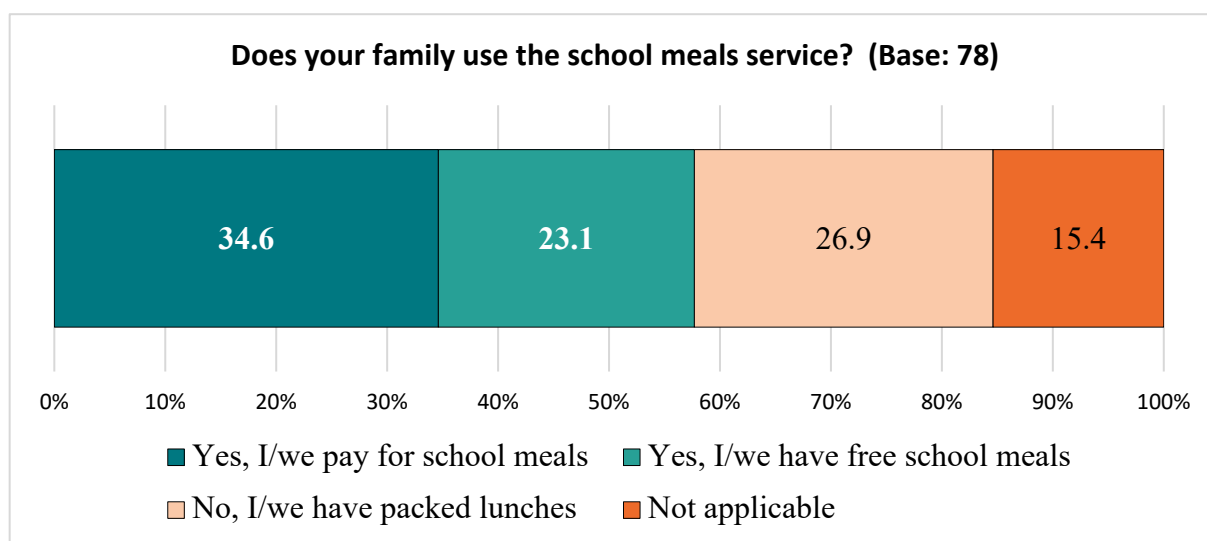
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

Does your family use the school meals service?

A total of 78 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 75.7%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 9.6 .

Proportions of users of the school meals service were higher amongst those responding to the Child Friendly Cardiff Budget consultation, with a third (34.6%) paying for meals, around a quarter taking a packed lunch (26.9%) or receiving free school meals (23.1%). Around one in six (15.4%) had left school, and so no longer used this service.



The Council currently subsidises the cost of school meals for secondary school pupils.

The cost of providing school meals continues to rise with inflation. This means that, without an increase in the costs of meals, the Council would face additional costs to deliver this service. The Council is therefore considering increasing the cost of secondary school meals to meet the rising cost, but thinks that passing on the increased cost in full would be too great a rise.

The charge for Secondary School Meals is currently £3.20, and the Council is proposing to increase the cost of the meals in secondary schools whilst continuing to provide a subsidy to meet any additional cost for delivering the service.

Children eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM) will continue to receive school meals for free.

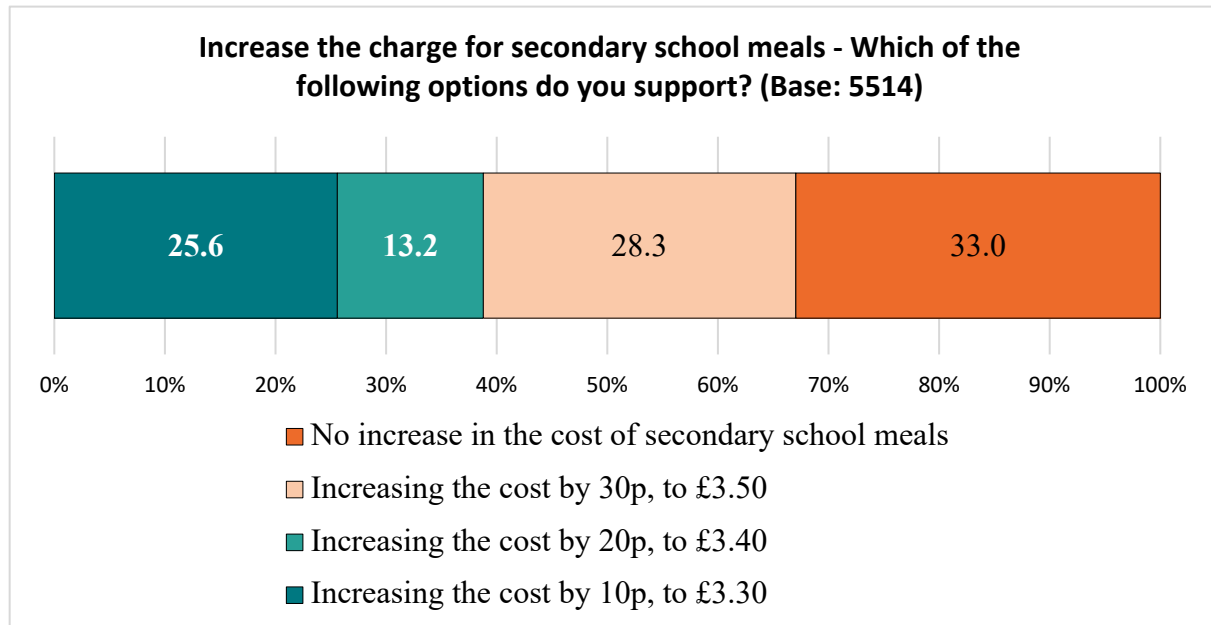
Which of the following options do you support?

A total of 5,514 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 61.3%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

A third of respondents (33.0%) did not support an increase in the cost of secondary school meals.

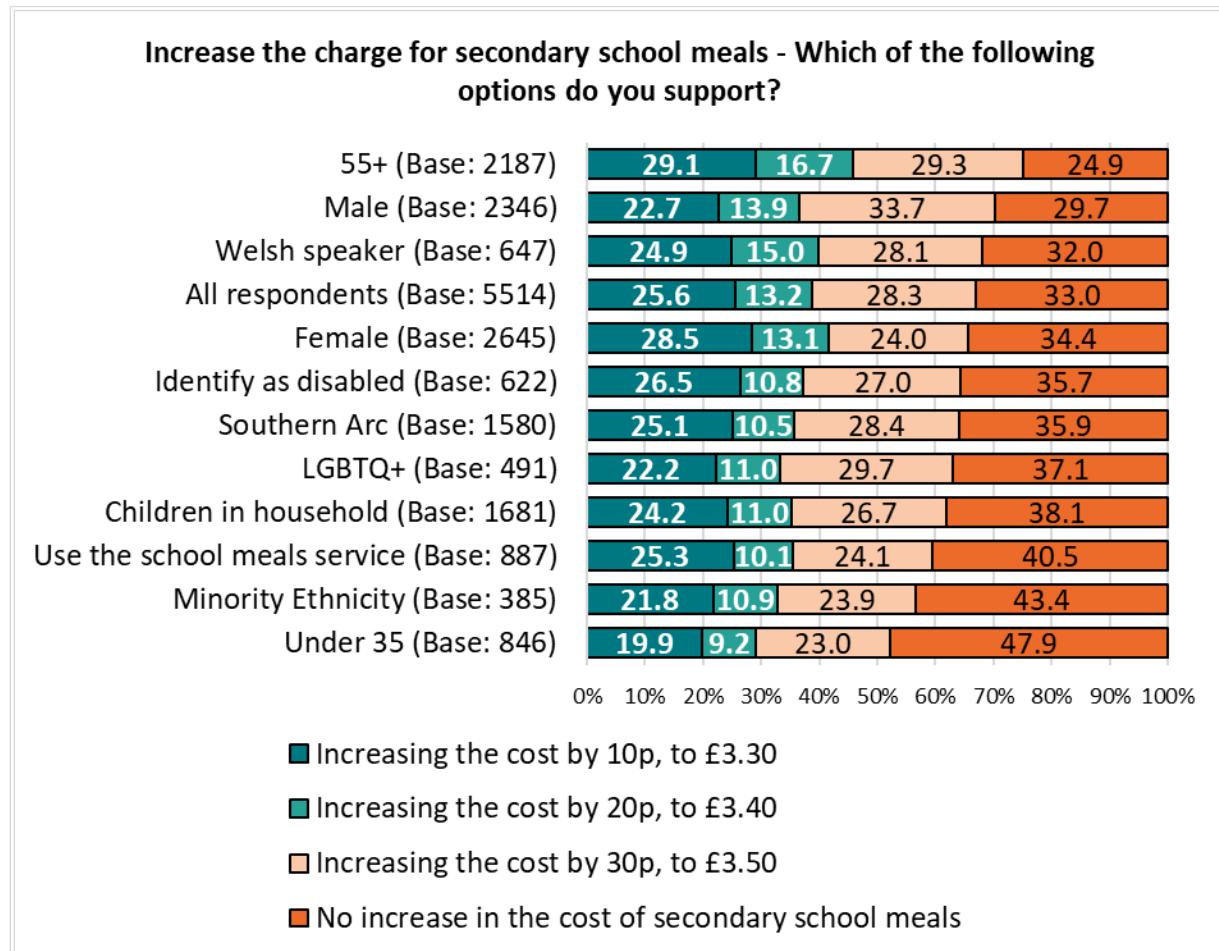
For those supporting an increase in the charge for school meals, in order of preference, 28.3% of respondents supported a 30p increase, 25.6% a 10p increase, and 13.2% a 20p increase.



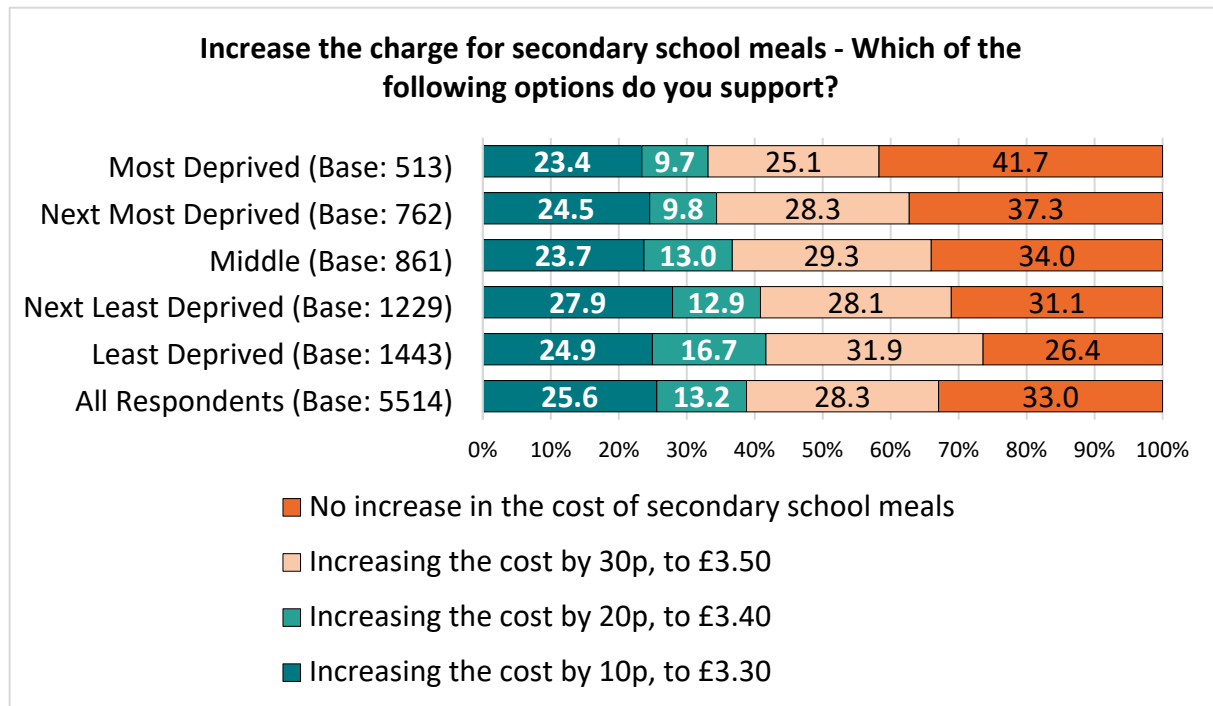
Over 100 comments relating to school meals were made in the open question at the end of this section; further details can be found in [Appendix 37](#).

Support for increased charges for school meals was highest amongst respondents aged 55 or older, with three-quarters (75.1%) indicating the price of the meals should rise.

Respondents under the age of 35 (47.9%). Those from a Minority Ethnicity (43.4%) or those who used the school meals service (40.5%) were most likely to want to see no increase in the cost of secondary school meals.



Support for increasing the charge for secondary school meals correlated with the level of deprivation, with respondents living in the least deprived areas more likely to support an increase, whilst those living in the more deprived areas more likely to support no increase.



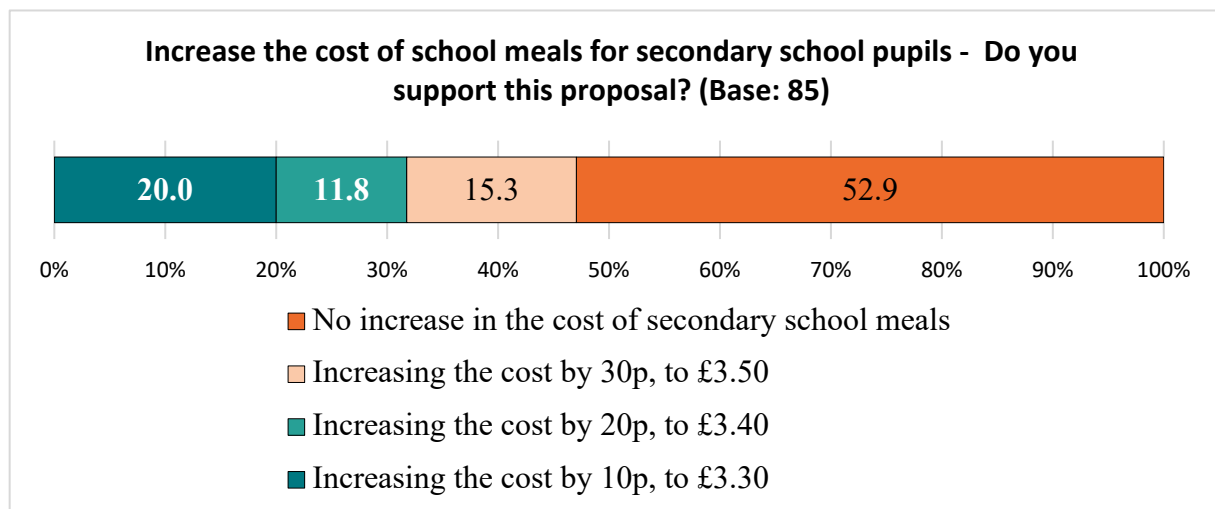
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The Council helps pay for secondary school pupils' meals, but the cost to make these meals keeps going up. To cover these rising costs without making meals too expensive, the Council might raise the meal prices. Right now, meals cost £3.20, and the Council plans to still help pay part of the cost after the price increase. Kids who get Free School Meals will still get them without any charge.

Which of the following options do you support?

A total of 85 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 82.5%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 9.2 .

More than half of those answering this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff survey (52.9%) wanted no increase in the cost of secondary school meals; those who did support an increase were most likely to support the lowest level of increase.



With funding support from Welsh Government, the Council is in the process of rolling out universal free school meals to all primary age school children in Cardiff. However, some children in years 5 and 6 are still having to pay until all primary age children in all primary and special schools receive their meals for free, which will be from the next school year (starting in September 2024).

The cost of providing school meals continues to rise with inflation. This means that, without an increase in the costs of meals, the Council would face additional costs to deliver this service. The Council is therefore considering increasing the cost of primary school meals for children in year 5 and 6 who are not yet receiving the universal free school meal offer for the rest of this school year.

The charge for Primary School Meals is currently £2.75, and the Council is proposing to increase the price for children in years 5 and 6 who currently pay for school meals. The amount charged still does not reflect the cost of preparing the meals and the Council will continue to subsidise school meals.

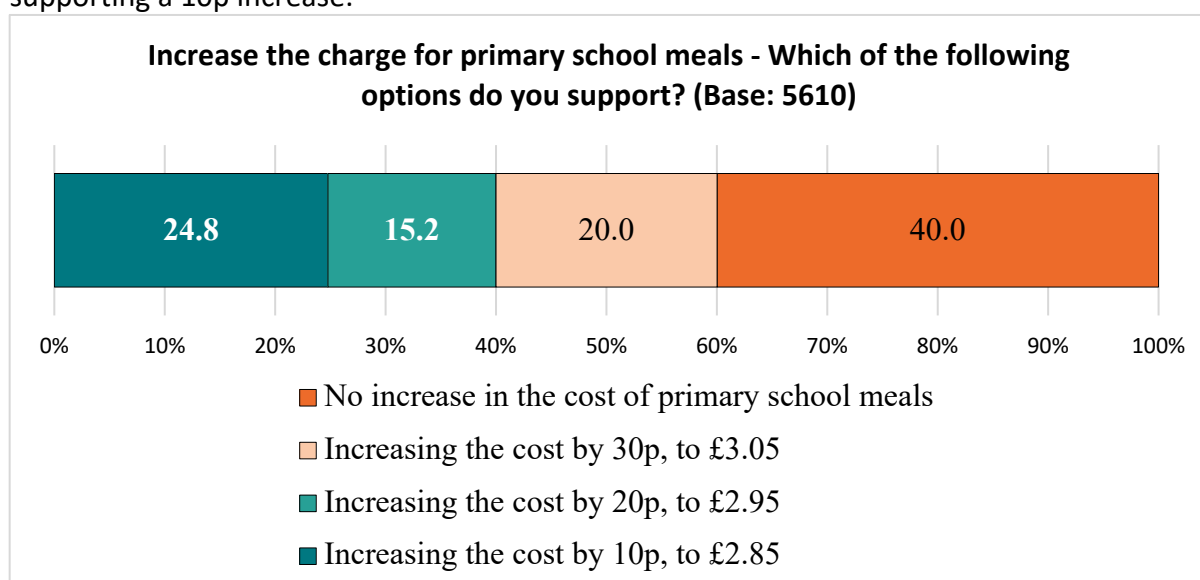
Children eligible for Free School Meals (eFSM) will continue to receive meals for free.

Which of the following options do you support?

A total of 5,610 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 62.3%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.1 .

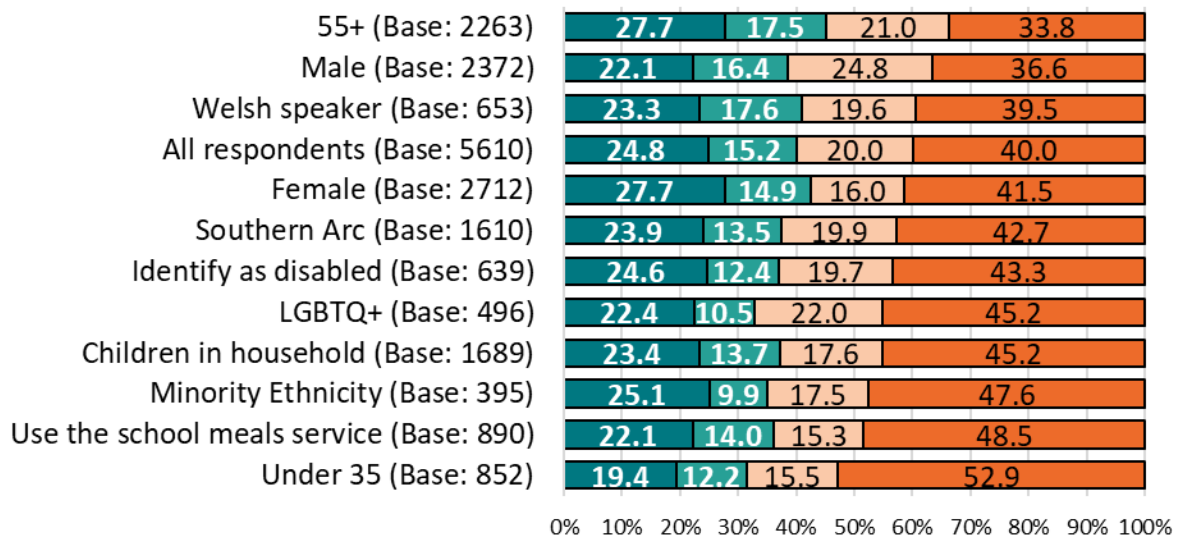
There was less support for an increase in the cost of school meals for pupils in years 5 and 6, whilst the roll-out of the Welsh Government's universal free school meal programme continued, with two-fifths (40.0%) of respondents supported no increase in the charge.

Those supporting an increase were more likely to want this to be minimised, with 24.8% supporting a 10p increase.



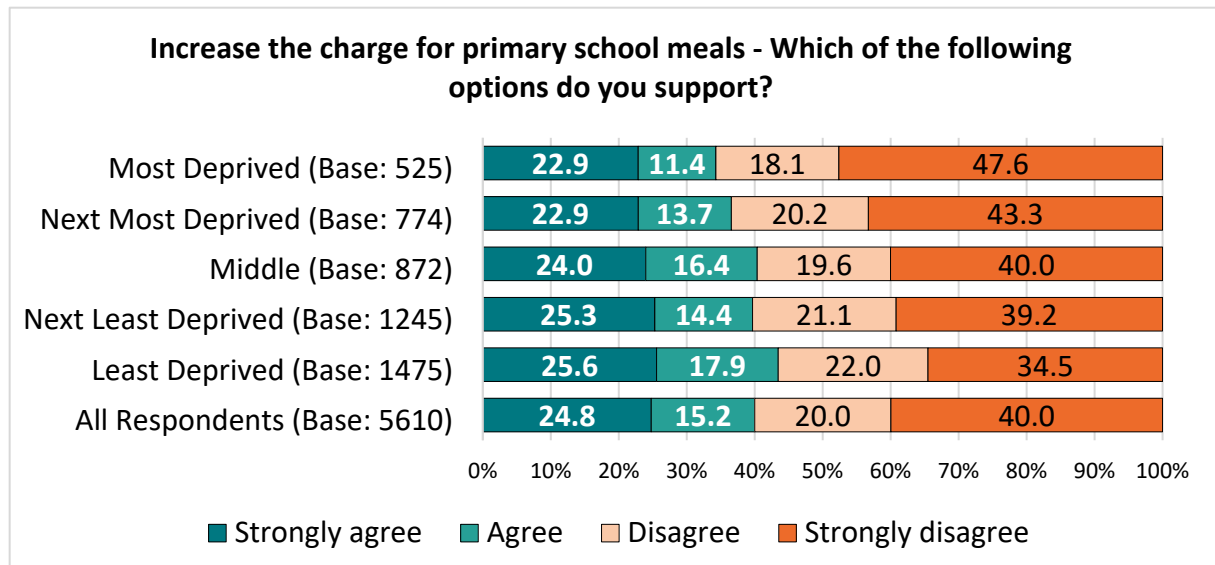
Again, support for an increase in the charge for primary school meals was highest amongst those aged 55 or older (66.2%); it was lowest amongst those under the age of 35 (47.1%), respondents who use the school meal service (51.5%) or those from a Minority Ethnicity (52.4%).

Increase the charge for primary school meals - Which of the following options do you support?



- Increasing the cost by 10p, to £2.85
- Increasing the cost by 20p, to £2.95
- Increasing the cost by 30p, to £3.05
- No increase in the cost of primary school meals

As for secondary school meals, support for an increase in the charge for primary school meals correlated with the level of deprivation, with those living in more affluent areas of the city more likely to support an increase.



Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

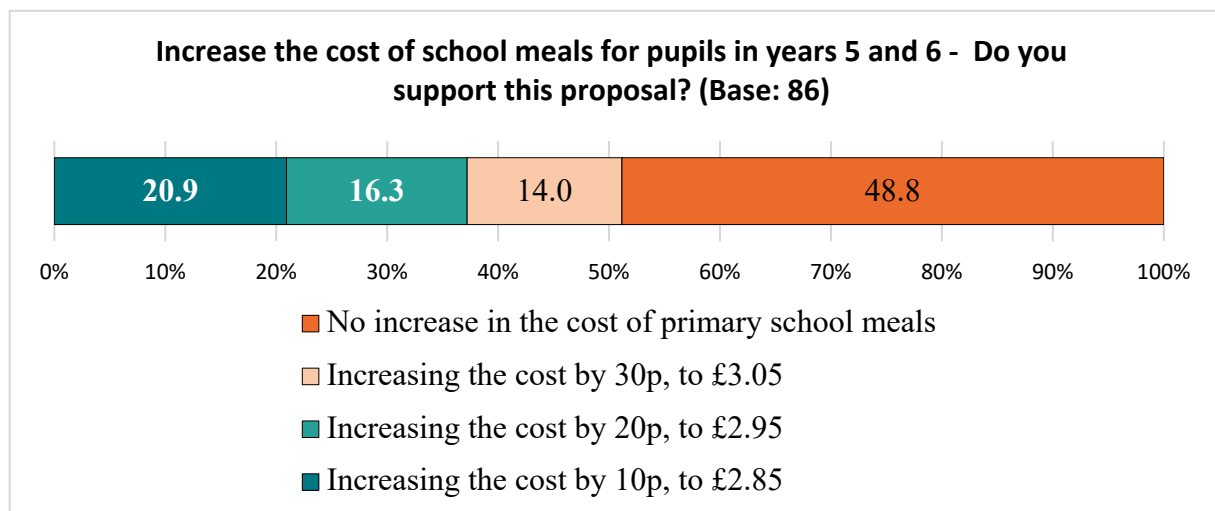
With Welsh Government funding, the Council is working to provide free school meals to all primary school children in Cardiff. But, until September 2024, some children in years 5 and 6 still have to pay for their meals. As the cost of making school meals is going up, the Council might increase the price for these years. Right now, meals cost £2.75, and the Council may raise this for the rest of the school year for years 5 and 6 who aren't yet getting free meals. The Council will still help pay part of the meal cost. Kids who get Free School Meals will still have them for free.

Which of the following options do you support?

A total of 86 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 83.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 9.2 .

Almost half (48.8%) of those answering this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff survey did not support an increase in the charge for primary school meals for pupils in years 5 and 6, whilst the universal school meal programme continued to be rolled out.

Those supporting an increase in the charge were more likely to want to keep any increase as low as possible, with most (20.9%) supporting a 10p increase.



The Council provides home care services (personal care and support) for older and vulnerable people in Cardiff. It is estimated that next year the Council faces an increase of over £15 million in meeting the cost of care for vulnerable people.

Cardiff Council currently charges for home care services, however the amount of the hourly charge is much lower than that made by other Welsh councils and meets less than half of the hourly cost of the service. The Council is considering increasing the charge for home care services to more accurately reflect the cost of the services provided.

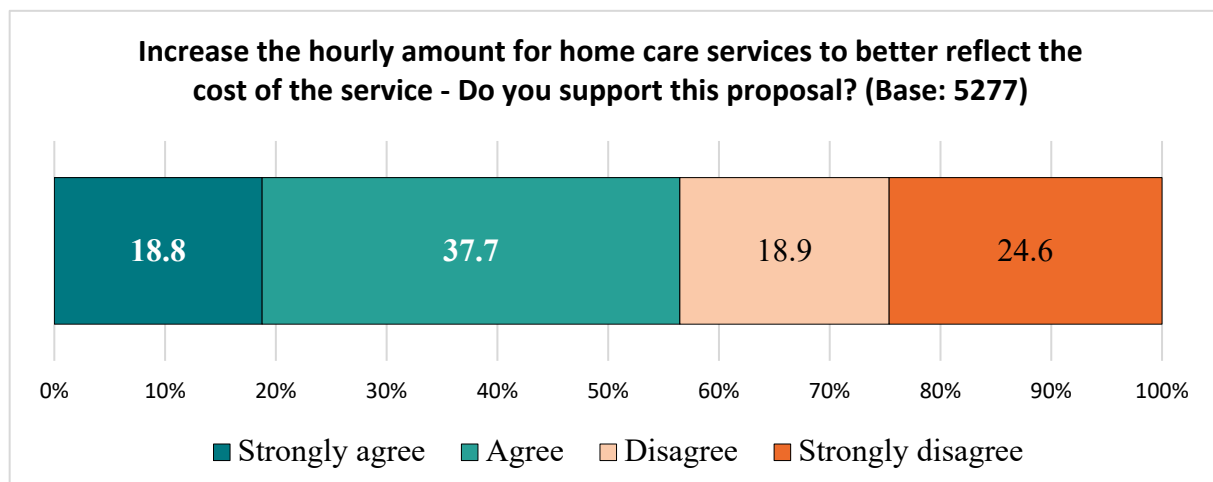
It is also proposed that the increase in charge is phased in, with half of the increase made in 2024/5 and the remainder in 2025/6. Each individual's ability to pay the charge will be assessed and they will not be charged more than they can afford to pay, or more than the Welsh Government cap on the amount that an individual has to pay each week (currently £100).

Ensuring that the charge better reflects the cost of these services will help the Council to fund sustainable social care services into the future, supporting the needs of the growing older population in the city.

Do you agree the Council should increase the hourly amount charged for home care services, to better reflect the cost of the service?

A total of 5,277 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 58.6%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.3 .

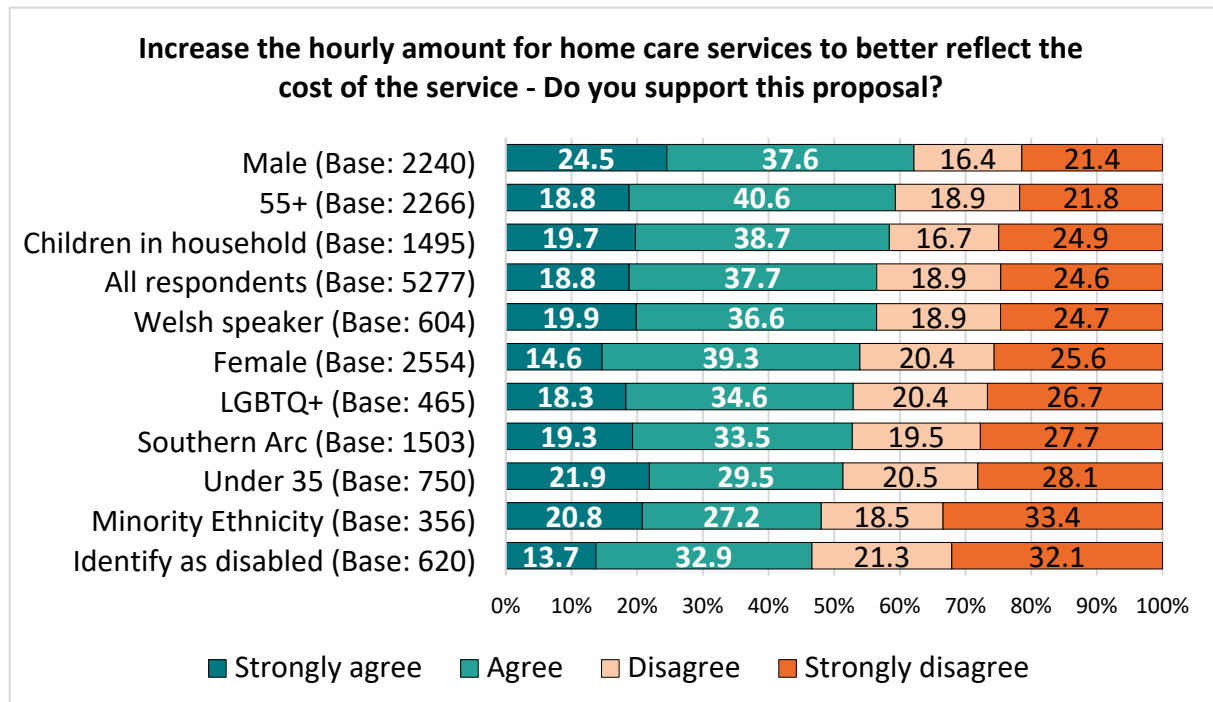
Just over half of respondents (56.5%) agreed with the proposal to increase the hourly charge for home care services, to better reflect the cost of delivering this service.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

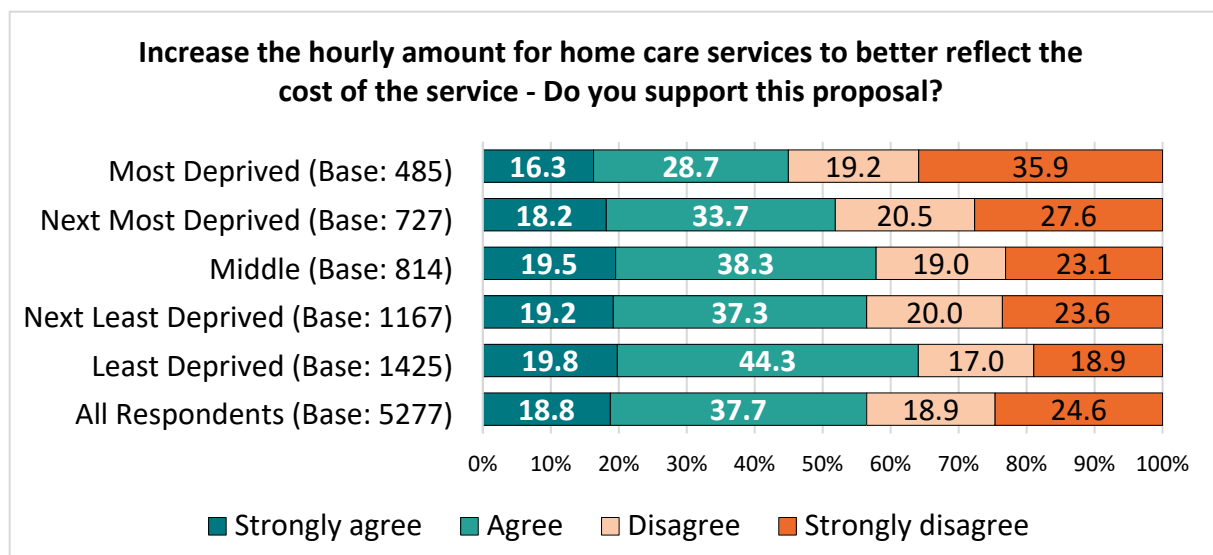
Over 80 comments on home care services were received in the open question at the end of this section; further details are available in [Appendix 37](#).

Men (62.1%) and those aged 55 or over (59.3%) were most likely to support this proposal, contrasting with respondents who identify as disabled (46.6%) or those from a Minority Ethnicity (48.0%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Whilst there was not a direct correlation, respondents living in the more deprived areas of the city were less likely than those in more affluent areas to agree with this proposal.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

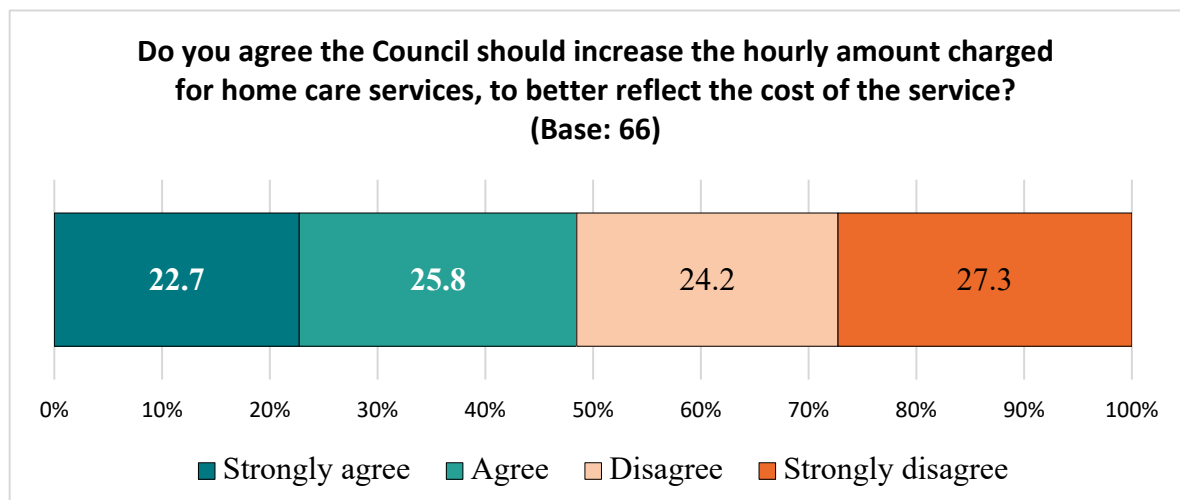
The Council helps older and vulnerable people in Cardiff with home care services. Next year, it will cost over £15 million more to provide this care. Cardiff Council currently charges for these services, but the price is lower than in other Welsh councils and doesn't cover even half of the

actual cost. The Council is thinking about raising the price to match the service cost more closely. They plan to increase the charge gradually: half in 2024/5 and the rest in 2025/6. People will only be charged what they can afford, up to a £100 weekly cap set by the Welsh Government. This increase will help the Council continue to support the growing number of older people in Cardiff in the future.

Do you agree the Council should increase the hourly amount charged for home care services, to better reflect the cost of the service?

*A total of 66 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 64.1%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 12.1 .*

Younger people completing the Child Friendly Cardiff budget survey were a little less likely than those responding to the main consultation to agree with increasing the hourly charge for home care services (48.5%).

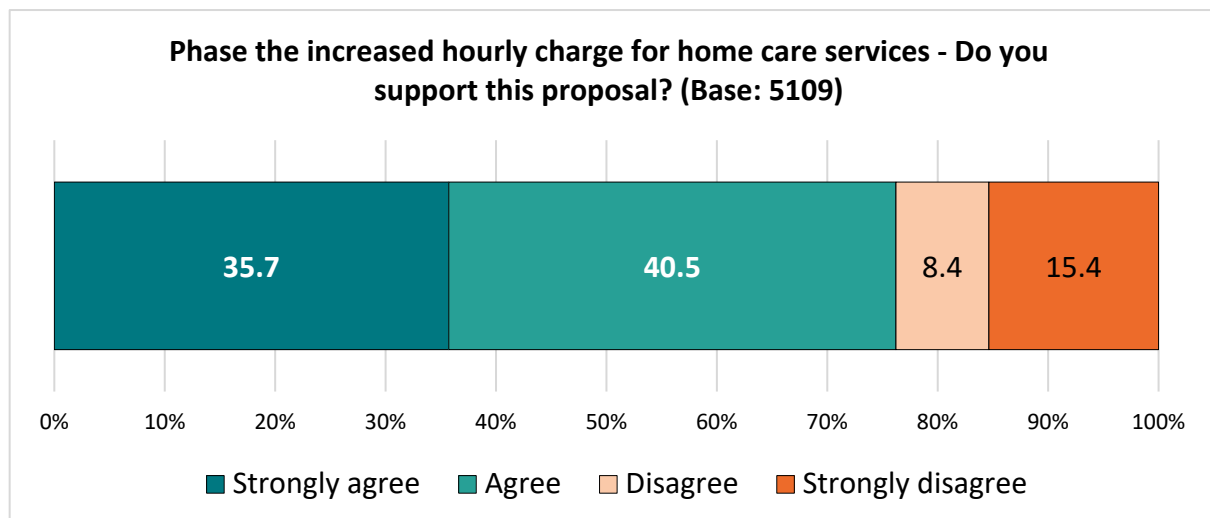


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If the increase in the hourly amount charged for homecare services goes ahead, do you agree with the proposal to phase in the increase?

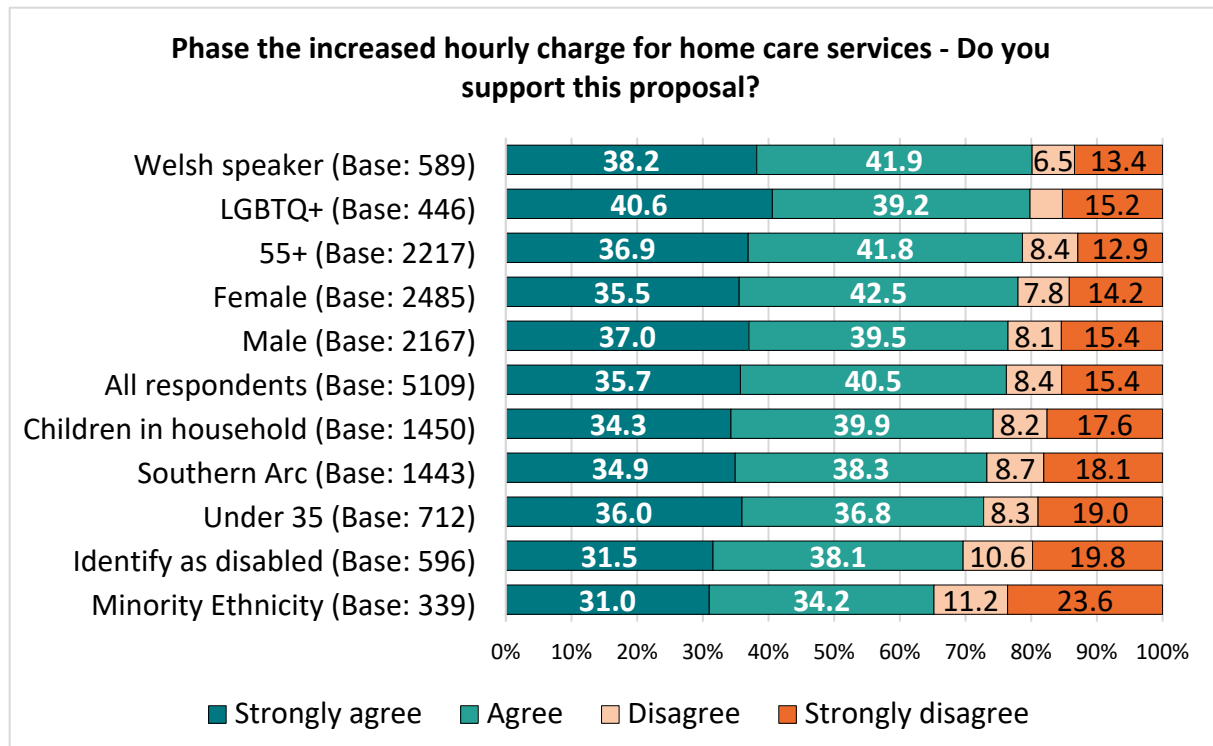
A total of 5,109 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 56.8%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.4 .

Overall, three-quarters of respondents (76.2%) agreed that any increase in home care services charges should be phased in over a two-year period.



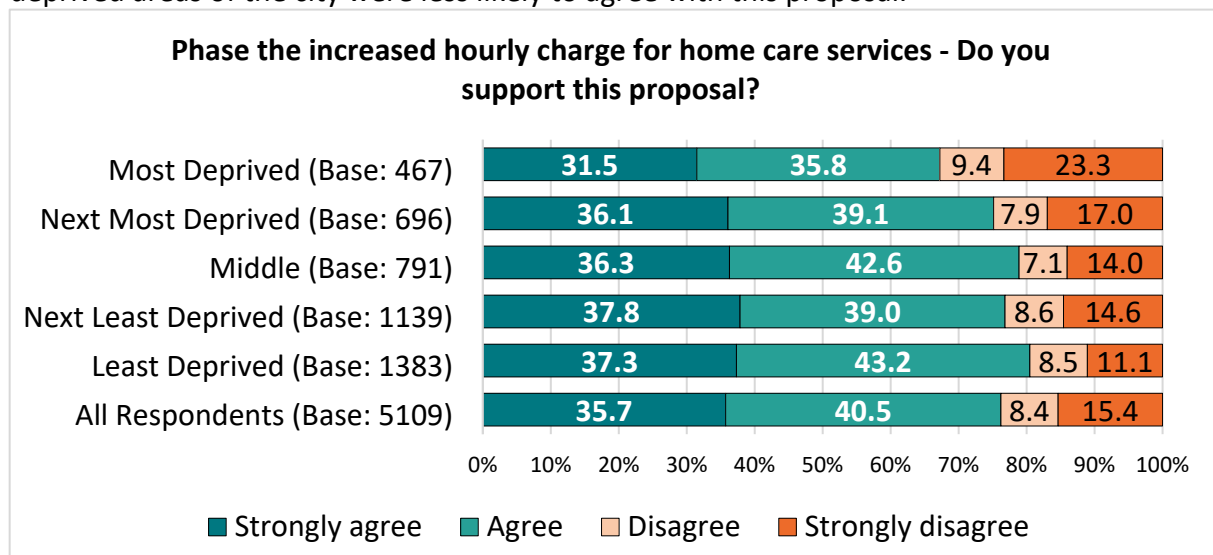
Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was a broad consensus of opinion across the demographic groups analysed, however agreement was lower amongst respondents from a Minority Ethnicity (65.2%) or those identifying as disabled (69.6%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Whilst there was not a direct correlation with the levels of deprivation, those living in the most deprived areas of the city were less likely to agree with this proposal.



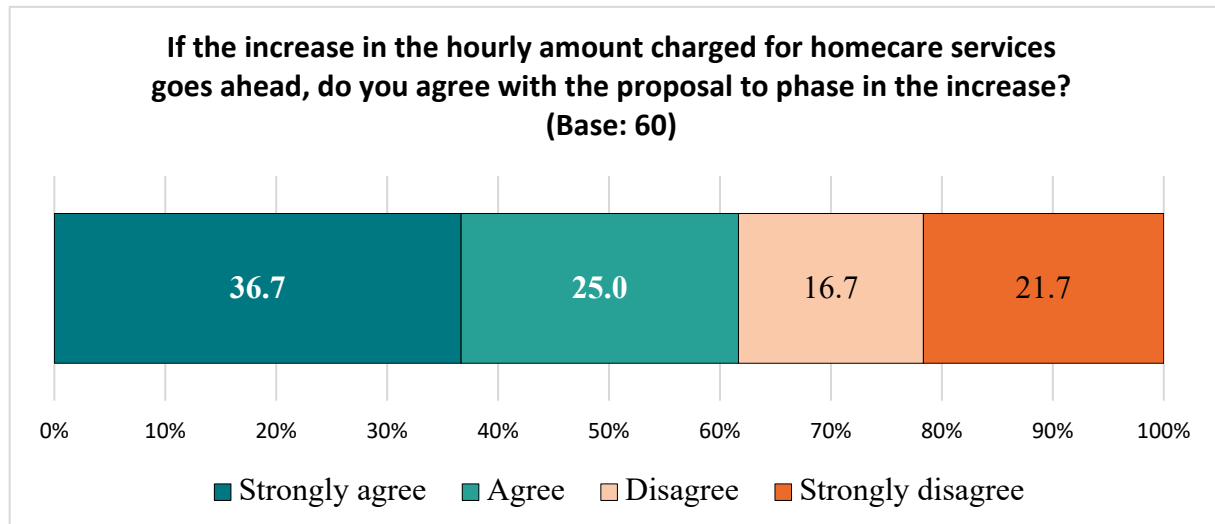
Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

If the increase in the hourly amount charged for homecare services goes ahead, do you agree with the proposal to phase in the increase?

