



Aberdeen City **voice**

Aberdeen's Citizens' Panel 14th Questionnaire



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ARTS, HERITAGE & SPORT

Sports and Physical Activity

Last year, we asked the panel to tell us which sports facilities they used, what experiences they had at the facilities and what barriers to participation in sport and physical activity people encountered. Your responses contributed to the draft Sport & Recreation Strategy 2008-15, 'Fit For the Future'.

We now want to find out whether your levels of participation in sport and physical activity have changed since the original survey. Your responses will help us to understand whether the improvements we've made over the last year have made a difference to participation levels, and give us information on how we can continue to strive for a more active Aberdeen.

By 'physical activities' we mean a session of approximately 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity whereby you start to feel warmer and have an increased heart rate. Examples include cycling or walking briskly to work, strenuous household chores or gardening.

1. How would you best describe your level of physical activity? Please tick 1 box.

a) I am not physically active and have no interest in sport/ physical activity (Go to Q.2)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) I am not physically active and I feel I should be doing something (Go to Q.3)	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I am prevented from being physically active through illness, impairment or immobility (Go to Q.4)	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) I am occasionally physically active – between once a month and once a week (Go to Q.5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) I regularly participate in sport/physical activity – more than once a week (Go to Q.5)	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. If you ticked a) at question 1, please tell us why and go to question 9.

3. If you ticked b) at question 1, on a scale of 1-5 where 5 is very important and 1 is not at all important, how important are the listed issues in preventing you from participating in sport or physical activity in Aberdeen? Please tick 1 box for each option and then go to question 9.

	Very Important			Not at all important	
	1	2	3	4	5
a) Activity Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Transport Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Lack of Confidence/General Fitness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Personal/Work Commitments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Facility/Activity Locations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Activity/Sessions Times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Information Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Other (Please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you ticked c) at question 1, please describe what could help you to be more physically active and then go to question 9.

5. If you ticked d) or e) at question 1, please list the sports facilities you use and what sports / activities you participate in.

Please include indoor facilities such as sports centres, swimming pools and outdoor facilities such as bowling greens, tennis centres, golf courses, hill walking locations and road networks that you cycle on. Please include both Council-run and private sports facilities.

Sports and Physical Activity Facility	Activity	Regularly (more than once a week)	Occasionally (once a week to once a month)
a) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. What type of physical activities do you participate in? Please tick all that apply.

a) Aerobics/Exercise classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	o) Hockey	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/>	p) Horse – riding/show jumping	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/>	q) Household chores	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/>	r) Martial Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Boxing	<input type="checkbox"/>	s) Rugby	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Climbing (both indoor and outdoor)	<input type="checkbox"/>	t) Running	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Curling	<input type="checkbox"/>	u) Skiing and/or snowboarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Cycling (road)	<input type="checkbox"/>	v) Squash	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Cycling (mountain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	w) Swimming	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Dance/Movement	<input type="checkbox"/>	x) Tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Football	<input type="checkbox"/>	y) Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>
l) Gardening	<input type="checkbox"/>	z) Youth/ Extreme Sports e.g. boarding	<input type="checkbox"/>
m) Golf	<input type="checkbox"/>	aa) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
n) Gym (health and fitness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

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7. Are you currently an active member of a formal/ informal sports club or activity group?

Please tick 1 only.

- a) Yes (go to Q8)
- b) No (please go to Q9)

8. As a club/group member, how would you describe your level of involvement? Please tick 1 only.

- a) Competitor
- b) Trainer
- c) Administrator
- d) Helper
- e) Ordinary Member

9. In Questionnaire 11, you gave us some ideas of how we could market Aberdeen City Council's sports facilities better. We used your ideas to draw up the shortlist below. Please tick the 1 method you think would work best. Please tick 1 only

- a) Advertise in the local paper
- b) Provide sports directory delivered to each home
- c) Advertise in schools
- d) Provide more information on the internet
- e) Provide information in Libraries

Library & Information Services

Aberdeen City Council Library & Information Services operate the city centre Central Library, seventeen Branch libraries throughout the city, a Mobile Library and the Home Service to citizens who are housebound.

In the 11th panel questionnaire, we asked about your usage of the City's libraries. Your responses were passed to the Library and Information Services Team who used the information to develop service planning and delivery. Since then, they have made several changes to the provision of library services and are interested in measuring the impact of these changes.

