

Questionnaire 33September 2014

Aberdeen City Voice!

ABERDEEN'S CITIZENS PANEL

COMMITTEE SERVICES

The Committee Service Team with Aberdeen City Council is responsible for the democratic process throughout the council supporting both council and committee meetings. Council and committees make decisions about the delivery of services to the citizens of Aberdeen, including the allocation of a budget to these services, such as education, social work, housing, transport, licensing and planning. We want to make the democratic process more accessible to the public, ensuring that committee information is easily available to all. In order to do this we have recently redesigned our webpages, and we are using Twitter to promote meetings and to share information on committee decisions. We would like to encourage members of the public to attend these meetings and to become more involved in the democratic process.

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How interested are you in the democratic process at the council (for example, decisions taken by the council, committee meetings etc.). (Please tick one box)			
a) Extremely uninterested			
b) Uninterested			
c) Neither uninterested nor interested			
d) Interested			
e) Extremely interested			
Do you find it easy to find out what decisions have been taken by councillors at committee meetings?			
a) Yes (please go to question 3)			
b) No (please go to question 4)			
If yes, how do you currently access information on committee meetings/councillors? (Please tick all that apply)			
a) Aberdeen City Council website			
b) Twitter			
c) Central Library			
d) Noticeboard outside Town House			
e) Subscription to the email notification to advise that agendas are published			
f) Other (please specify)			
If no, what do you think could be done to make committee meeting decisions and committee meetings more accessible to the public? (Please tick all that apply)	•		
a) Committee meetings held in different locations			
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h) Publishing agendas further in advance of the meeting			
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j) Oth	er (please specify)
Have	you accessed committee information on the council webs
a) Yes	•
b) No	(please go to question 8)
If yes	, did you find the pages easy to navigate?
a) Yes	
b) No	
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	The council is looking to broadcast council meetings live on the nternet - would you use this facility?
	a) Yes
	b) No
	Are you aware we recently established a Petitions Committee v
(with only 250 signatures required to validate the request)? a) Yes
(with only 250 signatures required to validate the request)?
(a) Yes b) No
(·	with only 250 signatures required to validate the request)? a) Yes b) No Would this be a facility you would consider using?

MEMBERS SUPPORT

Members' Support is a small team whose primary role is to provide a non-political, comprehensive support service to the councillors to assist them in carrying out their duties. The support we provide falls within categories such as administration, secretarial work and research. We are responsible for preparing rotas to ensure that councillors attend statutory duties such as signing duty and opening of tenders. Further to this we are responsible in ensuring councillors are informed and have access to the guidelines surrounding the wide variety of council, councillor and statutory duties.

Do you know who your councillors are?
a) Yes
b) No
Do you know how to contact them?
a) Yes
b) No
Are you aware of how the councillors can assist you?
a) Yes
b) No
How often have you contacted one of your local councillors in the past year?
a) Never
b) Once
c) Twice
d) More than 3 times
How did you make contact with them? (Please tick all that apply)
a) By phone
b) By email
c) By surgery
d) By post
e) In person
f) Social media
g) Via Members Services
h) Not applicable
i) Other (please specify)

	now could the Members' Services team assist members of the bublic in communicating with councillors? Please tick all that apply)
	a) Taking telephone messages
	b) Taking email messages
	c) Giving out contact numbers
	d) Other (please specify)
	The council's website contains detailed information on council Do you find this information
	a) easy to access
	b) difficult to access
	c) not applicable
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WASTE SERVICE

Over the last 10 years we have asked panellists about their opinion on a wide range of issues. Your responses have always been very helpful. This time we would like to find out more about your motivations to recycle. Your answers will help us in directing our communication campaigns for the roll out of forthcoming services, pilots and community projects across the city.

1. Which of these statements best applies to you? (Please tick one box)

a) I recycle even if it requires extra effort	
b) I recycle a lot but not everything	
c) I recycle sometimes	
d) I do not recycle	

2. What would motivate you to either start recycling or recycle more? (Please tick all that apply)

a) Mara information on what you can recycle
a) More information on what you can recycle
b) More information on the benefits
c) If more items were accepted for recycling
d) If more information was provided on what happens to the materials once they have been collected
e) Community rewards for recycling (e.g. awards for local schools, funding for local amenities)
f) Penalties for producing too much rubbish and not recycling
g) If the council could provide different containers
h) More information about collection days
i) Nothing
j) Information on the overall cost of recycling
k) Other (please specify)

3. What type of communication have you seen or heard from the council about recycling? (Please tick all that apply)

a) Newspaper article	
b) Newspaper advert	
c) Radio advert	
d) Billboard	
e) Leaflet through door	
f) Social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook)	
g) Door to door visit from recycling officer	
h) Council website	
i) Community group meetings	
j) Educational recycling activities at schools	
k) Community events such as road shows	
I) More information on the amount that is recycled by the council	
each year	
m) More information on other recycling schemes in the UK	
n) Other (please specify)	

Name the top 3 ways you would like to receive information: (Please only select 3 options) a) Newspaper article b) Newspaper advert c) Radio advert d) Billboard e) Leaflet through door f) Social media (e.g. Twitter, Facebook) g) Door to door visit from recycling officer h) Council website i) Community group meetings j) Educational recycling activities at schools k) Community events such as road shows I) Other (Please specify) 5. Have you spoken to our recycling officers at any community events such as road shows? a) Yes b) No 6. What type of property do you live in? (Please tick one box) a) Flat (go to question 7) b) House 7. If you chose 'Flat' in question 6, what type of flat do you live in? a) Multi storey b) Tenement

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c) Sheltered

HYDROGEN BUS PROJECT

The Aberdeen hydrogen bus project is a £19million project which has funding from Europe, the UK Government and the Scottish Government. The Hydrogen Bus Project will see 10 hydrogen powered vehicles introduced into the existing Stagecoach and First bus fleets in Aberdeen, and be operational by the end of 2014. The project will also see a state-of-the-art hydrogen refuelling station built in the centre of Aberdeen, which will produce hydrogen on site via electrolysis (the splitting of water into hydrogen and oxygen).