A total of 60 were received for this question, giving a response rate of 58.3%.
Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 12.7 .

More than three in five (61.7%) of those answering this question in the Child Friendly Cardiff budget consultation agreed that any increase should be phased in.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

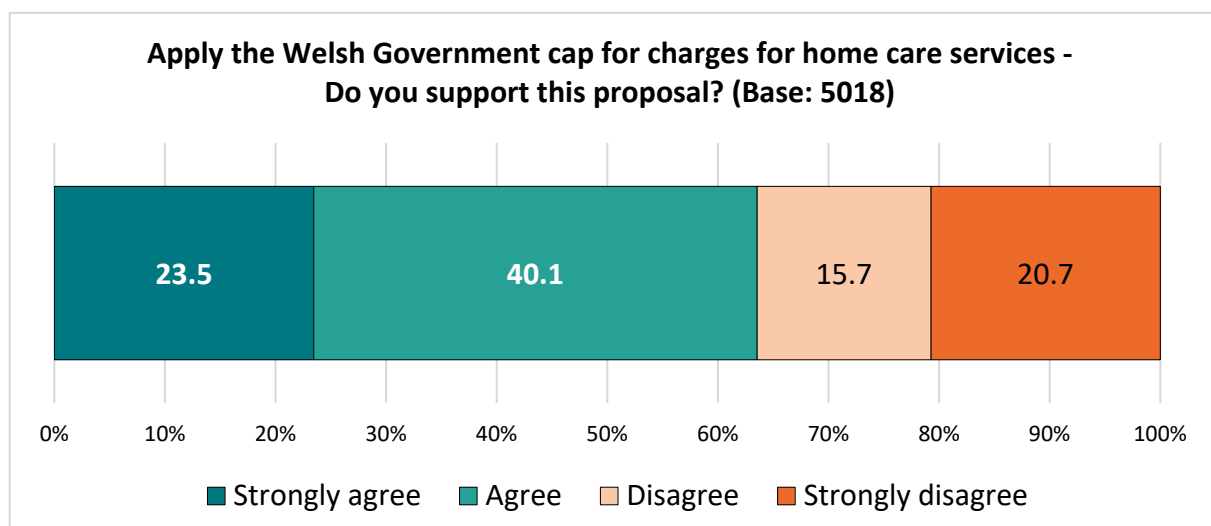
The Welsh Government sets a maximum amount (a 'cap') that an individual has to pay each week. Currently this is £100 per week but the level of this cap may be increased by the Welsh Government in 2024/25. The Council can choose whether it increases its charge to the level of the Welsh Government cap.

Again, each individual's ability to pay the charge will be assessed and they will not be charged more than they can afford to pay. Ensuring that the charge better reflects the cost of these services will help the Council to fund sustainable social care services into the future, supporting the needs of the growing older population in the city.

If the Welsh Government were to increase the maximum weekly amount that an individual has to contribute towards their home care, do you agree that the Council should apply this new cap to better reflect the cost of the service?

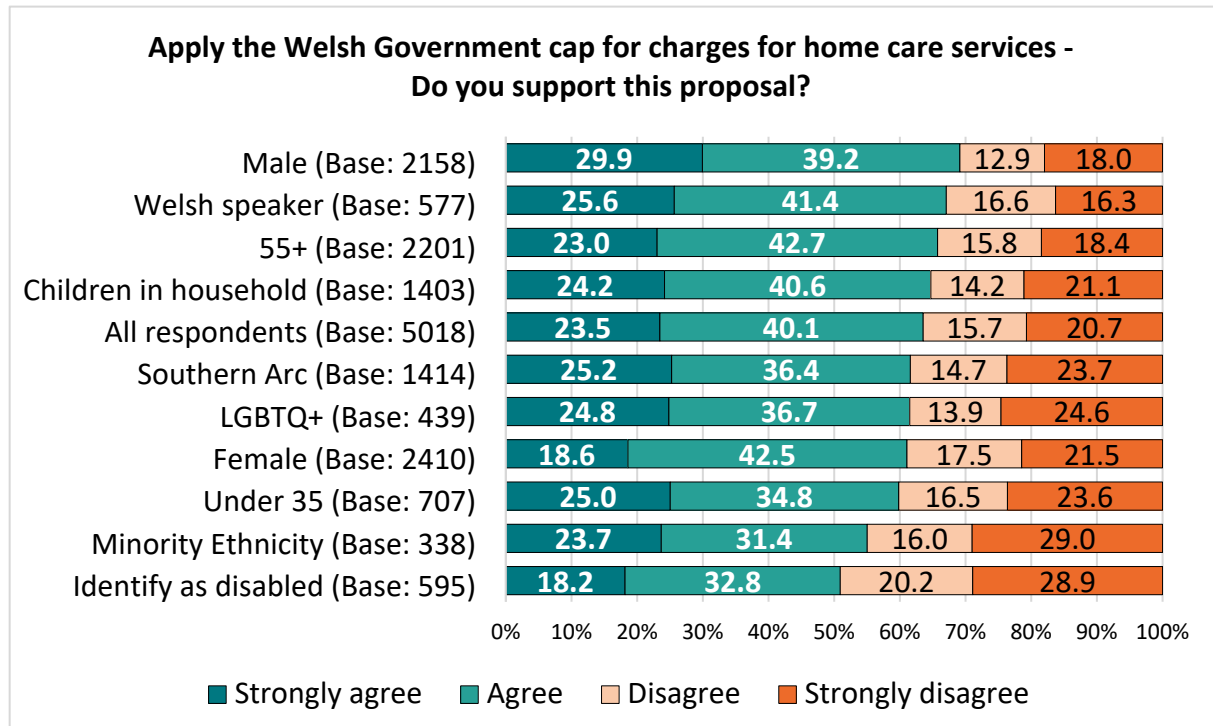
A total of 5,018 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 55.7%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.4 .

Just under two thirds of respondents (63.6%) agreed with the proposal to apply any revised 'cap' set by the Welsh Government in the next financial year.



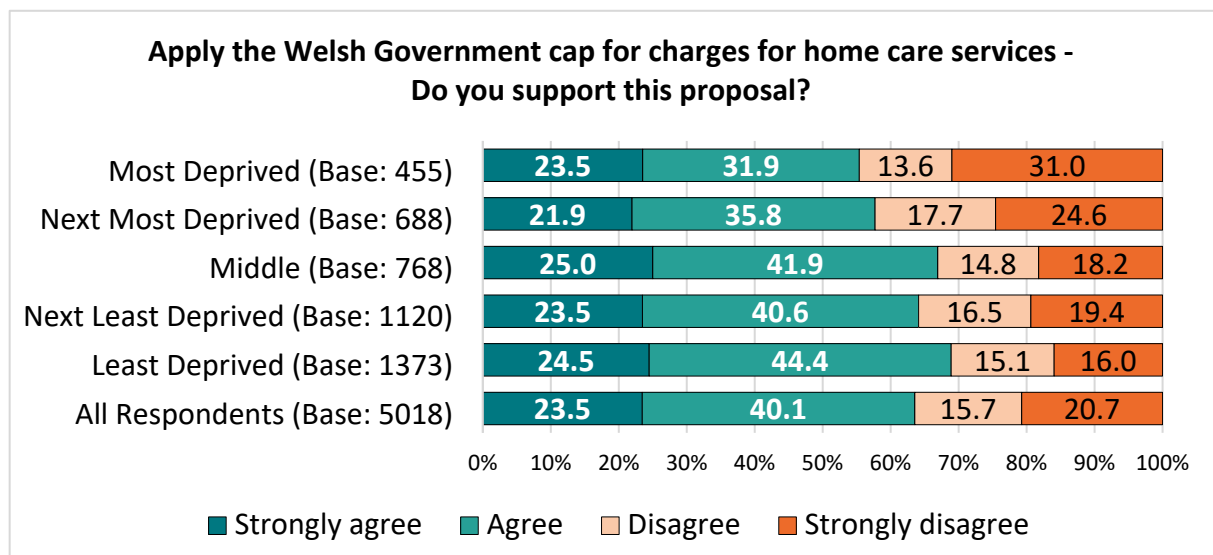
Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Males were most likely to agree with this proposal (69.1%), contrasting with those identifying as disabled (50.9%) and those from a Minority Ethnicity (55.0%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Again, there was not a direct correlation with levels of deprivation, but those living in the more deprived areas of the city were less likely to agree with this proposal than residents in more affluent areas.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The Welsh Government has set a limit on how much a person needs to pay for care each week, currently at £100. This limit might go up in 2024/25. The Council can decide if it wants to increase its charges to this new limit. People will only be charged what they can afford.

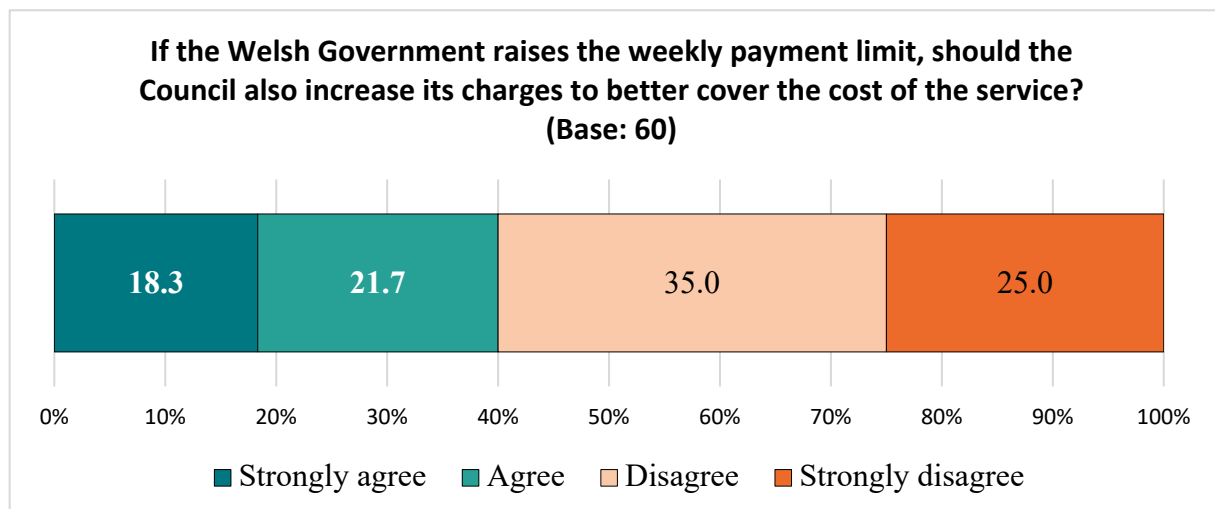
Charging more accurately for these services will help the Council keep providing care for older people in the future.

If the Welsh Government raises the weekly payment limit, should the Council also increase its charges to better cover the cost of the service?

A total of 60 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 58.3%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 12.7 .

Younger respondents, taking part in the Child Friendly Cardiff survey, were less likely to agree with this proposal, with two in five (40.0%) agreeing that Cardiff Council should implement any 'cap' set by the Welsh Government for home care.



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

The Council is facing a budget shortfall of £30.5 million next year because of rising prices and greater demand for our services. The proposals outlined in this consultation document will help to meet the budget gap by changing how services are delivered, by cutting some services completely, or by removing subsidies and increasing income.

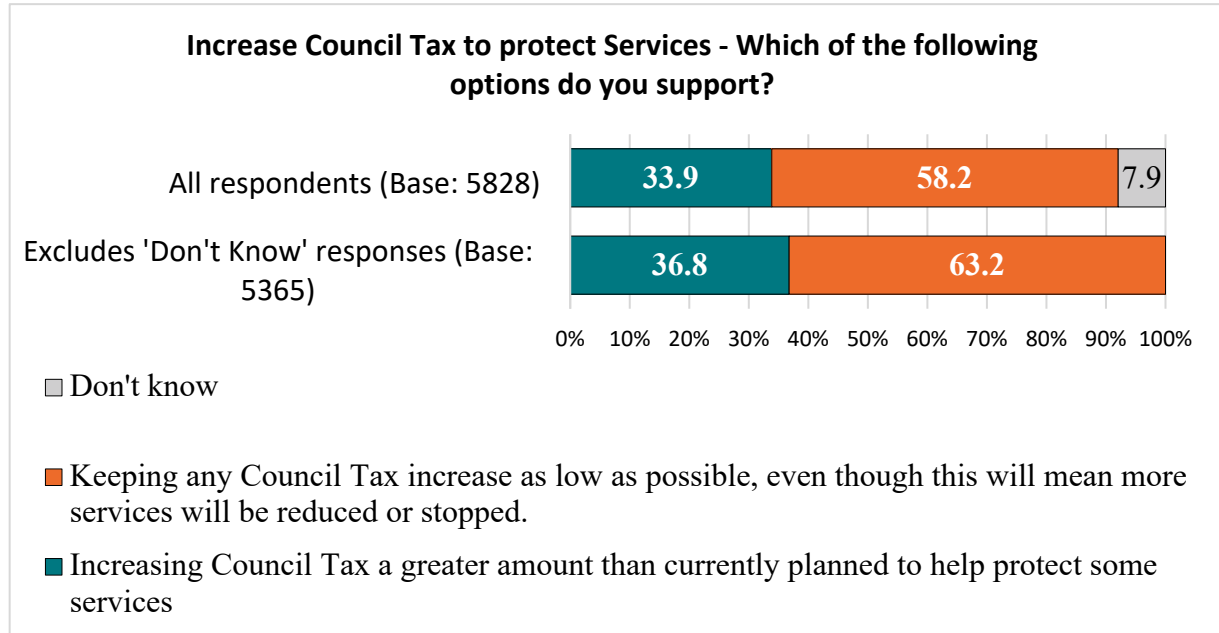
Another source of funding is Council Tax, which accounts for around 26% of the Council's budget. Increasing Council Tax by 1% would generate an additional £1.7 million, which would be used to protect some of the services identified as a way of saving the Council money. The Council is proposing an increase of 3%.

We are aware that there is a cost-of-living crisis, and everyone has been impacted by rising prices, so we want to understand how residents feel about increasing Council Tax to protect services.

Which of the following options would you prefer?

A total of 5,828 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 64.7%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 . or ± 1.3 if 'Don't know' responses are excluded.

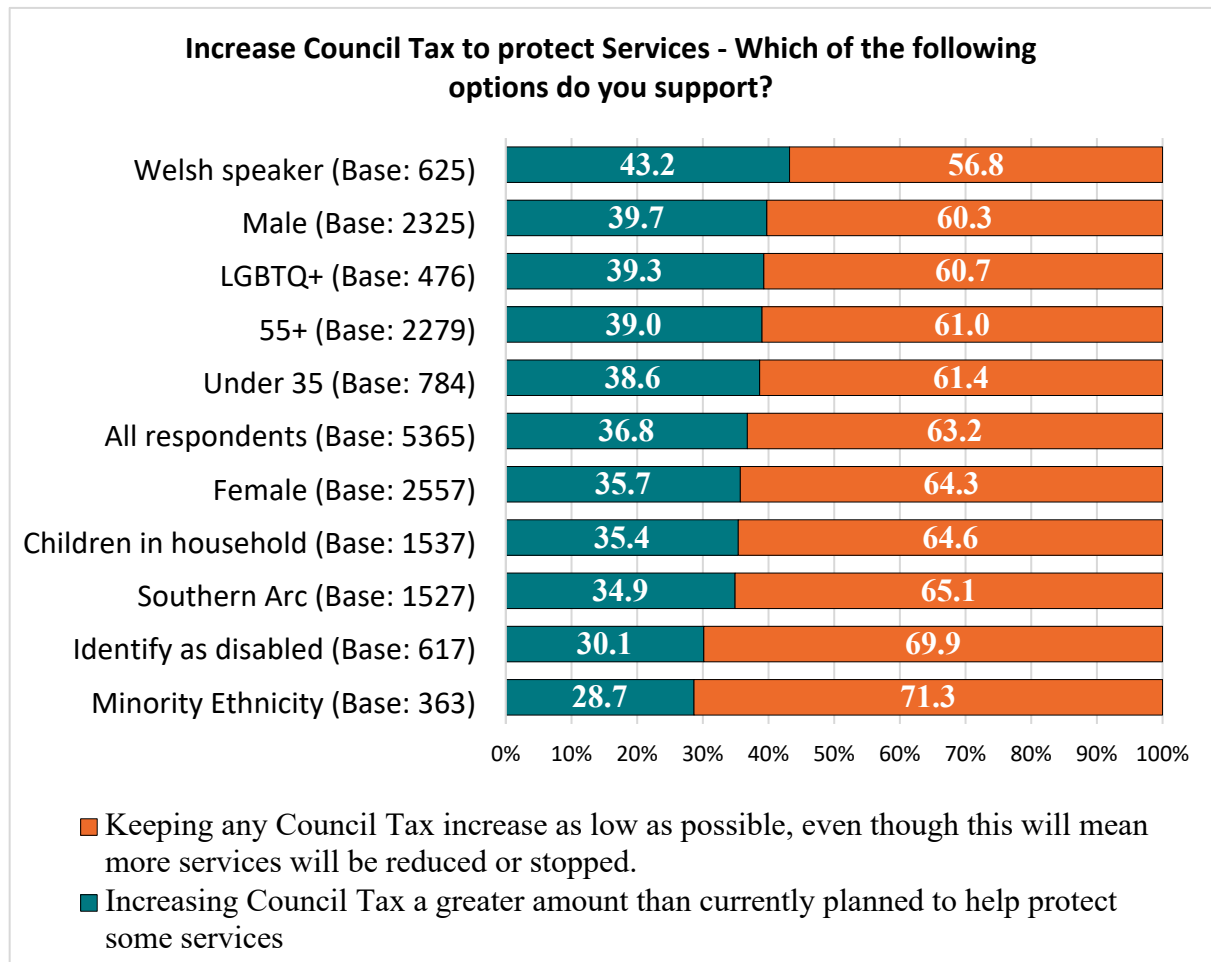
Respondents were almost twice as likely to support measures to keep Council Tax increases as low as possible, even in this would mean more services would be reduced or stopped (58.2% of all responses to this question, or 63.2% of responses excluding those answering 'Don't know').



Over 120 comments on Council Tax were received in response to the open question at the end of the section; details are available in [Appendix 37](#).

More than half of each demographic group analysed favoured keeping any increases in Council Tax as low as possible, even if that meant some council-run services would be reduced or stopped.

Support to minimise increases in Council Tax was highest amongst respondents from a Minority Ethnicity (71.3%) and those identifying as disabled (69.9%).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

There was no correlation with level of deprivation (see [Appendix 35](#)).

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

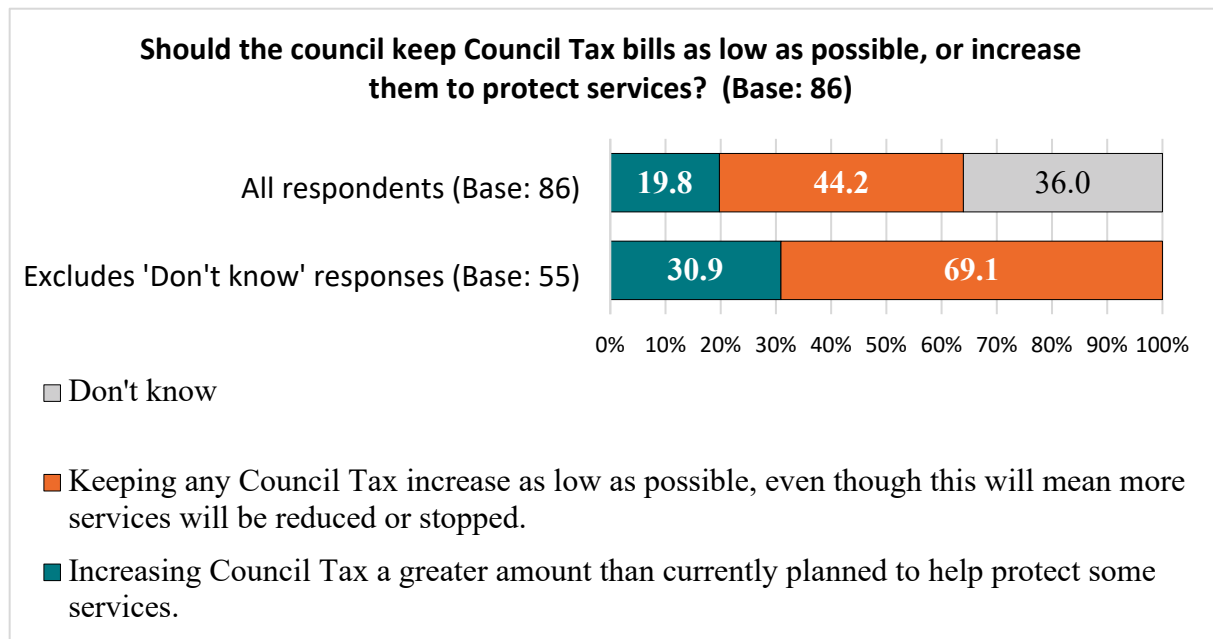
The Council needs to find £30.5 million next year due to higher costs and more people needing services. This consultation suggests ways to save money, like changing, cutting, or removing some services and increasing income. Council Tax, which is 26% of the Council's budget, is one way to get more money. A 1% rise in Council Tax would bring in an extra £1.7 million to help save some services. The Council suggests raising it by 3%. But with the cost-of-living crisis affecting everyone, the Council wants to know how people feel about increasing Council Tax to keep services going.

Which of the following options would you prefer?

A total of 86 were received for this question, giving a response rate of 83.5%.

Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 10.6 . or ± 13.2 if 'Don't know' responses are excluded.

Younger respondents taking part in the Child Friendly Cardiff budget consultation were also more likely to support keeping Council Tax bills as low as possible, rather than increasing Council Tax to protect services (44.2%, rising to 69.1% if 'Don't know' responses are excluded).

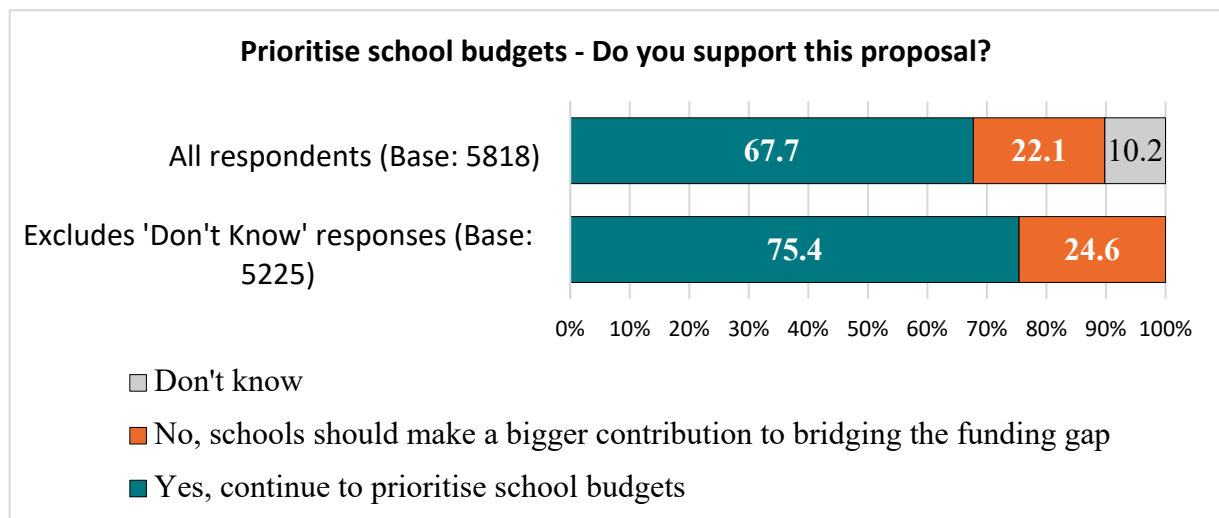


The Administration continues to consider Education its top priority, alongside Social Services, and we know from the Ask Cardiff survey that these are the public's priorities, too. The Council proposes to continue to prioritise schools.

Do you support this proposal?

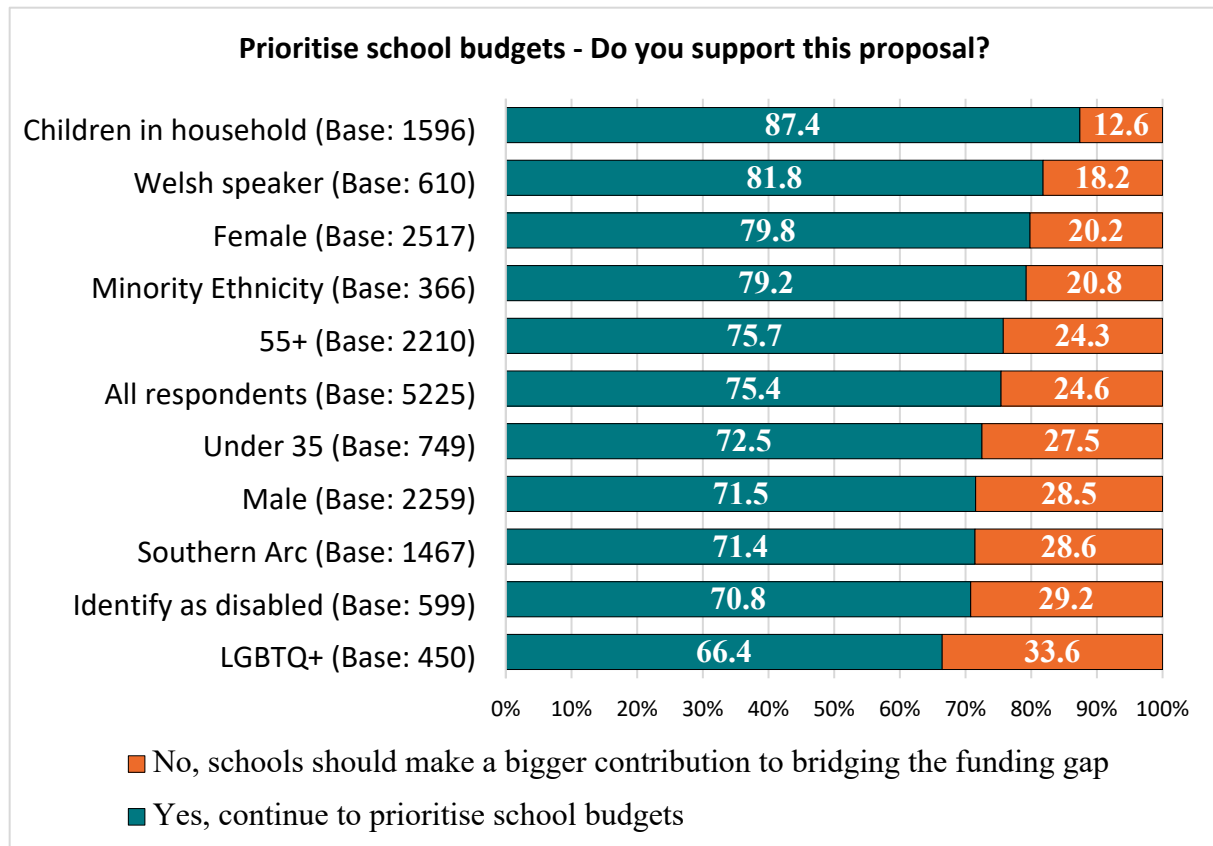
A total of 5,818 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 64.6%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 1.2 , or ± 1.3 if 'Don't know' responses are excluded.

There was clear support to prioritise school budgets, with 67.7% of all respondents supporting this proposal, rising to 75.4% if 'Don't know' responses are excluded.



Forty comments on school budgets were received in response to the open question at the end of this section, with details of this in [Appendix 37](#).

There was generally a consensus of opinion that school budgets should be prioritised, with stronger levels of support amongst respondents with children in their households (87.4%, excluding 'Don't know' responses).



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Responses were consistent across the five deprivation quintiles (details in [Appendix 36](#)).

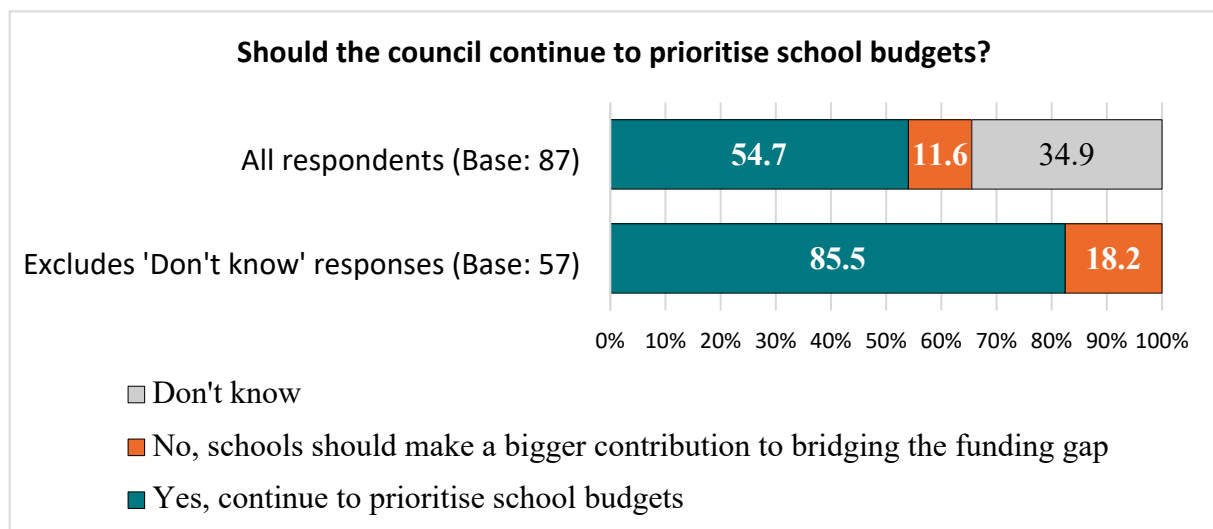
Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

The council is focusing mainly on Education and Social Services. The Ask Cardiff survey shows that these are also important to the public. The Council plans to keep prioritising schools.

Do you support this proposal?

A total of 87 responses were received for this question, giving a response rate of 84.5%. Confidence level 95%, confidence interval of ± 9.9 if including 'Don't know' responses, or 13.0 if these are excluded.

Support for prioritising school budgets was high amongst those completing the Child Friendly Cardiff Budget consultation, with around five in six respondents who expressed an opinion (85.5%) supporting this proposal.



Do you have any further comments or suggestions on how the Council can reduce the budget gap?

A total of 1,274 comments were received, and grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in [Appendix 37](#).

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Council needs to stop wasting money	303	23.8	- Spend less money on vanity projects maybe? - Stop building bike lanes that are hardly used. - Yes, stop wasting money on stupid projects like messing with the roads in the city centre, exposing the canal off queen street and other stupid projects. Where you have freedom of wasting tax payers money this has now come back and bitten you and Welsh government. None of you idiots would survive in the private sector as you ignore your end customer to deliver your vanity projects. - Stop wasting money on vanity projects and use the money more wisely for necessities. If you can't manage on the budget you already have that tells you you should not be having a pay rise and employing more staff to shuffle paper. - Stop needlessly wasting money and overpaying outside contractors and services - Rather than cut spending maybe you should stop wasting money on vanity projects like a pointless, ugly canal for £9m or spending £20m on a speed limit change which no-one wants. Oh look, there's your £30m shortfall. Tyrants, all of you.
Make Savings in House	287	22.5	- Cut the council bosses pay to help fill the funding gap. - Review whether the Council across all its estate/buildings is on the most cost effective energy (gas and electricity) tariffs. A recent report showed how some councils in England and Wales are paying vastly more for their energy than others. I assume someone within Cardiff Council is responsible for regularly monitoring what the Council pays for gas and electricity and seeks out the best and cheapest available tariffs. - Cardiff council needs a full review of its expenditure. I'm sure there are cost savings that could be made elsewhere that would protect these services. I would happily invest my own time and provide my services to carry out that task. - I think councillors should be looking at themselves and their big wages for some cuts before expecting

			<i>us the public to be making higher payments and cuts.</i> <i>- Council should look at personal spending such as allowances for lunches /expenditure/ administrative costs etc for themselves.</i> <i>- STOP Paying your employees to be on the sick for months at a time- your sickness policy is ridiculous and massively taken advantage off - all at the price of reduced services and increases in Council tax to people that actually WORK for a living. STOP employing people who can only do part of the job they are employed to do!!</i>
School meals	105	8.2	<i>- Reintroduce school cooks rather than contracting out cooking with terrible meals.</i> <i>- I would query increasing the costs of primary school meals for years 5 and 6 when the Welsh Government is paying a unit rate of £3.10 for each primary school meal. I would like to see more investment to ensure these learners are part of the UPFSM rollout - they have managed to achieve full roll-out in the Vale of Glamorgan.</i> <i>- Stop universal free school meals.</i> <i>- Disgusting thinking of not providing free school meals.</i> <i>- School meals offer very poor value for money.</i> <i>- Increase plant-based meals in schools and reduce meat and fish based meals as they cost more than vegetarian or vegan meals.</i>

Face-to-face Engagement

Within the face-to-face work a number of participants took the opportunity to raise topics that were not included in the survey, including housing (perhaps biased by the discussions happening at Central Library, which was hosting housing advice sessions), and a range of issues outside the control of the Council:

"So much money was spent on the coronation, it should have been spent on housing instead. People are queuing here for bread! The system, the government is not looking after its residents, just caring about the outside" (White woman, early 60s, Splott)

"My family, we live in a camper. We have thousands of issues. I won't complete anything [angry, upset]" (White British female, 30s, parents of young children)

"Is there something about the 20mph?" (Several respondents, from a range of backgrounds)

"How much did all of that [changing speed limit and signs to 20mph] cost?!" (ME woman, 50s, Grangetown)

A large number of people approached were unconvinced that completing the survey would make any difference, and that doing so would be a waste of their time, reflecting views seen in the Participation Strategy consultation:

"Cardiff Council or Welsh Government, the same! Wasting our money." (White British male, 70s, Tremorfa)

"What's the point in doing your survey? 5,000, 50,000 people have signed about the 20, and Pphhhh!" (White British male, 50s, Ely)

Welsh Language

If you access any Council services in Welsh, we want to know if you think the proposed changes will have any impact on how you access these services.

Do you currently access any Council services in Welsh?

Around seven out of eight respondents did not access Council Services in Welsh. The services most commonly accessed in Welsh were Hubs & Libraries (11.7%) and Parks (11.2%).

	No.	%
Hubs & Libraries	701	11.7
Parks	671	11.2
Parking	556	9.3
Leisure & Sports	523	8.7
Culture & Events	506	8.5
Bereavement Services	139	2.3
Domiciliary Care	182	3.0
School meals	62	1.0
None of these	5010	83.7
	5984	

Do you feel any of these proposals will impact your ability to access Council services in Welsh?

Just over a quarter (27.2%) of those accessing services in Welsh felt that proposals outlined in the budget consultation would impact their ability to access Council services in Welsh.

	No.	%
Yes	252	27.2
No	676	72.8
	928	

Please specify which proposal(s), and outline the impact you think these proposals will have (positive or negative)

A total of 106 comments were received in response to this question, which have been grouped into themes. The top three are shown below, with a full list available in Appendix 38:

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Negative impact on Welsh language	48	45.3	- ALL NEGATIVE!! - Negative - Lack of access, lack of staff, lack of resources invested - Any reduction in Welsh is a bad thing, its use should be encouraged.
Negative comments on the proposals, rather than their impact on Welsh	29	27.4	- The ones you want to take away - These will impact my activities very negatively and all because the council are out of touch. - If cuts are made then we won't be able to use parks if they're unsafe or the central library if closed.
Hubs / Libraries	25	23.6	- Access to periodicals looks like it might become harder, as some are not online. - Volunteers - they may not speak Welsh and may be less supported to be able to manage enquiries in Welsh, order Welsh language books etc - Reducing the opening hours proposed in the Hubs & Libraries section will prevent my child from accessing Welsh-language groups, which we have found hugely beneficial and enjoyable

Child Friendly Cardiff Survey:

If you access any Council services in Welsh, we want to know if you think the proposed changes will have any impact on how you access these services.

Do you currently access any Council services in Welsh?

Twenty-seven respondents indicated they accessed Council services in Welsh, with Parks the most commonly mentioned.

	No.	%
Parks	17	22.7
Culture & Events	12	16.0
Hubs & Libraries	12	16.0
School meals	12	16.0
Parking	9	12.0
Home Care	4	5.3
None of these	48	64.0
	75	

Do you feel any of these proposals will impact your ability to access Council services in Welsh?

Just over a quarter (27.2%) of those accessing services in Welsh felt that proposals outlined in the budget consultation would impact their ability to access Council services in Welsh.

	No.	%
Yes	5	6.7
No	70	93.3
	75	100.0

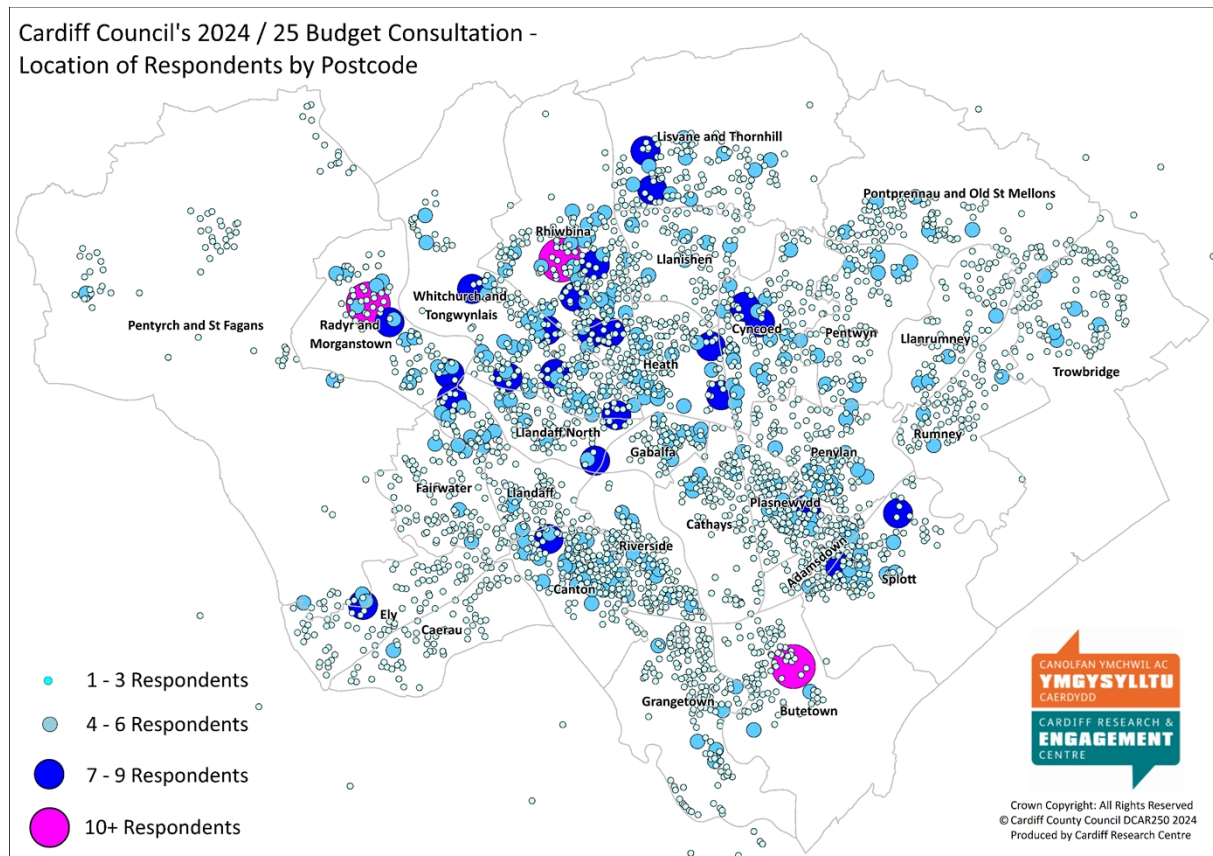
Please specify which proposal(s), and outline the impact you think these proposals will have (positive or negative)

No comments were made regarding the impact the proposals in the budget consultation would have on the ability to access services in Welsh.

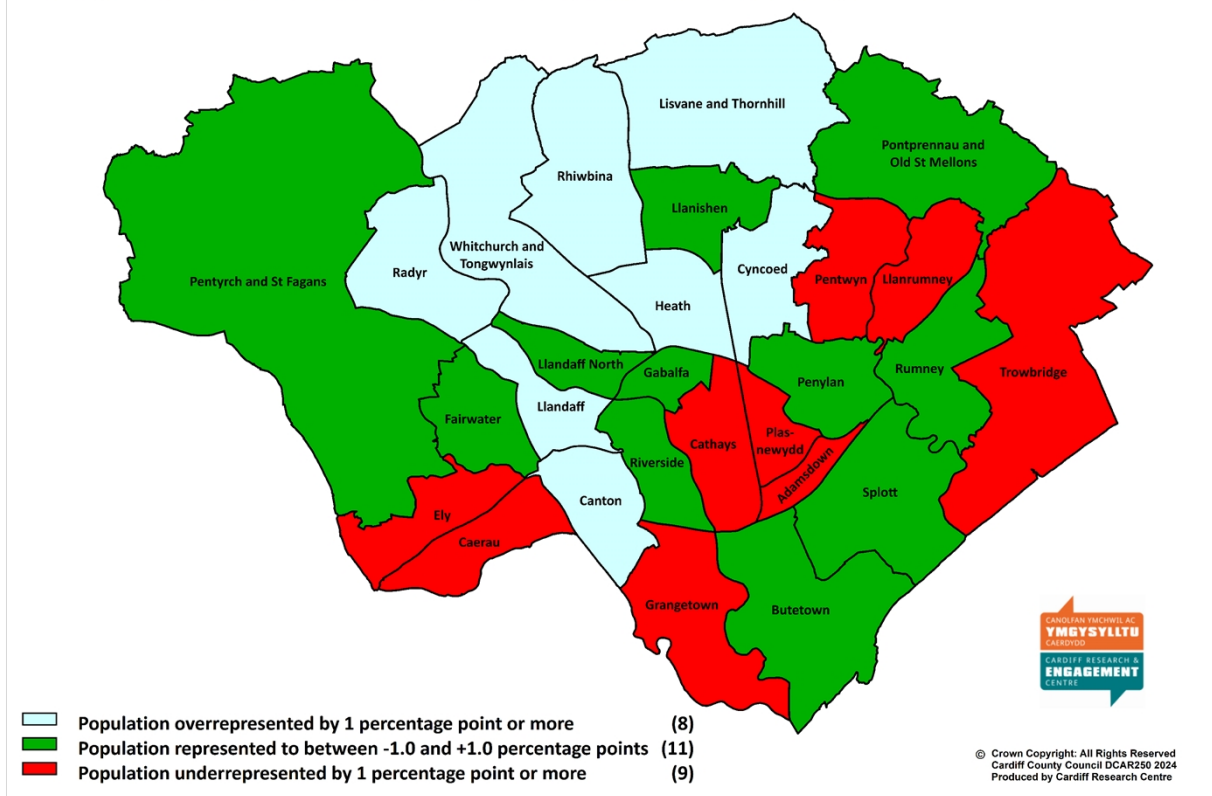
About You

Please provide your full postcode

Overall, 5,976 respondents provided their full postcode, which have been shown on the map below:



Over/Under Represented Ward Map - Budget Consultation 2024/25



	No	%
Southern Arc	1919	21.3
Rest of Cardiff	3898	43.3
Outside Cardiff	83	0.9
Postcode not provided	3101	34.5
	9001	100.0

What was your age on your last birthday?

	No	%	2022 Mid-Year Estimate
Under 16	10	0.2	
16-24	153	2.3	20.6
25-34	885	13.4	19.5
35-44	1349	20.5	16.0
45-54	1182	18.0	13.5
55-64	1206	18.3	12.8
65-74	1031	15.7	9.5
75+	532	8.1	8.2
Prefer not to say	236	3.6	
Total	6584	100.0	

	No	%	2022 Mid-Year Estimate
16-34	1038	15.8	40.0
35-54	3737	56.8	42.3
55+	2769	42.1	30.4

Are you...?

	No	%	2022 Mid-Year Estimate
Female	3291	50.1	50.5
Male	2845	43.3	49.5
Non-binary	49	0.7	-
Other	9	0.1	
Prefer not to say	377	5.7	-
Total	6571	100.0	

Do you identify as Trans?

	No	%
Yes	42	0.7
No	5959	92.7
Prefer to self-describe	23	0.4
Prefer not to say	404	6.3
	6428	100.0

Do any children live in your household?

	No.	%
No children	4477	69.3
Yes, under 5 years old (pre-school)	569	8.8
Yes, aged 5 - 11 (primary school)	880	13.6
Yes, aged 11 - 16 (secondary school)	762	11.8
Yes, aged 16 - 18 in full-time education, or working	390	6.0
Yes, aged 16 - 18 but not in full time education or working	45	0.7
	6460	-

Are you pregnant, or have you given birth within the last 26 weeks?

	No.	%
Yes, I'm pregnant	41	0.6
Yes, I've given birth	39	0.6
No	6068	94.4
Prefer not to say	282	4.4
	6430	100.0

Do you care unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction cannot cope without your support?

	No.	%
Yes	1088	16.9
No	4902	76.2
Prefer not to say	441	6.9
	6431	100.0

Which of the following best describes what you are doing at present?

	No.	%
Working full time (30+ hours per week)	3368	52.0

Working part time (less than 30 hours per week)	747	11.5
On a zero hour contract	40	0.6
On a government training scheme	7	0.1
In full time education	90	1.4
Permanently sick or disabled person	149	2.3
Wholly retired from work	1587	24.5
Unemployed - Registered Job Seeker	30	0.5
Unemployed - Unregistered but seeking work	47	0.7
Caring for a child or adult	142	2.2
Looking after home	81	1.2
Other	195	3.0
Not specified	6483	100.0

Which of the following best describes your housing tenure?