1. Have you used a library in Aberdeen City in the last 12 months?

- a) Yes
- b) No (Go to Q.6)

2. If YES, which one(s). Please tick all that apply.

a) Airyhall	<input type="checkbox"/>	k) Cove	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Kaimhill	<input type="checkbox"/>	l) Tillydrone	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Bridge of Don	<input type="checkbox"/>	m) Culter	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Kincorth	<input type="checkbox"/>	n) Torry	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Bucksburn	<input type="checkbox"/>	o) Cults	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Linksfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	p) Woodside	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Central Library	<input type="checkbox"/>	q) Dyce	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Mastrick	<input type="checkbox"/>	r) Home Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Cornhill	<input type="checkbox"/>	s) Ferryhill	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Northfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	t) Mobile Library	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. On average, how often do you visit the library? Please tick 1 only.

a) Weekly (or more than once a week)	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Fortnightly	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Every couple of months	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Every 6 months	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Yearly	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. If you use libraries monthly or more often, can you tell us when you tend to visit?

Please tick all that apply.

	Mornings (9am-12 noon)	Lunchtime (12noon – 2pm)	Afternoon (2pm-5pm)	Evening (5pm-7pm)
a) Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Which of the following services do you use on your visits? Please tick all that apply.

a) Book borrowing	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Multi-media borrowing (CDs, DVDs, Language Courses, Toys)	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Internet access PCs	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Newspapers and magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Reference and Information resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Local history resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) View an exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>

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h) Computer class or taster session

i) Children's activities

j) Author talk, book or poetry group, writing session

k) Other (please specify) _____

6. If you answered No to question1, why have you not visited a library? Please tick all that apply.

a) Unaware of opening hours

b) Don't know where they are

c) Look of the library

d) Poor choice of books

e) Poor choice of multi-media stock

f) Too busy

g) Not interested

f) Other (Please specify) _____

7. The library provides a number of different services. Please tick all that you are aware of.

A. Lending services – these are available for lending to children, young people and adults

a) Fiction and factual books

b) Books on CD and cassette

c) Books in other languages (at Central Library and certain branches)

d) DVDs, CDs, Videos

e) Language courses

f) Toys (at Kincorth, Mastrick and Tillydrone branch libraries)

g) Arts Equipment items e.g. digital video & still cameras, laptops, projectors
(at Central Library and certain branches)

B. Information Services – main collection and service available at the Central Library with smaller collections held at branch libraries

a) Career/ Education Information

b) Business and Commercial Information

c) Local and Family History Resource

d) Local Government and Community Information

e) Other reference material

C. Other

a) Local / national print media (including newspapers/ journals/ periodicals)	
b) Photocopy/ fax service	
c) Children's story / reading / craft events	
d) Pre-school story/ reading events	
e) Book groups/ writing workshops	
f) Online access to electronic databases and library catalogue	
g) Author visits and other talks	
h) Computer classes and / or computer use sessions	
i) Other (please specify) _____	

8. In July 2007, the Council decided to change library opening hours for the City's libraries.

Were you aware of this change in opening hours?

a) Yes		(Go to Q8a)
b) No		(Go to Q9)

8a. If YES, have these changes made....

a) it less likely for you to visit the library	
b) no difference to visiting the library	

9. What services would you like libraries to provide in the future?

a) Meeting spaces	
b) Exhibition areas	
c) WiFi	
d) Access to downloadable music, film etc	
e) To be able to reserve library items online	
f) To be able to join the library online	
g) None of the above	
h) Other (please specify) _____	

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Cultural Facilities and Activities

Aberdeen City Council is developing a new Cultural Strategy. This strategy aims to provide greater opportunities for people to attend and take part in cultural activities over the next few years. We want to ask you what you think of the City's cultural venues, whether you currently attend or take part in cultural activities and find out what you think the new strategy should focus on.

Part 1 – Cultural Venues

1. On average, how often do you go to the following venues? Please tick 1 for each venue.

	Weekly	Monthly	Every 2 or 3 months	Annually	I've never visited
a) Aberdeen Art Gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Aberdeen Arts Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) His Majesty's Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The Lemon Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Peacock Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Aberdeen Maritime Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) WhiteSpace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) The Belmont Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Music Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How would you rate the quality of the facilities available in the venues you've visited (cafes, toilets, seating etc)? Please tick 1 for each venue.