The hydrogen buses have 10 hydrogen tanks on the roof, which store 40kg of hydrogen gas on each vehicle, which is then used to power the bus. The buses are zero emission vehicles with only water produced at the tailpipe.

The information from this survey will help us to understand the public's attitudes and understanding of current hydrogen technology, and the bus project, before, during and after the project. The data gathered will be shared with project partners and other projects looking to work with hydrogen technology.

1.	How often d	o you currently	y use public transport?
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a) Everyday	
b) Often (3-6 times a week)	
c) Occasionally (1-2 times a week)	
d) Rarely (less than once a week)	
e) Never	

What is your main reason for using public transport? (Please tick all that apply)

a) Don't drive	
b) Parking restrictions	
c) Cheaper	
d) Quicker	
e) Social use	
f) Only to commute to work	
g) Other (please specify)	

3. Thinking in particular of buses, what would motivate you to start using buses more often? (Please select only 3 options)

a) More comfortable seating	
b) Quieter engine noise	
c) Lower fares	
d) More space for bags, prams, wheelchairs, etc.	
e) Use of less polluting engines	
f) Greater frequency	
g) Better route options	

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	egards to the hydrogen powered buses, do you feel you
a) Yes	cept adequately informed about their introduction?
b) No	
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What type of communication have you seen or heard from the

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8.	rom the options you have highlighted in question 7 above, please select the ONE that you would like to know more about.						
	a) The route(s) the buses will be running on						
	b) Where the buses will be refuelled						
	c) How safe the buses are						
	d) What the fares will be on these buses						
	e) The benefits the buses will deliver for passengers and the city						
	f) Are more of these buses planned for the city in the future? g) Other (please specify)						
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9.	Thinking of hydrogen powered buses in particular, when they begoperations, will you be willing to use them?	gin					
	a) Yes						
	b) No						
10.	If no, please provide a reason for your answer.						
11.	Were you aware that hydrogen and fuel cell technologies have been around for over 100 years, and are already used in a number different applications including transport?	of					
	a) Yes						
	b) No						
For n	nore information on the hydrogen bus project please visit:						

www.aberdeeninvestlivevisit.co.uk/hydrogen

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Aberdeen City Council currently maintains approximately 827 hectares of green space, which brings benefits to both its residents and visitors. We would like to know what you think of these green spaces, how they are maintained and the service we provide as well as your thoughts on Aberdeen's participation in Keep Scotland Beautiful's 'Beautiful Scotland' competition, formally known as Scotland in Bloom.

1.	Should Aberdeen City continue its participation in the national 'Beautiful Scotland' competition?								
	a) Yes b) No (go to question	ı 3)							
2.	If yes, should local communities be encouraged to be more involved in the competition?								
	a) Yes b) No								
3.	What is important to of the following as (Please tick one bo	pects of			-	-	u each		
		Extremely important		Important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not applicable		
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Provision of outdoor sports pitches / playing fields									
Provis play a	sion of children's reas								
Provis	sion of public parks								
	sion of tree enance services								
Provis	ion of Ranger Service								
Provis	ion of Allotments								
High s	ce standards standard of enance of public areas								
	ard of litter clearance ticultural areas								
	ard of maintenance Idren's play areas								
of out	ard of maintenance door pitches / g fields								

	Extremely important	Very important	Important	Not very important	Not at all important	Not applicable
Feeling of personal safety in public parks						
Organised events in public areas						
Keeping public parks clear of dog fouling						
Ensuring dogs are kept under control in parks						
Provision of public toilets in parks						
Staff and information Friendliness / co-operation of staff						
Presentability of staff						
Ease of obtaining information / help						
Ease of reporting deficiencies / making complaints						
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we are performing green space provis	sion. (Ple		one box)	Very	Not
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	Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor	Not applicable
Provision of Ranger Service						
Provision of Allotments						
Service standards High standard of maintenance of public grass areas						
Standard of litter clearance in horticultural areas						
Standard of maintenance of children's play areas						
Standard of maintenance of outdoor pitches / playing fields						
Feeling of personal safety in public parks						
Organised events in public areas						
Keeping public parks clear of dog fouling						
Ensuring dogs are kept under control in parks						
Provision of public toilets in parks						

A number of professionals use our parks and open spaces to carry out their business activities for example dog walkers and personal trainers. We would like your feedback on how these businesses affect your use and enjoyment of the park and open spaces.

5.	During your visits to our parks and open spaces in the last 6 months have you been aware of the activities of professionals such as dog walkers and personal trainers?						
	a) Yes b) No						
6.	If yes, please tell u open parks and op				-	t to our	
		Very disruptive	Disruptive	Acceptable	Little effect on my visit	No effect on my visit	
	Comments:						
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