	No	%
Owned outright	2695	42.0
Owned with a mortgage	2605	40.6
Rented from Local Authority	135	2.1
Rented from a Housing Association	167	2.6
Private rented	652	10.2
Other	161	2.5
	6415	100.0

Are you or a member of your household:

	You		A Member of Your Household	
	No.	%	No.	%
Currently serving (regular or reserve) in the UK Armed Forces	15	0.3	22	0.6
An armed forces service leaver (veteran), regular or reserve	122	2.6	74	1.9
Not applicable	4575	97.1	3724	97.5
Total	4712	100.0	3820	100.0

Do you identify as a disabled person?

	No	%
Yes	742	11.6
No	5239	82.0
Prefer not to say	406	6.4
	6387	100.0

Please tick any of the following that apply to you:

	No	%
Deaf/Deafened/Hard of Hearing	433	8.1
Learning impairment/difficulties	45	0.8
Wheelchair user	45	0.8
Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes or asthma)	922	17.2
Mental health difficulties	459	8.6
Visual impairment	138	2.6
Mobility impairment	459	8.6
Neurodivergent (e.g. Attention Deficit Disorders, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Dysgraphia)	330	6.2
Prefer not to say	371	6.9
Other (please specify below)	85	1.6
None of these	3435	64.0
	5363	-

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion?

	No	%
No, no religion	3087	48.2
Christian (Including Church in Wales, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	22	0.3
Buddhist	2434	38.0
Hindu	45	0.7
Jewish	18	0.3
Muslim	148	2.3
Sikh	2	0.0
Prefer not to answer	570	8.9
Other	83	1.3
	6409	100.0

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

	No.	%
Bisexual	247	3.9
Gay Woman/Lesbian	75	1.2
Gay Man	183	2.9
Heterosexual/Straight	4909	77.6
Other	61	1.0
Prefer not to answer	855	13.5
	6330	100.0

Are you:

	No.	%
Single	1134	17.9
In a same-sex Civil Partnership	45	0.7
Married	3489	55.1
Living together	940	14.8
Separated/divorced or legally separated if formerly in a same-sex Civil Partnership	281	4.4
Widowed	279	4.4
Other	168	2.7
	6336	100.0

How would you describe your Welsh language skills?

	No.	%
Fluent	413	6.5

Moderate	360	5.6
Basic	1277	20.0
Learner	1007	15.8
None	3327	52.1
	6384	100.0

Do you consider yourself to be Welsh?

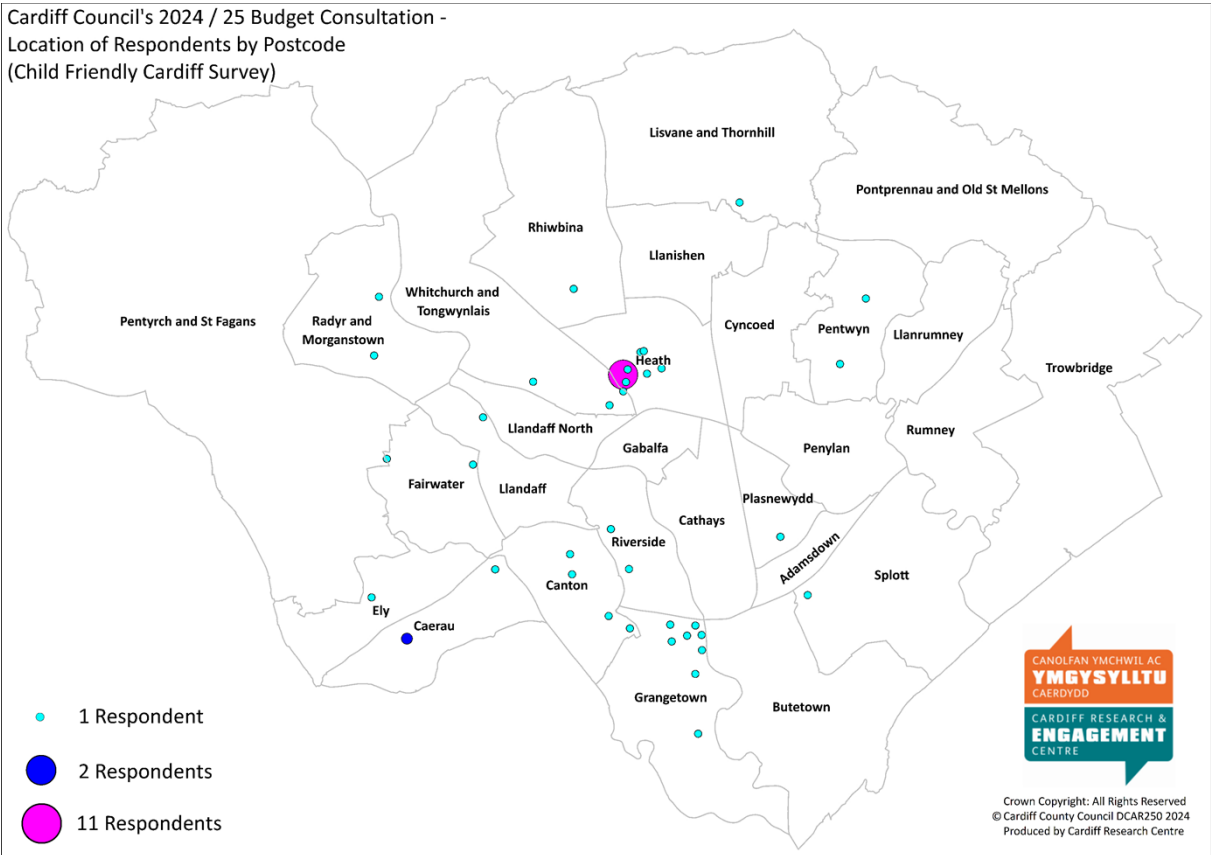
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Yes	4313	68.1
No	2023	31.9
	6336	100.0

What is your ethnic group?

	No.	%	2021 Census
White - Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	5350	83.4	73.6
White - Irish	69	1.1	0.6
White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller	3	0.0	0.2
White - Any other white background	247	3.9	4.8
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White & Asian Welsh / British / Other	44	0.7	1.2
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black African Welsh / British / Other	15	0.2	0.7
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - White and Black Caribbean Welsh / British / Other	25	0.4	1.0
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups - Any other	38	0.6	1.1
Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Bangladeshi	31	0.5	2.4
Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Chinese	17	0.3	2.4
Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Indian	8	0.1	1.9
Asian/Asian Welsh/British – Pakistani	24	0.4	1.4
Asian/Asian Welsh/British - Any other	32	0.5	1.6
Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - African	67	1.0	0.4
Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British – Caribbean	56	0.9	2.9
Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British - Any other	12	0.2	0.5
Arab	22	0.3	1.8
Any other ethnic group (please specify)	35	0.5	1.5
Prefer not to say	319	5.0	-
	6414	100.0	-

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What is your postcode?



How old are you?

	No	%
11 or under	35	41.7
12 – 15	30	35.7
16 – 18	2	2.4
19 – 25	2	2.4
Over 25	15	17.9
Total	84	100.0

Are you...?

	No	%
Female	41	47.7
Male	37	43.0
Other	3	3.5
Prefer not to say	5	5.8
Total	86	100.0

Do you identify as a disabled person?

	No	%
Yes	3	3.6
No	73	88.0
Prefer not to say	7	8.4
	83	100.0

Please tick any of the following that apply to you:

	No	%
Deaf/Deafened/Hard of Hearing or Mobility impairment	2	2.8
Learning impairment/difficulties	0	0.0
Wheelchair user	0	0.0
Long-standing illness or health condition (e.g. cancer, HIV, diabetes or asthma)	8	11.3
Mental health difficulties	6	8.5
Visual impairment	2	2.8
Neurodivergent (e.g. Attention Deficit Disorders, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Dysgraphia)	7	9.9
Prefer not to say	7	9.9
Other (please specify below)	2	2.8
None of these	44	62.0
	71	-

How would you describe your Welsh language skills?

	No.	%
Fluent	4	4.7
Moderate	7	8.2
Basic	25	29.4
Learner	38	44.7
None	11	12.9
	85	100.0

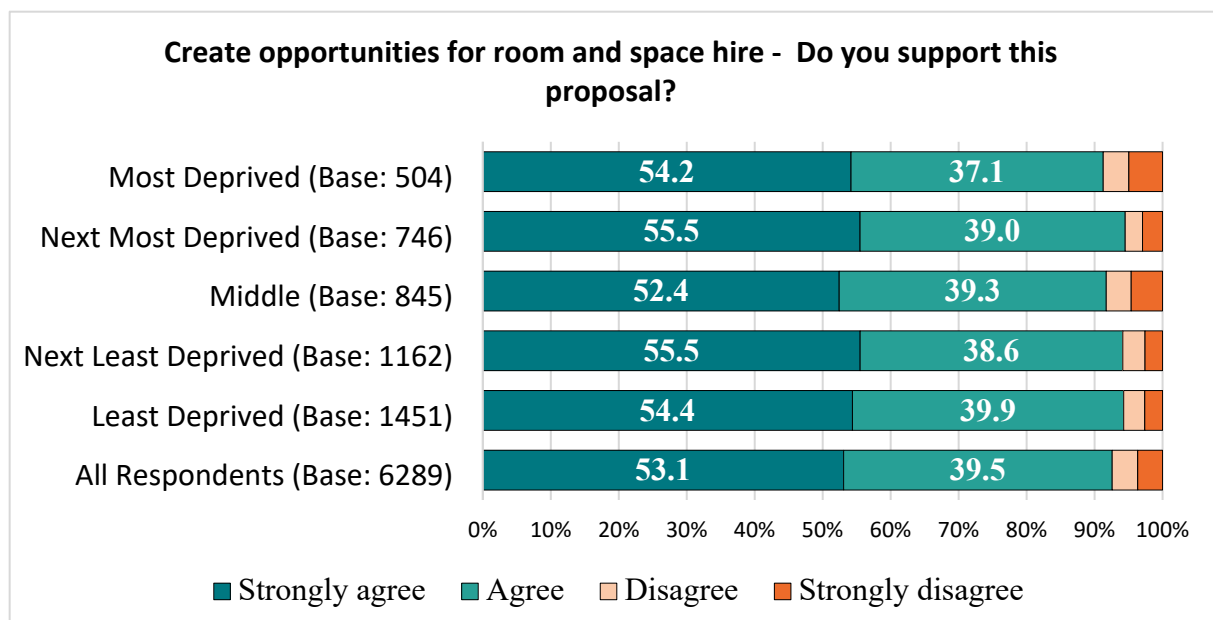
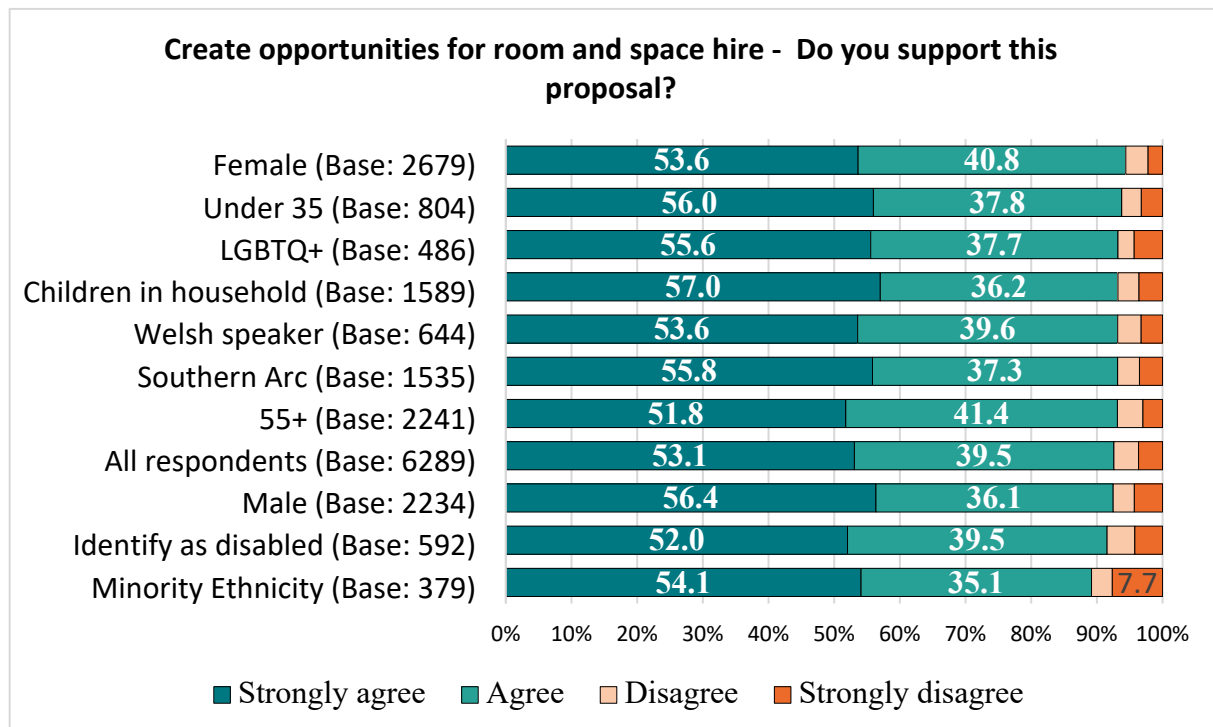
Do you consider yourself to be Welsh?

	No.	%
Yes	50	60.2
No	33	39.8
	83	100.0

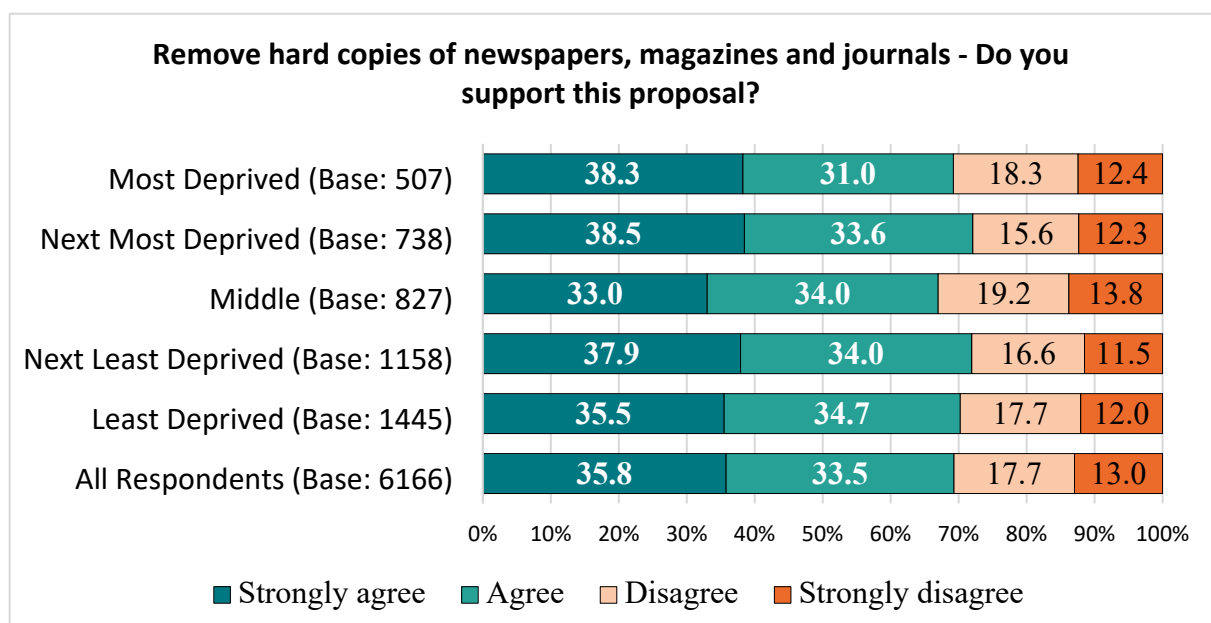
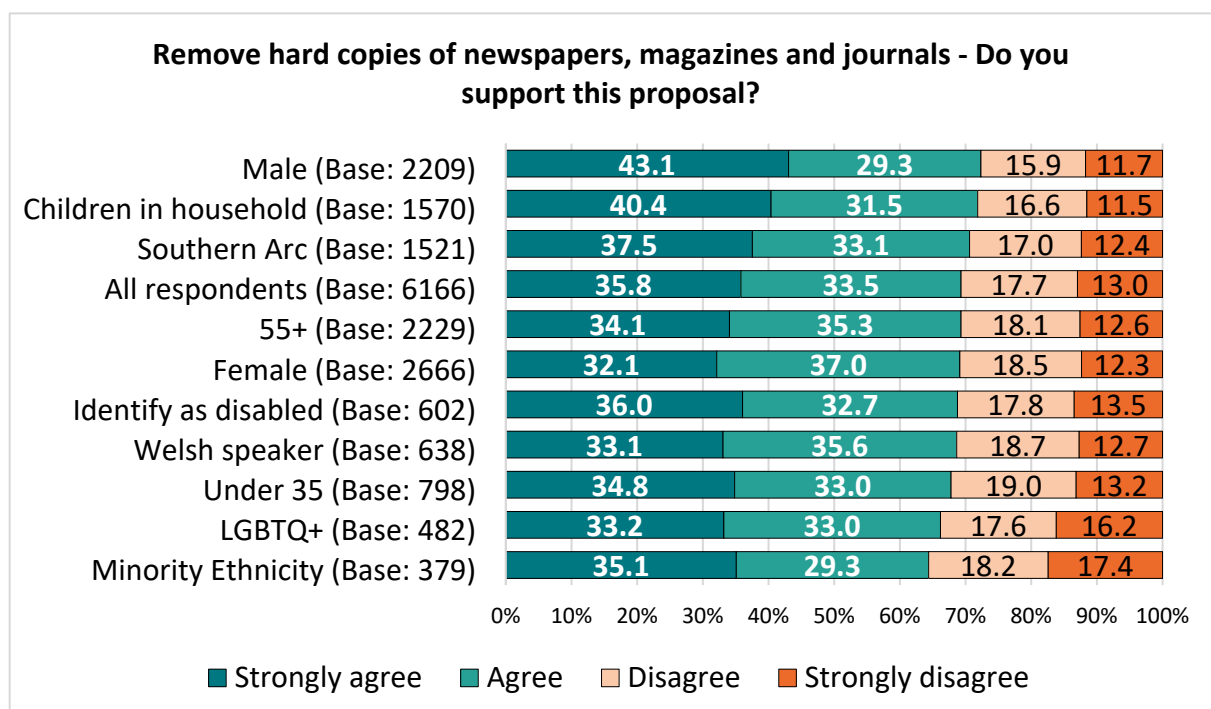
What is your ethnic group?

	No.	%
White - Welsh/English/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	39	48.8
White - Any other white background	4	5.0
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups British/Welsh/Other	7	8.8
Asian/Asian Welsh/British	16	20.0
Black/African/Caribbean/Black Welsh/British	3	3.8
Arab	3	3.8
Any other ethnic group (please specify)	3	3.8
Prefer not to say	5	6.3
	80	100.0

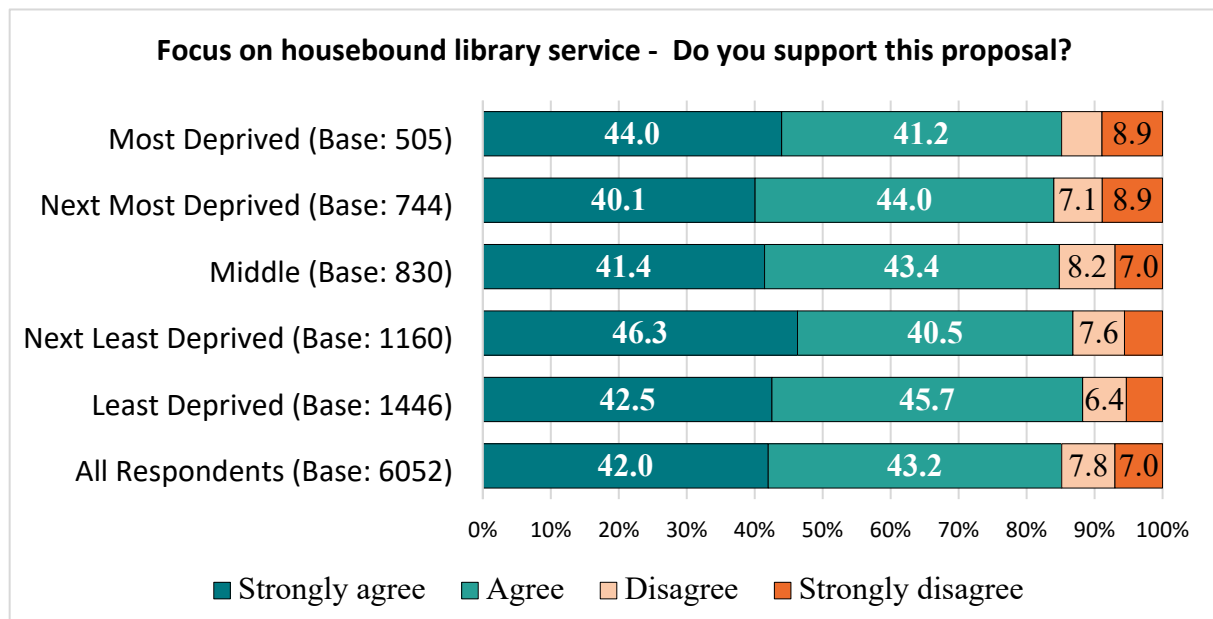
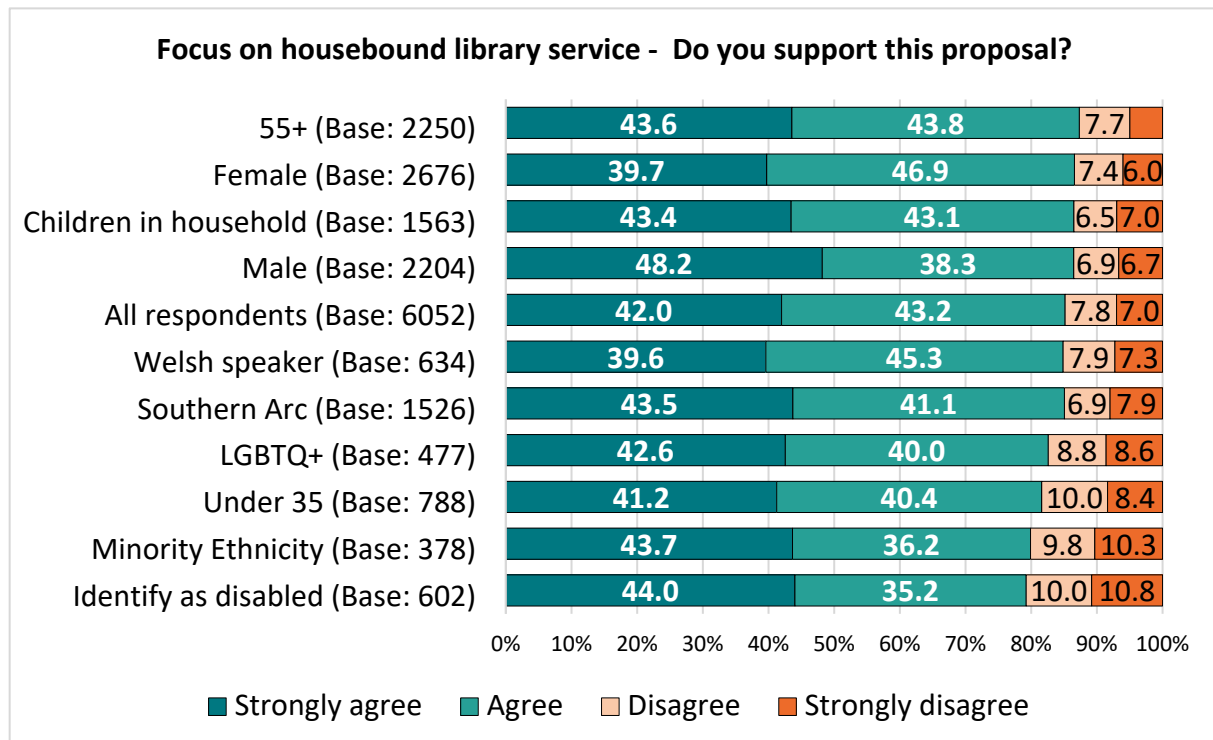
Appendix 1 – Create Opportunities for Room & Space Hire by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 2 – Remove Hard Copies of Newspapers, Magazines & Journals by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 3 – Focus on the Housebound Library Service by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 4 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Hubs & Libraries

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Hubs / Libraries are a community asset	379	29.9	- Libraries and hubs provide safe places for people to come together, creating community cohesion. Closure of these spaces outside of the centre of the city would undermine community cohesion - Public libraries are where the most vulnerable and less fortunate go to access information, be it digital

			or physical. Reducing their opportunity to access information is a complete disservice to those in the community who cannot otherwise access books or the internet. - Hubs are also important as a safe warm place for those who can't afford to heat their homes - Some residents rely on the hubs and libraries where closing them for one day in the week would be a huge mental health deficit - People need these services so please Do NOT scrap them. They provide more than library services. They are a social lifeline to many. - These are essential services for communities particularly the elderly and children. You must not reduce these services.
Residents working office hours need to be considered / Against a Saturday closure	174	13.7	- Opening times should be accessible to those working office hours - please consider keeping open outside of normal office hours and perhaps close some during the day. those of us who work are finding to increasingly difficult to physically access services - Keep Hubs and Libraries open on Saturdays if possible for use by families/children - close on other days where possible - Access outside 9-5 should be kept for those who work - I work full time. Closing libraries on Saturday would mean I can never access them
Alternative option suggestions	164	12.9	- Many libraries tend to be less busy during working hours. One suggestion is opening only from lunchtimes onwards until say 7pm or agreeing with closing entirely for one additional day - Don't change hours at Central Library but you can change the hours to 9 to 5 for 5 days of the week with one day open later - Make Option 2 - 10.until 6 - Main hub should remain open but other hubs closed - Option 2 could be an option if it's a 10-6 or 11-7 service for those working
Against a reduction in opening hours	135	10.7	- Leave it be, you're messing with peoples lives. You know you can make changes elsewhere!!! - People of Cardiff need our libraries and hubs. Leave them as they are. - Do NOT close further libraries or Hubs!! - DO NOT CLOSE ANY LIBRARIES, find savings elsewhere and ensure adequate messaging so constituents and locals know what resources are

			available at their local libraries - Library provision is a statutory service. Eroding its offerings to the point where the service is no longer used, and you can justify full closure, does not fulfil this statutory requirement.
Income Generation / Money Saving Suggestions	112	8.8	- Ask people who access the internet in hubs and libraries to make a donation to the cost. - You may be already considering this, but could income also be generated by sub-letting the Hubs and Libraries to other private, public and voluntary sector organisations who are looking for temporary or permanent hot desking for staff working from home across Cardiff? - Modernise your buildings, insulating them where possible to reduce the cost of heating. Invest in solar panels where practical to do so. - Look at income generation methods. Cut management. If hubs are closed where will excluded people be taught. Hubs are now the centre of communities and are needed to support people mental and physical health. - Look for new income streams. Rent out the space for public hire, sell small items like reading glasses, stamps, cards etc. Charge for computer courses, family history research. Bookstores, cafes, sponsorship from local businesses.
Hub / Library branch specific comments	103	8.1	- Rhydpennau Library is already closed one day a week. I think it is important for it to be open on Saturdays and late one evening for working people. If hours are to be reduced, a survey of footfall should be undertaken to determine least used times and these are when closure could be considered - Please don't close Rhiwbina Hub - Radyr has little as it is please preserve what we have. - Just that as a full time working mum I would like to be able to take my children to Pen-y-Lan library on a Saturday afternoon
More info required	83	6.6	- Some of the questions are not too clear on implications I.e by using volunteers does the 84k saving come from perm staff members being made redundant? - It would have been easier to answer this question if you gave the existing opening hours of these libraries and hubs for reference. - I don't fully understand the impact of closing an extra day. If it's not used then do it. But I'm aware

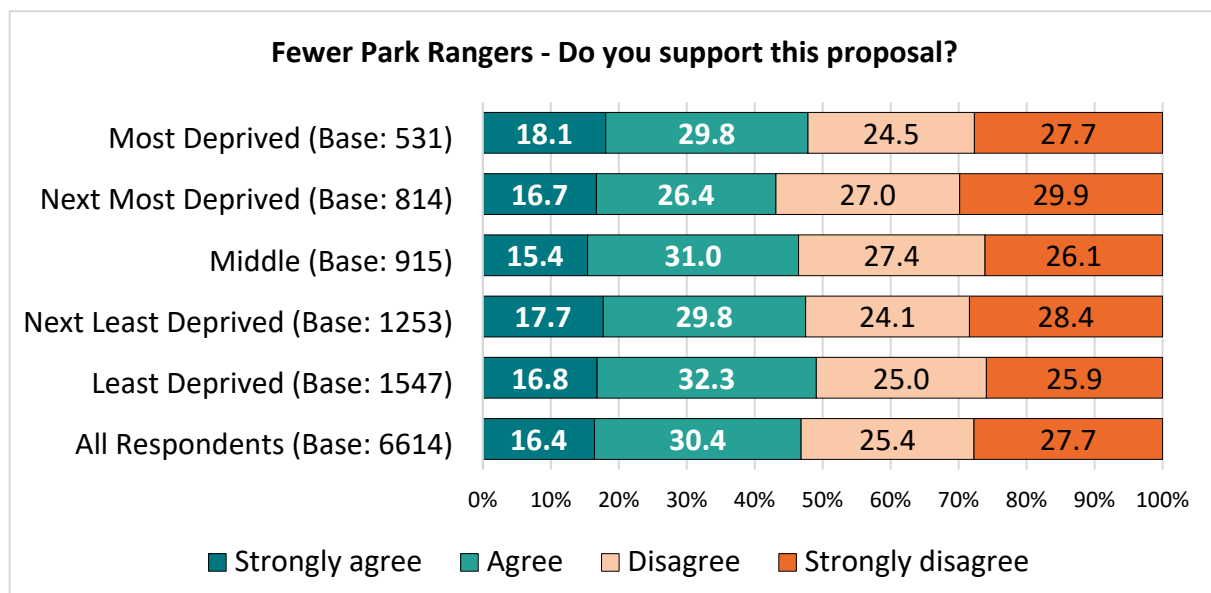
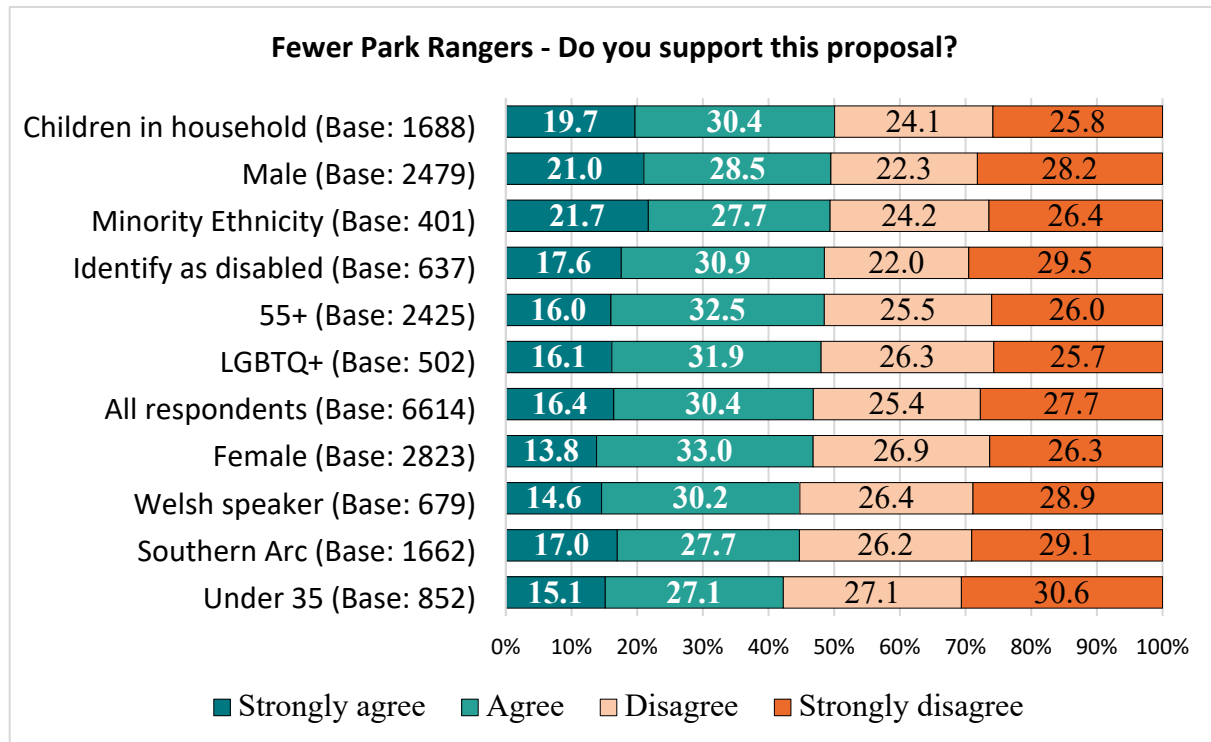
			<i>of the impact on mum/dads on maternity leave.</i> <i>- I find this difficult to decide without knowing the visitor statistics to each of these. Partial closures on some days seems a reasonable way forward in a very difficult climate</i>
Generally in favour of downscaling / reducing Library provision	80	6.3	<i>- Closing libraries for one extra day is fine, as long as it does not begin a slippery slope of closing them for good!</i> <i>- Close them for more days to save more money</i> <i>- Sad but the suggestions seem realistic</i> <i>- Although libraries are lifeline to so many, an extra day of closing on the least busy day would perhaps save most money and we would get used to the new opening hours.</i>
Concerns around finding volunteers with suitable skills / losing librarian expertise	63	5.0	<i>- Don't let volunteers replace the library staff who are multi-skilled and have a wealth of knowledge of the book stock, electronic resources and IT support.</i> <i>- Librarys very important to the community should be retained with librarians who have the knowledge to support the community and create the joy of learning for children for future</i> <i>- It's OK to use more volunteers as long as the specialist librarian functions are retained.</i> <i>- With regard to volunteers staffing hubs and libraries, i do not believe that there is sufficient appeteite amongst potential volunteers to deliver admin / building roles. I would assume many who volunteer would be looking for more exciting opportunities etc.</i>
Concerns the impact will have on staff - Less Pay / Redundancies	55	4.3	<i>- Having more volunteers sounds like council are planning on making Liberians redundant and getting people to do their jobs for nothing.</i> <i>- Strongly disagree with using volunteers instead of paid staff. ALL staff should be paid, there should be NO incentives to lose paid staff for free labour. Free labour is unreliable and will only lead to an increase in local unemployment!!</i> <i>- Hopefully people will not lose their jobs if the volunteers option is submitted. More volunteers yes but not at the expense of people losing their jobs.</i>
Comments around Newspapers / Magazines	44	3.5	<i>- Hard copies for magazines and newspapers should be available in printout form on request for some citizens who may struggle reading from an electronic device</i> <i>- I totally agree with stopping the provision of hard copies of newspapers etc. as it would reduce waste and the need to recycle once they are finished with.</i>

			- Instead of fully eliminating hard copies, it might be better to significantly reduce it instead (90%?)
Concerns around digital exclusion	41	3.2	- Please don't move to a digital only service; this excludes a great number of the Cardiff population. - As long as there are staff available to help people who are not computer savvy. - It is important to keep the libraries and hubs open and accessible for those who do not have their own computers or smartphones so they can use the services that are only accessible online.
Savings here are minimal	20	1.6	- These savings are tiny in comparison with other areas and the shortfall you are trying to cover - These options all save such small amounts and libraries are critical for many people. Especially the least well off. - Libraries cost peanuts and the contribution they make to the lives of the people who live in this city far outweighs the cost. These are tiny sums compared to the deficit the council faces and will leave our communities gutted.
In favour of volunteers	20	1.6	- Strongly support the involvement of volunteers to keep Hub cutbacks to an absolute minimum. Our Hubs are really important. - Vital point of contact for the community and volunteer workers should be sought to keep the service as it is. - Don't take volunteers for granted. Sit down and speak to them for their ideas and take them on board. They are probably better placed than council officials to offer ideas.
Querying why proposals only affect Hubs in North Cardiff	16	1.3	- It feels unfair to purely target North Cardiff Hubs. I am sure these are used by many vulnerable people how value the service as much as those in the south of Cardiff - Why do the library closure options only apply to north Cardiff and none are proposed in the other areas? North Cardiffians can read and like to use the libraries - What about the other hubs in Ely for example and Gabalfa - these seem over staffed with less actual members of the public actually in the physical building
Rarely Use / Unaware of services / Suggest greater promotion	12	0.9	- As a visually impaired person, I had no idea there was an online ebook service and I've been here nearly 20 years. I suggest you consider making your communications accessible to your residents. - Be more proactive with hubs and library services to

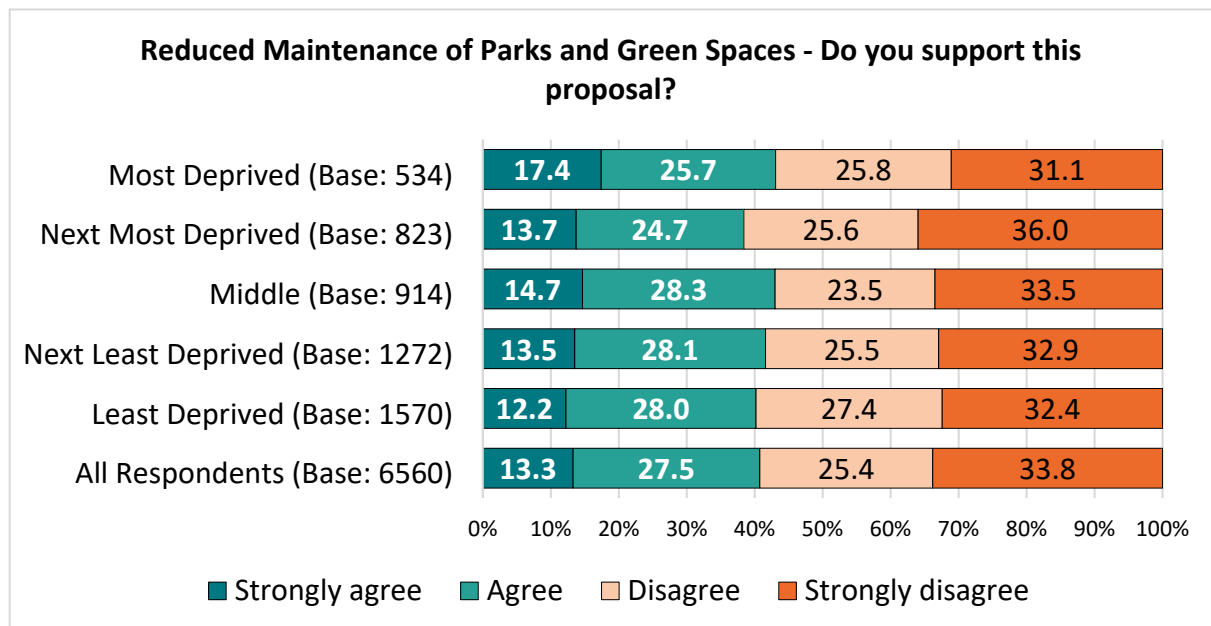
			<i>promote use from all people to make it an attractive place for potential businesses that would match the culture of learning and development.</i> - <i>I don't use them so don't feel qualified to comment</i>
Negative Council Comments	9	0.7	- <i>We pay you for the services. You have mismanaged our money. Now you are trying to take them away.</i> - <i>This is outrageous... Wasting my money and other tax payers... why do we even need you as a council... i think its time to sack all of you and go private</i>
Concerns around potential money wasted modifying / upgrading Hubs	8	0.6	- <i>Council has invested millions in these facilities, it would be a dreadful return on investment to now reduce access.</i> - <i>Youve just spent a load of money refurbishing both Rhiwbina and Whitchurch libraries/hubs and now you want to change the opening hours? Are you stupid or what!!</i>
Mobile Library	8	0.6	- <i>Mobile library should be ceased completely. Provide tablets and a tutorial for those who are housebound and would normally use the mobile library.</i> - <i>provide a valuable service to older people and mobile news to be targeted at housebound residents</i>
Concerns around community/ business use	4	0.3	- <i>Opening hubs to business and community will add management , security and cleaning cost , will this really cover any additional income which will be minimal</i> - <i>Llanover Hall Art Space and Hibs should not be given over to commercial use at the expense of current provision</i>
Accessibility Concerns - Poor Public Transport	3	0.2	- <i>It is essential to keep the libraries and hubs open for elderly residents especially who use these places socially. There are number of events takes place in hubs especially Rhiwbina which must be encouraged and expanded. All the elderly folks struggle to get into central library due to the bad bus service so changes to Central library will make no difference.</i>
Miscellaneous	61	4.8	- <i>Library's and hubs provide vital services to Cardiff and its communities. Making cuts to these services should not be taken lightly. Greater integration between council workspaces for council workers and collaboration with local businesses would be a better</i> - <i>Consideration needs to be given to the suggestion</i>

			<i>that hub could accommodate banking services.</i> - <i>The questions have been carefully worded to put a positive spin on it....there are implications to what you want to do.</i> - <i>Why do we need so many hubs so close together? Crazy that there's one in Rhydypenau, Penylan and Llanishen</i>
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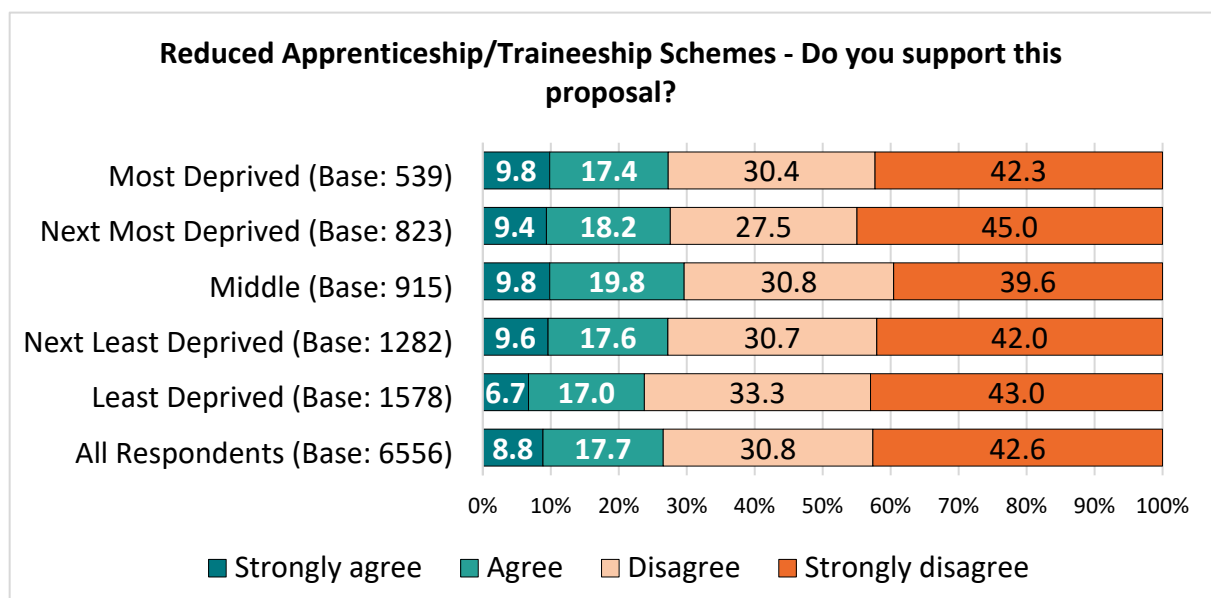
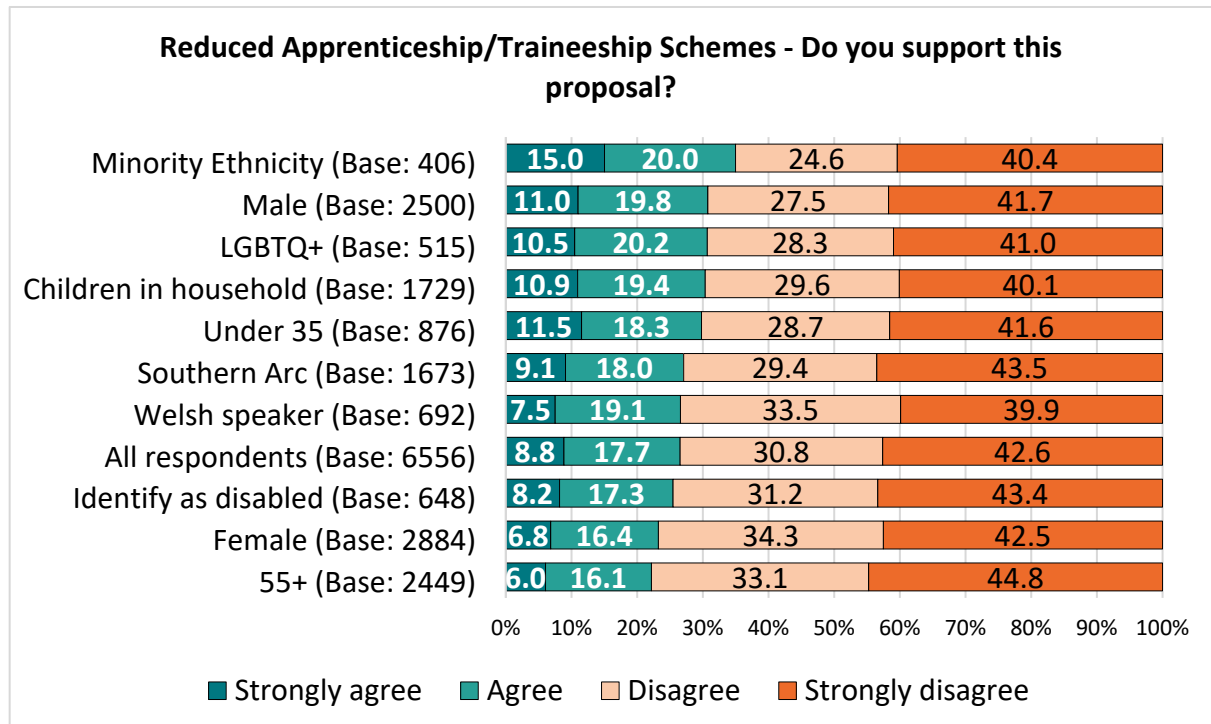
Appendix 5 – Fewer Park Rangers by Demographic & Geographic Groups