	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Don't' Know/Never visited
a) Aberdeen Art Gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Aberdeen Arts Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) His Majesty's Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The Lemon Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Peacock Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Aberdeen Maritime Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) WhiteSpace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) The Belmont Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Music Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2a. If you ticked 'poor', can you give some more details?

3. How would you rate the variety of programming in the following venues? Please tick one for each venue.

	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Don't Know/Never visited
a) Aberdeen Art Gallery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Aberdeen Arts Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) His Majesty's Theatre	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The Lemon Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Peacock Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Aberdeen Maritime Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) WhiteSpace	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) The Belmont Cinema	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Music Hall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3a. If you ticked 'poor', can you give some more details?

Part 2 – Cultural Activities

4. How frequently, if at all, do you ATTEND any of the following cultural activities?

Please tick one for each option.

	Weekly	Monthly	Every 2 or 3 months	Annually	Never
a) Drama / Plays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exhibitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Film/Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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5. If you do not currently attend ANY of the cultural activities listed in question 4, what are the main reasons for this? Please tick up to 3.

a) Activity Cost	
b) Transport Availability	
c) Personal/Work Commitments	
d) Facility/Activity Locations	
e) Activity/Performance Times	
f) Information Availability	
g) Too busy	
h) Not interested	
i) Other (Please specify) _____	

6. Do you think there is enough opportunity to ATTEND the following types of cultural activity in Aberdeen City? Please tick 1 for each option.

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Drama / Plays			
b) Exhibitions			
c) Festivals			
d) Film/Media			
e) Music			
f) Dance			
g) Other (please specify) _____			

7. How frequently, if at all, do you TAKE PART in any of the following cultural activities? Please tick 1 for each option.

	Weekly	Monthly	Every 2 or 3 months	Annually	Never
a) Drama / Plays					
b) Exhibitions					
c) Festivals					
d) Film/Media					
e) Music					
f) Dance					
g) Other (please specify) _____					

- 8. If you do not currently take part in ANY of the cultural activities listed in question 6, what are the main reasons for this? Please tick up to 3.**

a) Activity Cost	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Transport Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Personal/Work Commitments	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Facility/Activity Locations	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Activity/Performance Times	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Information Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Too busy	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Not interested	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 9. Do you think there is enough opportunities to TAKE PART in the following types of cultural activity in Aberdeen City? Please tick one for each option.**

	Yes	No	Don't know
a) Drama / Plays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exhibitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Festivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Film/Media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 10. How would you like to see opportunities for attending or taking part in cultural activities being developed or enhanced City wide?**

- 11. How would you like to see opportunities for attending or taking part in cultural activities being developed or enhanced in your local area?**

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12. Please tell us how you usually find out about events and activities in arts, heritage and sport in Aberdeen. Please tick all that apply

	Sports and Physical activity	Libraries and Information Service	Cultural venues and activities
a) Personal/Telephone enquiry at facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Local television/radio advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Local/ national newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Libraries And Council information points	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Telephone enquiry services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Internet (including Council Website)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Family/Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) School/College	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Community/Community Education Centres	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Council publications i.e.the Source	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

JOBS AND PROSPERITY

Economic Development

The Scottish Government has launched a new economic strategy. This strategy aims to focus the Government and public services on creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through increasing sustainable economic growth. In response to this, Aberdeen City Council has agreed 6 economic priorities, which will guide the work of the Council's economic development service. These priorities are:

- 1) Economic Advocacy** – to ensure that all Council activity takes account of the new Scottish Government economic strategy
- 2) Grow the workforce** – to encourage population growth and develop the skills of our residents
- 3) Market Aberdeen** – to increase the marketing and promotion of Aberdeen as a place to visit, live and work
- 4) Accommodate growth** – to increase the amount of housing, development land and opportunity for new and existing businesses and their employees
- 5) Economic Diversification** – to ensure the City's economy is diverse and not over reliant on any one sector
- 6) Improve Quality of Life** – to attract and retain people and business

We want to raise awareness of these economic priorities and find out how the panel think we should promote these to the City's residents.