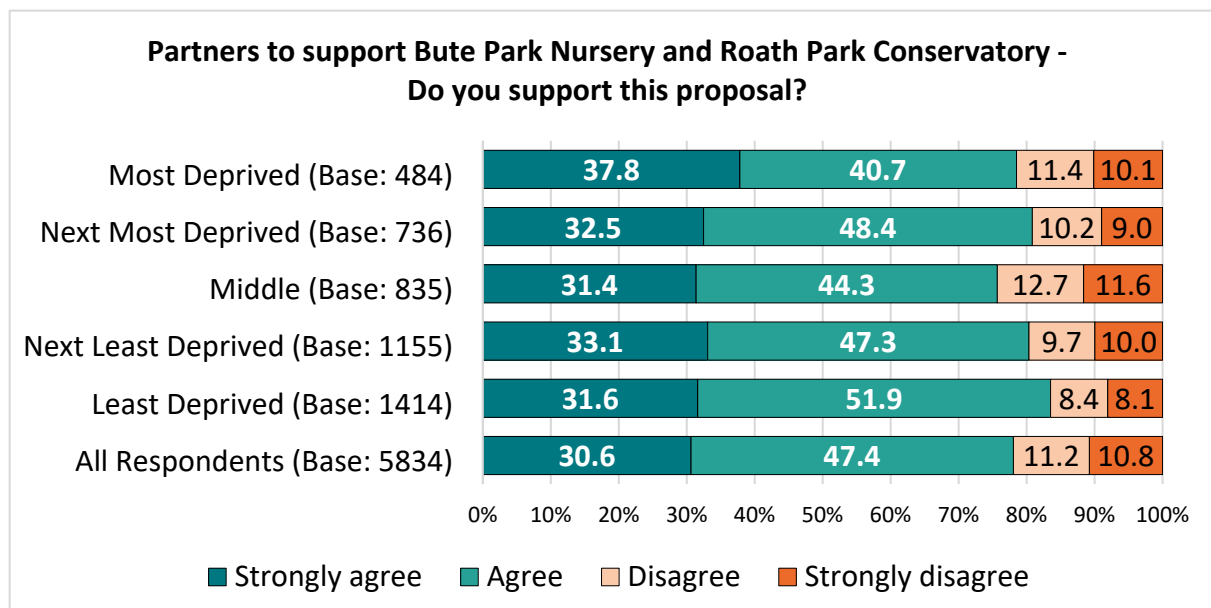
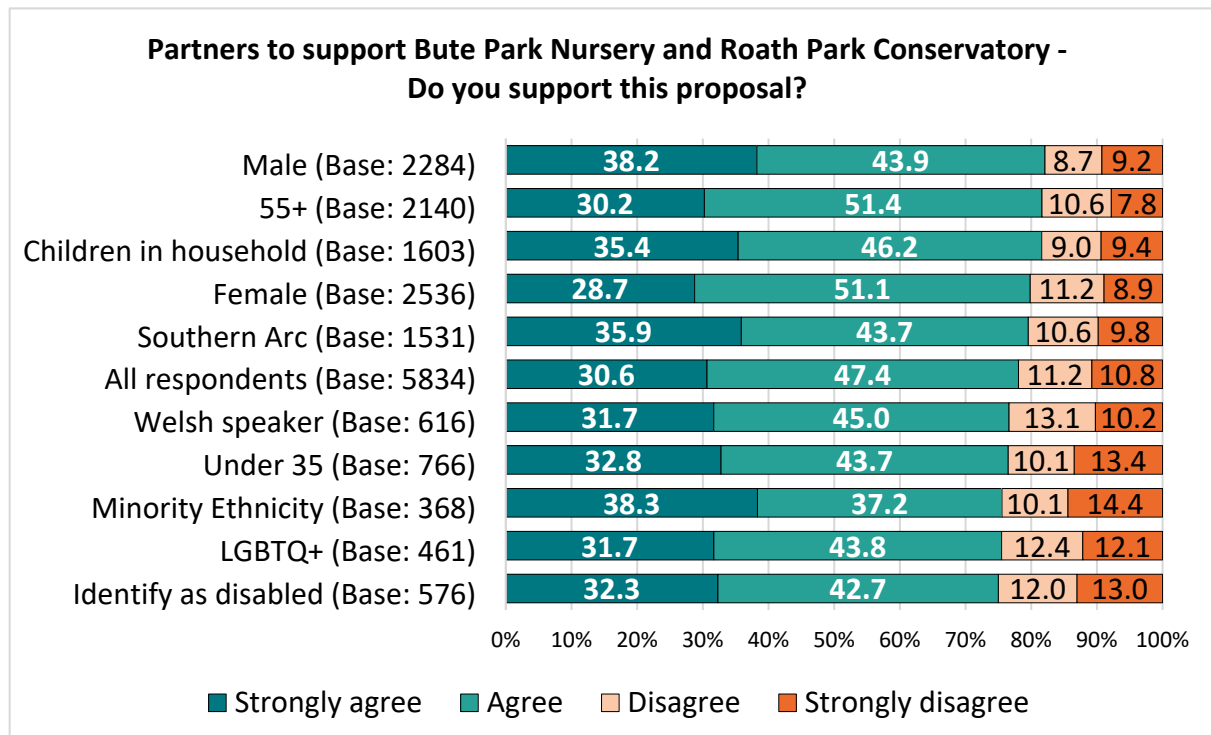
Appendix 6 – Reductions to Maintenance of Parks & Green Spaces by Deprivation Fifths



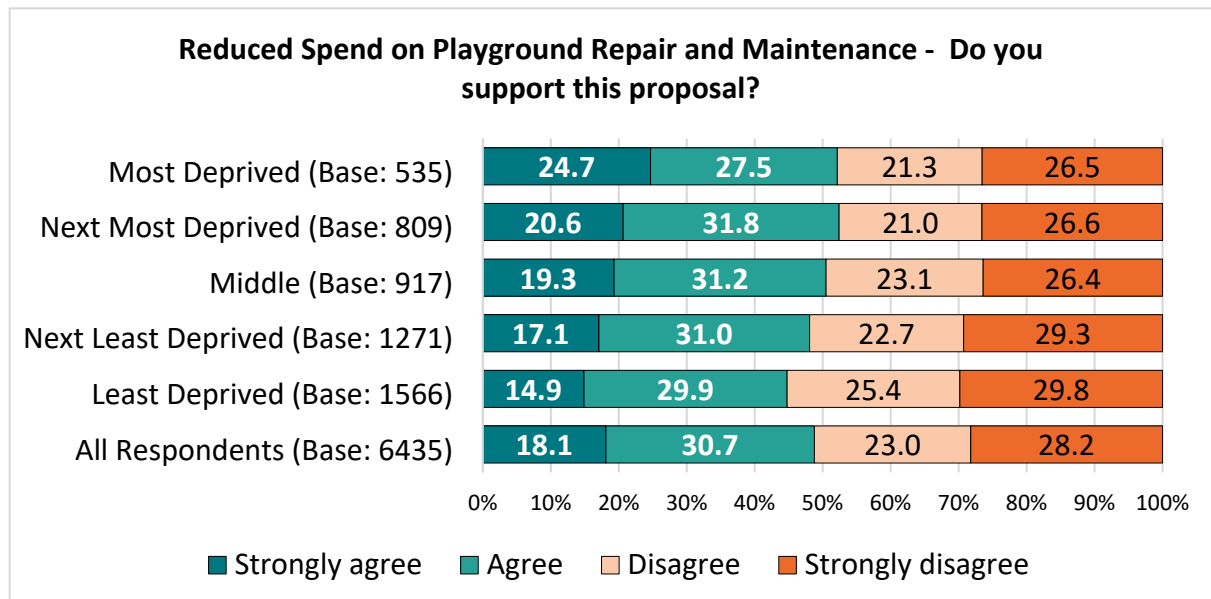
Appendix 7 – Reduced Apprenticeship/Traineeship Schemes by Demographic & Geographic Groups



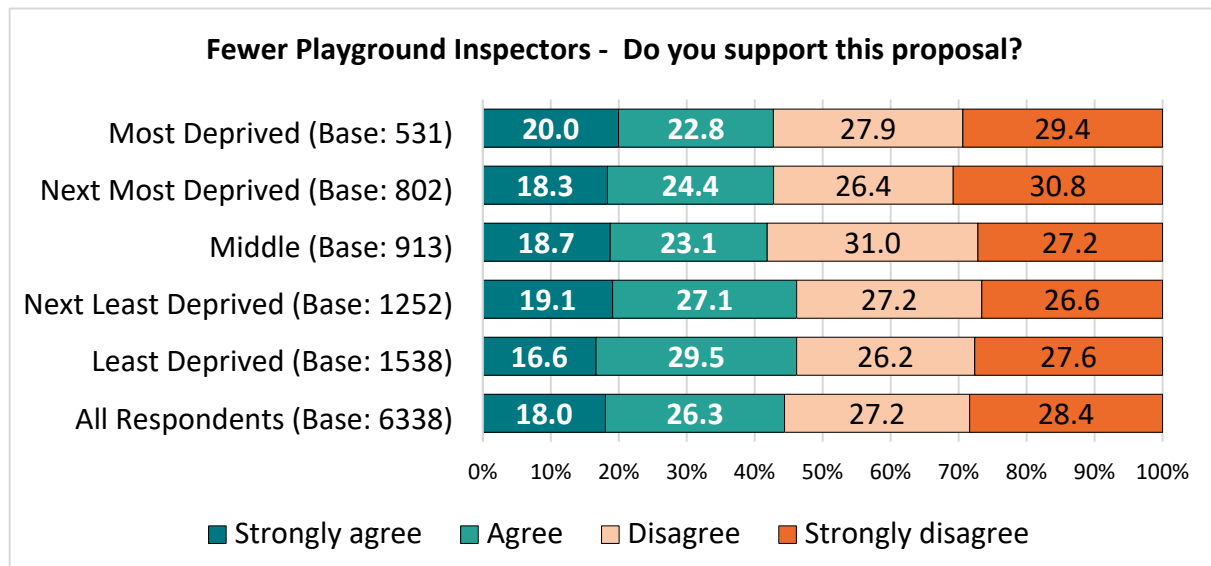
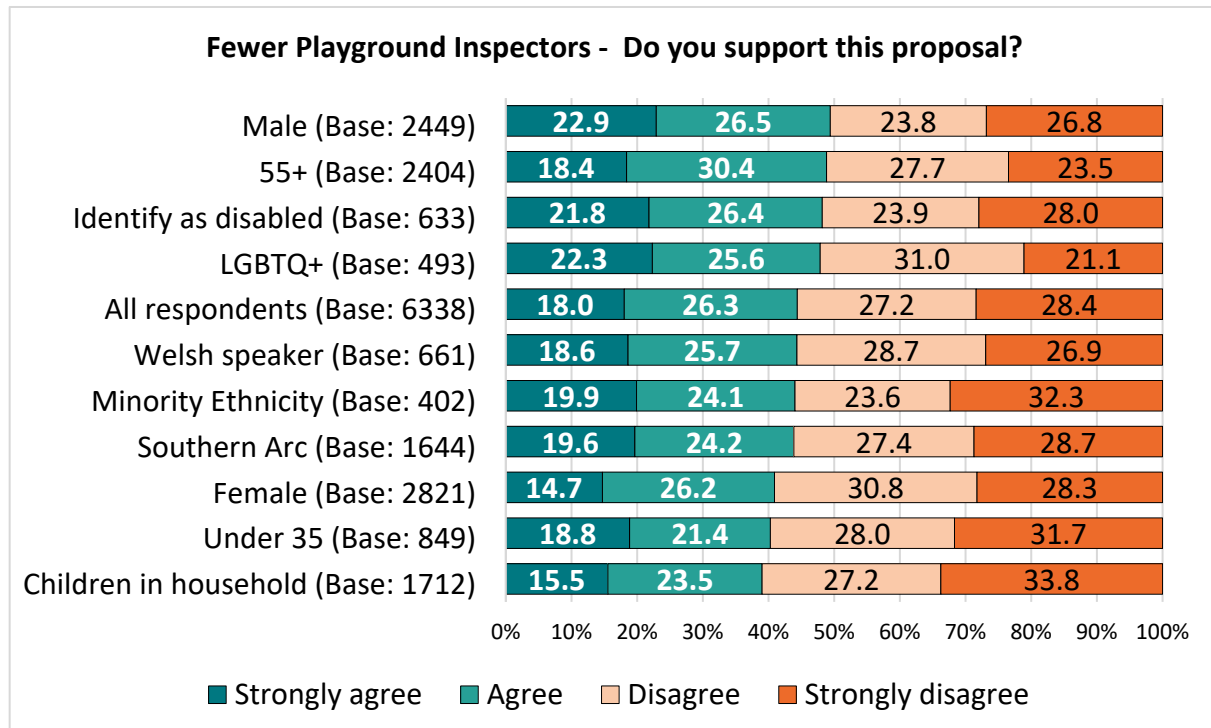
Appendix 8 – Partners to support Bute Park Nursery & Roath Park Conservatory by Demographic & Geographic Groups



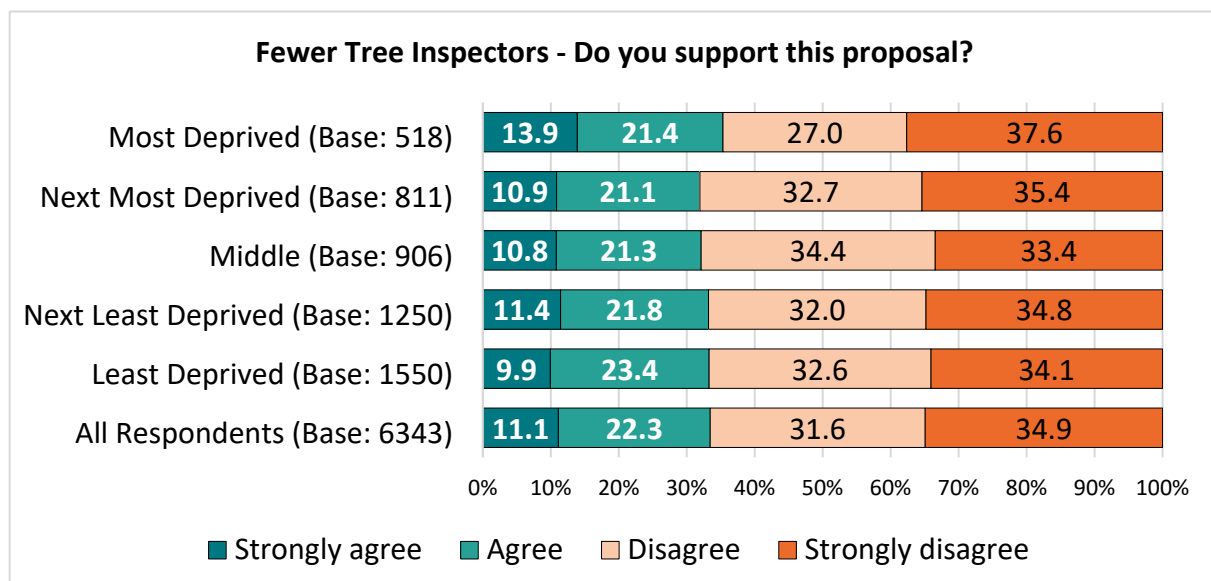
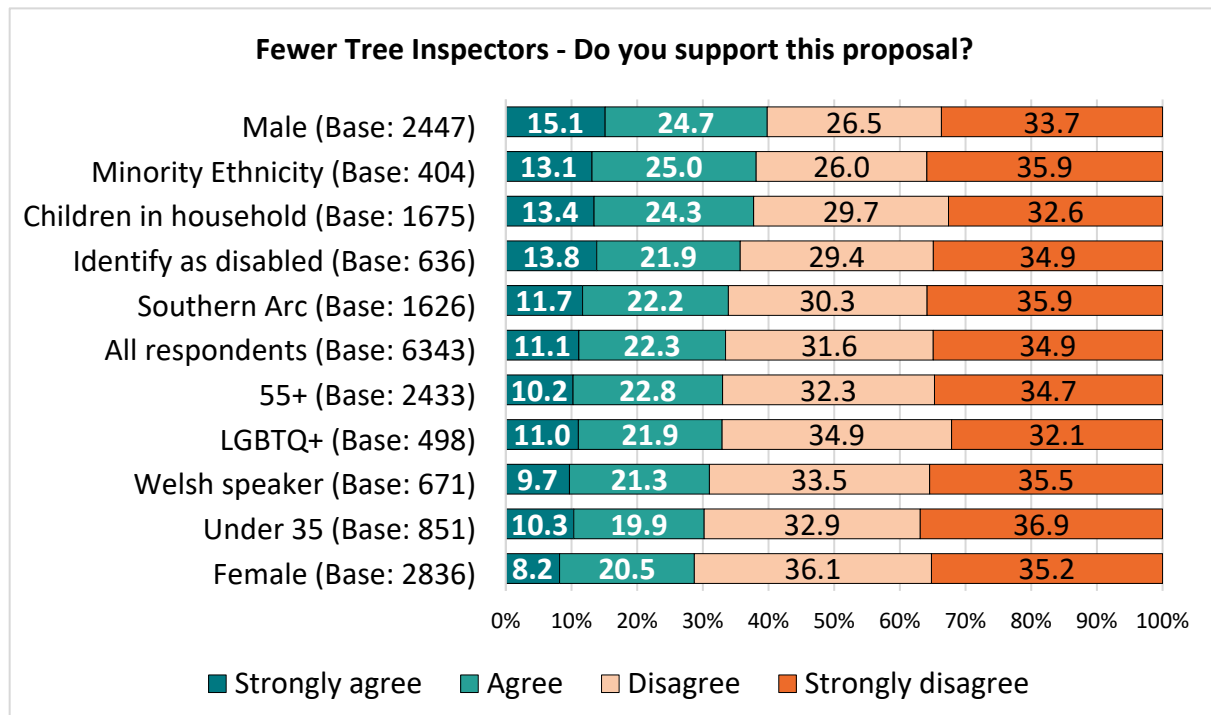
Appendix 9 – Reduced Spend on Playground Repair and Maintenance by Deprivation Fifth



Appendix 10 – Fewer Playground Inspectors by Demographic & Geographic Groups

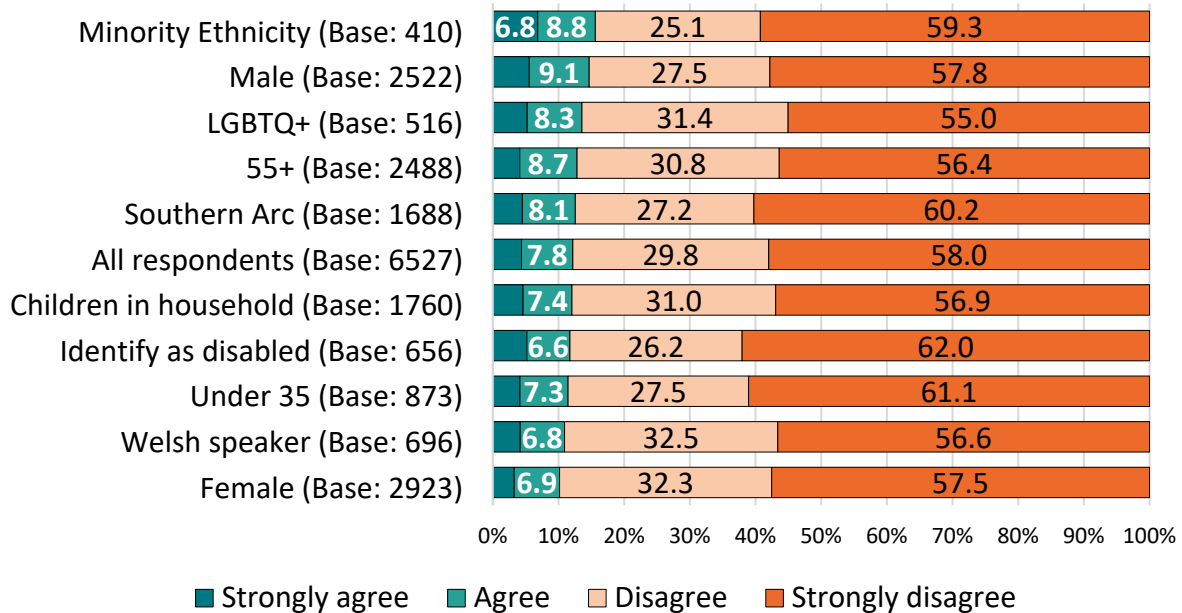


Appendix 11 – Fewer Tree Inspectors by Demographic & Geographic Groups

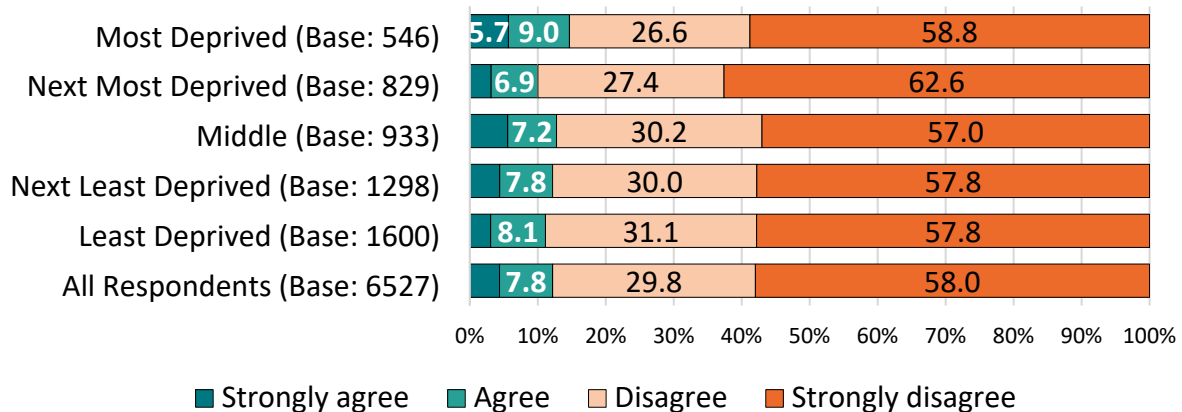


Appendix 12 – Reduced Spend on Hard Infrastructure by Demographic & Geographic Groups

Reduced Spend on Hard Infrastructure - Do you support this proposal?



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Appendix 13 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Parks

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Parks are important for exercise, socialising, physical & mental wellbeing, and free	311	20.7	- They need to be maintained for mental health. - Important for Cardiff population from a health and wellbeing perspective so let's not water down the service too much. - They give support to many people with financial, physical and mental health problems and give much pleasure. Reduced quality of service would be detrimental to all who enjoy these spaces. - Parks are a vital facility for the city and need to be maintained and managed by the council for the health and well-being of all the residents. - Parks and environmental recreational spaces are absolutely necessary. We found this during Covid, and our parks are a great asset to the city.
Health & Safety concerns	302	20.1	- Budget cuts that result in any reduction in health and safety should not be considered whatsoever. - Parks need maintaining & kept safe for people to enjoy. - If maintenance is downgraded, accidents will happen and litigation will increase. This is false economy. - Reduction to maintenance could lead to delays making repairs resulting in injuries. - Cutting the budget for carrying out work on hard infrastructure could be a case of shooting yourself in the foot, injury claims because of poorly maintain equipment, footpaths etc could skyrocket
To reduce would be a mistake / already on a shoestring/not maintained	289	19.2	- Many parks, particularly playgrounds, are neglected as it is. I wouldn't support scaling back maintenance budgets by the degree outlined here. - Parks are already under maintained. - The information you provided suggests parks services are already understaffed and severely underfunded. - They are already looking shabby, no further cuts can be made. - Parks are poorly maintained currently and cuts would just result in neglect.
Civic pride in parks	193	12.8	- Cardiff's parks make the city, it's important to keep them nice. - Do you want the city to look like a run-down dump? - The city's parks are highly regarded as a jewel in the crown a great city, if anything, more money

			should be put into parks to create better spaces for people with the lack of garden space. - The parks are a huge asset to people of Cardiff. - I strongly disagree with reducing the staff or general resources responsible for keeping the parks maintained to as high a standard as possible, this is a matter of civic pride and as a capital city with many visitors the parks should be maintained to a high standard.
Hard infrastructure is important / issues already not resolved	175	11.7	- The Hard infrastructure across Cardiff is in a poor state of repair at current levels of funding let alone starving it of more funding. - The money for hard infrastructure should not be reduced. This is a terrible idea given the state of some of the paths and drains. - Many pavements and paths are unusable when the weather is mildly bad so please keep this maintenance budget. - The drains are already poorly maintained causing localised flooding, to half this budget is ludicrous. - Maintenance should be a priority !!!
Playgrounds and children	149	9.9	- Cutting back on playground maintenance is not good for our first year as a child friendly city - More actual play parks for kids, this requires less maintenance on a regular basis. Why isnt there anything in Bute Park for young kids? - Some of the parks I visit with my granddaughter each weekend are already in disrepair, you cut anymore there will be nothing left for young children. - Don't reduce opportunity for children to play in nice clean parks
Cuts will damage Cardiff's nature / greenspace. Climate/ecological concerns	127	8.5	- Protect our green spaces. No cuts. - The council keeps pn about going Green and being Eco friendly. Cutting back on any of the above would not be very eco-friendly. - We are always being told how green the city of Cardiff is. Therefore, to compromise on its services would make the Council look extremely hypocritical. - If there is one thing that came out of lockdown that continues to stay true today, it's how much we value our parks and green spaces. This spaces and the people who maintain them should stay invested in, as it's a part of the city we all benefit from and we are lucky to have these spaces. They are too important to disinvest
Park Rangers are	115	7.7	- The park ranger service is one of cardiff council's

important			<i>best sectors. The service they offer city wide is unmatched, would be a great shame if this was to happen.</i> <i>- The rangers do brilliant work introducing more people to nature. It would be terrible if the number of rangers was reduced.</i> <i>- The park rangers play a vital role and it would be dangerous to reduce their numbers.</i> <i>- Rangers have to be present for volunteer groups to assume ensure appropriate actions. A reduction in rangers would impact those volunteering in our communities. Surely that support should be encouraged to save monies.</i>
Staffing levels / redundancies	114	7.6	<i>- I would only support a reduction in the number of rangers if there were no staff being made redundant, and instead being redeployed to suitable alternative employment or making the savings by natural wastage.</i> <i>- Reducing job opportunities and staff numbers can lead to stress/increased workload - this may create problems in other areas.</i> <i>- As long as the reductions proposed of staff doesn't blunt the proactivity of the various specific occupations affected such as long periods of sickness.</i> <i>- No one should lose their job in this area.</i>
Increase community involvement / volunteers	113	7.5	<i>- Would be interested to see what, if any, savings could be made by increasing community involvement e.g. in park maintenance.</i> <i>- I'd love to volunteer to help maintain my local park</i> <i>- I don't know how I can get involved.</i> <i>- Good idea to use other agencies for example the one that runs Spectrwm in Fairwater who have existing garden/ horticultural expertise and use volunteers and people with additional needs.</i> <i>- Look for volunteers and offer training.</i>
Trees / tree inspectors	110	7.3	<i>- With regard to tree inspectors, why don't you partner with a reputable tree surgeon like TR33 to fill in for inspectors when required.</i> <i>- We have loads of over grown trees such as on Celyn Ave by the school round about that block the view. Please do not reduce tree inspectors.</i> <i>- Tree Inspection and lopping service is already slow.</i> <i>- re Tree Inspectors - Don't get a response now!!</i>
Fundraising & Partnership suggestions &	102	7.3	<i>- Could money be generated from companies advertising in parks?</i> <i>- Sponsorship opportunities could be explored with</i>

comments			green spaces in Cardiff. Housing developments and contracts should include tariffs for keeping green areas in Cardiff open and without losing staff. - Look at revenue generating private/public partnerships to raise revenue from all these assets. Imagine yourselves as a real estate property owner and look at options of monetising every sq ft of land under council control. - The Council should charge commercial users who operate keep fit activities in the parks.
Change planting/ maintenance approach to reduce cost	98	6.5	- Could look at targeted maintenance reductions for parks. Perhaps increasing no-mow areas which could save money and support wildlife. - Re-wild instead of mowing - The council needs to implement permanent bed planting at all its parks rather than planting new and ripping out after a few months - this will save on cost of plants and also time. - In designated areas stop mowing and introduce "wild meadows" to save money and encourage bees/insects.
More info needed	87	5.8	- Need figures for some of these that don't have them. - more information required to be able to comment properly. - The services have increased with staff over the years, however is this been noticeable with the public, what extra things have happened since employing more staff ? Would be good to see and hear of how having the extra staff has benefited the services. - Without any information that is the potential impact of changes (that is some insight why more park rangers were employed and work that can't be done by fewer rangers), it is difficult to make well informed judgement.
Cut something else	73	4.9	- Virtue signalling projects like painting rainbows on roads should be cut b4 parks! - Get rid of some of the senior managers who just create meetings to justify their jobs. - Don't waste money on signage in Welsh. - There are far better ways to save money. This is immaterial in terms of cost and yet massively important to residents.
Anti-Social Behaviour	56	3.7	- Certain parks are left to be over-run by antisocial behaviour due to lack of maintenance and the general feeling of being left behind.

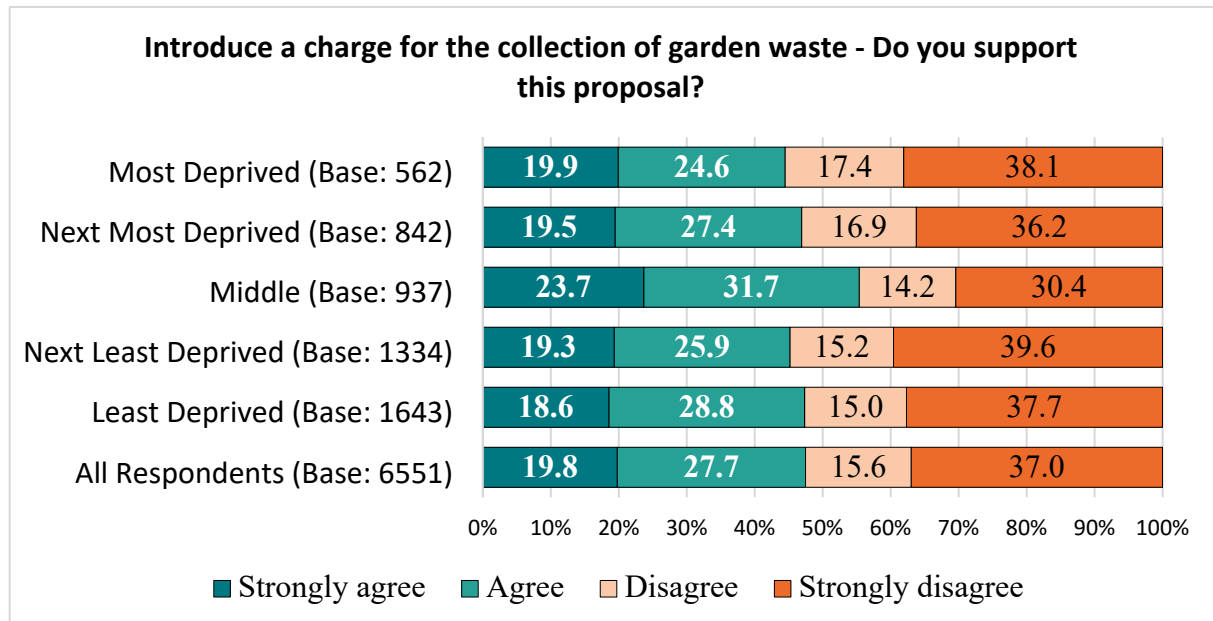
			- LESS STAFF MEANS MORE VANDALISM - Parks are absolutely essential to everyone's wellbeing. They are also often not safe places to be and it is extremely disrespectful to suggest cutting park wardens given the awful things that have happened [...] in Bute Park so I'm particularly upset at this suggestion and think it should be removed from the consultation. - Parks and play spaces must not be allowed to fall into disrepair or they will attract an increase in vandalism and neglect. Reducing the number of staff involved in inspecting such spaces will only encourage this to happen.
Waste/rubbish in parks	49	3.3	- The parks are a disgrace at the moment due to overflowing bins. Green space needs to be a priority and the suggestion of sacrificing health and safety for money is a joke and the perks. The person responsible for suggesting this should be let go. - Parks need more bins and rubbish collection - I've reported dangerous litter in the park by Moorland school twice it was not dealt with the mess was there a week later, Its a big problem that needs more resources. Clearly. - Make litter collection a priority.
Accessibility comments	48	3.2	- By reducing the budget on 'Hard infrastructure', it will most likely make public areas less accessible to those with disabilities. - The parks I use tend to be poorly maintained and also unsuitable for disabled children - MORE play equipment and maintenance needs to be undertaken, not less. - Reducing the hard infrastructure by half would mean payments and dropped kerbs even more inaccessible than they are already to wheelchairs. This council really does not care about the disabled. - Parks should remain accessible - the proposal to cut 'hard infrastructure' may reduce the accessibility of green spaces - in built up areas where individuals may not have access to green spaces, it is important that they remain accessible.
Apprenticeships	40	2.7	- I do not understand why reducing apprenticeships will save money. I am strongly in favour of apprenticeships and there should be more in all walks of life rather than encouraging young people into universities and debt. - How are the Apprenticeships affected, are they not used to train replacements, what purpose is Parks

			using Apprentices? - Job promotion/apprenticeships should be a priority. - We need MORE apprenticeship schemes NOT LESS.
Park Rangers need to do a better job/be more visible	30	2.0	- I cannot recall seeing a Park Ranger in any of the parks I use regularly. - The Park Rangers who continue to be employed by the Council need to be encouraged to be more visible. Using Roath Park Lake as an example, Park Rangers are rarely to be seen. - I visit cardiff parks regularly, I have never seen a park ranger. The loss of sapling trees through vandalism has been tragic throughout the city. You need to police our parks better. - No idea you had park rangers
Why are you spending money on other projects e.g. Canal?	29	1.9	- Rather than cut spending maybe you should stop wasting money on vanity projects like a pointless, ugly canal for £9m or spending £20m on a speed limit change which no-one wants. Oh look, there's your £30m shortfall. - Maybe if the council didn't waste 120 million on a new music venue this money could have been better served elsewhere to cover budget shortfalls. - Maintenance of green spaces should be prioritised ahead of costly schemes such as cycle paths which are used less. - Are you maintaining that canal in the city centre - why do this when you can't manage your current responsibilities. You may have external funding to undertake the project but the ongoing maintenance falls to you
Sports pitches	27	1.8	- Vital that sports pitches are maintained optimally - so much cancelled sport due to weather/pitch quality - I feel by increasing the costs for parks pitches would see a lot clubs folding this would not be good for all the communities within the Cardiff area - Must invest in park pitches for football - Sporting activities should be accessible to as many people as possible, which has health benefits which should result in less pressure on other public services, so charges should be kept to a minimum
Other parks / areas need consideration	24	1.6	- You only really focus on the parks and playgrounds in affluent areas but not areas such as Greenway Road so cuts you make will take even more away from children in our area which are way more deprived than those in Roath and Heath - We need more parks and green spaces in east

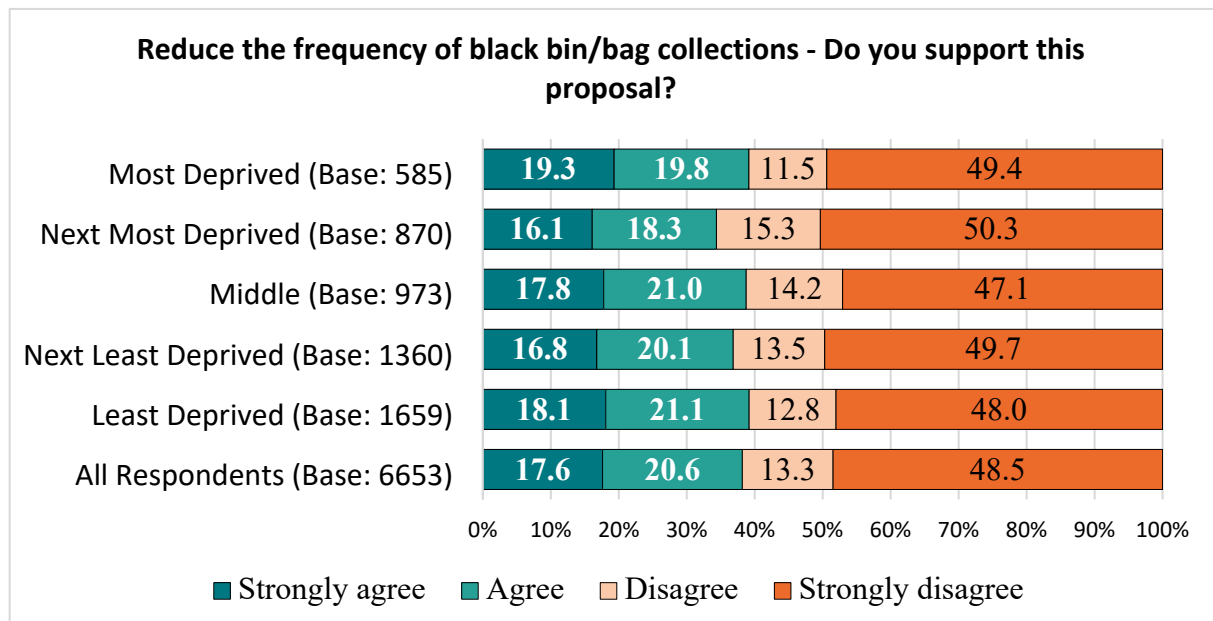
			<i>Cardiff</i> - They do not invest into outer suburbs like Llanrumney, St Mellons, just ones where the MPs live! - The "small reduction in maintenance of parks and green spaces" would result in the suburbs losing out as focus would be mainly focus on city centre. Personally I haven't seen any improvement in my area in any maintenance without having to complain!
Proposal for Bute Park Nursery & Roath Park Conservatory	15	1.0	- If you partner with other organisations for Bute Park Nursery, its Visitor Centre and Roath Park Conservatory are run by the Council, the public shouldn't face increased cost for visiting/accessing these areas. - Any partnership with private companies should have sterling measures to maintain these heritage sites for future generations. - Not really possible to answer the Q about potential new model of delivery for Roath Park conservatory etc in the absence of any information about what the subsidy would be, if at all, and who partnering with.
Savings need to be made	9	0.6	- It's a shame , but savings have to be made - Although I enjoy and appreciate Cardiff's parks I understand the financial position the council is in. I support the proposal to reintroduce or reinstate these services as soon as possible in the future
Park Rangers are expensive	8	0.5	- If Park Rangers cost an average of £42k each then remove altogether. - I am shocked that reducing park rangers by 4 will save £168,000. That implies that they are in salaries of £42,000 each. You say the provision has increased, but in Roath Park it is rare to see a Ranger now and they certainly don't enforce the bye laws. Our parks are our jewels and our green spaces are so important for those who don't have gardens when there seems to be so much emphasis on mental health in our increasingly fragile society.
Stop building on green spaces	7	0.5	- Again, green spaces are what Cardiff are known for. You are already building on every available green space you can get your hands on. Look after our parks for people without gardens. - Do not sell off public park land to developers (via a need for sewage pumping station despite having alternative options) as you have done with Hailey Park in Llandaf North. Cutting budget for

			<i>maintenance seems to have little gain financially in the bigger picture. Do not do this. Value the parks, they are part of what makes Cardiff stand out as a city.</i>
Miscellaneous	82	5.5	- <i>Stop paying cowboys stupid money to do a bad job! You haemorrhage money on some very lazy people</i> - <i>We need toilets that open after cafes close. This feels like core infrastructure.</i> - <i>Close Roath park conservatory</i> - <i>Is it really necessary to close and open so many park gates?</i>
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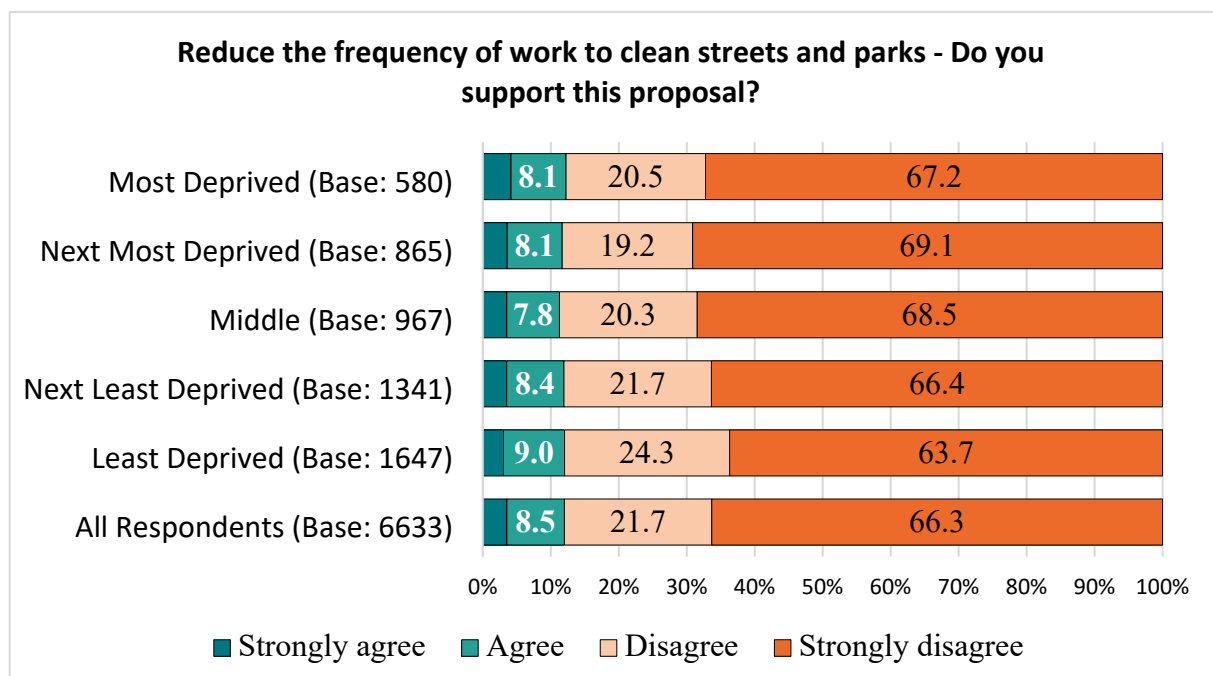
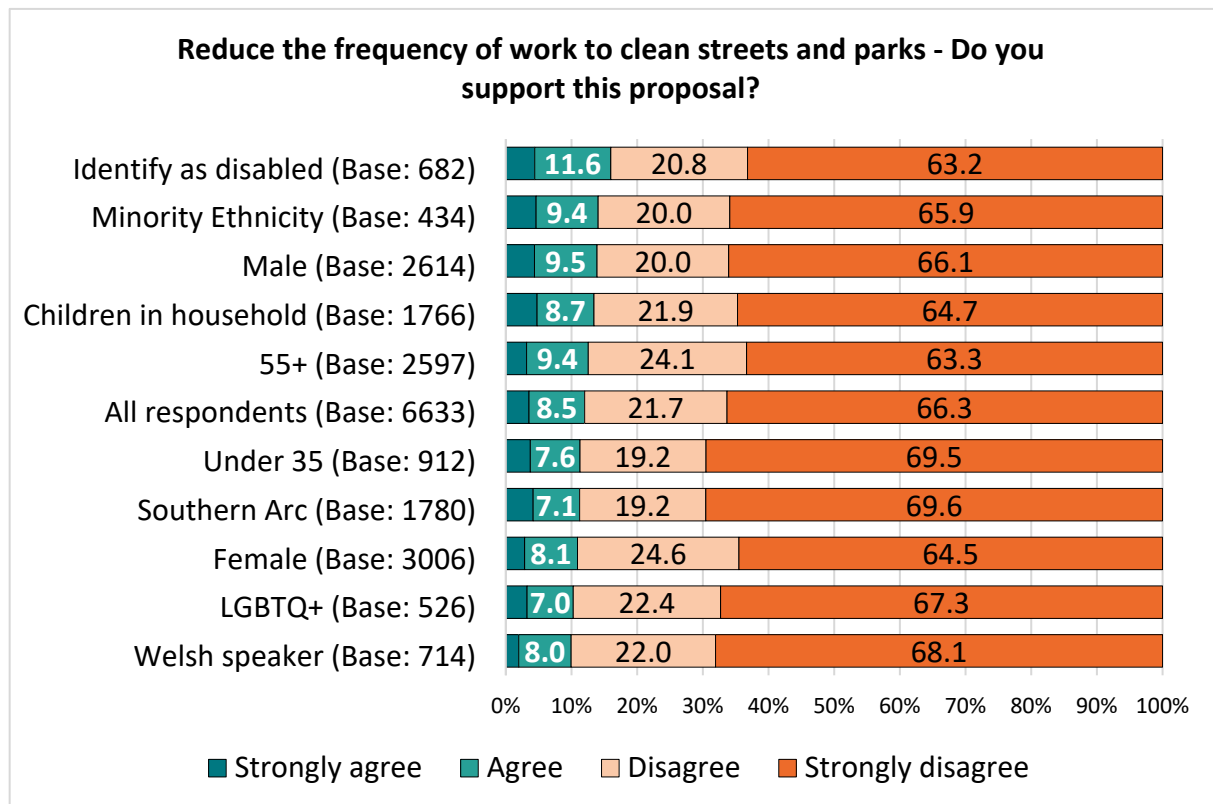
Appendix 14 – Introduce a Charge for the Collection of Garden Waste by Deprivation Fifths



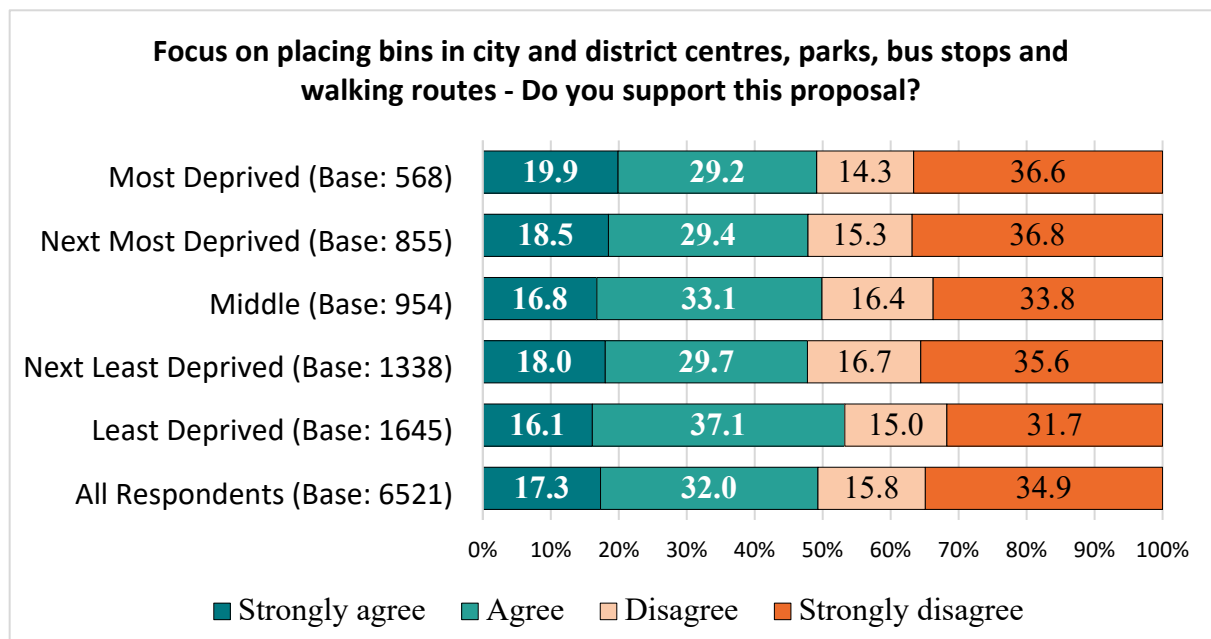
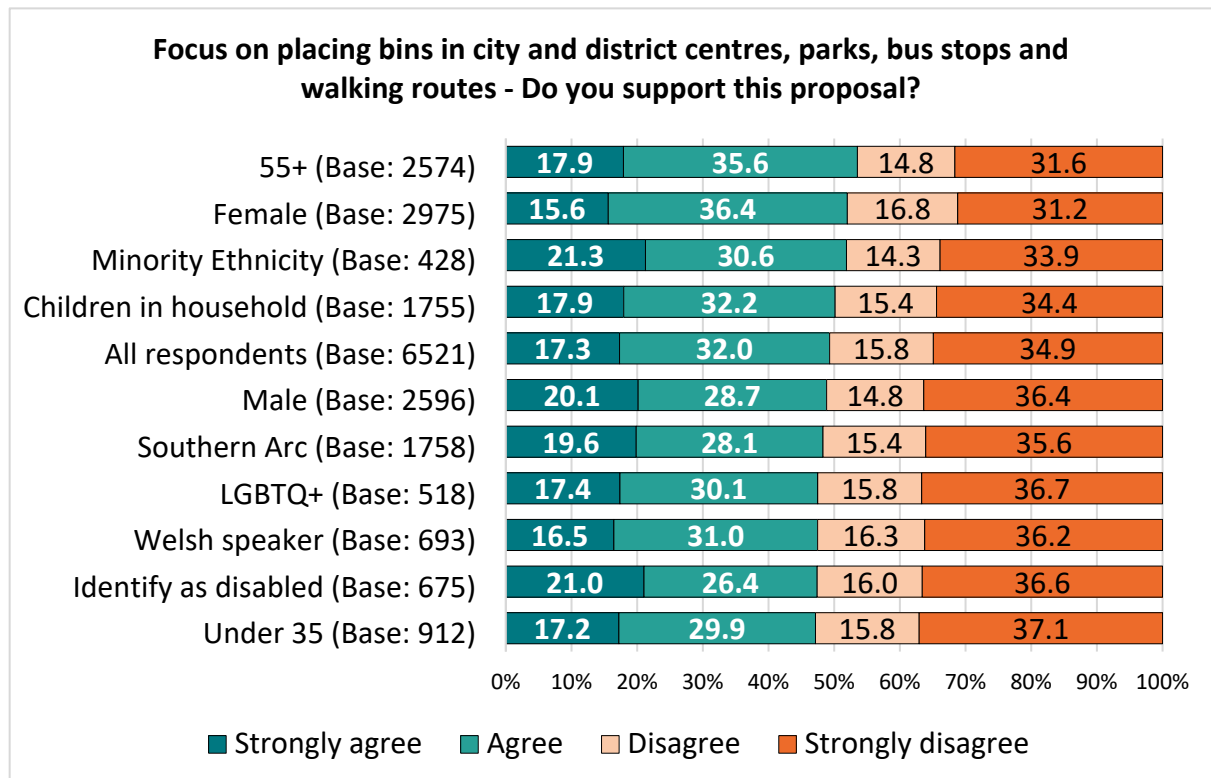
Appendix 15 – Reduce the Frequency of Black Bin/Bag Collections by Deprivation Fifths



Appendix 16 – Reduce the Frequency of Work to Clean Street & Parks by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 17 – Focus on Placing Bins in City & District Centres, Parks, Bus Stops and Walking Routes by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 18 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Waste & Street Cleansing

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Cardiff is already filthy	893	54.2	- Is it the council's ambition to host the Festival of Litter? It certainly feels like it. - Cardiff is the worst place for litter I have ever lived.

			<i>You cannot reduce services and remove bins.</i> <i>- An absolute joke. The streets are filthy enough as it is and now you want the public to pay to get rid of their litter?! We can't control our litter, I can assure you I recycle as much as possible and my black bin is still full! You are absolutely disgusting and a waste of space for proposing this. Cardiff is becoming a rancid, boring, dirty little city and you are to thank for that!</i> <i>- Living near a park and since the occurrence of covid the prevalence of dog walkers has increased I would certainly resist any measures that reduced the availability of walkers to dispose of their collected dog excrement.</i> <i>- Keeping our city as clean and free of litter as possible is a huge priority and reducing services in this area would be horrendous.</i> <i>- The streets of Cardiff are already a filthy disgrace. How could you even think of this.</i> <i>- Cardiff is one of the dirtiest and most litter-strewn cities in the UK I have experienced - any reduction to these services would have a terribly negative impact on our communities and the potential to for Cardiff to advertise itself as a tourist location and a centre of future economic development.</i>
Black bin collection issues - keep fortnightly collections	486	29.5	<i>- Absolutely awful idea to increase black bins to 3 weeks, especially for families with young children or pets where waste disposal is essential. Hygiene bins in my area have already been suspended for over a month. Also, if a household were to miss bin collection for whatever reason there will then be 6 weeks of waste to deal with. Unacceptable!</i> <i>- Reducing black bin waste will only cause people to put more unrecyclable plastics into the recycling bins. This will also increase fly tipping. Families with pets or multiple children produce a lot of waste- most of which isn't recyclable. Further, some tower block flats do not have facilities for food waste. Their bins will pile up with food, increasing pest issues.</i> <i>- Reducing these services or charging for them will inevitably lead to fly tipping. Short term saving for long term problems. Black bags every 3 weeks will lead to maggot infestations, especially if the householder and/or council miss a collection. Lamby Way will not dispose of household waste that won't fit in black bins, so more fly tipping...</i>

			- Do not reduce black bin collection. I pay close attention to what is/isn't recyclable and I come close to filling my black bin every 2 weeks. - Reducing black bag collection will encourage rats. - The black bin collections for families are already a nightmare. Single occupancy households have the same bin space as a family of four. I think reducing collections could well increase fly tipping as it's not easy to dispose of general waste, even the recycling centres won't just take a black bag full of general household rubbish so there's nowhere for it to go.
Against reduction in street cleaning	281	17.0	- Cardiff streets are very poor, lots have significant amounts of rubbish and do not get cleaned frequently enough as it is without reducing this service. It is a problem that needs addressing not cutting. - Street cleaning is important for sanitation, hygiene and also accessibility - keeping pavements safe. At the moment there is a big problem with litter in Cardiff, especially from rubbish bags which have been torn open / left on the street. - I'm sorry, but the streets of Cardiff are constantly dirty. There is way too many rubbish flying around the streets. You can't stop or reduce cleaning because we gonna drown - Streets of Cardiff are full of rubbish, litter and bags full of rubbish. It looks absolutely awful and the proposal to clean the streets even less is mind boggling! - Street cleaning is important for road safety of both pedestrians and cyclists. Both rubbish and leaves create slip and trip hazards. - Many streets in Cardiff are filthy through unfortunately litter louts but also the lack of street cleansing. Any reduction in this area would see Cardiff looking more and more like a third world country. Also many of the roadside verges are strewn with litter. If anything, additional services are required.
Against removal of Street bins	268	16.3	- Cardiff is already resembling the third world. Removing the bins would make Cardiff even more grubby. - If you ditch street bins, Cardiff will be even filthier. It's embarrassing compared to other European capitals. - The streets are already covered in litter, more public bins are needed to tackle this, not less. More public

			bins may then reduce the need for street cleaning. - Cardiff has a severe litter problem. Removing bins will surely make things even worse. - If you take away are bins Cardiff will become an even bigger rubbish dump. The amount of litter in Cardiff is absolute embarrassment. I will start documenting this on social media if it gets any worse. - There are so few little bins our garden gets trashed with drink cans, bottles and drug paraphernalia thrown over the wall as revellers walk into town.
Improve services not reduce	249	15.1	- This city is filthy, litter everywhere! You need to do more not less. - Cardiff is a filthy city already. Whatever the expenditure is at the moment it should be DOUBLED. I am ashamed of my home town. - Rubbish collection services are not fit for purpose- collections missed, bags left etc. The level of service should be INCREASED not reduced. - Seems that waste collection isn't as frequent as it should be already. Why are you proposing cuts? - Cardiff is disgusting as is, we need more street cleaning and litter pickers not less - Cardiff has become a '**** hole' with rubbish. Increased presence is needed not less.
Alternative suggestions	198	12.0	- If you are going to charge people to get rid of broken furniture, you will indirectly encourage fly tipping - people don't have money, just as you don't. Perhaps the council should do more to upcycle some of that stuff or really investigate how it can make money from so much wood and metal that gets thrown at the TIP. - Scrap the appointment system at the tip, allow limitless trips and black bags to be taken there and the issue will go away. - Work with local shops and retailers to take in old items instead of the consumer having to use the council for disposal. Some already do but make it mandatory; put the onus on the retailer to recycle the items. - Could you sell the compost that is created from green waste collections? Maybe you could buy bags of it at the tips? - Maybe bring back community skips. Help ppl who cant get to the local tips and cant afford collections.
Against charges for Garden waste	173	10.5	- Garden waste contributes to recycling and should continue to be an included service.

			- If you were to charge for garden waste, i believe you will find that a lot won't bother to keep their gardens looking tidy which will reverse some of the good work going on to keep estates tidy, i don't think people have the spare funds to pay for this service and it should be part of the c/tax budget. - Garden waste shouldn't be a paid collection. Honestly, what a joke. - Garden waste - we should be encouraging areas for wildlife in people's gardens, a charge would discourage this. - As the council has not collected garden waste since September because of the strike; its proposing to charge for a service that's not being provided !!
More enforcement - Fines for littering /fly tipping /incorrect waste	156	9.5	- Why doesn't Cardiff try to fine people for littering and fly tipping? The city's rubbish problem is shameful. I don't know anywhere in the UK as dirty as Cardiff. Enforcement would help and make you some money. - I would much rather income was generated by actively fining people for littering/failure to follow recycling rules. - Look into enforcement and fines for fly tipping, incorrect waste. - I live on Arran Street which is a fly tipping hot spot and a disgusting mess most of the time due to the businesses on City Road. The thought of you reducing waste services is horrifying and out of touch. If you actually enforced flying tipping charges with a camera you'd make a fortune on this street alone. - Increase fines for littering if possible.
Encourage and educate people on recycling/littering	151	9.2	- What is needed is a campaign of education in all languages in an area maybe engaging with leaders of communities to win the hearts and minds of people not this punitive approach of which just annoys people. - Recycling currently isn't done well where I live, making changes to black bin collections wouldn't change this unless there is more education around what goes in each bin - I live on a street that is regularly fly tipped. It really impacts on our mental health and is upsetting. Can more work be done on education and fining people? - Encourage and educate people to take a pride in where they live and so do what they can to maintain the cleanliness of their surroundings.

			- Do more to encourage residents to keep their own gardens and streets clean. Projects in schools?
Against charges for Bulky waste collection	135	8.2	- The more people are charged for bulky item removal, the more likely they are to dump things in the alley or outside somebody else's house! Would any gain in charges be greater than the council's cost of collecting fly-tipped items? - Huge issues with littering/fly tipping in Cardiff. Charging for bulky waste will encourage this. - The savings for bulky waste are not really that huge in comparison to other potential savings elsewhere and fly tipping is already a huge problem, and charging for bulky waste collections would make this much worse. - Charging for bulky waste collection could lead to more fly tipping so suggest the proposed costs are removed and the booking fee is definitely removed. - Charging for bulk waste disposal will likely lead to an increase in fly tipping.
Recycling comments - Kerbside collection/recycling centres/green bags	143	8.7	- You always seem to fail to pick up the recycling on the assigned day for collection which only adds to the litter problem we are seeing. - If you want to encourage residents to dispose of items appropriately and encouraging recycling, the council need to make sure that they collect items as promised. Too often items are left outside houses because promises are not kept or guidance about collection days are incorrect. - You have wasted money on the current red and blue bag recycling 'pilot' in North Cardiff, and keep stating residents should recycle more, but the bags are no big enough/fit for purpose!! - Why are there separate bins/bags for recycling and glass when it all goes in the same lorry? - Separate recycling as the rest of Wales does. Make tetrapack recyclable kerbside.
Local action Teams comments	88	5.3	- Why should council estates have Local Action Teams? The rest of us have to keep our own gardens tidy without the nanny state cleaning up after us. - Surely people who live in estates where there are a high number of council homes should have some measure of responsibility for their community and not rely on someone from the council to do it for them. - The action teams are one of the better ideas. Their work is valuable in areas such as Ely. - this service should not be limited to areas of council

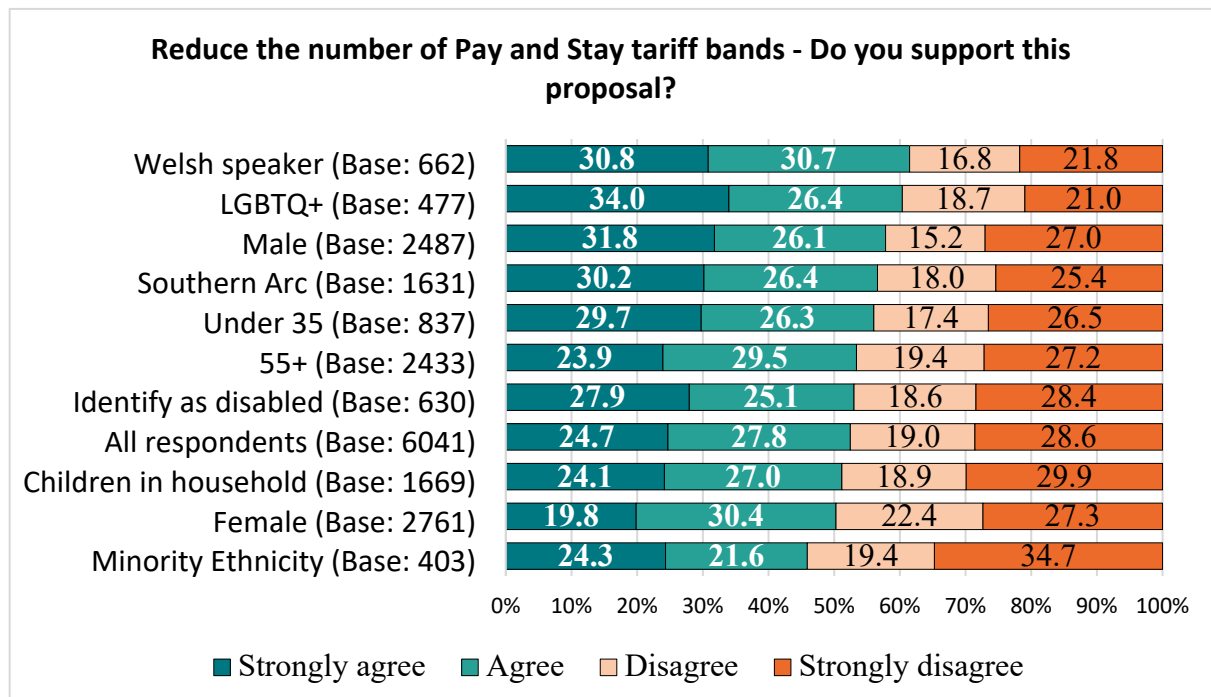
			<i>homes. Local action teams are required throughout the city.</i>
Garden waste comments	84	5.1	- <i>OK to charge for garden waste but the service has to be reliable.</i> - <i>If charging for garden waste, collections should also be every two weeks and penalties if collection dates are not met. Consideration should be given to outsourcing with enforceable contracts.</i> - <i>I don't mind garden waste charges if they actually turn up. So many times I put the garden bin out and no one came. Maddening. I already paid for the bags...</i> - <i>If charges for green bins are introduced, there needs to be a significant upscaling of the quality of services - i.e. collections actually happening as scheduled and for longer during the year.</i>
Council tax comments	81	4.9	- <i>Why are we paying council tax if everything else will need to be paid for on top? These proposals are shameful.</i> - <i>The waste service is already extremely poor and given the amount if council tax we pay, i will not pay additional cost unless council tax is scrapped.</i> - <i>What exactly do we pay so much for again? Stop giving out massive salaries, cut management and pensions...</i> - <i>What is the council tax used for? Certainty not waste collection.</i>
Do not cut these services - funding for Waste must be prioritised as an essential service	64	3.9	- <i>This is not the area to cut the budget. The health implications and general cleanliness of the city would significantly deteriorate.</i> - <i>Parts of Cardiff are filthy. Endless strikes haven't helped. Cutting back on waste and street cleansing should be low on the list.</i> - <i>The waste services are already terrible, please don't reduce spending any further.</i> - <i>The streets of Cardiff are already filthy and covered in dog mess. This isn't an area you can cut back on.</i> - <i>I prefer CC to close all Libraries than to have dirty streets and parks</i>
Comments on bin collections	57	3.5	- <i>Pay your workers so they take our bins, streets of Cardiff are absolutely disgusting this past year.</i> - <i>The bin collectors have been on strike for while and rubbish bags pile up. should definitely avoid cutting the service further.</i> - <i>We haven't had regular collections due to strikes and the state of the road /areas were dreadful.</i> - <i>Ive seen a raise in rats and mice in the area due to</i>

			<i>poor collection times</i>
Proposals must be fair and not discriminate against some residents	48	2.9	- These changes disproportionately affect those who live in terraced houses or don't have cars. Surely there is a correlation with those two things and poverty. Please find the money in ways that don't discriminate against the poorest residents of Cardiff. - I've already lodged a complaint re the proposal to modify waste collection to a 3 week basis, as a ostomy patient this would result in you directly discriminating against me, if this does go ahead i will persue legal action to seek a remedy. - Not everyone has a car to get to Lamby Way.
If moving to 3 weekly collection you must provide a larger/extra bin	47	2.9	- Bring back the larger black bins to facilitate 3-week collections. - If you have to go to three weekly bin collection, please revert to the larger black bin we used to have, I recycle everything and yet my black bin is always up to the top fortnightly. - If you decide to go against popular public opinion and reduce black bin collection further, please provide slightly larger black bins or increase hygiene waste collection to weekly, as it's disgusting to have smelly hygiene waste bags festering in the streets like during recent strikes.
Concerns over people's Health and well being	25	1.5	- There is already a litter problem in Cardiff. Reducing waste and recycling services will result in dirtier streets and more fly tipping, affecting our health and wellbeing and encouraging crime and anti-social behaviour. Volunteers already do a lot of street cleaning, and you will lose their support if services are reduced. It will maybe Cardiff unliveable. - Allowing these neighbourhood's to become waste grounds will only disenfranchise the communities, resulting in increased health and mental wellbeing demands and possibly increased anti-social behaviour. - Environment is really important for people's wellbeing. Ensuring that everyone in Cardiff is entitled to the same levels of cleanliness is important.
Partly support charge for Garden waste	24	1.5	- I would support a garden waste collection where you pay per collection rather than per year. I may only need a few garden collections in a year so would not be happy paying for a full years service and then only using it a few times. I would prefer to pay £5 a collection than £40 a year. Perhaps an

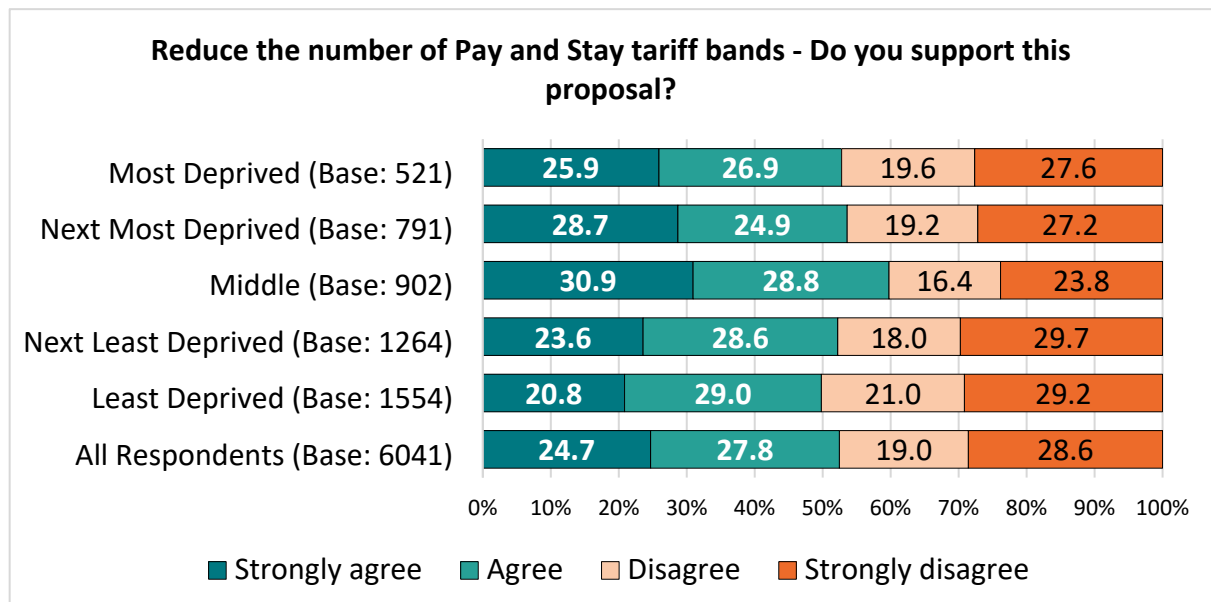
			annual and one-off price could be offered. - Strongly disagree to all proposals apart from charging for garden waste collection. - I'm not against charging for collection of garden waste, but we use the service maybe once or twice a year so paying for a full year's collections seems unfair.
Stop spending on unnecessary projects	24	1.5	- Appreciate this is difficult but really. Question the money that has been spent on opening the Taff feeder. - Maybe stop building 15,000-seater venues and make Cardiff great. - Stop wasting money in unnecessary projects and IMPROVE waste collections!!!
Partly Support black bin proposal	21	1.3	- Proposals on green waste and black bag collections have been run successfully in other local authorities despite initial resistance has increased recycling. - Fine with 3 weekly bin collections but want to ensure hygiene waste collection for people with babies, those with disabilities etc is not reduced. - While I have agreed with the proposal to reduce black bin collection I'm not sure it will result in more recycling but instead increase fly tipping.
Partly support charge for bulky items	19	1.2	- Ensure that consumers of whatever service are FULLY briefed on charges in advance and are kept informed as to precisely when bulky waste collections will take place. - While I feel the prices for bulky waste are more than fair I'd be worried that people wouldn't want to pay and would dump rubbish more frequently than already happens.
Partly support plans for street bins	8	0.5	- Regarding the removal of bins: as long as the bins are emptied more frequently. - Removal of bins not used makes sense but there are many bins in residential area that are used, especially by dog walkers getting rid of dog poo.
Miscellaneous	124	7.5	- Changes to Waste Collections does not mention Hygiene Collections. Half of Hygiene Waste goes in Black Bins. Less Black Bin collections should equal more Hygiene collections. - Residents should be encouraged to report fly tippers - I help with collecting litter with Cardiff council pink bags. So a lot of people help - Councils can easily challenge Welsh Government recycling targets and indeed our black bag waste is burned by Viridor to create electricity and will create heating for some buildings in South Cardiff so isn't

			<i>really an issue at all.</i>
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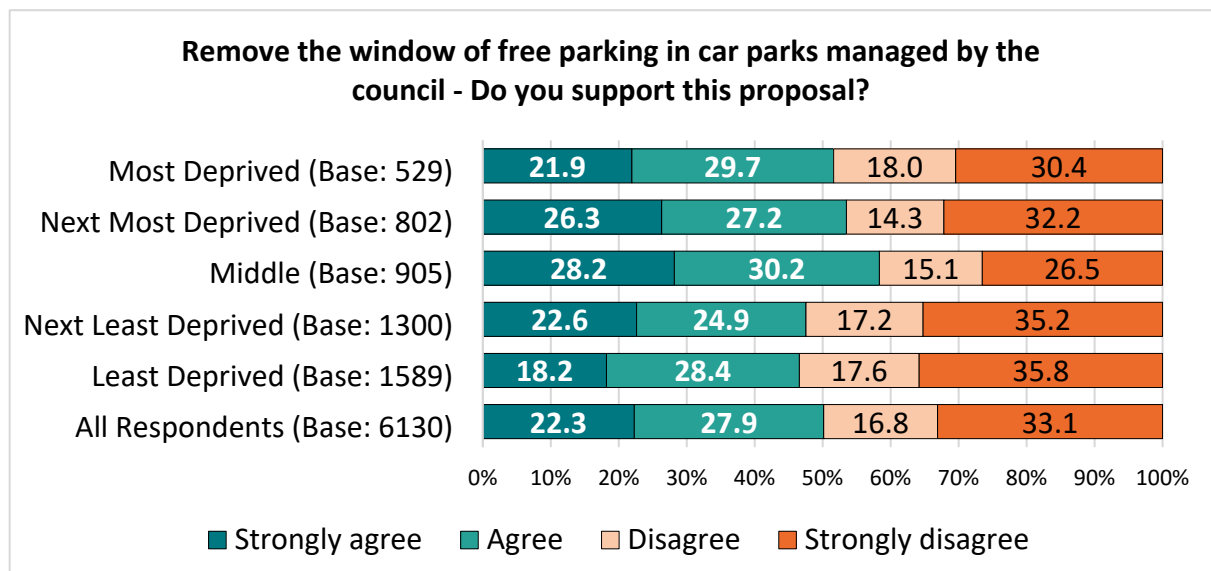
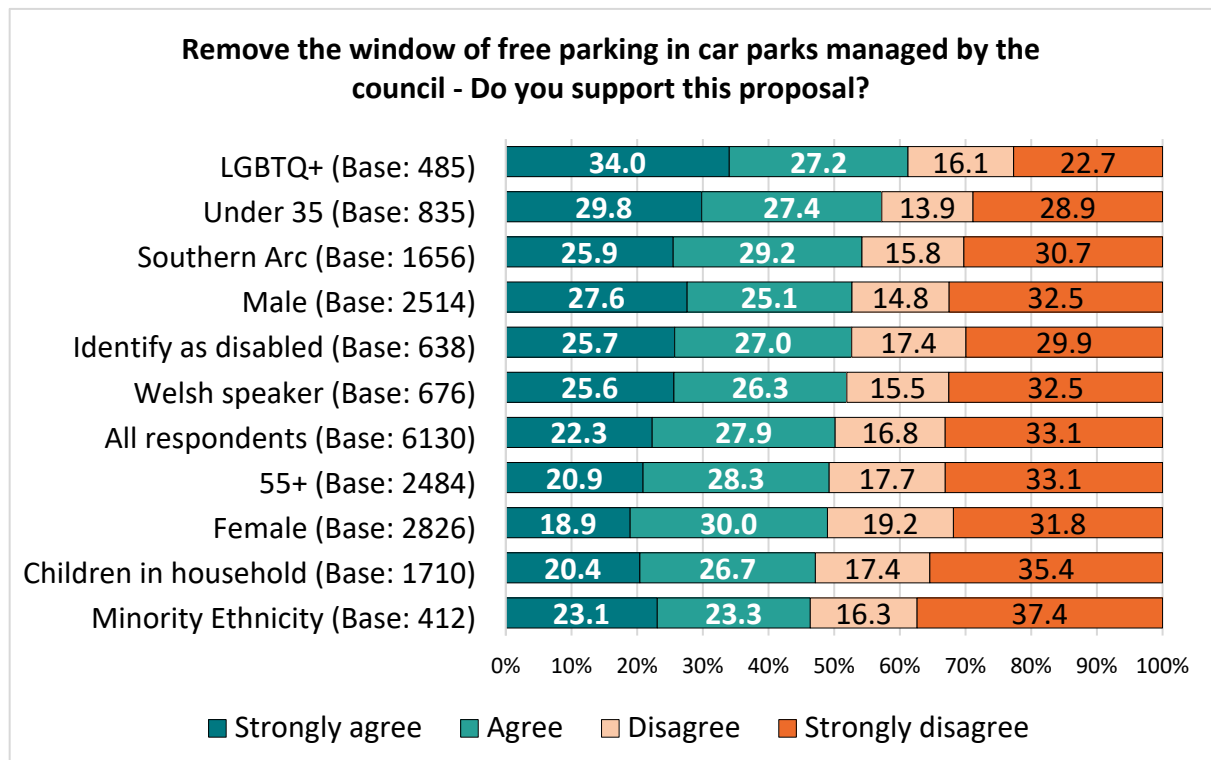
Appendix 19 – Reduce the Number of Pay & Stay Tariff Bands by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Excludes 'Don't know' responses



Appendix 20 – Remove the Window of Free Parking in Car Parks Managed by the Council by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 21 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Parking

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Public transport/ infrastructure - is poor / Needs to improve / Recent bus provision cut	552	32.8	- More than happy to pay more for parking, but these increases need to be used to fund improvements to public transport so that people have genuine alternatives. - Bus services in Cardiff are unreliable and therefore can't replace car services. - Public transport is extremely poor in Cardiff and getting worse. I have experienced much better service in other cities I have lived in and when I lived and worked in Europe. This needs to be sorted out first before any other steps can be taken! - Public transport is not reliable or frequent or sufficiently coordinated to meet increased demand. - Public transport in Cardiff is particularly poor and requires substantial improvement before it is comparable to similarly sized cities - all savings from these should go towards improved transport networks where possible. - Let's actually see some form of improved public transport first. Currently it's not really fit for purpose and leaves almost everyone reliant on cars to get around even within the centre of the city.
Knock on effect of proposal - Businesses / visitors - local and city centre	423	25.1	- Short term free parking can facilitate use of local businesses perhaps reduce to 30 mins - Where are commuters supposed to park? Public transport is not an option for many, as it is infrequent and unreliable, even non existent in some areas. Loss of the free 2 hour parking option in suburban car parks will adversely affect local shopping areas such as Whitchurch and Wellfield Rd. - The city centre is dying as it is, charging motorist for parking further will reduce people coming into the city centres - You are pushing visitors to Cardiff away from the city centre - The Council seems determined to drive away workers and visitors. Long-term, this will have a devastating effect upon town centres and businesses. It is a very short-sighted strategy. I guarantee it will not shift more people on to

			public transport. - It is important to ensure that any changes do not adversely affect usage of local shops, restaurants, etc.
Suggestions For more charges / Alternatives to proposed charges	352	20.9	- Reducing pay and stay to first 30 minutes free for quick pick up and drop offs would be better, charges starting after. - Additional permits often required for homes with multiple cars which are part of the congestion problem. Council should not be subsidising households with too many cars. - Cut the Active Travel budget to support parking. - Perhaps reduce free parking to one hour rather than dispensing with it all together. And for the love of all that's holy, get the public transport, cycling and walking infrastructure right before trying to get people out of cars. - Enforcement officers need to check the 2 hour free parking window the system is much abused. - Bring back paper permits so residents can actually see if a vehicle has a current permit.
Against proposed increase	339	20.2	- You have increased the first permit cost from £7.50 last year to OVER TRIPLE this year. An increase to FOUR TIMES what it was a few years ago is simply unacceptable with the money seemingly spent elsewhere and not on road infrastructure... - Parking permit went up well above inflation 22/23. - Do you realise there's a cost of living crisis? An increase of £26 for a second permit is scandalous. - The city centre is already costly to park in certain areas and the proposed higher increases would surely have an overall effect for shoppers, as the footfall is already suffering with the high cost of living. I believe certain bus routes and timetables have or are being reduced in some areas, so I don't think that would persuade people to use our basic bus service. I am fortunate that I do not require a parking permit outside my residence, but I think the proposed charges are quite steep, for people having no other choice to park near their homes. - Cannot pass on more payments to the residents of cardiff with the already increasing cost of living - It currently costs me £2276 per year to park for

			work. Do you think it's reasonable to increase that further on top of all of the other proposed increases whilst you're carrying out vanity projects across the city?
Current parking is expensive / difficult / Better enforcement needed	296	17.6	- We hold paid parking permits for our street but can rarely park in residents parking due to customers of local business and supporters of cardiff city or Wales/cardiff rugby using these areas regularly. - They cost enough already. - NOT POLICED ENOUGH TO WARRANT HIGH COST OF PERMITS, TOTAL RIP OFF - The parking charges across Cardiff are shocking. Even more shocking to hear the idea to increase the charges further. - The level of illegal and dangerous parking is very high. Put more resources into catching and fining people who are parking illegally and dangerously. Move towards banning pavement parking, like Edinburgh, - Enforce fines for pavement parking
Against removing window of free parking in district car parks	271	16.1	- Removing the free parking will impact on communities, local shops and services and drive people to go to larger supermarkets and impact smaller businesses. - Parking should be flexible & free in the city to help the businesses. - You will kill small businesses if you make people pay for an hour. - Having a free parking period for short period or time encourages the economy for small businesses, parks and even helps the hospital. This would be punitive on those that need this service the most as they're more than likely more needy. If anything, maybe reduce the time to 1 hour but tbh 2 hours as it is seems fair. - Our local shops (Whitchurch) will be badly affected by charging for parking. Why is there a need to get a ticket for a short stay, when a camera can determine the length of stay? - Abolishing the 2 hour free parking in Whitchurch car parks will result in more street parking in an already overwhelmed area.
Provide alternatives to the Car	253	15.0	- Cardiff Public Transport is a shambles with busses either not running to time or not running at all. You can not reduce free parking unless you offer a viable alternative that actually works.

			- We need to put money into public transport to stop people using cars. We need more train stations around Cardiff - The council cannot expect people living in St Edeyrns Village to use the public transport! 1 bus an hour, if it shows up at all, that takes 75 mins to get into town - Resident and visitors would use their cars less (less need for parking) if public transport was increased/improved. - The Council cannot encourage use of public transport when it is severely limited in areas. - If public transport was better, less parking would be needed. This is another tax on motorists.
Making it harder to drive / War on cars / penalising cars	157	9.3	- Stop penalising motorists to pay for other services and projects. - Stop the war on the motorists. - This is a further tax on car owners that is uncalled for. - Stop attacking motorists with constant cost increases and fines. - Stop using the motorist as a cash cow
System unfair /Need a blanket charge	146	8.7	- I would be happy to pay more for residential parking permits however this is only on the basis that parking in residential permit bays are properly enforced and that permits are validly issued. Currently a paperless system means that it is not obvious if someone is parking in a resident's bay without a valid permit for that particular street. Reporting vehicles through the Cardiff Council site whilst is relatively easy it is often to no avail and no parking enforcement officer attends and the problem parking continues This means that there is less incentive to pay for a permit as those who pay for permits have limited benefit as are unable to park in the residents bays - Define "central Cardiff" - would that include Cathays and Roath? Or literally the City Centre? It would be grossly unfair on residents of Cathays, Roath etc to treat residential housing the same as people who drive into the city centre for shopping. - If you reside in an area that does not have driveways why pay to park as those with driveways use the road to enter their driveway therefore causing the same amount of wear and

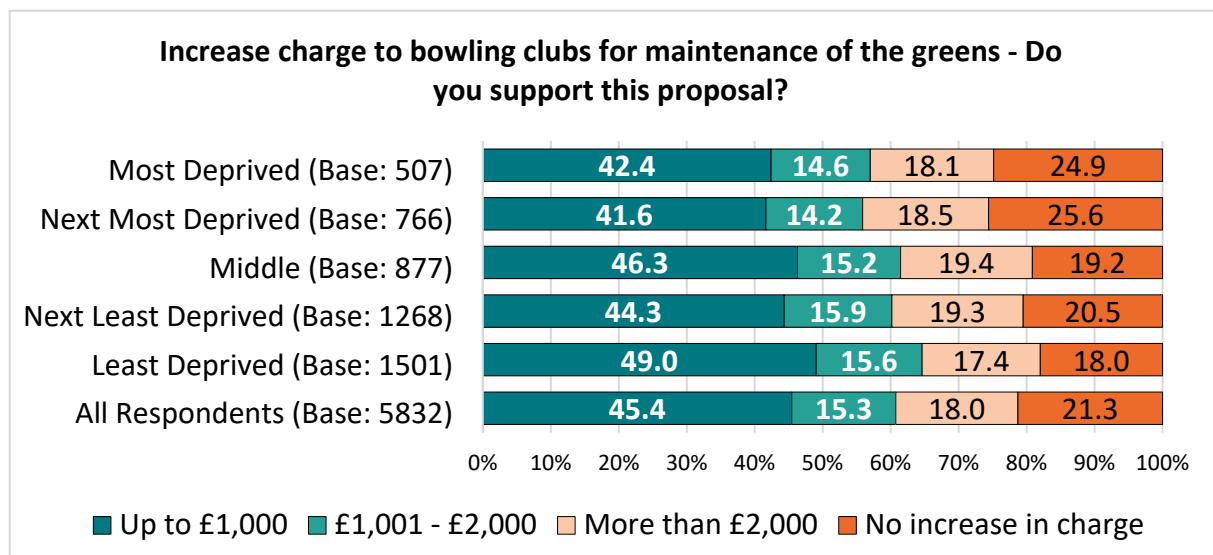
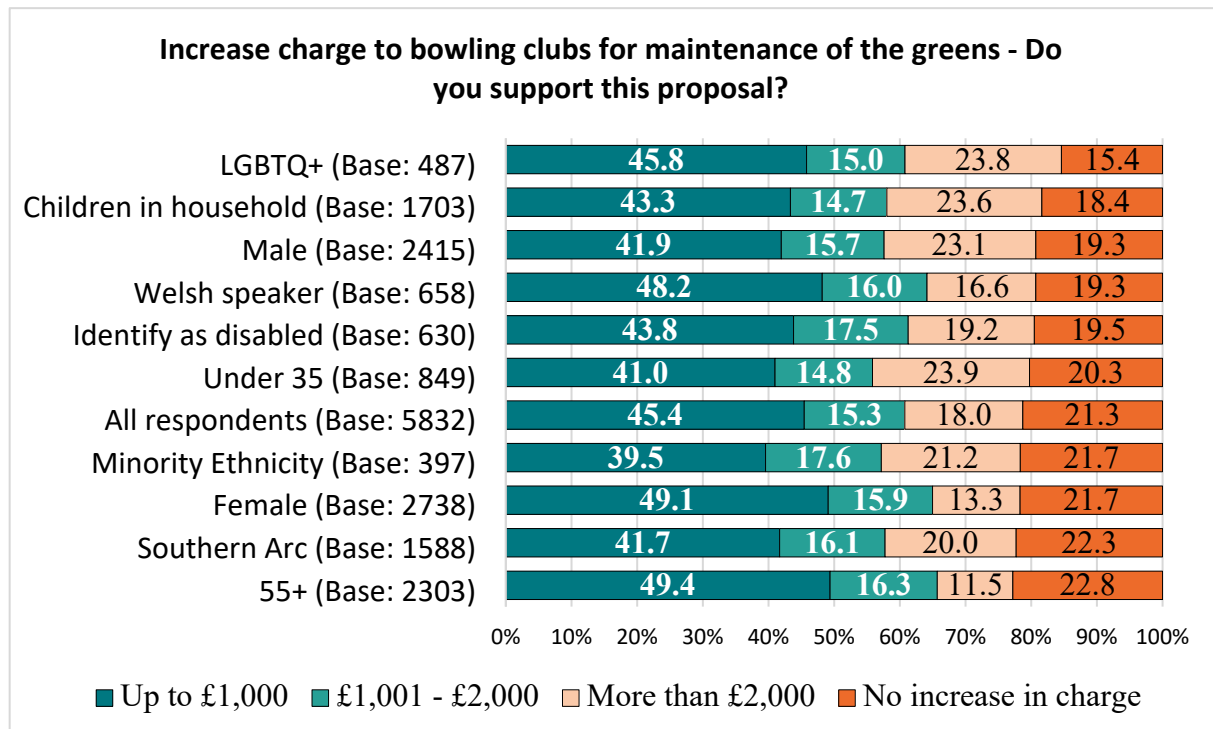
			tear. I don't drive but do believe in fairness. - Please add residential permit to all of Grangetown - only part of it has it currently. - We pay for a residents parking permit but there appears to be no enforcement in our area and the bays are usually filled by non residents so we cannot park. From our viewpoint this is purely a money making scheme.
Effect on families/ vulnerable / those in deprivation / Workers	130	7.7	- Cardiff, and Wales as a whole, is poorer and more deprived than "across the UK." - These charges will hit the less fortunate. Labour are supposed to be the party of the people. - Could explore subsidy for lower income households? - My only concern is with home care providers and other services who need to park in these spots. - Some ways must be found of not penalizing tradespeople and carers who need to park and drive
Against parking permits / increase in cost	129	7.7	- Increasing the cost of parking permits incrementally would be preferable. I feel like I'm being fined for parking outside my own home. Digital permits also make it easier for people to cheat the system and not pay. - Parking permits should be free in the street lived in, with bigger fines for violations. - Why do residents have to pay to park outside their own home? A token payment is acceptable for a permit, but an increase is not. - Why should you have to pay to park outside your home? - I don't think anyone should have to pay for a car parking permit if they live in that street but do not have a drive.
Happy with increase / Charge more	122	7.3	- Resident parking permits are criminally cheap compared to the price paid by those with a drive, who then pay more through Council Tax. £30 for a permit is insane, when you consider the impact parked cars have on traffic it should be more like £3000. - Charge for parking even more - I support car owners paying more towards the cost they impose on others, and the point about free parking subsidising car usage, and space usage solely for cars, is a good one. - I would increase the cost of 2nd permits by more- we are trying to encourage a reduction in cars -

			so consider charging more for a 2nd permit. - Cardiff council run parking is extremely cheap already, so increases here (especially for residential permits) make sense
Good to encourage alternative modes	96	5.7	- I don't have a car and would like to see much greater reliance on the use of public transport - The council should implement a ban on "pavement parking", with a suitable penalty, and enforce it meaningfully. Parking in bike lanes should also be penalised and penalties enforced. If you want to encourage "active travel" you need to take steps to make it safer. - Anything that encourages people to leave cars at home is welcome, walking, buses, trains are environmentally friendly & improve the health of those able to travel this way which isn't everyone. - I recognise the importance of generating additional income. I am also in favour of measures that will either directly or indirectly promote the use of active travel.
Against increases to parking charges	85	5.1	- There are no words for this terrible suggestion!!!! - Until you sort out public transport, making it cheaper, more frequent and more reliable, I do not believe people who drive should be punished by being made to pay more for parking. - Parking charges in Cardiff city centre should not increase until public transport is improved and reduced in price. - Increased parking fees will drive people out of visiting the city and associated spending.
Parking infrastructure concerns	80	4.8	- If the free parking were to be changed to a priced model, I'd like to hope that the machines would be better maintained. More often than not, the parking meters and machines are filthy or otherwise dirty. Would the cost of signage be worth the hassle? - The MiPermit system and application performs poorly frequently, mainly when trying to pay for parking in the city centre. The pay stations are unreliable and the app often indicates a transaction has failed, when this is not the case and has resulted in me paying twice on a few occasions. The hardware has to improve to prevent the whole system coming into disrepute. - I never park in Cardiff Council car parks- cannot use phone payment, don't trust the machines

			anyway. - Think revenue is being lost because the parking ticket machines are often out of order
Will move the problem somewhere else	63	3.7	- The more you charge the more people will not travel to these areas or encourage illegal parking. - Changes to existing arrangements could lead to parking congestion elsewhere in the City. - Reducing long stay parking to commuters will surly lead to people parking where they should not - Residential park shouldn't be charged more, some street where pay for permits not even enough spaces to meet demand. Herbert street, Cross place, Parkfield place Residents suffer massively due to Talybont students. Council don't want to know !!!!
Accessibility concerns	56	3.3	- Please consider the provision of disable parking where the disabled need to visit facilities such as post office, barber, hub. - Many people rely on cars due to the reduction in public transport services. Disabled persons in particular rely on having a car. - As long as disabled parking is not affected. - I don't know if there are exceptions for disabled people, but there should be.
Need more info	30	1.8	- Hard to judge these proposals as you have given no figures for what will be achieved. - Just because other councils charge something, is that the right cost? How material are these savings? There are no numbers put on them? Why? - When comparing to other Local Authorities across the UK, does this take into account average incomes in the area? Is that a fair comparison?
Environmental costs of cars / benefits for reduction	26	1.5	- If you are serious about your response to the climate emergency then you should at least be charging for parking in line with your comparators. You should certainly not be subsidising car use! - Cars and parking should be charged even more highly. They cost thousands every year and use vital land in Cardiff which could be used for green spaces to combat the air pollution from remaining cars. - The parking permit should take in account the