1. **How important do you think it is for the Council to be actively involved in securing future jobs and prosperity for Aberdeen? Tick 1 only.**

Very Important

Not at all important

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. **The Council runs services, which aim to help grow the economy in Aberdeen City (& Shire). Are you aware of any of the following services delivered by Aberdeen City Council? Tick all that apply.**

a) Promotion and marketing of the City	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Development and delivery of events	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) International trade development support	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Financial support for businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Support for specific industries, e.g. tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Support for recruitment of migrant workers	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Advice on European and external funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Provision of land for housing & industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Provision of transport systems	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. **Which 3 of these activities do you think will have the greatest positive impact on the city's future prosperity? Tick up to 3 options.**

a) Promotion and marketing of the City	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Development and delivery of events	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) International trade development & export advice	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Support for businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Support for specific industries, e.g. tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Support for recruitment of migrant workers	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Attracting European and external funding	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Provision of land for housing and industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Provision of a good transport system	<input type="checkbox"/>

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4. Which 3 of the following job sectors do you think might provide most growth opportunities in the next ten years? Tick up to 3 options.

a) Tourism	
b) Food & Fish processing	
c) Oil & Gas	
d) Renewable Energy	
e) Biotechnology & Academic research	
f) Creative Industries. (Film, theatre, radio, media)	
g) Financial services	
h) Information & Communication Technologies	
i) Construction	
j) Service Industries (shops, hotels, restaurants)	

5. We want to raise awareness of the Council's 6 economic priorities. Which of these methods do you think will be most effective for getting this information across? Tick all that apply.

a) Production of brochures	
b) Presentations to community groups.	
c) Adverts in free newspapers	
d) Adverts on local & community radio.	
e) City and Shire Council website	
f) Information with council tax bills	
g) Other (please specify) _____	

6. On a scale of 1-5, how important do you think the following are for the City's future economic prosperity? Tick 1 for each option.

	Very Important			Not at all important	
	1	2	3	4	5
a) Good national & international transport links					
b) Good City transport system					
c) Good shops					
d) Helping local companies expand overseas					
e) Good leisure facilities					
f) Strong supply of skilled labour					
g) Attractive and vibrant city centre					
h) Provision of direct support for businesses					
i) Supply of industrial land					
j) Diversification of local companies					
k) Good supply of housing					
l) Marketing and promotion of the city					
m) Delivery of a dynamic cultural experience.					
n) Good schools					
o) Good supply of parks and green spaces					

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION – LOCALITY PLANNING

Neighbourhood Planning

In 2001, Aberdeen City Council created 37 Neighbourhoods across the City, based on what were deemed to be 'natural local communities'. Since then the other public authorities (i.e. Grampian Police, NHS Grampian and Grampian Fire and Rescue Service) have taken steps to align with these Neighbourhoods.

In June 2005, we originally asked panellists on Aberdeen City Voice how much they knew about their Neighbourhood. We repeated the questions in June 2007 and are asking some of them again to find out how this has changed.

1. Did you know that Aberdeen is divided into Neighbourhoods?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

2. Do you know the name of the Neighbourhood you live in?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

3. Do you know that there is a Neighbourhood Community Action Plan for your Neighbourhood?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

4. Apart from the City Voice, have you been asked for your views on local issues and services in your Neighbourhood in the last year?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

5. In the last year, have you received information about the progress of your Neighbourhood's Community Action Plan (e.g. 'You Said It' leaflet)?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

6. Thinking of the following issues in your Neighbourhood, how have they changed over the past 2 years? Please tick 1 box for each option.

	Got Better	No Change	Got worse	Don't Know
a) The general appearance of your Neighbourhood (or an area within it)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The local services provided by the Council, Police, NHS, etc?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) How the Council, Police, NHS etc have handled and responded to your queries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The availability and relevance of information about local services?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) The provision of new and improved facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. If you wanted to raise an issue about your local Neighbourhood, who would you most likely contact?

Please tick 1 box.

a) Area/Residents Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) City Councillor	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Community Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Community Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Council Office	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) MP	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) MSP	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) None	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Are you satisfied with the Neighbourhood Planning process? Please tick 1 box.

a) Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) No	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) I don't know enough about it	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Do you feel you can influence what happens in your Neighbourhood?

a) Yes ☐ b) No ☐

9a. Please give us more detail of why you feel this way.

10. Do you have any other comments on Neighbourhood planning or Neighbourhood Community Action Plans?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please return it in the prepaid envelope provided, or send it to:

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