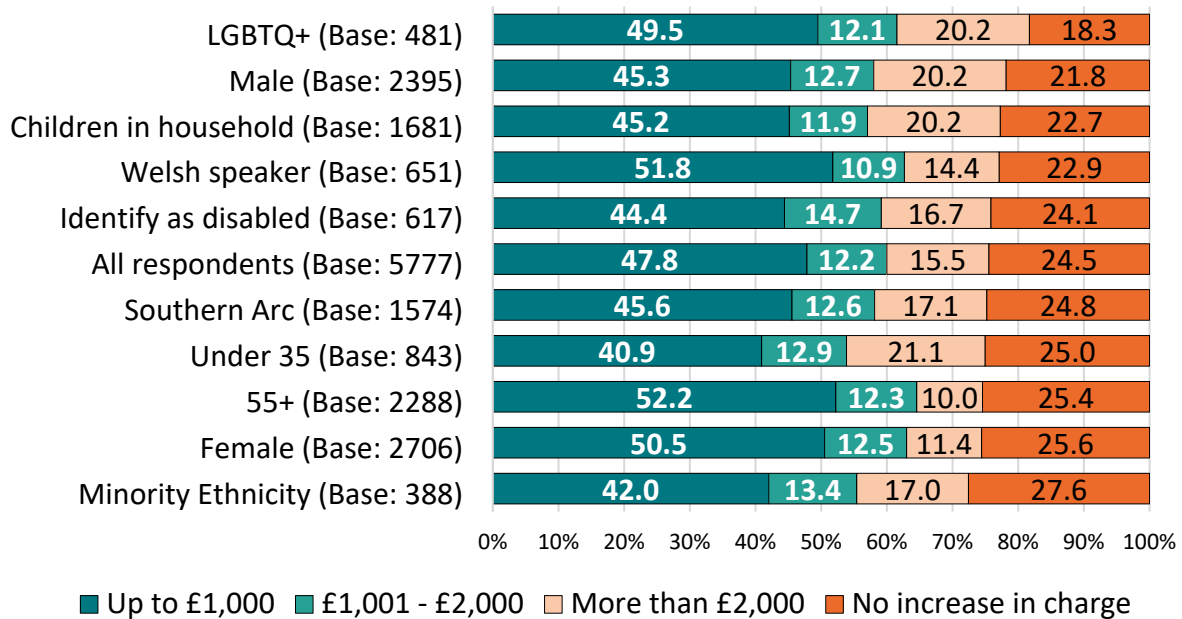
			<i>size of the car, charging more for SUV. This would be a green measure as well as it makes sense as larger cars take more space.</i>
Council services are poor / money wasted	25	1.5	- Cardiff council In such a financial state as it wastes money on projects that the residents and rate payers of Cardiff do not want or need - Why waste money on uncovering an ugly canal in Cardiff City centre! Cancel the removal of St David's for a stadium. - Cut councillors allowances to compensate for the shortfalls
Agree with simplifying charges	14	0.8	- Agree with simplifying the parking charges to be uniform. Not a fan of the parking increase - Simplify the number of tariffs, do not increase price.
Do not own a Car	12	0.7	- Don't have a car. - No car or transport. we walk.
Charge in line with comparators	9	0.5	- So long as its cheaper than private competitors then it will be used, simples. - I agree with you raising charges to be similar to other Local Authorities across Britain.
Need some kind of incentive	6	0.4	- It is difficult to tackle parking when the public transport system from the East of the city is so poor. Rail and bus links need to improve. Need more carrot and less stick. - There should also be an incentive for people who do not park on the streets
Miscellaneous	82	4.9	- I thought this was about budgets, not forcing people to use your terrible public transport. - Please be mindful of residents who don't have off street parking or permits and have to rely on local car parks - The recent changes for visitors' permit is a joke. It makes it difficult to spontaneously visit people. Limiting the amount of hours available is not acceptable. In an increasingly lonely world, this is increasing the societal issues - Residents do own the road in their streets
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Appendix 22 – Increase Charge to Bowling Clubs for Maintenance of the Greens by Demographic & Geographic Groups

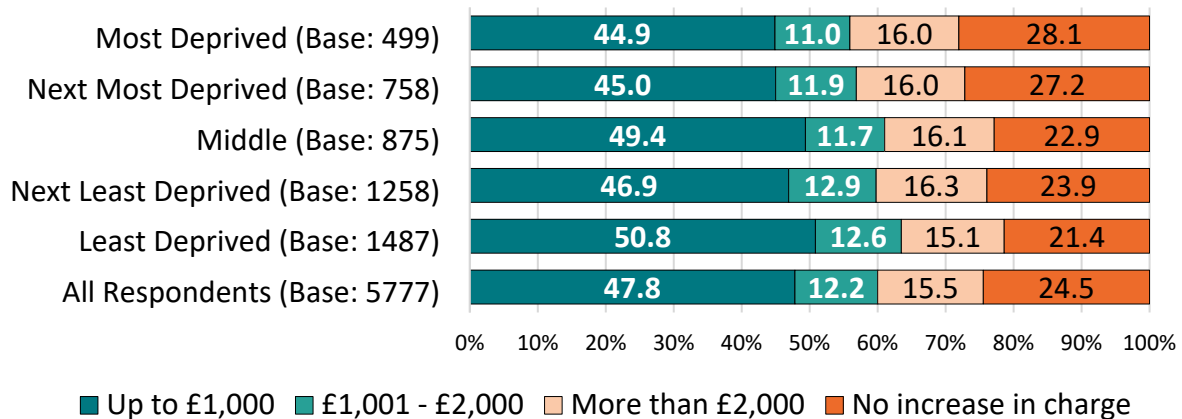


Appendix 23 – Increase Charge to Bowling Clubs for Use of Park Pavilions by Demographic & Geographic Groups

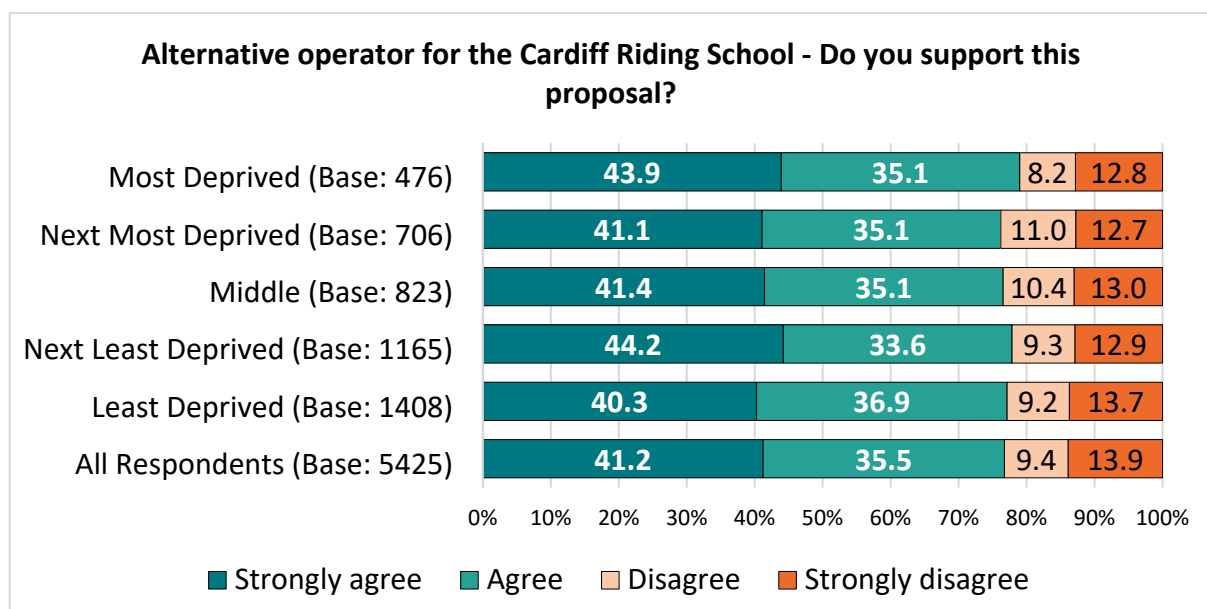
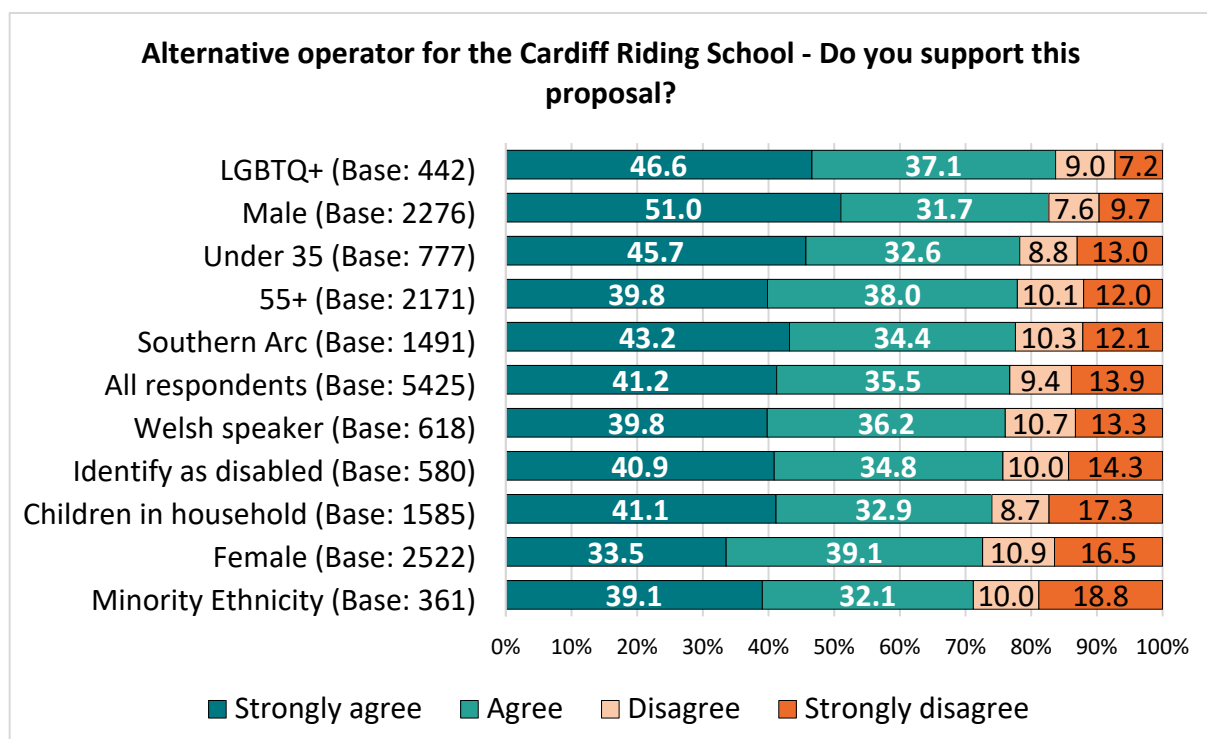
Charge bowling clubs for the use of park pavilions - Do you support this proposal?



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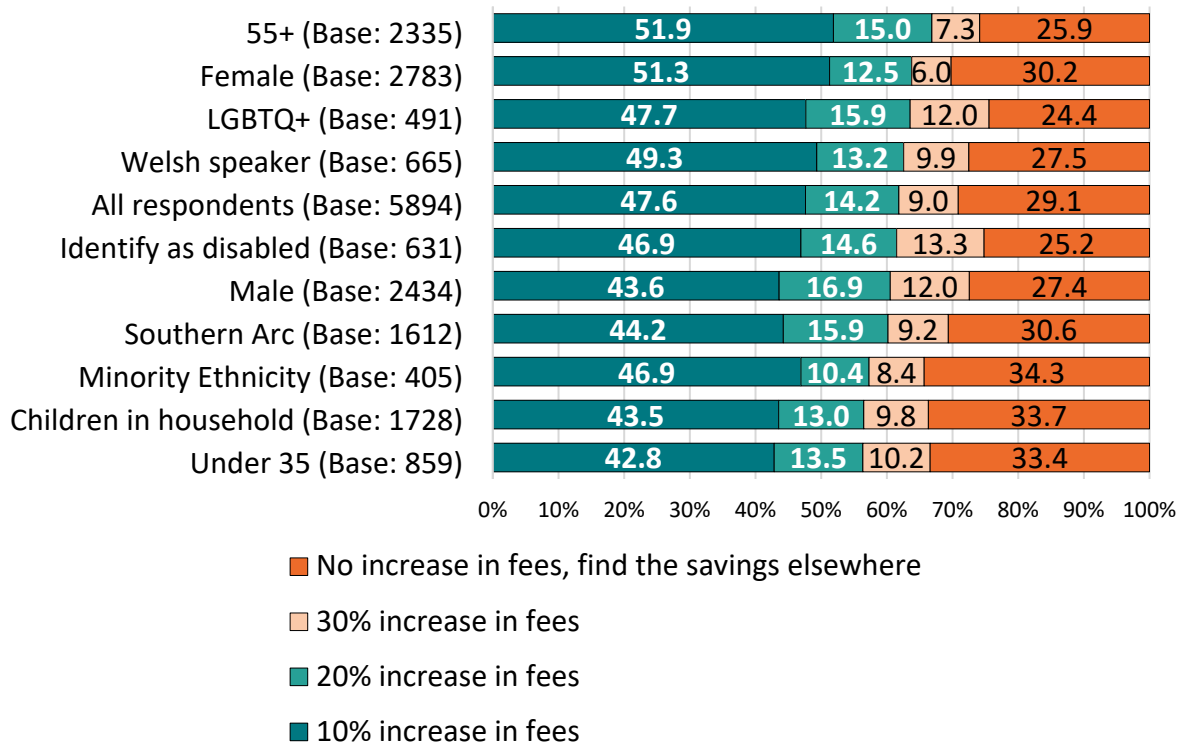


Appendix 24 – Alternative Operator for the Cardiff Riding School by Demographic & Geographic Groups

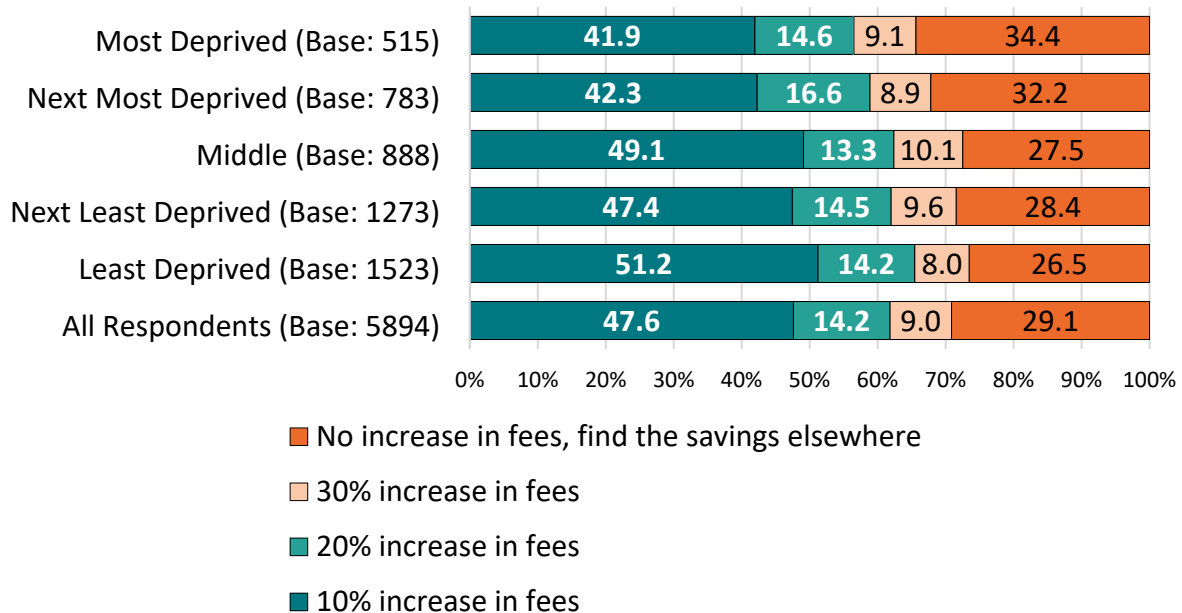


Appendix 25 – Increase in Fees for Adults Hiring Sports Pitches and Changing Facilities by Demographic & Geographic Groups

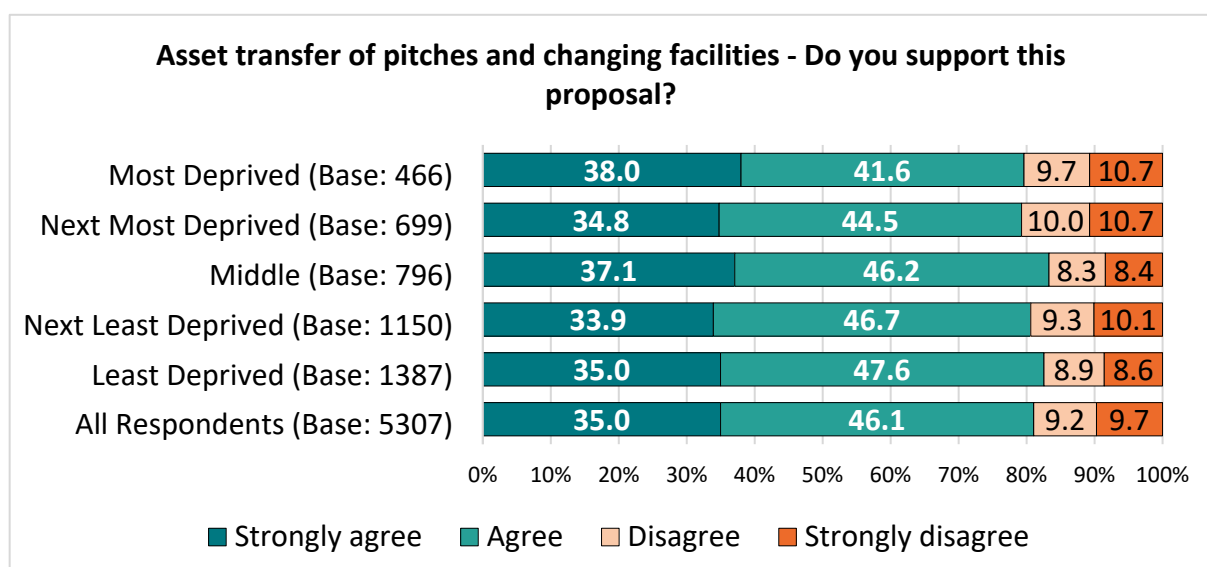
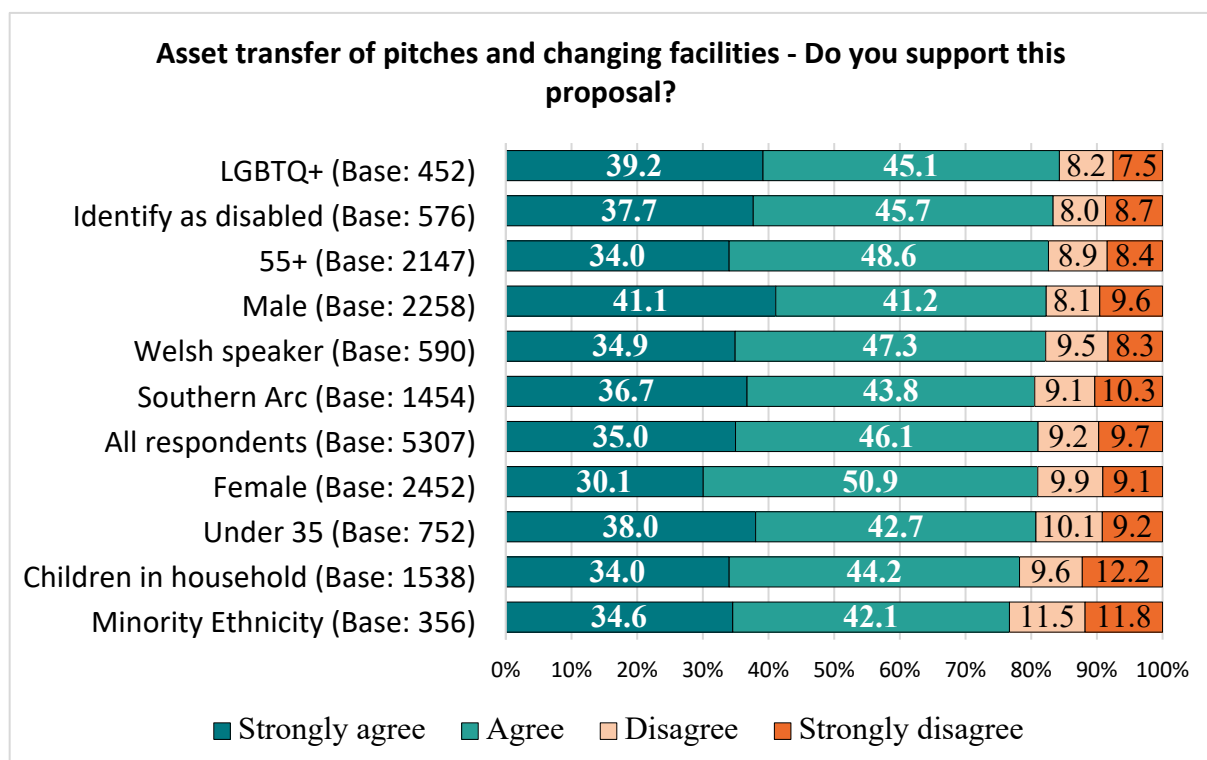
Increase fees for adults hiring sports pitches and changing facilities - Do you support this proposal?



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Appendix 26 – Asset Transfer of Pitches and Changing Facilities by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 27 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Leisure & Sports

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Leisure & Sports need to be affordable and	497	56.2	- It is important to encourage exercise so increases to charges here should be modest. - 10% increase for sports clubs is too much. 5% is fairer.

accessible to all / against proposals			- Gyms need to be more affordable/accessible. Very hard to find anywhere to do any indoor exercise that doesn't charge large amounts. - It's important that these facilities are kept affordable. - Important to encourage participation in sports at all levels. - Plz don't discourage public from exercise
Health & Wellbeing current and future implications	294	33.2	- Keep people healthy. - We need to be encouraging more people into an active lifestyle not putting them off if you were to introduce these costs then less people would be likely to participate. - By putting up fees too much would put people off using the facilities and not keeping fit. - Your proposals don't exactly encourage a healthy lifestyle if you look to increase costs of playing fields etc. - Exercise/sport for all is important for health and well-being. A survey such as this one fails to address the nuances of each situation. - Exercise is important. It helps the council in the long run if people can exercise.
Impact on young / vulnerable / low income	266	30.1	- Just the rich kids playing sports then? - Sport is essential for good health and fitness. It should not become the reserve of the better off in our communities. We already have an obesity crisis! - The bowling clubs are mainly for the retired people of the city, people who have worked and supported the city in most cases all of their lives, it would be criminal to charge them for their leisure activity (and I do not play bowls). - I would not want to see the cost of providing sports facilities for children and young people going up by more than the rate of inflation. - Facilities to keep people fit and active must be maintained and not become the privilege of the rich. - Access to sport should be promoted and restrictions removed.
Encourage participation but increase costs = contradiction	264	29.8	- So for parking, you talked about adults being more active with the removal of parking. Now you want to charge them more for being active. - You cannot look to encourage exercise for people and increase cost. - Sport is great for health it must be affordable. - I hope increasing the price will not deter people from using these facilities that are great for mental health. - On the other hand there is an obesity problem in our

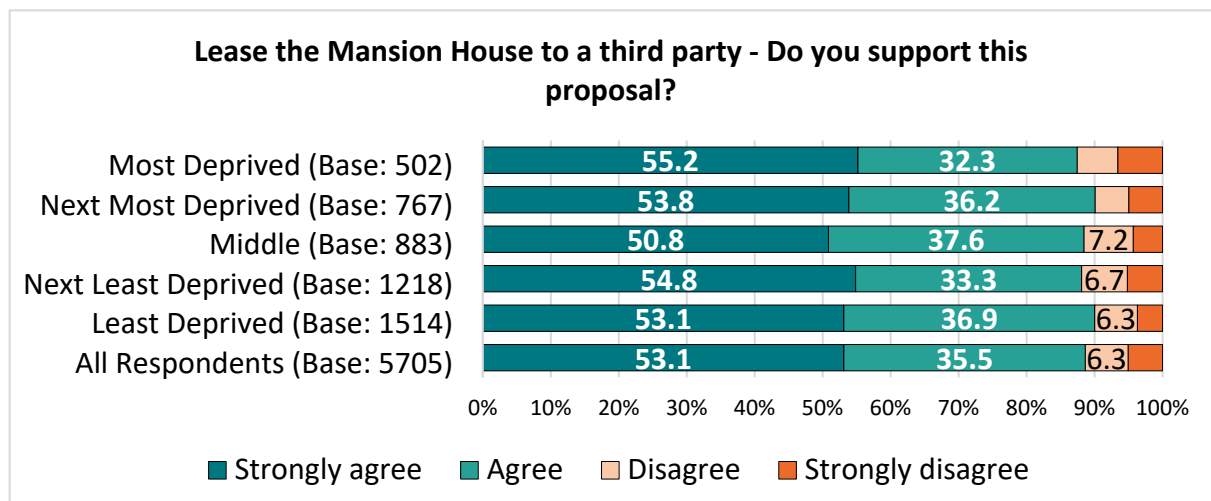
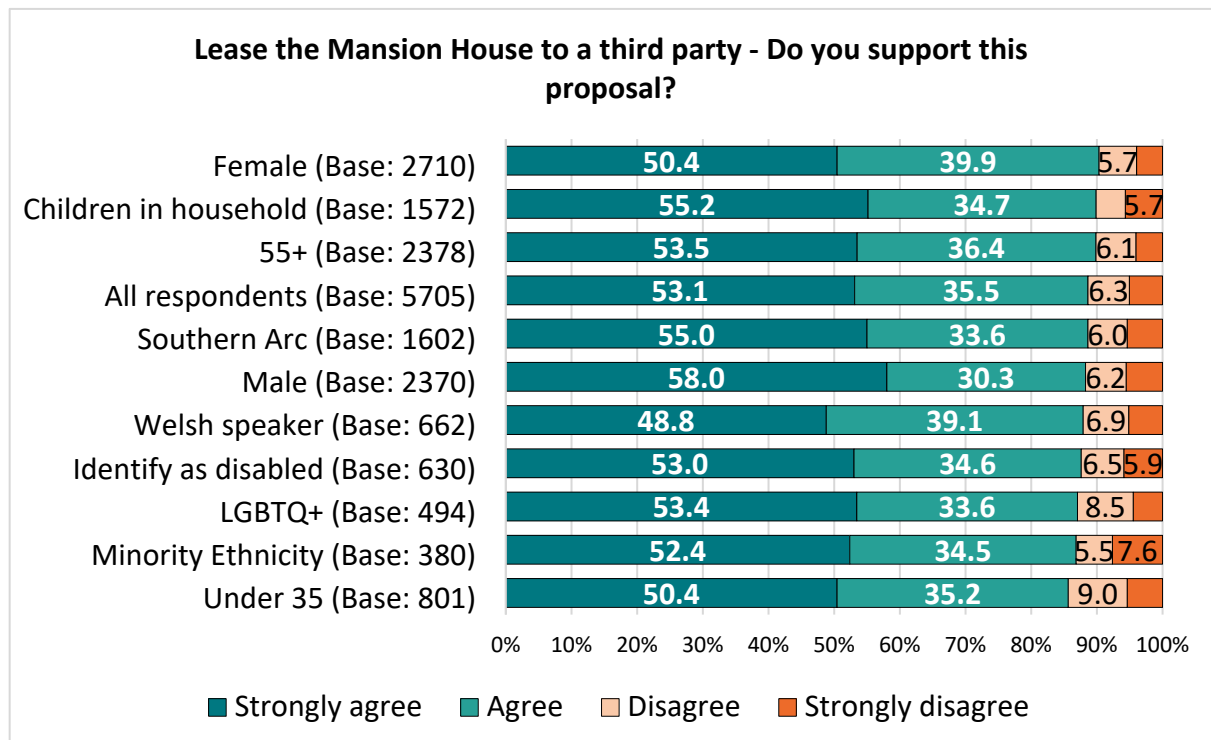
			<i>schools and therefore raising the cost can create health problems. Research should be done to see what the impact of the pricing changes will be.</i> - <i>Good public health had a direct effect on the burden of need on other services and I think it is shortsighted to increase the costs of physical activity which could make it prohibitive to some groups & therefore lead to poorer health outcomes.</i>
Alternative options suggestions	178	20.1	- <i>Cut the Active Travel budget to fund leisure and sports.</i> - <i>Shared ownership /control of facilities might work for the Council in ensuring that local people have a role in looking after local facilities.</i> - <i>This is an area where communities could help themselves and the council should work to enable that. What we don't want to see is the appointment of paid monitors who are part of the council staff.</i> - <i>Hand over buildings, pitches, venues to community groups instead of refusing them entry - one community in Ely are working hard voluntarily to support with this. The council are refusing to open venues.</i> - <i>Subsidy for sport and leisure facilities should be based upon widespread use and accessibility. If clubs are making efforts to be more inclusive and accessible for people of all ages and backgrounds, then they are deserving of subsidy. Where clubs are exclusive, the subsidy should be removed.</i> - <i>Just a thought - why not hand over the bowling greens and pavilions to the bowling groups and allow them to carry out their own building and greens maintenance? Maybe just have an inspection regime to ensure H&S.</i>
Contractor / Asset transfer concerns	156	17.6	- <i>Keep leisure services council run.</i> - <i>The council should run sports facilities for the benefit of citizens/ council taxpayers. Giving licences to private companies/ sponsors results in the removal of access and general ignoring of patrons as has happened at the ice rink.</i> - <i>Clubs taking in facilities needs to be managed carefully to maintain public access to those facilities.</i> - <i>You've already privatised leisure centres. Now you want to put local football and rugby clubs out of business. No!</i> - <i>You've already done a dodgy deal with Better a few years ago resulting in a dreadful and expensive service from an unscrupulous operator.</i>

These services are essential	85	9.6	- These facilities are vital. - These services are ESSENTIAL - Have you not heard about the benefits of Sport and Exercise not just on Health and wellbeing but on social cohesion. In fact the sports and leisure facilities need more investment. The drainage on football and rugby pitches in and around the city is inadequate leading to Children's games being cancelled. This needs to be improved not allowed to deteriorate further. - Again a vital part of the community. - Making sport more costly while promoting healthy living is hypocrisy. If people's physical and mental health are worsened, long term it will cost more to support them. Another short-sighted idea.
Maintenance concerns - Current and Future	80	9.0	- The spending of money is not shared equally Grangemoor park near me doesn't receive any up keep. - Cardiff Council has never supported the City's sports club to levels of neighbouring authorities! This includes taking the issue of dog fouling of sports pitches seriously! This is particularly true of Llandaff and Pontcanna fields. - Some of the Cardiff parks pitches are awful...Roath Rec is full of bumps and craters. - You increase the cost you should make further laws regarding dogs fouling play areas.
Grass root sports will decline	80	9.0	- Parks pitches are not maintained regular and grassroots football suffers. - We can not afford any increase to pitch hires. Grass roots sports will not survive. - Clubs already struggle and will fold. - Further information is required on the implications to grass roots/children's sport.
Remove / Against subsidies	78	8.8	- Users should pay for use. - I think it's fair to charge people to use these services. - Horse riding is a rich hobby. If you don't have the money to have a horse then get it or find a cheaper hobby. Same goes for pitches. Why should I subsidise your badminton? Fees at full cost, please. - Bowls and riding are sports generally engaged in by the financially well heeled, they should cover the majority of the cost of their participation themselves.
Need more info	72	8.1	- I do not use any of the services in this section therefore I do not know the impact these measures will have in the communities that depends on it. - It was difficult to answer the question about the bowling green because there was no information

			about the numbers using the facility so it is hard to put a figure on the proposed charges. - Need to know more about what is proposed for Cardiff Riding School. - There's no indication of how many people are benefiting from these services? Impossible to know the impact of changing these subsidies.
Riding School - Valuable / to be maintained	70	7.9	- Cardiff riding school is a well-used facility and supports riding for the disabled, BTEC students and young people from many backgrounds. It would be a real shame to let it go. - Please do everything you can to keep the Cardiff Riding School open, I took my son there back in the early 2000,s and now take my granddaughter there each week and she has been riding there for nearly 2 years, stop wasting money on ridiculous things - 33 million on 20mph signs please someone with a bit of sense sort this out and not to the detriment of council tax payers please - The riding school has many staff and volunteers such as children, taking them away would be awful for those already working and volunteering. - Protect the Riding School at all costs. That the city teaches it's children to horse ride is unique and interesting and is worthy of protection.
Run as a business /Net Zero cost approach/ / Income generation ideas	52	5.9	- I think you should charge clubs who use public pitches for cleaning up after their sessions. Every week I see dozens of plastic bottles and sports tape left on the pitches from mainly adult sports clubs. They should either take care of the waste themselves by removing it all, be fined or charged for this service, or be banned from using the pitches if repeat offenders. - The riding school should be making money it is very poorly managed. - Clubs can tap into certain grants to help them out with some of these proposals. - As a Llanrumney resident, it's would be helpful if park's department staff make sure lighting is switched off before leaving work.
Stop spending on non essential projects / Money wasted within council	35	4.0	- The fact that £240k is spent on subsidising pitches screams of typical council inefficiency and poor productivity by council staff. - This all feels quite immaterial (to the council) in the scale of the budget shortfall - the wastage (my view) elsewhere dwarfs this. - Why waste money on uncovering an ugly canal in Cardiff City centre! Cancel the stadium at Red Dragon

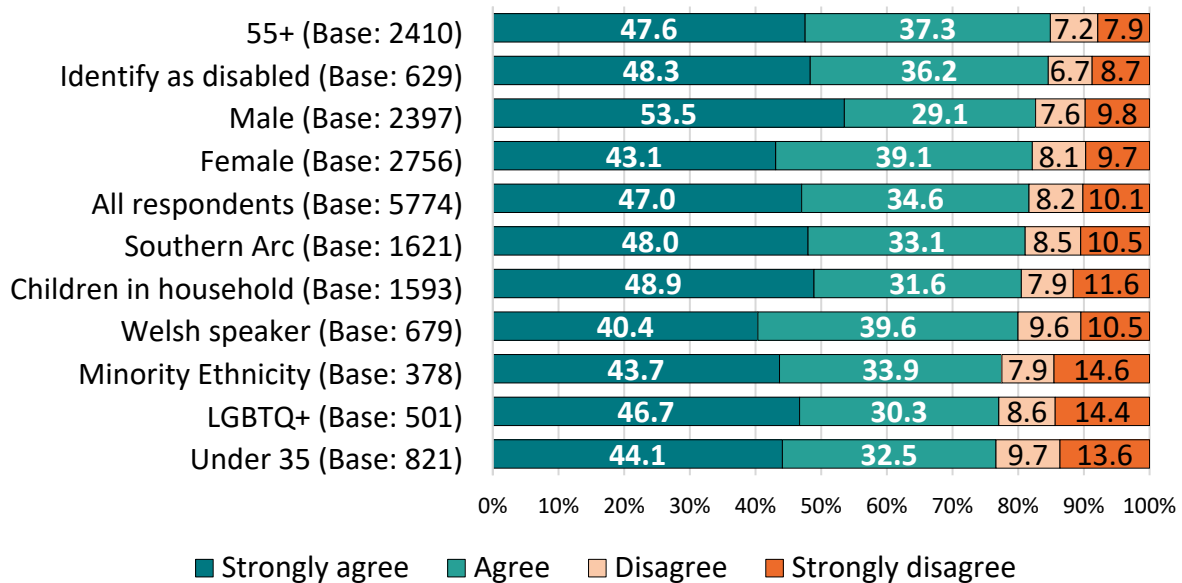
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Pentwyn Leisure Centre	27	3.1	- <i>When are you opening Pentwyn Leisure Centre for the public again? You say every election that it will soon be available for use. Be honest. You're letting the community down.</i> - <i>The catastrophic mistake of giving away most of Pentwyn Leisure Centre to a rugby club will never be forgiven. The leisure centre is for the residents, not a private rugby club. Their base should not be a community leisure centre. Voters will not forget this betrayal. Do not repeat the same error in other areas.</i> - <i>We need Pentwyn leisure back open its impossible to get public transport to cardiff bay from my residency in Rumney.</i>
Hapy with proposed increases	21	2.4	- <i>These clubs have many members so the cost could be very little added to subs and the fees.</i> - <i>Maximize fees.</i> - <i>I use the sports facilities and don't mind paying more as needed.</i>
Miscellaneous	60	6.8	- <i>It seems every variety of park user except dog walkers gets specific facilities provided. I would like to see a public dog agility course available - there's not really anywhere in Cardiff to do it.</i> - <i>You just want to force people out from using green spaces so you can sell them to build on them.</i> - <i>Keep remembering that people work generally Monday to Friday 0900 -1700 so it's no good offering service at this time. You have to be more flexible.</i> - <i>I admire the Council's support of sports! I believe that this support helps to prevent more anti-social behaviour and gang activity with their concomitant costs.</i>
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Appendix 28 – Lease the Mansion House to a Third Party by Demographic & Geographic Groups

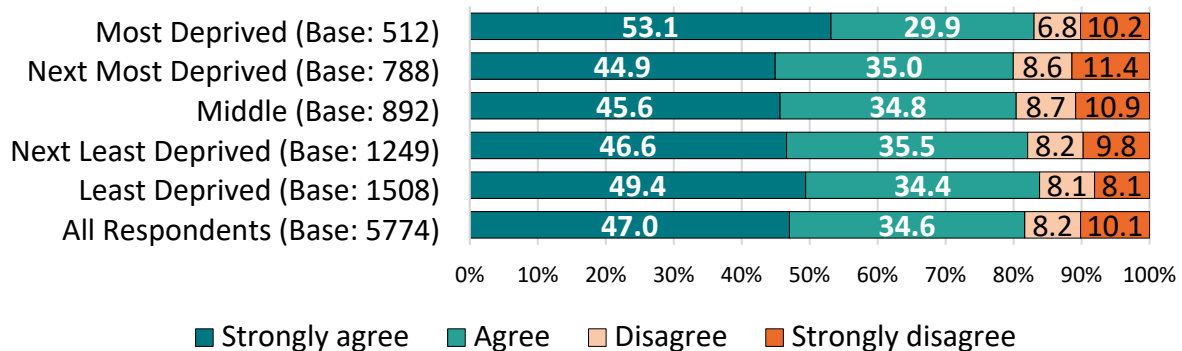


Appendix 29 – Close the Museum of Cardiff One Day a Week by Demographic & Geographic Groups

Close the Museum of Cardiff One Day A Week - Do you support this proposal?



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Appendix 30 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Culture & Events

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Against a weekend closure / Alternative option suggestions for The Museum of Cardiff	299	33.3	- Closing the museum on Sundays seems a bit counterintuitive; that is the day the majority of the working population have off. Why not a weekday or if a weekday wouldn't equate to the same financial saving, two weekdays? - The days the Cardiff Museum should close must surely be based on the least used days, I would have expected weekend use to be higher the week days? - Agree with closing a day but not a Sunday. - Close the museum on the least busiest day. - Why Sunday? Close it on one or two week days when less likely to be used. - Why a Sunday when families could visit why not mid-week i.e Wednesday?
Alternative location suggestions for The Cardiff Museum	74	8.2	- Move museum of Cardiff to City Hall. - Move the museum of Cardiff into "National Museum of Wales". - As a retired tour guide (MBE) i think it is essential that the museum remains in the city centre site. Could part of the Howells store be used for this VIP purpose? Could the 'listed' church on that site be used? - Move the museum to St Fagans museum. - Could put the Museum of Cardiff in the Coal Exchange
Cardiff's Culture and Heritage needs to be protected	72	8.0	- Cardiff's culture is currently great and a big reason why people love the city. We must be careful not to lose this cultural identity simply to cut some costs. - Culture and events are important to safeguard in our Capital City. They are a key part of the Future Generations legislation. - It is important for the capital city to host major cultural and significant events that attract people to visit. I feel it would be a mistake to remove subsidies. - As a capital city Cardiff should have events through the year to reflect this. - Capital city needs culture- and a Tourist information office!
Against Moving The Museum of Cardiff from City Centre	68	7.6	- The location of the museum is CENTRAL and needs to remain where it is. Moving it to a modern unit would destroy its heritage. - Do not move the museum! It is lovely where it is, I

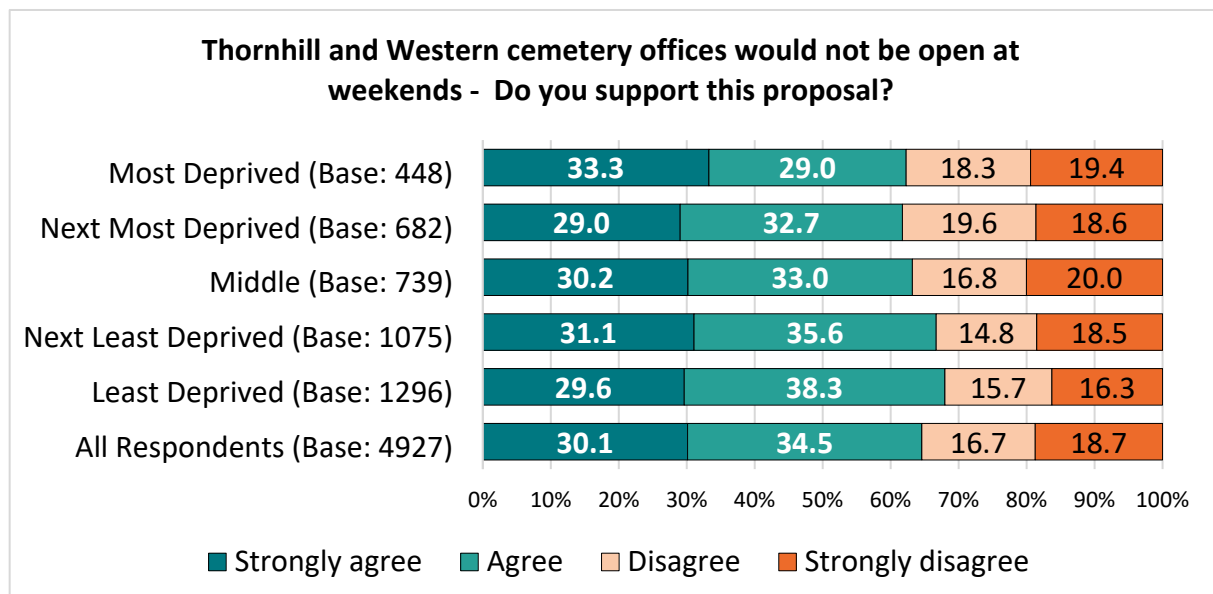
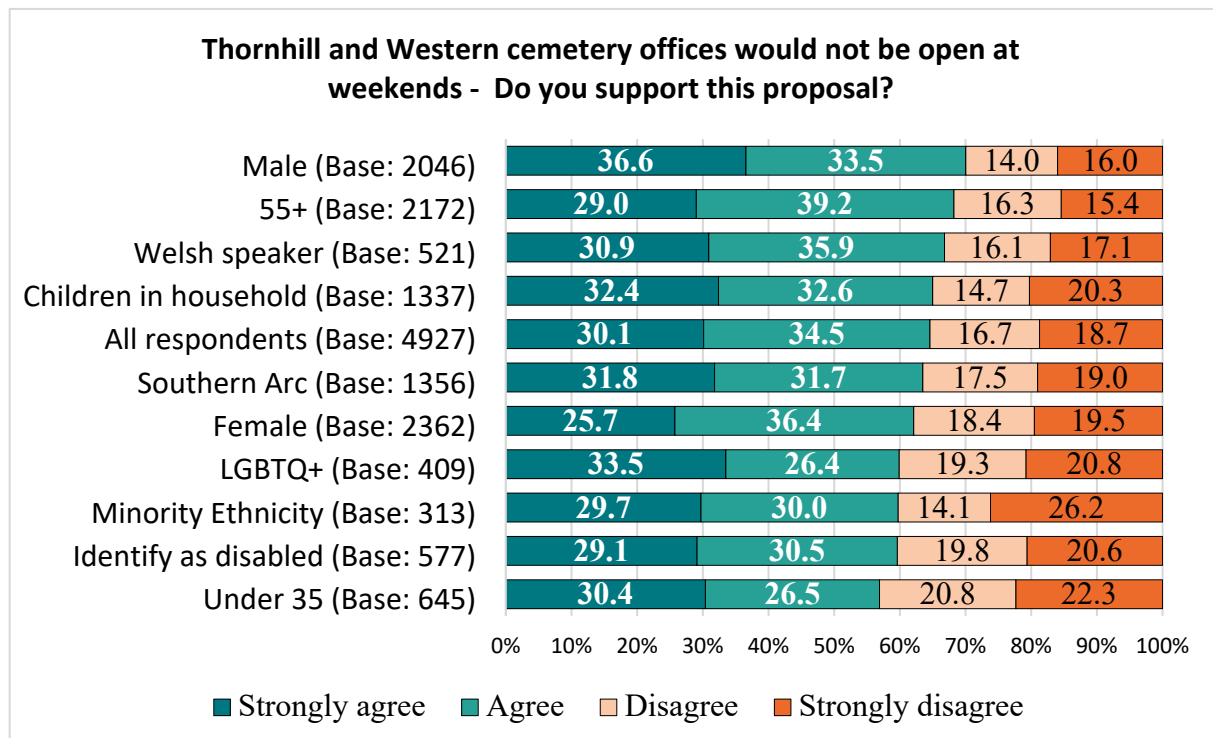
			do agree with closing one day a week. Maybe on a weekday, though. - Keep the museum where it is. - I agree with closing the museum on Sundays (and maybe one weekday too), but not with relocating it. - Please keep the museum of cardiff in the centre of Cardiff.
More info required	62	6.9	- Will a lease and rent back save money? You don't say what the cost will be. I don't believe you can save money this way. - Is the Museum of Cardiff used much at all? - Update on St. Davids Hall would be good please. - Again asking for comments without information, how many people visit this museum? How much space is there in the chapter building to put it in there for example. - Can I be assured that reducing the cost of, or maximising the income from other events, such as winter wonder land, Cardiff beach, festivals and firework displays, is also part of your considerations here?
Income generation suggestions	57	6.4	- There should be a Tourist Office located in the Old Library and RWCMD should subsidise this - a hub for what's on in Cardiff. - The Cardiff museum is an important part of our offering to residents and visitors. If moved it will be sidelined or lost. Just advertise it more and get more visitors in. Have paid for events there too. - These things are important but funding can be moved more to tickets etc. - There are so many gigs and events in Cardiff, how much income is made to pay for the street cleaning, policing and road closures? Tickets are so expensive, the council must charge the event organisers more. - Users should pay for use, not subsidised by ratepayer.
General Support for Arts & Culture Funding	53	5.9	- Cardiff needs culture, people don't come here for the lovely weather... - How do other cities run these buildings and events. I don't think things getting into private hands works well generally. Plus, we should support art and culture. - If we are to be a modern European city which provides facilities for residents while encouraging tourism supporting arts and culture is vital. - Art & Culture is what makes a city. We do need it

			<i>otherwise the world would be very boring.</i> - <i>Culture and arts already taken big cuts. Essential for wellbeing, creativity, growth. We have few venues, for example art galleries, compared to other cities.</i>
More promotion / Greater awareness needed	48	5.4	- <i>The museum of Cardiff needs more advertising, no one knows it's there.</i> - <i>The museum needs better signage, many people don't know it exists.</i> - <i>Never heard of Artes Mundi or The Big Gig.</i> - <i>I have lived in Cardiff for three years and never heard of the events in section one. Publicity of events is very poor and often with short notice.</i>
Mansion House Comments	48	5.4	- <i>It would be a travesty if the mansion house fell into private hands. While it is in a state of disrepair, the council should be more innovative in seeking funding, such as HERITAGE Lottery to enhance the building. At the very least it should guarantee it is retained for the people of cardiff into the future.</i> - <i>Sell the mansion house and get rid of the full cost and make some money. City hall can be used for functions.</i> - <i>THE MANSION HOUSE WAS GIFTED TO THE PEOPLE OF CARDIFF SO THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE MAINTAINED THE REPAIRS TO THIS BUILDING BEFORE NOW. YOU CANNOT GIVE AWAY SOMETHING YOU DON'T OWN</i> - <i>Sell the mansion house and get rid of the full cost and make some money. City hall can be used for functions</i>
Concerns around money being wasted elsewhere	46	5.1	- <i>The £189 million proposed for a new arena at Butetown and should be diverted to maintaining what we have, especially the museum of Cardiff which reflects the history of the Capitol which was built on its docks and diverse people.</i> - <i>Mansion House should've been maintained by the ridiculous wasted money used on opening up the canal on Churchill Way which will eventually attract drunks, junkies and never ending rubbish.</i> - <i>Stop wasting money on stupid and divisive rainbow flags and road markings. Nobody cares about your virtue signalling and we shouldn't have to pay for it.</i>
These attractions generate income / boost economy	44	4.9	- <i>Bear in mind events bring people into Cardiff and they contribute towards the economy... pushing them away by cancelling events, raising parking charges etc is likely penny wise but pound foolish.</i> - <i>Ensuring good provision of events will help bring in tourist revenue for the city, even if all people don't</i>

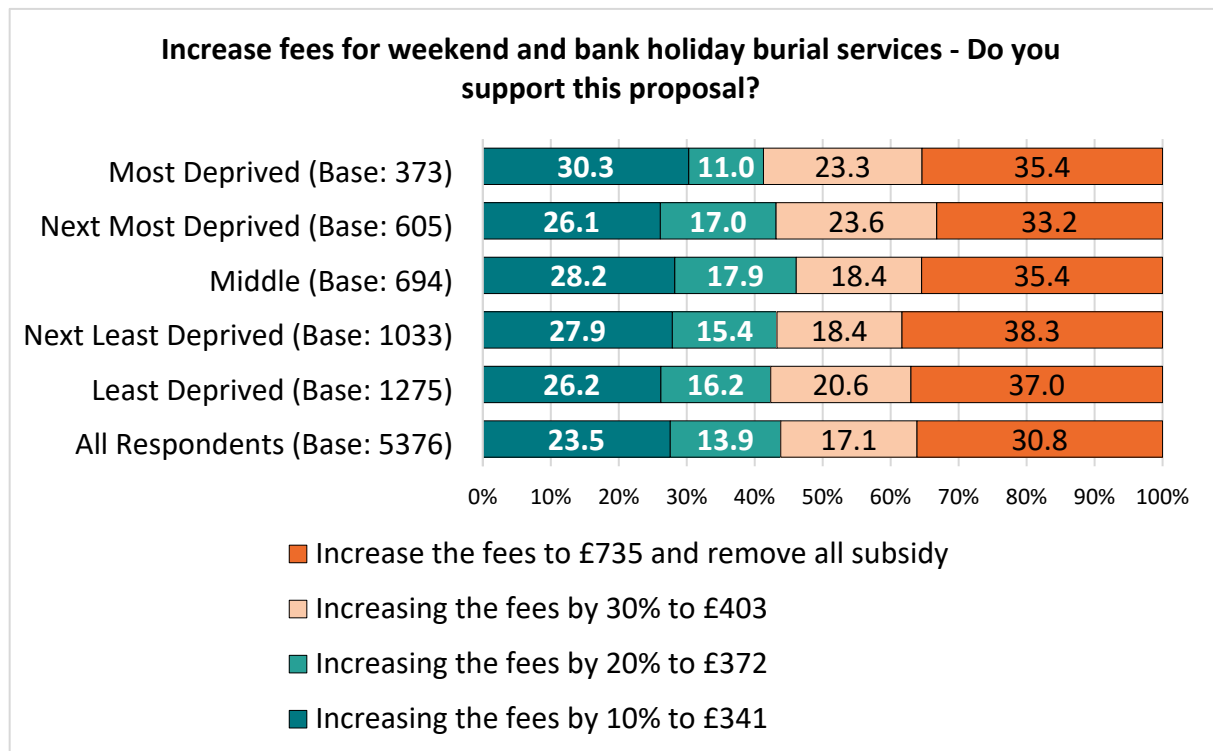
			necessarily use them, so cuts here don't make sense. - Free events can bring people into the city who spend money.
The Museum is a tourist attraction, don't close at weekends	43	4.8	- Why close the museum on a Sunday when, potentially, there are more visitors (residents and tourists) in the City. - Museum of Cardiff-ensure any changes to opening days is based on attendance figures for tourists... not because Sunday is the weekend. - Sundays? It's when people and tourists go! Perhaps Mondays or Tuesdays.
Stop / Reduce funding / for Museum of Cardiff / Close it	31	3.5	- The Museum of Cardiff has a poor offer, no one attends it and its ridiculous that half a million pounds of public money is being used to fund such a poor and unwanted service. - Museum Of Cardiff costs too much - Close the Museum Of Cardiff - hardly anyone goes there - the cost per person must be massive.
Concerns Around Leasing to 3rd Parties / Private Companies	26	2.9	- If you lease spaces to third parties presumably you will have to then pay for the usage of them? Hopefully these are genuine savings not false economies. - Culture and events should be a target for savings, on the provision that historic buildings are properly maintained by third parties. - Whilst leasing buildings can help it needs great oversight to ensure works are completed
Concerns around the quality of attractions	20	2.2	- Been to Artes Mundi recently. It's awful. Support not funding it. - Cardiff Museum is disappointing and a wasted opportunity. - Went to the museum of Cardiff recently with a visiting friend and didn't find it exciting. Would suggest 'do it properly or not at all'.
Money should be spent elsewhere	17	1.9	- Please focus on maintaining essential services and supporting deprived communities. - I feel that the council should look deeper into the events they run and subsidise. There are many more that could be reduced and the money spent on COLLECTING THE BINS.
Agree with closing museum on Sundays	16	1.8	- The closure of the museum on Sundays would be more beneficial than other days. - Closing Cardiff Museum on Sunday is not going to hurt anybody
General Agreement with the proposals	14	1.6	- Totally agree with all proposals. - Sounds good.

Spend less on Welsh Language	9	1.0	- Please stop spending money on Welsh language. - Promoting a dead language Welsh is a total waste of money where ever it is promoted.
Savings are small, don't do it.	9	1.0	- I dunno! It seems like a tiny proportion of the shortfall at great cost... - Put tend to agree on Artes Mundi & Big Gig, but £36k is not a huge amount - can the council support the events to identify corporate sponsorship?
St David's Hall Comments	8	0.8	- No mention here of the plan for St David's Hall - What about St David's Hall? This should not be sold but should be managed in a way that creates income.
Consider In-House Savings - Cut Staff / Salaries	7	0.8	- Closing the museum? What a joke. Iconic to the city centre, and what on earth would befit such a beautiful building? There is not reason it should cost over £500k each year to run at a loss. Cut programs, cut staff, but keep the museum. - Has council considered salary reductions to its highest paid employees? If anyone in the council gets bonuses, are they in the chopping block? Had the Council sought private donations from politicians, influencers, banks?
Miscellaneous	87	9.7	- Cuts to Eisteddfod. - The artist mundi and big gig appear to offer fantastic value. In contrast the museum of Cardiff which appears to be poor value and poorly visited. - Very dull ideas. - The RHS Spring Show was a bloody brilliant event. Please negotiate with the RHS to bring it back.
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Appendix 31 – Thornhill & Western Cemetery Offices Would Not Be Open at Weekends by Demographic & Geographic Groups



Appendix 32 – Increase Fees for Weekend and Bank Holiday Burial Services by Deprivation Fifths



Appendix 33 – Comments on Proposed Changes to Bereavement Services

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Generally against increases in costs / negative comments	142	28.1	- During a cost of living crisis these are a service people cannot afford to increase. - People are already grieving. To add more costs on top is just not good. - For some of the public this increases are far too much. A realistic increase needs to be revisited. - Shame on you. Disgusting behaviour. - This has to be a joke!!!! - People can barely afford funeral arrangements we cannot add to their stress with increased fees.
Alternative option suggestions	103	20.4	- Funeral directors make mega money they should pay more. - Should be more open - digital enquiry portal is too difficult to use and people could prefer face to face because of subject. - How about closing the cemeteries on a Monday instead of Saturday and Sunday? Surely people need the option of weekend burials and cremations? - Limit opening hours of cemetery offices on weekends, instead of full closure. - Perhaps the council could consider the cost of a one off advertising campaign encouraging people to take out funeral insurance or to pay for their own funerals in advance with a payment plan so the cost increase is not passed on to as many grieving relatives. - If anything, remove services on weekdays instead of weekends. Employ staff on contracts with 2 weekdays in place of weekends, as surely this is the time where the majority of people who work weekdays need to use these services?
Improve affordability	92	18.2	- People can barely afford funeral arrangements we cannot add to their stress with increased fees. - Low income and elderly households would be hardest hit with these changes. - People from poor households or on pension cannot afford more than 10%. So it must be kept affordable. - Again, its a question of what people can afford. - Could there be a 'means tested' service so that pensioners and others on a fixed/low income would

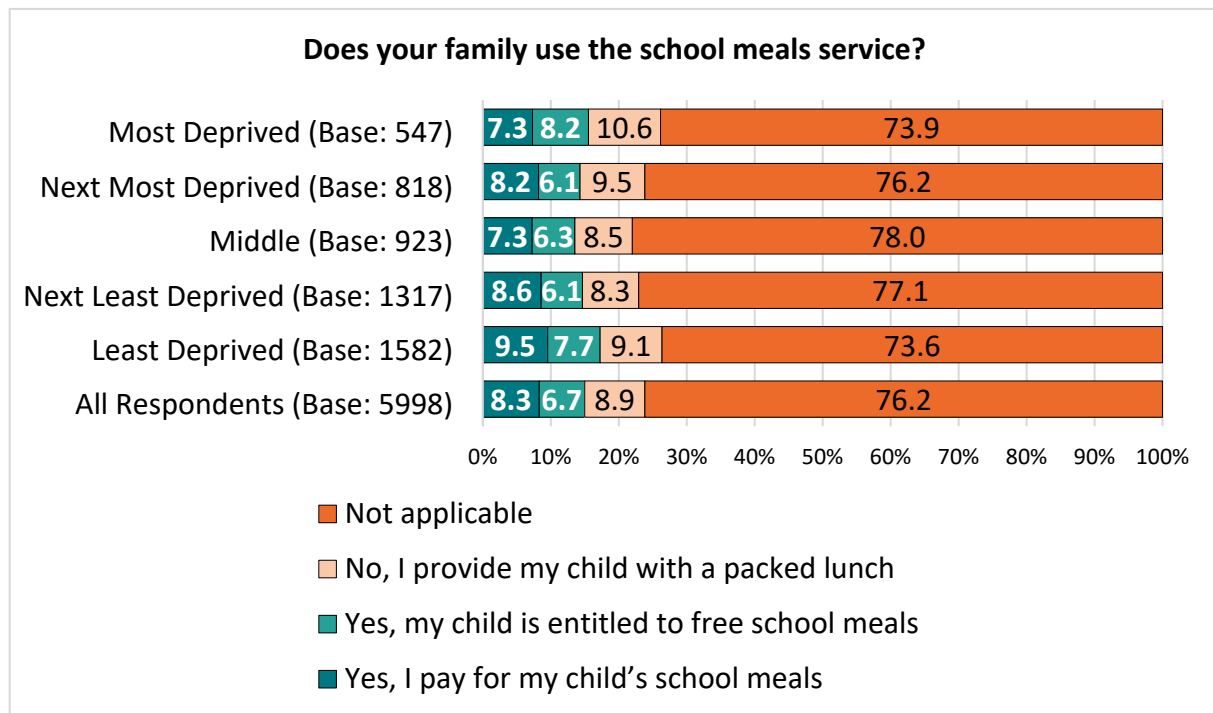
			<i>not be put under too much financial strain at a very difficult time?</i>
Already a bad time for families	91	18.0	- <i>This is a time that people need support not more stress.</i> - <i>Death of a loved one is awful without all this unnecessary nonsense.</i> - <i>You want to fleece money from bereaved families - have you literally no shame!</i> - <i>You want to take the humanity out of the worst time in people's life when they are sad and vulnerable. Are you **** retarded? Silly ideas. Take it from something else, like your fund to paint roads with rainbow flags.</i> - <i>Having been bereaved in 2022, it is stressful enough trying to organise things around working without shutting services at weekends when people actually have time to sort things.</i>
Individuals should pay the cost for cultural / convenience	69	13.6	- <i>Religious and cultural burials need to be FULLY PAID FOR by people who insist on "immediate" burial services if that is important to them! We should NOT have to subsidise such funerals. Having a religion / cultural difference is a life choice and arbitrary.</i> - <i>Regardless of religion we should all have the same bereavement times & costs.</i> - <i>A flat weekend and bank holiday fee implemented for all cultures and religions.</i> - <i>Why are services related to cultural funerals protected? if you want a provision of service other than that provided for the general population you should be required to pay for it.</i> - <i>If you want a funeral on weekends you should pay for it</i>
Bereavement Services are needed on the weekend / Residents working office hours need to be considered	66	13.0	- <i>People work so can only visit loved ones graves on the weekend.</i> - <i>Many people, especially faced with cost of a passed loved one, cannot take time off work Mon-Fri, so offices need to be open weekends.</i> - <i>Re: the closure of Cemetery offices - The council must recognise that many people work Mon-Fri, and so Saturdays are the only day that some people can access council services on a face to face basis. Keep the offices open on Saturday but close them on Sundays.</i> - <i>People work weekdays and may not be any good online. We need the human touch.</i>
Fairness / Diversity	49	9.7	- <i>It is racially discriminatory to allow weekend</i>

issues / Racial discrimination concerns			<i>support for cultural burials only!</i> - <i>Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed on the proposal to increase weekend and bank holiday charges. Some cultures and religions require a speedy burial and so would have no way of avoiding these higher charges. This might constitute indirect religious discrimination.</i> - <i>An increase to bank holiday/weekend burials would be unfair to some cultures.</i>
More info required	44	8.7	- <i>Again not clear how much could be saved so hard to answer these questions.</i> - <i>No information about how much revenue this creates or costs saved. How can someone respond meaningfully?</i> - <i>CCC do not demonstrate their prices are competitive. Need to demonstrate/provide records & be open to challenge over the charges.</i>
Question why funerals take place on the weekends / Bank Holidays	40	7.9	- <i>Why do you have to provide funerals on bank holidays and weekends? And why do cultural funerals have a special service? Surely this would be for a small minority of people?</i> - <i>Do you need to offer burial services at a weekend?</i> - <i>I do not think there is a need for funeral services at weekends or Bank Holiday. I waited three weeks to bury both my parents so to me an extra day or two is not an issue. Any political, religious or other reason to need during this period should be subject to a full charge to operate</i>
Increases are too high	37	7.3	- <i>Increase of normal costs could be possible but by less.</i> - <i>You can increase the charges for burial/ cremation, but perhaps by less than proposed.</i> - <i>The increase of charges for burial and cremation seems very steep, could the increase be incremental? Having said that, the extremely low cost they currently are seems astonishing.</i>
Concerns around Digital exclusion / Process requires face-to-face contact	36	7.1	- <i>Don't agree with everything being online. Not everyone is computer literate or has access. People still like to speak face to face whether in person or on phone.</i> - <i>A lot of elderly can't use computers but would be more likely to go to the office during the week.</i> - <i>It's wrong to just provide digital services. People are highly stressed when dealing with bereavement and the additional stress or portals is too much to cope with.</i>
Against any subsidies	35	6.9	- <i>Sadly, death is not optional. I feel reductions to</i>

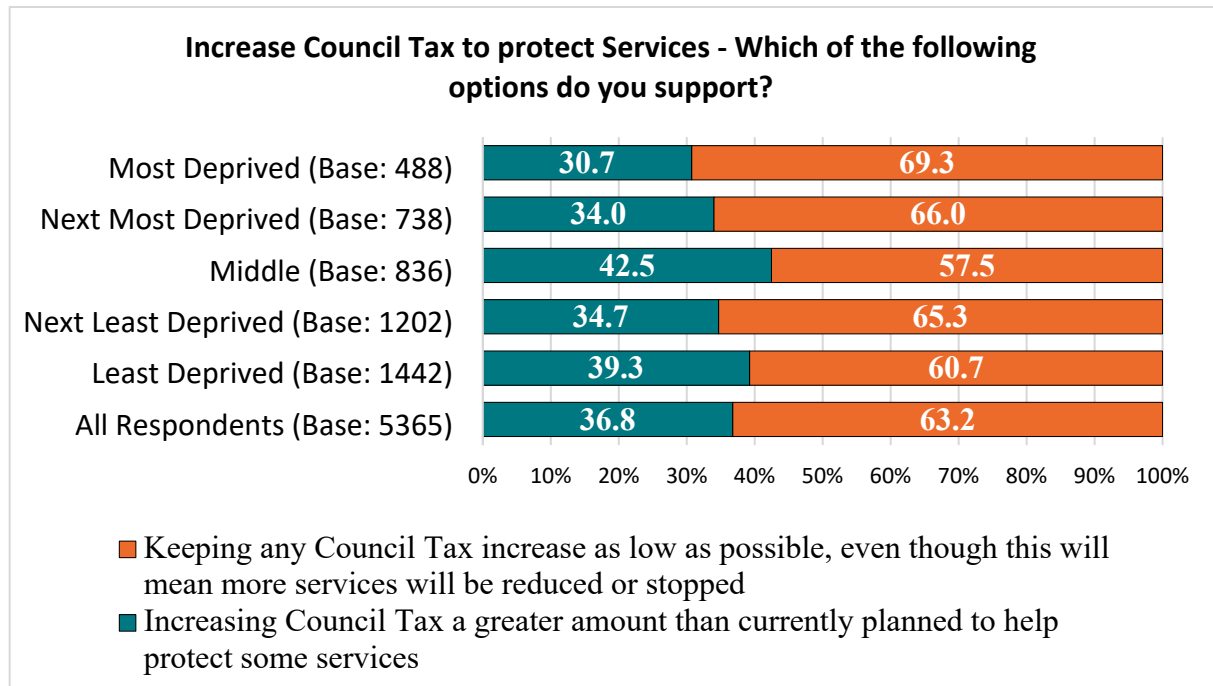
			subsidies in this area should be minimal. - The council can no longer afford to subsidise. - I don't see why these are subsidised unless they are means-tested.
General agreement with the proposals	33	6.5	- These proposals make sense. - This is a good service and gives real value for money. - Sad but have to agree with increases.
Should not run at Loss / Income generation suggestions	16	3.2	- I am aware that a small number of local groups are now using Cathays Cemetery chapels as venues for their meetings/events. Could this facility be expanded/advertised to more local organisations as a means of generating revenue for Bereavement Services? - It's not an area I know much about and I'm guessing doesn't happen too often in peoples lives so I support an increase to cover costs and be in line with other cities
Need to encourage cremations not burials	9	1.8	- Cremation services should be significantly cheaper than burial. - Increase burials yes but not cremations, no one needs to choose a burial instead these days.
Maintenance concerns	8	1.6	- I visit Cathays Cemetery for my grandparents and I can honestly say its a state, the grass is only cut once a year that I can tell, it just doesnt seem to be looked after at all in comparison to Thornhill, which I also visit once a month. - Not on these proposals, but I think the woodland burial area at Thornhill could be better maintained - it gets very overgrown in the summer with ferns and brambles.
Burial costs should be higher	8	1.6	- Pay more to be buried - perfect example of death AND taxes. - Burials are unsustainable and not a good use of land and people should be charged much more.
Explore environmentally friendly alternatives	6	1.2	- The council should explore options for alternatives such as green burials. - People should be encouraged to choose sustainable methods of burial.
Miscellaneous	51	10.1	- Surely very few people understand the implication of this. - Having paid £11.00 per copy for death certificates today (card payment preferred)- something that cannot be ignored - whereas it was £4.00 per copy 6 years ago (cash only - how was this accounted for) - perhaps you would like to explain. You may also wish to chat with the coroner's office who are

			<i>advising people that the registration of death can be undertaken "BY PHONE".</i> <i>- what happened to our social responsibility?</i> <i>- They are essential and are very much a last tribute for our citizens.</i> <i>- We sadly have recently used the bereavement services when our Mum died. The services (Registrar and Thornhill) are excellent. First class, sympathetic, kind - public service at its best.</i>
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Appendix 34 – Does Your Family Use the School Meals Service by Deprivation Fifths

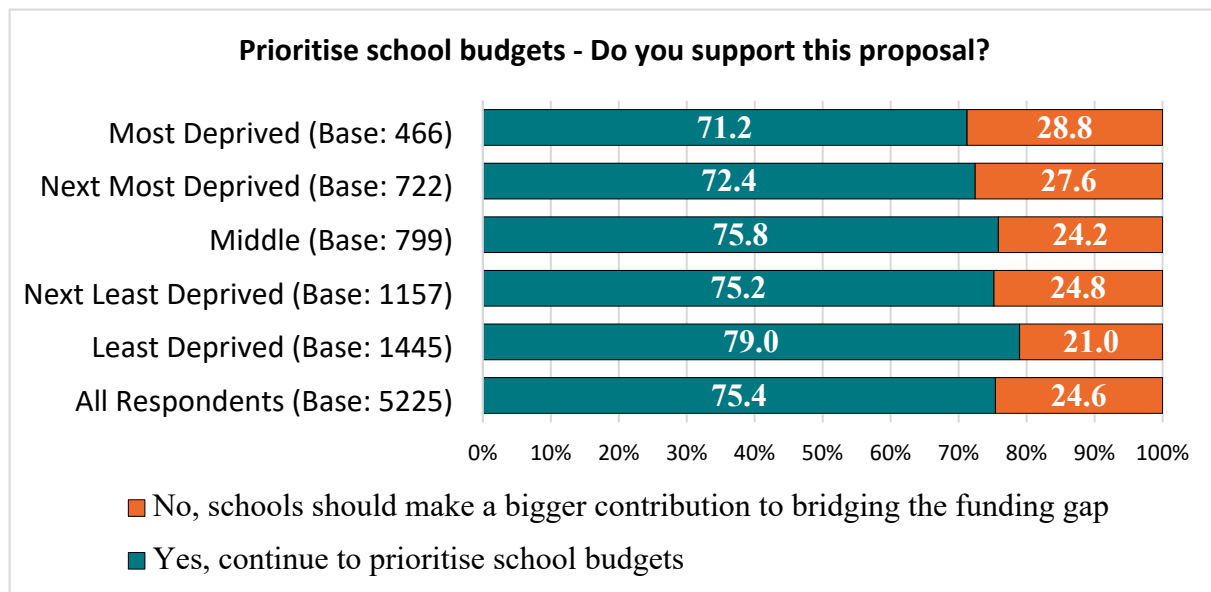


Appendix 35 – Increase Council Tax to Protect Services by Deprivation Fifths



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Appendix 36 – Prioritise School Budgets by Deprivation Fifths



Excludes 'Don't know' responses

Appendix 37 – Any Further Comments or Suggestions on How the Council can Reduce the Budget Gap

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Council needs to stop wasting money	303	23.8	- Spend less money on vanity projects maybe? - Stop building bike lanes that are hardly used. - Yes, stop wasting money on stupid projects like messing with the roads in the city centre, exposing the canal off queen street and other stupid projects. Where you have freedom of wasting tax payers money this has now come back and bitten you and Welsh government. None of you idiots would survive in the private sector as you ignore your end customer to deliver your vanity projects. - Stop wasting money on vanity projects and use the money more wisely for necessities. If you can't manage on the budget you already have that tells you you should not be having a pay rise and employing more staff to shuffle paper. - Stop needlessly wasting money and overpaying outside contractors and services - Rather than cut spending maybe you should stop wasting money on vanity projects like a pointless, ugly canal for £9m or spending £20m on a speed limit change which no-one wants. Oh look, there's your £30m shortfall. Tyrants, all of you.
Make Savings in House	287	22.5	- Cut the council bosses pay to help fill the funding gap. - Review whether the Council across all its estate/buildings is on the most cost effective energy (gas and electricity) tariffs. A recent report showed how some councils in England and Wales are paying vastly more for their energy than others. I assume someone within Cardiff Council is responsible for regularly monitoring what the Council pays for gas and electricity and seeks out the best and cheapest available tariffs. - Cardiff council needs a full review of its expenditure. I'm sure there are cost savings that could be made elsewhere that would protect these services. I would happily invest my own time and provide my services to carry out that task. - I think councillors should be looking at themselves and their big wages for some cuts before expecting us the public to be making higher payments and cuts.

			- Council should look at personal spending such as allowances for lunches /expenditure/ administrative costs etc for themselves. - STOP Paying your employees to be on the sick for months at a time- your sickness policy is ridiculous and massively taken advantage off - all at the price of reduced services and increases in Council tax to people that actually WORK for a living. STOP employing people who can only do part of the job they are employed to do!!
School meals	105	8.2	- Reintroduce school cooks rather than contracting out cooking with terrible meals. - I would query increasing the costs of primary school meals for years 5 and 6 when the Welsh Government is paying a unit rate of £3.10 for each primary school meal. I would like to see more investment to ensure these learners are part of the UPFSM rollout - they have managed to achieve full roll-out in the Vale of Glamorgan. - Stop universal free school meals. - Disgusting thinking of not providing free school meals. - School meals offer very poor value for money. - Increase plant-based meals in schools and reduce meat and fish based meals as they cost more than vegetarian or vegan meals.
Higher charges for those who can afford to pay more	94	7.4	- Increase council tax for those in the biggest and most valuable houses. - Council Tax bands are outdated & don't reflect the actual income of the residents re private renters & social/council renters, and are therefore not affordable for most.. It needs completely restructuring so as it's more realistic/affordable for the majority of Cardiff residents. - Stop free school meals for ALL primary children. There are many families who can afford it, so why do they benefit? - Social care cost increases to the public may be adjusted to reflect cost to the council and of the relevant percentage increases given to recipients who are also in receipt of welfare benefit payments. - More tax for the rich people, less tax for low to mid income households. Math is simple, rich people are not affected at all for increased tax, while others are greatly and negatively affected.
Negative Council Comments	93	7.3	- You have a dire reputation of incompetence, a reduction or clear restructuring/reimagining of the

			roles and administration of the council should be explored. A public inquiry should be held to understand if corruption, negligence or gross mismanagement has led to such a budget gap. - By being competent, something you are utterly failing at currently. I've never lived somewhere where residents were so negative about the council and with good reason. - Charging more taxes is outrageous considering the amount of devices and rubbish public transport we have in Cardiff. - The suggestion to increase council taxes above a planned level is not acceptable given Cardiff Councils track record over recent years of annual increases and declining services. It's a paradox of its own making. - I don't even know why I pay council tax we have received such poor service in our area in terms of street cleansing, tree maintenance, waste collection. If anything, I think we should be due a refund!
Education should be a priority / protected	65	5.1	- Schools are essential and budget should be prioritised. - Agree very strongly that education should be a priority, including Welsh language education. - Education is vital. - Keep schools funded, education is the best way out of poverty. - The young are our FUTURE!!
Social care	60	4.7	- There is a material difference in approach in Wales and England to paying for social care. The Welsh cap at £100 is materially lower than England. For this reason I'm supportive of a higher charge for car in line with the Welsh government cap as I hope that will enable more care to be provided / better pay for care workers. If we can get better care on place quicker it will reduce NHS pressures. - It is privatisation that has pushed up the cost of care in this country today. When the council had control over most care homes, it was fair, and the care needed was there. Privatisation has ruined this. - I would only support the increased costs of home care services if the carers were paid more. - Bring social care in house to ensure good standards and putting any profit back into LA.
Income generation	50	3.9	- Start charging private transport which creates pollution and congestion within the City boundaries. - Charge Industrial and Business sectors for the

			impact they have, on roads, infrastructure and public services. - A levy on commercial developments especially for-profit residential developments such as new blocks of flats. - I think the council also needs to consider ways it can generate income from new initiatives such as renewable energy and EV charging.
Council tax	44	3.5	- I said "don't know" in relation to council tax. I know I would struggle with any increase but also don't want the school meals or the home care services to be affected. - Its a hard decision. Increasing council tax and diminishing services will definitely not be popular. Its a hard balance. - If increases to protect services are made then there should be a lock to ensure increases in council tax are not accompanied by service reduction.
Focus on delivering core services	42	3.3	- Core services used by all are a necessity, bins shouldn't be sacrificed in budgets because it's an immediate negative standpoint as soon as bin services become a hardship everyone suffers. - Prioritise core services. Avoid vanity projects or those that are politically biased. The city needs a focus on core services and infrastructure. - Focus on the basics - infrastructure, transport, street cleaning, refuse collection etc review and stop any initiatives that are ideologically driven. Eliminate the subsidy of activities that are non core.
More info required / Greater transparency needed	42	3.3	- Not enough information provided about the reserves being held by the Council. My opinion is that releasing more reserves to cover the expected shortfall should be a key part of the strategy. - A 3% increase seems reasonable but it's impossible to comment without a breakdown of the figures and seems rash to ask people to do so. - I don't know - I'd like more information on internal efficiency savings. It's difficult to suggest short term measures without making life a bit more **** for the majority, with fewer services being delivered while having to pay more.
Against a rise in Council Tax / Proposed rise is too high	41	3.2	- Council tax is a regressive tax. Where possible, rises in it should be avoided with rises in progressive or flat taxes preferred. - Suggest a 1-1.5% increase in council tax. 3% is too big of a jump in one year. - Not fair to even propose or consider higher council

			<i>tax ... as you said cost of living crisis where do you expect people to magically get this money from??!!!</i>
Education to do their bit to bridge the gap / reduce costs	40	3.1	- Schools should have a greater responsibility to make savings and generate their own incomes. - Schools need to find further cuts. Many schools can make savings but not providing as much materials for pupils. Back in the nineties, I had to supply all of my own books and stationery for school and this should happen today. - After a long career in education I feel there is much schools can do to work more efficiently.
General comments on education	39	3.1	- Slow down new school build so you can afford it. - School budgets divided equally - lots of money seems to be continuously ploughed into Welsh schools, faith schools do not seem to get a look in. - Continuing to prioritise school budgets should also mean greater scrutiny on spend, alongside (Children's) Social Services.
General agreement with Council Tax increase	38	3.0	- 5% rise in Council Tax given the level of inflation would not seem unreasonable. - I'd be willing to pay more than in increase of 3% in council tax to keep services running, esp Youth Services and Street Cleaning. - I would support a significant increase in Council Tax. Good luck!
Reduce spend on multiple Languages	37	2.9	- Cut down on paper costs of dual Welsh language. The mount of leaflets needed in Welsh are minimal. - Strip back non-essential services/commitments first - e.g. comply with legal requirements for Welsh Language but do not fund commitments/services over and above the legal minimum. - Please don't start translating content into languages other than Welsh (e.g. Polish, Arabic etc), I appreciate there are other nationalities living here, but we are an English-speaking country (and Welsh) and I can imagine more translation work would lead to unnecessary administrative costs.
UK / Welsh Governments / Other Public bodies	33	2.6	- Get rid of the Senydd. - Why does Wales have 22 LA's for 3M people? Inefficient, need to rationalize and reduce inefficiency. - The Welsh government has miss handeld the financial budget on a farm, airport, 20 speed limits, new gas power station you are now punishing the Welsh people.
Everyone to pay Council Tax including	27	2.1	- Make students in Cathays contribute to Council tax, I pay £2000+ a year yet the majority of my

Students / People on benefits			<i>neighbours pays absolutely nothing. This is hardly a fair system.</i> - <i>All house residents whether private or council should pay a percentage of council tax instead of zero if on benefits.</i> - <i>Make everyone pay not only people who work for a living.</i>
Protect essential services / vulnerable residents	25	2.0	- <i>Any cuts should be done in a fair and proportionate way, Libraries and culture based institutions are easy targets . Do not underestimate the feeling towards these services.</i> - <i>We have already agreed to many suggestions but targeting the vulnerable is not good.</i> - <i>Elderly and infirm should be protected and helped at all costs. They have paid through years of national insurance, throw the charge back to the assembly.</i>
Waste / Recycling / Street Cleansing	24	1.9	- <i>Three weekly black bin collections is a terrible idea - as a family of five who avidly recycle this would create huge issues for us and is a terrible idea. It's difficult enough for us with the smaller bin size we would not manage three weekly Collections even though we heavily recycle already. This proposal penalises larger families who are complying already as opposed to focusing on those who don't recycle.</i> - <i>Schools and social services are important - but maintaining the city's infrastructure through effective cleaning is also very important.</i> - <i>Get rid of green bags and replace with a reusable container. they do this in the Vale.</i>
Explore sponsorship / Volunteering / Business Partners / Collaboration Working	23	1.8	- <i>Encourage schools to pursue private sponsorship.</i> - <i>Get more volunteers - litter picking, neighbourhood watches, etc.</i> - <i>Has the Council considered using organisations like FareShare to obtain the food for schools?</i>
Survey Concerns	22	1.7	- <i>There are so many things the council do that are not listed as one of the potential areas for cuts that it boggles the mind. This entire survey is patiently constructed to elicit a positive response to "hard choices" but has excluded many areas and protects pet projects of the Cardiff Council and WAG.</i> - <i>There should be more options for the last two questions, you should be providing options to express maintenance of current Council Tax levels.</i> - <i>Your questions are so loaded that they are embarrassing, so much for the consultation process.</i>
Greater enforcement / fines issued / Collect	20	1.6	- <i>Dog mess and litter are the two things which, on a daily basis, make life in Cardiff worse. Rules on these</i>

Debt			<i>need to be enforced far better and fines issued - that would help reduce the issues, and also generate some income...albeit a drop-in the ocean.</i> - <i>Ensure fines from 20mph zones go back into Welsh government.</i> - <i>Greater effort must be made to collect unpaid Council tax as the burden unfairly falls on them that do.</i>
Against an increase in homecare costs / Social Services needs to be prioritised	17	1.3	- <i>Don't agree with the proposal to increase home care costs. It could result in increased demand for limited residential care which could cost the Council far more.</i> - <i>Care costs are so hard for people pls don't increase this.</i>
Increase charges on Car Drivers	17	1.3	- <i>Congestion charging. Raise money, and discourage car travel. Win win.</i> - <i>Massively increase charges on car drivers, especially large vehicles. Investigate how much wear/tear having one car free Sunday a month would save.</i>
Tax landlords on their properties	16	1.3	- <i>Charging landlord's a one thousand pound tax per year for each property they own. How much revenue would that generate.</i> - <i>I do think landlords should be made to pay council tax for student properties they are letting out, they earn enough income on the rental charges and areas with the highest student density are notoriously the worst areas for litter and waste.</i>
Better / Increased engagement with local residents	16	1.3	- <i>I didn't know about this survey . Publicize it more so more people are aware and can make a contribution through encouragement to complete.</i> - <i>Consult on projects before undertaking them such as the canal such as the arena. We are not being consulted and it's our money and our city. We haven't got the basics right.</i>
Protect Parks / Green Spaces	12	0.9	- <i>Ensure that our park services is not reduced. Our environment needs to be prioritised.</i> - <i>Please prioritise parks and green spaces. It is very difficult and expensive to get these back once maintenance has dropped. It could cause a longer term budget issue.</i>
Reduce Social Services / Cut Subsidies	11	0.9	- <i>Reduce caring for older people, they can afford more and are willing to pay too. Focus on the young people paying the taxes.</i> - <i>Social services should just be axed completely, it costs far too much and shouldn't exist.</i>
Public Transport	11	0.9	- <i>Sell Cardiff bus, it can't possibly get worse.</i> - <i>We should be investing more in public transport.</i>

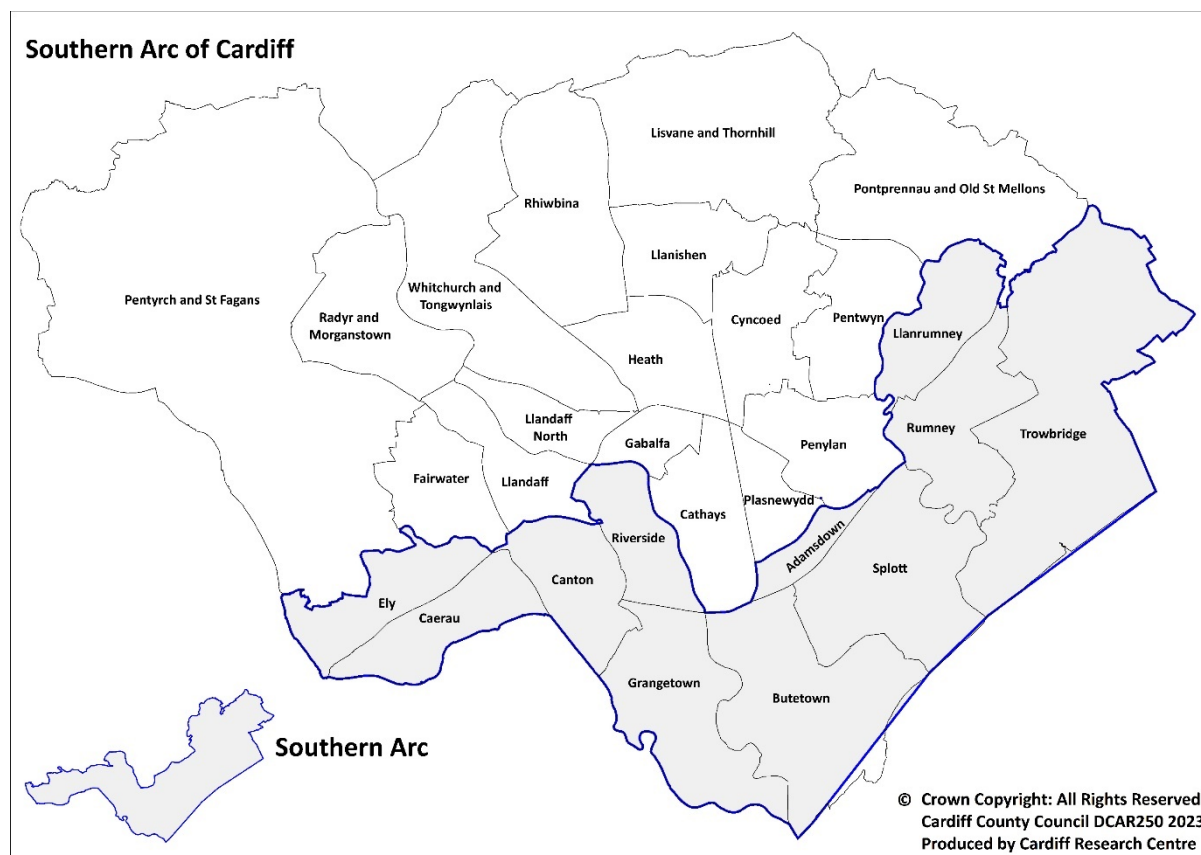
			<i>Without SIGNIFICANT improvements to public transport, the proposed changes to parking provisions will be a mess. Finish the bus station.</i>
Comment on Culture / Arts / Libraries	10	0.8	- Sorry to say but I think that any subsidies for cultural events should be slashed . Also organisers of large sporting and music events in the city should be made to pay higher charges for council services used during preparation, during and after these events. - Social services are important as is education. But the fabric of a city is more than this. It's libraries and culture and heritage and arts etc. I don't think Social services and education should be prioritised above all else.
Concerns around paying for services that I don't use	9	0.7	- People who have children should pay extra for schools services. Why am I paying for services when I have no children.
Cut / Reduce Benefits / Encourage people back to work	9	0.7	- Deeper thorough investigations in benefit fraud and who can have universal credit, a better push at encouraging people to work rather than live on benefits
Remove subsidies / Tax Private Schools	6	0.5	- Remove subsidies for public schooling to prioritise state schools
Lobby Government for more funding	6	0.5	- Request more funds from the UK government where we Welsh residents also pay our tax money
Homelessness comments	5	0.4	- Provide incentives to reduce homelessness.
Immigration / 'illegals' comments	4	0.3	- I believe all immigrants should not receive any funding until they pay council tax and income tax.
Generally against the proposals	4	0.3	- Once again appalling proposals.
Miscellaneous	39	3.1	- I would look at models in other countries. I worry that cuts cost more in the long run-so this should be monitored. - Compare the teachers salary to bin men and drivers it's a big injustice already. And they still allowed to strike for more money. It's one of many examples I'm sure. - Thank you for the opportunity to participate in these difficult decisions.
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Appendix 38 – Please specify which proposal(s), and outline the impact you think these proposals will have (positive or negative)

Theme	No	%	Example Comments
Negative impact on Welsh language	48	45.3	- ALL NEGATIVE!! - Negative - Lack of access, lack of staff, lack of resources invested - Any reduction in Welsh is a bad thing, its use should be encouraged.
Negative comments on the proposals, rather than their impact on Welsh	29	27.4	- The ones you want to take away - These will impact my activities very negatively and all because the council are out of touch. - If cuts are made then we won't be able to use parks if they're unsafe or the central library if closed.
Hubs / Libraries	25	23.6	- Access to periodicals looks like it might become harder, as some are not online. - Volunteers - they may not speak Welsh and may be less supported to be able to manage enquiries in Welsh, order Welsh language books etc - Reducing the opening hours proposed in the Hubs & Libraries section will prevent my child from accessing Welsh-language groups, which we have found hugely beneficial and enjoyable
Welsh Language Act	9	8.5	- It is important to be able to communicate in your mother tongue, especially as you get older. - It is necessary to have access to the Welsh language in all areas
Parks	9	8.5	- Parks - bin collection reduction would hugely impact litter in parks and residential areas. - Parks
Parking	6	5.7	- Parking...any increase affect ability to pay for other services. - Negative impact of increased parking charges.
Welsh services are currently poor	5	4.7	- This council has for many years held the Welsh language in the lowest of regard and I/we would not like it to get worse but any means of cost cutting. - I have contacted C2C numerous times and whilst I press the option to continue in Welsh-operations usually are not available. The Hubs didn't have any more Welsh copies of this survey!
Events	5	4.7	- I feel that there may be less support for Welsh language gigs and events. - Culture and the arts are essential to the Welsh language and culture. Events and cultural art

			<i>institution that promote welsh language and culture both in Wales and overseas are essential. Cardiff is a capital with its own language, where arts and culture should be prioritise and promoted. Not funding artes mundi would be a massive hit to the contemporary culture and to Wales future. We don't have a contemporary arts museum, and events/festivals like artes mundi are what's keeping Wales on the international cultural map.</i>
Leisure & Sports	4	3.8	- <i>Currently the only place I access services in Welsh is Cardiff Riding School. They could offer so much more for the Welsh speaking community if they were better supported by the council.</i>
All Services	4	3.8	- <i>Fewer staff or opening hours will reduce all levels of service and morale amongst remaining staff.</i>
Need more information	3	2.8	- <i>you haven't said what the proposed change will be, how can I possibly comment? Are you planning on cutting back on the service? you have a duty under the Welsh language act to provide bilingual service and this should remain so.</i>
Will impact English as well as Welsh	3	2.8	- <i>They will impact our ability to access services in Welsh just as they will in English.</i>
Miscellaneous	14	13.2	- <i>Everything has an impact in some way be it big or small but to balance the books is a priority too.</i> - <i>Increase in cost with a reduced service.</i> - <i>Maybe.</i>

Appendix 39 – Southern Arc Map



Appendix 40 – Promotion of the Consultation

- Cardiff Citizen's Panel (~6,000 members)
- Ward Members
- Community Councils
- C3SC
- Schools via Child Friendly Cardiff
- Youth Council
- PSB Members
- Tenants Website
- Partnership Team (to pass to Faith Groups, PCC, Disability groups including the Deaf Hub, SightLife and RNIB)
- Cardiff Council website
- Staff Intranet
- DigiGov
- Email to all staff from Staff Information

Social Media Presence

- Cardiff Council's corporate accounts on Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram
- Caerau (Cardiff) Residents
- Caerau and Ely MATTERS
- Residents of Canton & Riverside, Cardiff
- Victoria Park Matters
- Connect Cathays
- Keep Cathays Tidy
- Fairwater Community Group
- Gabalfa/Llandaff - Community Page
- Gwaelod y Garth villagers
- Heath & Birchgrove (Cardiff) Community Information Group
- Llandaff North & Whitchurch Daily Life Cardiff
- Llanishen and Thornhill Community Page
- Llanishen Residents' Group
- Llanishen & Rhiwbina Past And Present
- I love Llanishen and north Cardiff
- Llanishen Parks Group
- Llanrumney News
- Pentyrch Community Group
- Friends of Roath Brook. Protecting Penylan's parks
- Pengam Green residents
- Rhiwbina Community News
- Roath Living Streets Group

- Rumney Community
- Rumney and Cardiff East News
- Rumney News
- People of Splott
- Westfield Park Residents, St Fagans Cardiff
- St Mellons News And Info
- Trowbridge, Cardiff News and Events
- MyWhitchurch
- Friends of Whitchurch Library Park
- Tongwynlais Village
- Cardiff Covid-19 Mutual Aid Network
- Riverside Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group
- Canton Covid-19 mutual aid group
- Llanishen Covid -19 Mutual Aid Group
- Llandaff North COVID-19 Assistance
- Grangetown & Leckwith Covid Mutual Aid
- Cyncoed Covid-19 Mutual Aid Group
- Whitchurch COVID-19 Assistance Group
- Roath / Cathays / Gabalfa / Heath Mutual Aid Group
- Splott/Adamsdown Community Noticeboard
- Pontprennau Coronavirus Community Support
- Fairwater & Pentrebanе Mutual Aid for Covid-19 Coronavirus
- Ely and Caerau Covid-19 Support
- Thornhill Covid-19 - Mutual Aid
- Covid-19 Support and Positivity Cardiff
- Penylan Covid-19 Community Support
- Rumney Coronavirus Support Group
- Cardiff Coronavirus Support
- Cardiff North Coronavirus Response
- Llanrumney Coronavirus Support Group
- Pentwyn & Llanedeyrn Coronavirus Community Help
- Gwaelod y Garth Villagers
- Creigiau Hub
- Pentyrch & Creigiau Hub
- Pentyrch Community Group
- Pentyrch Community Council FB Page

Appendix 41 – Additional Feedback to the Consultation

Friends' Forum Statement re proposed budget cuts

This statement is made on behalf of the Friends Forum (a body formed of representatives of the 14 Friends groups in Cardiff) in response to the proposed budget cuts.

The budget cuts highlight a number of key issues which will cause undoubted serious impact to the way in which the Friends groups function, namely:-

1. The reduction in the number of Rangers (4) will seriously impair the ability of the volunteers to carry out any meaningful tasks. Without Ranger support, groups will not be insured to carry out any tasks involving tools, which in effect makes it impossible for the groups to function. Such impact cannot be underestimated as the total number of hours per annum is a massive 20,000 plus hours. A truly incredible figure.

2. The loss of ranger support also means that duties such as bye-law enforcement is lost opening up the parks to serious degradation in appearance and function. Paths, fences, tree planting etc will also suffer and add to a decline in the status of open areas. Green Flag status to some parks will obviously suffer which will be a retrograde step.

3. Parks provide the outlet and opportunity for people seeking good mental health and well-being and a escape from a sometimes challenging everyday life. They also provide an important habitat for wildlife which needs to be managed. Rewilding should in principle be supported but a balance needs to be achieved in open areas otherwise invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam can take over and smother sensitive species e.g. orchids.

4. The consultation does not appear to accurately reflect the total impact on the workload Rangers carry out. This may have an influence on the decisions about staffing the Council members need to determine.

5. Parks are an important feature to facilitate play for growing children of all ages. A reduction in spending means fewer repairs and maintenance to such areas and once redundant equipment is likely to deteriorate, be vandalised, and detract from the overall appearance of the play facility. In conclusion, the potential impact of the loss of Ranger support to volunteer Friends groups must carry significant weight given the 20,000 hours undertaken for the benefit of both people and the environment.

The Forum would therefore respectfully ask that maintaining current Ranger levels is a very important priority for the citizens of Cardiff

Appendix

Friends of Mill Road Recreation Grounds (Wiggins Teape), Ely would like to contribute a comment please to the above.

"The support of the community ranger (Jess Hopewell) has enabled our small group of residents to make huge improvements to the safety, accessibility and biodiversity of Mill Road Recreation Grounds. This park has been a site of long term neglect, anti-social and criminal behaviour which has had a huge impact on our lives. With the support of the community rangers we have been able to establish a group and involve local children in conservation work. Since starting to look after the park in Oct 2022, the improvement to our community has been

noticeable with a reduction in noise, littering, vandalism and anti-social behaviour as well as criminal behaviour. For the residents living near the park, our health and wellbeing have benefitted greatly. The work we are doing with the Community Ranger will contribute to the prevention of both social and environmental problems in this deprived urban area, saving the local authority money in the long term. We cannot continue this work without the support of the Community Ranger"

Friends of St Mary's Gardens, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 1QN

30 January 2024



Re. Public Consultation on Cardiff Council Spending Cuts

Dear Councillor Kate Carr,

I am writing on behalf of The Volunteers and Friends of St Mary's Gardens, a small but historically and botanically important Public Open Space under the care of Cardiff Parks Department, to ensure that those involved in taking difficult decisions over cuts to Public Spending are aware of some hidden consequences to the proposed cuts to Ranger Services.

Following the Westminster Government Competitive Tendering Policy in the 1980's Cardiff Parks' funding was severely cut. Consequently the major Parks deteriorated and minor Open Spaces (such as St Mary's Gardens) had proper maintenance withdrawn. Although the preamble to the Council's proposed cuts to Parks' funding speaks of recent improvements to Parks' staffing that came after decades of ongoing deterioration. During that time the decline in the standard and provision of green open spaces for Cardiff residents was to an extent arrested through the collaboration of professional Rangers with unskilled Volunteers. It is important to realise that cuts to the Ranger Service, aside from the obvious regrettable consequences, will also result in a diminution in Volunteer services because:

- a) Volunteers Working Parties (in the case of St Mary's Gardens currently 15-20 Volunteers for 2 hours once a month) can only work under the supervision and direction of a professional Ranger. It would be beneficial if our Volunteers could be enabled to work more hours, not less, in order to restore the Gardens to their heyday for the health and happiness of the whole Community. The current proposals put the whole enterprise in jeopardy.
- b) Events organised by Friends' Groups, such as conducted History and Natural History walks and Open Days, can only take place with a Ranger present so these popular Community events are likely to be lost.
- c) Friends' Groups currently apply for Grants for spending on Cardiff's Parks from bodies such as The Postcode Lottery, Welsh Historic Gardens, ASDA Foundation etc. In the case of St Mary's Gardens we have raised over £6,000 in the last 4 years for provision of an Interpretation Board, a Notice Board, material to refurbish benches, and unusual ferns and shrubs for the Gardens.. However in applying for Grants we have to guarantee that their implementation and maintenance will be professionally overseen. It follows that capital

investment, as well as on-going maintenance, will be lost if the Ranger Service is cut as proposed..

The Committee and Members of the Friends of St Mary's Gardens would appreciate it if you would ensure that these possibly not fully appreciated consequences of any cuts to the Parks' Ranger Service could be given due consideration in the debate on cuts to public services.

Yours sincerely,

Zoe Pearce (Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's Gardens)

Dear Kate Carr, Jackie Jones, Jamie Green and Marc Palmer,
Having completed the Consultation document, I am now writing about the proposed Council cuts with particular reference to the Parks.

I acknowledge the difficult job the Council have in finding savings, but I want you to really consider the the impact of these proposals on the much valued green spaces Cardiff is so fortunate to have, the impact on biodiversity of neglect and, last but not least, the huge beneficial impact of nature and open spaces for our mental health. Green spaces, biodiversity and mental health benefits have been much vaunted by the Council.

Firstly, the opening paragraph of the section, Park Rangers are mentioned without any reference to the Community Rangers, who have a different job altogether. They are included in the figures but no distinction is made. Also, just mentioning bylaws and antisocial behaviour 'up-front' is misleading to say the least. Reference is made in the next section to wider duties and then the Council seem too be congratulating themselves on Green Flag awards as though this happens by magic when in fact attaining this status requires very hard work - and will need maintenance to retain this accolade.

I have been a member of the Friends of Forest Farm for over 20 years and more recently, also a Friend of St Mary's Gardens and am well aware of the range of work the community rangers carry out. I do not think the Council know or appreciate it. Surely you can see that Covid had a detrimental effect on the work the Rangers could carry out. It was absolutely clear at the quite small site of St Mary's Gardens, how quickly nature took over. In fact we are just about starting to make progress again there.

There are 20+ Friends groups in the Cardiff area. Their members support which generate the huge amount of volunteering that cannot be done unless Rangers are present. Those hours are collected and fed back to the Council. (It has been reported that volunteer hours reached 20,000 last year!! The Friends groups also help manage the habitat and promote conservation.

Management of the habitat is essential to maintain and promote biodiversity. At Forest Farm (part of which is a SSSI i.e Long Wood and the remains of the historical Glamorganshire canal - sorely in need of attention), a feeder from the River Taff, 2 Wetland areas and 2 ponds, an orchard, and areas managed as wild spaces. All this works to attract birds such as Bittern, Kingfisher, Snipe, beautiful dragonflies, wild flowers and fungi. Rushes have to be cut back, trees felled, paths maintained, as well as being called to storm damage and assisting in flood management if required. Bramble and invasive species like Himalayan Balsam soon get a hold, preventing native species from thriving.

Did you know that they also run a schools programme to get children involved in nature? This is in accordance with the national curriculum. Children need to experience nature both for their enjoyment and to learn about the environment they are and will be living in.

The Rangers work with other community groups and charities, liaison with groups/organisations concerned with nature e.g. RSPB, Wildlife Trust, Cardiff Rivers Group, Bug Life. these links are so important and will not be able to maintained if they are further stretched by staff reductions.

Please seriously consider these points when you and/or your fellow Councillors discuss and make decisions on the Budget cuts proposed.

Yours sincerely,
Sheila Austin

Dear Sir / Mme,

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of Hailey Park in response to the Council's proposed budget reductions.

1. We understand that Cardiff Council proposes to make 4 park ranger posts redundant.
 - a. Community groups like the Friends of Hailey Park, school, youth and business groups rely entirely on being supervised by park rangers in order to carry out voluntary activities in parks. Thus each FTE (full-time-equivalent) park ranger enables many FTEs of actual work in parks. It is therefore clear that, in terms of value for money, reducing the park ranger team would have a far greater impact on the ability of Cardiff Council to maintain its estate than the proposed numbers suggest.
 - a. Park rangers and the groups they work with, like our own, are the ears and eyes of the council on the ground. If their ability to be present or work with groups is reduced, Cardiff Council should expect to see escalating problems with invasive species, litter and fly-tipping - all of which are currently kept to a minimum thanks to the work park rangers do with community groups. Dealing with these problems in other ways is likely to cost far more than the rangers' salaries.
 - a. The Park Ranger Service give many children and families who cannot afford to pay in other ways for activity a chance to have their Duke of Edinburgh or Welsh Baccalaureate credited by joining the volunteer Workdays run with Friends Groups on the parks and nature reserves.
 - a. The Park and Urban Rangers in Cardiff have won a Green Flag Award for their excellence. Reducing the service and consequent volunteer hours could put the prestigious Green Flag Parks awards hard worked for across Cardiff at risk.
 - a. The Health and Wellbeing aspects of having publicly owned open green spaces like parks is well documented with growing evidence in this respect. Park Rangers are instrumental in creating the sense and culture of safety and freedom that allows for diverse and inclusive shared use of parks- young people sharing space with older people, families, dog walkers- brings behaviour change, brings a sense of community, somewhere to socialise, reducing social isolation and antisocial behaviour or conflicts where more powerful entitled groups grab ownership of public space over other less powerful people. In this respect it also becomes an Equalities issue which the council has a duty to fulfil. There's a risk, like in many other cuts to public health interventions and services, that it will increase the demand and risks to statutory council services like social care or to the police.
 - a. There is substantial and growing evidence for the health and wellbeing effects of citizens being in contact with nature whether through communing with nature itself or undertaking recreation in green/blue spaces. The education and facilitation function of Park Rangers in this aspect is substantial through their events programme and by their visibility, approachability and accessibility on parks in a routine everyday way. They are truly a frontline service.

- a. In a Nature and Climate Crisis the Park Ranger and Urban Ranger services are on the frontline of protecting and enhancing nature. They have a wealth of “on the ground” direct knowledge of our green spaces and the nature that inhabits this alongside us all. Current and Future Generations need such services to inform decision makers of this kind of knowledge and the way Rangers can link communities to care for and protect the nature and environments that are local to them. This is an important educational and directly protective function for nature and environment in this crisis which all citizens need to be informed and mindful of and take action on. It is shortsighted and detrimental to reduce this service at such a time.
 - a. The Park Ranger Service has an important liaison function with the Cardiff Local Nature Partnership which allows for citizens to access education and knowledge from a number of environmental organisations. The Local Nature Partnership has access to grant funding via Welsh Government and other bodies which can be used more effectively and efficiently by the Council on Parkland if informed by the Park Ranger Service in partnership with Friends Groups.
 - a. **The Friends of Hailey Park therefore strongly oppose any reduction to the park ranger service because such cuts would limit our ability to carry out our core mission.**
2. We understand that Cardiff Council proposes to reduce its number of Playground Inspectors to a single post.
 - a. Playground Inspectors do not only inspect playgrounds but are also able to carry out many repairs quickly and cheaply without involving external contractors or other council staff. This is a very effective and efficient way of delivering the service which we understand would be impossible to achieve with only a single Playground Inspector.
 - a. The number of playgrounds that could be inspected per month would be halved by this proposal. This means that equipment that develops a fault could potentially stay dangerous for twice as long as at present.
 - a. Playground inspections would not be able to take place whilst the remaining Playground Inspector was taking annual leave or if they were unavailable for work. At worst, this could lead to health and safety incidents. At best it would leave playground equipment unusable for far longer.
 - a. **The Friends of Hailey Park oppose the reduction of the number of Playground Inspectors to a single post because this would make Hailey Park's' play facilities less safe and interesting for the children and young people that use them.**
3. We understand that Cardiff Council proposes to considerably reduce the budgets for both playground maintenance and the maintenance of hard infrastructure within parks
 - a. **The Friends of Hailey Park oppose these budget reductions because they would make the park less safe and less inclusive for children, disabled and elderly people.**

We understand Cardiff Council claims that Cardiff is now the UK's first Child-friendly city. The above budget cuts are inconsistent with this because they are focussed specifically in areas that would harm children's wellbeing and enjoyment of the city's parks in that they would:

- Reduce children's opportunities to participate in the management and improvement of their local parks and green spaces
- Reduce the amount of interesting equipment available in playgrounds
- Make green spaces, parks and playgrounds less safe for children to use

We therefore call upon you to remove the above proposals from the budget and retain the posts and budgets at their real-terms level.

Yours Sincerely

Paul Rock, Treasurer, Friends of Hailey Park

CYNGOR CYMUNED TONGWYNLAIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL



1st February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Cardiff Council Budget Consultation

Tongwynlais Community Council are writing in regards to the Cardiff Council Budget consultation and in particular the option to remove some public litter bins and to reduce the frequency of household collections.

The Community Council have contacted the waste services department at Cardiff Council on several occasions to request an increase in public litter bin collections as the village is frequently prone to full or overflowing public bins, especially by the village play area. The Community Council kindly requests that no public litter bins are removed from Tongwynlais village, especially in our park areas and on Merthyr Road, through and outside the village, and on Castle Road/Mill Road. These areas are highly trafficked by pedestrians, cyclists and tourists using the Taff Trail and those visiting Castell Coch and the local woodlands.

Similarly, the reduction in household collections has caused some resident concern and the Community Council shares some of these concerns and feels that before, or if, any of these changes are introduced the concerns about health implications and increased littering and fly tipping are fully researched, with decisions taking into account the results, to ensure that there are no adverse impacts, from any changes, in our communities.

Tongwynlais Community Council kindly requests you consider these points raised as part of your consultation process.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Nadine Dunseath
Clerk to the Council

Hello Councillors,

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda to you all!

I have completed and submitted both the online and hard copy surveys regarding the above.

There are many aspects of the proposed cuts that I fundamentally disagree with including the idea of reducing the number of street waste bins.

I attach a few photographs which illustrate that many of the bins in the Whitchurch area are heavily used and are often as you can see overflowing with waste before emptying.

As a Keep Wales Tidy volunteer for over 10 years, I am often appalled (like I'm sure you are) by the level of litter in the Whitchurch area.

As per my comments in my completed surveys, I firmly believe that we require MORE bins not less, or alternatively MORE frequent emptying of the bins we currently have.

I'd be very grateful then, as our elected representatives, if you would also please strongly oppose any reductions in the waste bins in your council ward.

In addition, without any knowledge of the Council's planned 'efficiency' savings to cut costs mentioned in the Consultation document, I have also listed a number of suggestions for potential savings for consideration - see attachment. These will also be submitted separately to Mr Huw Thomas as the Leader of the Council.

As you are all directly involved in how Cardiff Council operates, I'd be very grateful if you would also please make representation on the points raised, or let me know if a number of these are already being implemented within the Council.

Many thanks in advance for your support on this matter.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Regards

Kelvin Hughes (Dr)



CARDIFF COUNCIL'S BUDGET 2024/25 – CONSULTATION

Assuming the aspects below have not already been assessed, I wish to suggest the following in terms of potential areas for budget savings: (None of these are mentioned in the Consultation document under 'efficiency' savings).

1. Ensure that energy costs across the whole of the Council's estate including schools, leisure centres, council offices etc etc are monitored and reduced as appropriate. A recent article/report published in the Times revealed that energy costs varied considerably between councils in both England and Wales. (Published by Box Power a not-for-profit energy consultant). Therefore the Council should:
 - ensure all premises use the cheapest available gas and electricity tariffs.

- run a 'save energy' initiative/drive to cut costs where appropriate.
- consolidate/rationalise and share office space, including 'hot desking', as it appears that many Council office-based staff now work from home most of the time.
- 2. Review and cut spending on consultants and agency staff.
- 3. Review and reduce spending on unnecessary courses for staff on topics such as 'Inclusivity' and 'Diversity' etc.
- 4. Review and reduce staff absenteeism within the Council.
- 5. Improve productivity across all roles within the Council.
- 6. Get more for less by improving procurement practices across all Council departments and functions (including schools).
Adopting a group approach has been shown to reduce the costs for the procurement of goods and services significantly in many organisations, both public and private.
- 7. Claw back money from benefit cheats.
- 8. Proactively tackle fraud. For example, check household occupancy in relation to people claiming the Council Tax single person discount.
- 9. Review performance and the pay of senior Council executive staff where appropriate. (Introduce Performance Related Pay systems if not already in place for the top earners).
- 10. Scrutinise the allowances/expenses given to Councillors.
- 11. Review and cut the number of surveys/consultations the Council runs per year.
- 12. Stop providing free food and drink (including bottled water) at all Council meetings.
- 13. Minimise wasteful/duplicate practices and projects across all Council departments.
- 14. Hold senior directors and cabinet members accountable for failures (particularly when they significantly negatively impact budgets).
- 15. Based on my own experience as a Keep Wales Tidy Litter Champion volunteer for over 10 years, the Council could and should work **far more collaboratively and sympathetically** with such volunteering groups.
- 16. Finally, ask all Council staff for their list and suggestions for potential cost saving areas, as they are best placed to see where savings can be made.

The above list for consideration is based on experience working for over 30 years within the private sector, where we were always striving to reduce costs and be more efficient and productive in our operations.

It goes without saying that Councils should obviously be doing the same to ensure the efficient and effective use of public money.

At the end of the day, in these tough financial times, the Council must surely realise that it can't be 'all things to all men' and it has to make tough decisions regarding what sectors of the community it can support going forward, with less budget.

I apologise if a number of the above suggestions have or are being investigated within the Council already, but the survey does ask for other suggestions on how the Council can cut its costs.

In this regard, I would encourage the Council to be far more open and transparent with the public on such matters regarding its in-house 'Efficiency Savings' to avoid any confusion/embarrassment in the future when conducting such consultations.

General Point

In recent years, the media has been full of large Council infrastructure projects that have turned out to be massively late in completion and over budget. A classic example is the long-awaited and still to be completed Cardiff Bus Station. It is now over 9 years that the city has been without a central bus station. From what I read, during this time there have been at least 2-3 redesigns and endless delays, many of them not due to Covid and the other usual excuses. I'm sure that in time the true cost of this eagerly awaited bus station will become known and I believe it's not going to be pleasant reading for the Council (or the tax paying residents of Cardiff).

In light of such financial mismanagement, I am sure that I am not alone in feeling that it is extremely disingenuous of the Council to conduct such a budget consultation asking for some relatively small savings in some areas and cuts to essential services, when a number of projects such as above are turning out to be a 'bottomless pit' consuming huge amounts of public money at a time of austerity.

Finally, as a public body, I feel very strongly that the Council needs to be far more OPEN, HONEST and TRANSPARENT regarding how it 'manages' its allocated budget. In this way, residents will be in a far better position to meaningfully contribute to future budget consultations.

Thank you for taking the time to read this document.

To all members of the ruling group of Labour Councillors on Cardiff City Council.

Thank you for inviting me to state preferences which would make the lives of the people of Cardiff much worse by further cutting into inadequate budgets. Unfortunately, I do not feel able to do this.

Further, I'd like to point out that as a citizen of Cardiff I elect councillors. The point of electing is to have democratic control over our lives. It is not to provide yet another set of administrators to carry out the Tory government's single policy of making a small elite into an even more rich class on the backs of working and dependent people.

We live in the sixth richest country in the world. There is no need for austerity, poverty, food banks, homelessness.

I consider it the job of Labour politicians to fight for the rights of their electorate. I understand that you cannot deliberately bankrupt the council. You can, however, use the information you have to organise and lead a fight back to secure the funding that's needed. It's called politics!

I know that you haven't the will nor the guts to step down, but I have the will not to vote for your complicity.

Yours sincerely

Alison Spencer



UNISON formal response to the Cardiff County Budget proposals 24/25

22 January 2024

Dear Cllr Thomas/Paul Orders,

Cc Cllr Weaver, Chris Lee, Tracey Thomas.

A Difficult Council Budget

UNISON appreciates that the Welsh Government settlement on 20th December 2023 left Local Government Finance in an incredibly perilous position.

We welcome the efforts made by directorates to put together a budget that largely attempts to protect core services and where possible achieve any job losses through deletion of vacant posts, voluntary severance or reduction in use of agency staff but overall we are likely to be facing around 220 FTE staff posts at risk of deletion and even with any proposed increases in Council Tax or other revenues we are still a long way from closing the gap.

We are in the fortunate position where we are able to use reserves, but this is not a sustainable position, and we share concerns that this year's budget proposals are cutting into the bones of services.

As a union we are opposed to any outsourcing or cuts in services, and we seek to defend our members' jobs and resist compulsory redundancies. We therefore urge Cardiff Council to continue to explore alternative ways of funding provisions.

We would once again ask that managers do not mislead staff in believing that Trade Unions have agreed to service cuts and job losses. These decisions are made by managers, and the trade unions only attend briefings to be advised on proposals, so we are best placed to support members whether individually or collectively.

What seems clear is that the Welsh government, local authorities, and trade unions need to be working together to put maximum pressure on the UK Government for proper funding of our services as council cuts have become a soft touch for Government cuts and will probably continue to be so while there is little resistance.

The joint position should always centre around INCREASED FUNDING: NO SERVICE CUTS, NO JOB LOSSES.

EK Garson

Emma Garson, Branch Secretary, Cardiff County UNISON

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4th February 2024

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you today with regard to the current Cardiff Council budget consultation, in particular the proposed loss of four Park Rangers, including two from the Community Park Rangers team.

The Community Park Rangers are responsible for the conservation management of all of Cardiff Council's nature reserves (excluding Flat Holm), ensuring effective habitat management to preserve and enhance biodiversity. Overall, they play a fundamental role in the management of 58 locally designated 'Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation' (SINC), 7 'Sites of Special Scientific Interest' (SSSI), 1 'Special Area of Conservation' (SAC), 2 'Country Parks' and 4 'Local Nature Reserves' (LNR). Their broad areas of expertise are essential to ensure these areas are not just maintained but improved.

However, that is just a small part of their role. They have service level agreements with other departments and an emergency response remit. These include: the management of the waterways and vegetation in the Cardiff Bay Wetlands for Cardiff Harbour Authority; the operation and maintenance of Radyr Weir to deliver renewable energy for the Energy Management Team; fuelwood and timber recovery from Cardiff Bay (which is sent to Flat Holm); and specialist arborist support in times of severe storms (which are increasing in frequency).

And, of course, they support and supervise the many volunteer, charity and school groups that undertake practical and educational activities on Council-owned land throughout the city. CRG is proud to work closely with the Community Park Rangers, and is reliant on them for their expertise and experience in directing what we do. If there were fewer Rangers available to supervise volunteers it would inevitably mean fewer CRG events on council land, with the consequent loss of many hours of productive activity (CRG volunteers collectively did approximately 1830 hours of work on council-managed land in 2023.) And there would be a

similar impact on the more than 20 Friends groups, plus the numerous other community groups, charities and organisations with which the Community Park Rangers work.

We also find it impossible to reconcile the proposed cuts to the Community Park Rangers with the "Nature Emergency" declared by the council in 2021, a declaration that was supposed to give biodiversity equal prominence with climate change at the heart of the council's decision

making. We are also struggling to see how the Council can reduce such a small essential team and still meet its obligations under the following:

- a. Environment Act (Wales 2016); Section 6: Biodiversity and resilience of ecosystem duty
- b. Well-Being of Future generations (Wales) Act 2015; Section 4 the Well-Being goals, and section 5 The Sustainable Development Principle
- c. Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981: Part II: Sites of special scientific interest- section 28G
- d. Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP)
- e. Cardiff Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty Forward Plan (BRED) 2019 in particular section 3.2 Protecting the natural environment .

There is no question that Cardiff Council have to make some difficult decisions to balance the books, but reducing a service that actually generates such a high return in terms of free volunteer resources to assist the Council deliver its statutory obligations makes no sense.

In conclusion, we urge you to reconsider these cuts and protect this essential service. Once we start losing the green spaces and across the city they will never be replaced. We would very much welcome the opportunity to discuss these proposals with you and discuss where savings could be made. For example:

- a. reducing the mowing of areas of parks and verges;
- b. reduce or stop the use of weedkillers such as glyphosate;
- c. encourage more volunteering across the city (no one can dispute the absolute mess the Bay and city generally is in);
- d. be much more flexible and support volunteers/groups by looking for ways they can be more involved in improving our green spaces;
- e. partner with charities that are able to access funding that Cardiff Council is unable to for improvement projects.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Signed on behalf of The Board of Trustees:

Dear Cllr Thomas,

I wish to express the serious concern of myself and fellow Trustees over the proposal to withdraw the City Council's funding of Artes Mundi.

We understand that the Council is under great financial pressure. In this light we have found the year-on-year reduction in Council funding challenging, but are grateful for it. We have maintained positive relationships with the Council and with other partner organisations and collaborators across the city.

I sincerely ask that the decision be reconsidered. Our biggest concern is the proposal to withdraw funding altogether. This would have really serious implications for us, especially since the Council's support is significant for Artes Mundi for more than simply the money, crucial as that is.

Impact on funding:

We raise over 50% of our funding from individuals, Trusts, Foundations and other grants. These support the programme of exhibition, community engagement, professional development work and other direct support for artists and participants, as well as the Prize itself.

In this cycle this amounts to over £300,000 (excluding Arts Council Wales), most from outside the city, over £130,000 coming from outside Wales.

We rely on a core Arts Council grant and Cardiff City Council's grant to fund the small core team and its base in the city, as well as key aspects of our work.

Crucially, however, we are often asked by other funders whether we have the support of the City - it's important we can say we do. And of course, we don't want to lose the valuable relationship we have with the Council.

Working locally:

Our year-round work with local people and organisations in Cardiff and across Wales is as substantial as the biennial exhibitions and prize, and we see it as integral.

As well as the National Museum, we have since 2012-13 worked with other arts partners such as Chapter, g39 and Ffotogallery as venues who host exhibits and projects. We share our project management capacity and our external funding to work together on presentation and engagement. In the present 10th edition we have created additional displays across Wales, but retained Cardiff as the centre, where all the selected international artists are on show.

We also engage and support locally based artists and educators in a range of other roles through the project, as project staff, freelancers and paid interns. We engage with Black people and people of colour, and people in minority communities, reflecting how we bring to the city artists from across the globe, including the global south.

We represent and help develop connections between people within our home communities and the artistic representation of this on a national and international level. This empowers people, demonstrates the impact their creativity, insights and experiences have, and raises a greater awareness of the impact of disruption and displacement and creates a wider context for understanding.

Over the last few years, for example, we have also worked with bodies such as Trinity Centre, Oasis and the Wales Refugee Council to create projects which reach some of the most vulnerable people in the city.

To take some current examples: we have worked with the Kurdish Association to build understanding and dissemination of the exhibit in Artes Mundi 10 by the artist Anwar Rushdi, himself a Kurdish refugee now resident in Australia.

We have worked closely with a group of women to run regular workshops and activities at the Trinity Centre as 'Aurora Trinity Collective'. I attach an interim report for Arts Council Wales to illustrate their project the 'Aurora Phenomenon'. The testimony here is to experiences that we need to continue and develop further.

We work with many other collaborators to create projects for other groups. For example, we are working with specialist BSL signers in a project called 'Our Visual Worlds' to develop skills in giving tours in that medium. This reflects our role as an active partner in the 'Creativity is Mistakes' development project with Disability Arts Cymru that has been really successful.

I emphasise this range of work since the high profile of the international exhibition draws most attention, but we aim to parallel that in the specific impacts of these focussed engagement projects.

Wider impacts :

The significance of the economic and employment impact we have in the city is set out in the independent evaluation of Artes Mundi 9. The statistics give a sense of what we think is incredibly good investment by the Council. The report gives a particular sense of how the city's reputation is enhanced by the high proportion of visits to our exhibitions and events by people from outside Wales.

Our new post-pandemic investment in online activity puts Cardiff-based creative practitioners and professionals on an international platform. We are confident that this year's edition will generate a comparable impact.

However, beyond economic impact I think above all the Council might see Artes Mundi as a statement of the city's values - locally rooted, international in its role, bringing people from across cultures together through celebrating creativity and urging mutual respect, care and understanding.

I hope we can continue the dialogue with you and your team and maintain our positive relationship.

Yours sincerely

Mike

Michael Tooby

Chair of Trustees, Artes Mundi

<https://artesmundi.org>

LISVANE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Claire Owens
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Cardiff Council

18 January 2024

Dear Claire

CARDIFF COUNCIL 2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Lisvane Community Council (LCC) would like to submit the following comments as part of the Cardiff Council 2024-25 Budget public consultation.

Hubs and Libraries

Cutting back on opening hours and paid staff will be counter-productive. The suggested approach to involve outside organisations in use of the spaces will increase revenue and repay the large costs required to set up these hubs in the first place. Volunteers would be useful but only if they are supported and directed by trained staff.

Parks

LCC considers the proposals to be short-sighted. Cardiff wishes to be seen as a green city with outdoor activities encouraged. The number of Rangers currently in place are already stretched to cover the existing parks. With the increase in housing developments there will be even more areas where Rangers will be essential to protect and assist with the management of green spaces. This cannot be done by unsupported volunteers. The proposed cuts are draconian with relatively little financial benefit.

Members are concerned that because of all the other more topical issues the importance of the Ranger services to the local community will be overlooked. Without the Ranger cover in Cefn Onn Park and Coed-y-Felin there would be no volunteer work and residents would soon notice the impact and scale of neglect.

Waste & Street Cleaning

Residents need to be prepared to pay more for waste collection. This can be done either on an individual basis (which will require management and bureaucracy) or by an increase in council tax. Education in problem areas would be helpful, as also would prosecution of fly tipping.

As regards a charge for green bin (garden waste) collection, LCC has no objection in principle to having to pay for this non-statutory service. However, if residents are to be charged then Cardiff Council should undertake to provide the service throughout the year – not stopping in the winter months when many residents in Lisvane are still clearing fallen leaves etc, and potentially have the greatest need for garden waste disposal..

Leisure and Sports

Sporting groups should be made aware of the true cost of subsidising their activities and be prepared to pay a reasonable price. Fees etc - Users need to be aware of the true cost of providing a service and asked to pay more, provided there is a safety net for genuine hardship.

General Comments

Council Tax needs to be increased to match inflation but no more as otherwise it encourages councils to continue to spend without accountability. If there is a budget gap that is bad planning and just expecting people to pay more when the UK already has one of the highest tax burdens in the world is simply running away from the problem. Services need to be sustainable and the Councils tendency to spend capital out of capital budget with no thought as to maintenance or success if the developments shows a lack of financial rigour and business expertise.

The large number of new housing developments should provide a boost to the council tax receipts. The Council could also ensure that S106 agreements for money from developments are not watered down by affordability arguments.

The background information to the consultation does not adequately explain the Council's current Reserves and that release of surpluses should figure more prominently in the strategy for filling the gap.

The 2022/23 draft accounts show total usable reserves of £204m made up as follows:-

£m

- 29 Usable Reserves
- 161 Earmarked Reserves
 - 1 Parking reserves
 - 6 Capital Receipts
 - 7 Unapplied Cap Grants

Of these the background information only refers to the £29m and implies that some of this might be released. However, the list of earmarked Reserves and parking contains contingencies held for every one of the categories of service that is subject to being cut. Arguably the 2024-25 gap is not a one-off contingency but a recurring deficit unless covered by either savings or additional income (grant, council tax) but the sums held seem very high and have more than doubled in recent years. The normal business principle is that you run down your reserves in times of need

and then build them up when things improve.

Members were also quite surprised that Cardiff Council, in a number of areas, claimed to be well below a number of Councils in their charges for a wide range of services and amenities. This suggests that Cardiff Council has been undercharging/subsidising these facilities and now the Council is having to catch up.

Yours faithfully



Haydn Davies

Clerk to Lisvane Community Council

Cardiff County Council
Budget Consultations 2024
19th January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

Cardiff Council Tax increases 2024

I am responding in brief to the consultation process on the proposed council tax increases.

1. Council Tax
2. Uniform Business Rates
3. Council Debt
4. Waste Management
5. Council Waste / Council assets
6. 20mph & Other Causes
7. Poverty / Foodbanks / Loan Sharks
8. Rump Administration
9. Bankruptcy
10. Conclusion

Council tax

I wrote to the council in 2007 to protest the council tax increases of that time suggesting that the tax was and is unsustainable and that council policies will lead to huge waste and heavy burdens on the council taxpayers of the city. Then you had a debt of some £36M and were sitting on some £40M worth of artworks you could have sold to eradicate this debt and the service costs of this debt. I suggested that you should look toward streamlining your operations to ensure the most effective use of the funding hard working taxpayers are forced to pay for. Your response was one of indifference. Indeed, the constant response was that it is all Westminster's fault. Which of course is untrue as Wales is governed now by yet another tier of unnecessary government by the Assembly.

Council tax in Cardiff has shot up by almost 50 per cent over the last decade, leaving households paying hundreds of pounds more every year. From 2011–12 to this year, the tax rate has increased by 47.36 per cent, with another increase of four per cent expected this April. This means those in Band A, paying the lowest rate, are now charged £342.97 more than 10 years ago, while those in Band I, paying the highest rate, are now charged £1,200.38 more.

Council Tax is and always has been a false system in that it has no basis in certifiable scientific formulae but is the result of the engagement of estate agents who just drove around the city deciding which areas would receive which banding. This is an utterly unsustainable system as is the format and structure of our method of delivering statutory services to taxpayers.

Uniform Business Rates

Just like council tax Uniform Business Rates are a product of fantasy and have absolutely no grounding in any scientific formulae. The continued loss of small to medium size business and increases in failures of startup (particularly in the restaurant and retail arena) are a product of

a council mindset of "Well we need more money so we will increase council tax and Uniform Business Rates). What occurs then in both these areas is as any accountant will tell you "*The law of diminishing returns*" and defaults on payments will continue to increase.

The new rating list came into effect in April 2023. Depending on the commercial property type, businesses may have experienced an increase in their business rates bill because of rateable values changing.

Rateable values change since the last rating list (2017)

1. Offices increased by 10%
2. Factories Workshops & Warehouses increased by 27.8%
3. Large Distribution Warehouses increased by 35.6%

When you add these costs onto the many other costs to industry and commerce including bureaucracy it is no wonder the city centres are dying, and investment is low

Council Debt

Cardiff's public debt is set to jump by about 70% - to more than £1.4bn - during the next three years.

Cardiff council is currently borrowing about £841m, which is forecast to increase to £1.435bn by the 2023-24 financial year. The local authority already pays about £34m each year in interest on its borrowing.

The leader of the council stated that the money was needed for new homes, schools, and an indoor arena. But let's not forget the other grand schemes that this administration and previous ones have indulged in and some of the highest paid staff in the country.

1. 17 members of your senior staff received over £100,000 of total remuneration in 2021-22 increasing from 14 staff the period 2020.
2. Whilst the council indulged in unjustifiable projects such as the Churchill Way Canal development.
3. Indeed, so many more projects that a cash strapped organisation would have thought prudent to hold off until all debts were paid and reserves were in the bank.

Clearly the authority has lost sight of its proper duties. That is to fulfil its statutory obligations first and foremost and most importantly to balance the books and reduce costs to taxpayers.

Waste Management

In my career I have built seven profitable business in five different industries, but the largest part of my career was in Environmental and Waste management at all levels. Domestic, Recycling, Commercial, Clinical, Industrial, Special & Hazardous Wastes. I ran a local authority waste dept that was losing £1/2M per annum but in two years I turned that into a £1/4M profit, introducing new technologies and methods and winning awards. Also introducing the recycling to the authority. My experience in the authority was an eye opener and my view was when I left after two years was that they should all be closed. The Chief Engineer did not want me to leave. But either the managers managed and are accountable or the unions do.

I engaged both with the assembly and with the council on systems and costs in determining a bright future for the taxpayers using superb technology and methods. I showed you how you could create a modern waste management system with recycling and the circular economy at its heart. However, both the assembly and the council did not listen, instead you went for the outdated old technology with all its attendant pollution and high costs. I informed you very strongly that it was a system that was utterly unsustainable both environmentally and economically. But here you are with a toxic incinerator in the middle of the city owned and operated by the Chinese government and costing mega amounts of money in gate fees and pollution control along with major costs in the collection and transport structure to service it. It emits around 2,300 cars per day of pollution. *A full independent investigation on how this came about should be undertaken.* But of course, you cannot admit you got it wrong, so you try to continually sell it as environmentally friendly. Which it certainly is not. What's worse is that you have locked the taxpayers into a system that will face ever increasing costs for a 25-year period and in the process lock yourself out of new technology and systems that are more efficient and a fraction of the costs to run and maintain, more environmentally friendly and flexible systems that meet the circular economy. No wonder you continually have disputes with your staff.

Council Assets

In 2007 when I wrote to you with my concerns about your growing debt you had some £36.00 million worth of artworks which you were duty bound to sell to bring your finances back into balance. I understand that the Welsh councils have some £2 Billion in useable reserves which could and should be used to bring your books back into balance and reduce your costs. You also need to explain and justify why you have written off some £19 Million in this last year?

The 20mph Debacle

This disgraceful draconian law based on the whims of vested interests that clearly do not understand how a modern economy works and is successful has cost I understand some £30M to Cardiff but it is probably going to be more and what for? To create a new revenue stream for bankrupt local authorities who think that the motorist should foot the bill. Just some of the consequences of this and the out-of-control environmental lobby are: -

1. Drivers are utterly confused by it.
2. It makes no sense for many areas and times.
3. When drivers lose their licences, they will become unemployed.
4. Key workers losing their licences will create a huge crisis for the vital services.
5. Massive increases in pollution due to the slow speeds and traffic jams.
6. Modern economies are based on mobility and slim margins in a very competitive world.
7. Since its enforcement the bottom line of most companies are taking a hit and the Return of Capital employed will be damaged immensely and with the huge damage being done to the JITS system of supply and demand will create a reality of boardroom decisions to close or relocate their business.
8. Investors will certainly be thinking twice about coming to Wales.

The city council has also done huge amounts of damage with its war on motorists. Blocking streets off and main thoroughfares being converted to cycle lanes only has and is leading to a huge drop in financial mobility and profit for the thousands of small, medium, and larger businesses. On a personal level I stopped going into town to shop or use the entertainment facilities over 2 years ago and have no desire anymore to go in the future due to the nightmare the council has created for motorists. As a disabled person with polio, I rely heavily on my vehicle, and I am not interested in going to a place that does not want you. Well, were not all cyclists are we!

Possibly had you spent the £30M on creating railway stations along the Newport to Cardiff main railway line at all the communities along the track, Marshfield, St. Mellons, Trowbridge, Rumney, Tremorfa, Splott. You would have found that the circular economy would have benefitted along with a reduced traffic flow as many commuters could have utilised a commuter train back and forth, as was the successful example of the Cardiff to Ebbw Vale commuter train. This was researched and submitted to the Councils, The Assembly, and TFL by the *Rumney Community Development Association* back in 2007. But not one of these bodies have responded to it, including the elected members.

Further to this the whole kit and caboodle of the councils so called green agenda has been enforced **with** scant involvement of the taxpayers of the city without any thought of reviewing and changing the policy if it leads to loss of income and increased pollution. Are we to see electric charging cables running from all the terraced homes across the pavement to charge the forced upon them electric cars. Are the local authority paying for this. If you think that you are going to get away with **road charging** and many of the other ridiculous extremist green fantasist policies, you will be sadly mistaken.

Poverty / Foodbanks / Loan Sharks

Tackling the impact of council tax on the poorest people should be a "high priority" for the next Welsh government, a charity has said. Citizens Advice Cymru said council tax arrears were the "biggest debt problem" faced by those seeking help from them. Council tax bills went up by at least twice the rate of inflation in 2021-

22. Citizens Advice Cymru estimated that 64,000 households have fallen behind on council tax payments since the start of the pandemic, while one in seven people had "struggled to keep up with their council tax bills" beforehand. In April 2020, a report by the Institute of Fiscal Studies (IFS), funded by the Welsh government, concluded council tax was "out of date, regressive and distortionary" and needed "to be revalued and reformed".

The report found revaluation of properties alone "would have little effect on the average tax bills" but "reform could make council tax much more progressive". A regressive tax places a larger burden on lower-income earners, while a progressive tax is based on an individual's ability to pay. Citizens Advice Cymru said debt arising from council tax was "more than other utility bills, more so than credit card bills or store card bills".

The charity's head of policy and campaigns, Rhiannon Evans, said it was the number one issue for clients who come to the charity for assistance and "needs to be a real priority for the next Welsh government to change that". She also called for the way tax debts were collected to be reformed.

"Things like the use of bailiffs can cause unnecessary distress and make the situation worse for people already in vulnerable circumstances - and the use of bailiffs also often means that additional fees and charges are added to the original debt."

The charity wants to see the voluntary council tax protocol put on a "statutory footing" so that councils are required to take all necessary steps before sending out bailiffs and stop the practice of making people liable for the full annual bill if they miss one payment.

Loan sharks in Wales are targeting disabled and vulnerable people with "horrific" interest charges and threats of violence. Illegal money lenders are using violent tactics including assault, blackmail, and even kidnapping to pressure victims into repaying loans. While many loan sharks use traditional community links, like church groups or chatting at the school gate, to snare potential victims, some now openly advertise loans on social media. With the cost of living expected to increase in April, as national insurance and energy bills are hiked up, the Welsh team fighting loan sharks is expecting their workload to grow. It sickens me when I see politicians standing outside foodbanks blaming the Westminster Government for the disaster, they created which has and is leading to horrific poverty for many and forcing them to use foodbanks.

1. The grand total of the personal debt owed by the British population as of June 2023 is £1,84 trillion.
2. The average household in the UK owes £65,529 of personal debt.
3. The average personal debt of British adults is £34,597.
4. 10.88 million households in the UK have an outstanding mortgage debt as of 2023.
5. The annual growth of credit card borrowing in the UK reached 13% in July 2022.
6. 24.60% of British consumers say they use credit cards to cover their costs of living.
7. 11% of British consumers say they are using credit cards, loans, and overdrafts more than usual.
8. 3% of UK adults report borrowing over £10,000 more in 2022 than in 2021.

Rump Administration

Cardiff City Council is and has been for a long time a **Rump Administration**. This is because according to the election statistics and supported by the Electoral Reform Society The current administration does not reflect the wishes of the voting taxpayers. Labour the current administration holds some 70% of the seats but polled only 46% of the total Cardiff vote. For example, the Llanrumney ward has some 20,033 voters but only 5,000+ people actually voted and out of these only 3,000+ people voted for Labour, and this is the reality in just about all the electoral wards of Cardiff. So, in effect the administration is being instructed by these people to carry out the wishes of the Cult ideology of their party and not carry out sound practical management. Indeed, if you look at the Cardiff South and Penarth Ward the Assembly member was voted in with only 13,000+ votes out of a total voting population of 78,000+ In this vote at least 22,0000 people voted for other parties.

Cardiff Council has 248,545.00 registered voters. Of these 110,767.00 voted Labour with 97,528.00 voters not voting at all. Which means that 137,778.00 did not vote Labour and the current rump administration.

We also have another problem in that far too many elected members seem to think that they are there to represent the council. When in fact they are there to represent the people who elected them. They are there to scrutinise and pay due diligence to the demands of the executive. Clearly most have failed to do so otherwise they would never have allowed the scale of debt to build up and they would have consulted intensely with the people who elected them with projects that the executive were putting forward. Worse still is the fact that they have been ignoring this debt problem building for years. Too busy playing cult politics to do the job properly.

We have a major problem with our electoral system. Voters no longer trust any of these parties and have abstained, which suits the current political administration fine as they are getting in by default.

For our democracy to survive major changes need to be made not just in the council but throughout the UK. Wales is massively over governed. It has 22 local authorities and assembly who likes to think it is a government. Birmingham who has a larger population than Wales has 1 local authority.

Bankruptcy

Without drastic action this council along with all the councils in Wales are going to go bankrupt. Not one local authority has been able to produce audited accounts for 2 years now in Wales. Should Cardiff go bankrupt like Birmingham (Labour) the council tax increase to just stand still in Cardiff will likely be like Birmingham anywhere between £286 – 362.00 per month on top of the existing tax.

I confess I am puzzled by the lack of involvement and warnings from the District Auditors.

Conclusion

I am informing you that I thoroughly oppose any increase in the council tax! I have the following demands also.

1. you utilise the reserve funds to pay off the debts.
2. that the 20MPH debacle is rescinded.
3. that you reduce your wages bill from the top echelons.
4. that the current administration resigns and allow a council election to be held immediately.
5. a review into the madness of the cycling lanes.
6. that no further credence is paid to so called 15-minute cities.
7. that Net zero policies be ignored.
8. that independent auditors scrutinise your books and spending.
9. that the pay of top echelon officers be cut
10. that councillors' expenses be cut. Why should they be paid when they have systemically failed to control the finances.

J.G. Cuff