

Questionnaire 30 October 2013

Aberdeen City Voice!

ABERDEEN'S CITIZENS PANEL

GREENER - CITY PARKS

Last year, we asked the panel for their views on the range and quality of green spaces managed by the City Council. This year, we would like to focus specifically on your views and experiences of our large formal parks. This particular consultation does not include gardens, smaller parks, playing fields or local children's play areas.

Visits to our parks vary considerably over the seasons and we want to make sure that we make the most out of these important green spaces throughout the entire year, maximising visitor numbers and enhancing user experiences. The information you provide will contribute to the individual park management plans and help us improve year-round park attendance.

1.	In the last 12 months, which of the following parks have you visited?
	(Please tick all that apply)

a) Hazlehead Park	
b) Duthie Park	
c) Seaton Park	
d) Westburn Park	
e) Victoria Park	
f) None of the above (go to Ω9)	

2. Which park have you visited MOST often in the last 12 months? (Please tick one)

a) Hazlehead Park	
b) Duthie Park	
c) Seaton Park	
d) Westburn Park	
e) Victoria Park	

The next set of questions relates only to the park you visited MOST often as indicated in your answer to question 2.

3. How often did you visit this park in the last 12 months?

a) Daily	
b) 2-6 times a week	
c) Once a week	
d) 1-3 times a month	
e) 6-11 times	
f) 1-5 times	

4. What were your main reasons for visiting this park? (Please tick up to 3 options)

a) Relax / think	
b) Attend event or special event (concert, open day, fun day,	
highland games)	
c) See birds & wildlife	
d) Get some fresh air	
e) Meet friends	
f) Eat / drink in the park	
g) Play informal sports or games	

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	i) Keep fitj) Peace and qu	ıiet					
	k) Feed ducks /						
	I) Walk	birdo					
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	n) Visit the play	Ü					
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	p) Take a short						
	q) Family outing	g					
	r) Watch sport	_					
	s) Other (please	e specify)					
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	i) Deck chairs					
	j) Café / snack bar k) Plant shop					
	I) Other (please sp	ecify)				
8.	Which of the foll you visited most	_			-	he park
	a) Swing ball					
	b) Giant chess / dr	aughts				
	c) Croquet d) Treasure hunt					
	e) Maps					
	f) Trim trail					
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	b) Duthie Park					
	c) Seaton Park d) Westburn Park					
	e) Victoria Park					
	f) I have visited all	of the listed	parks at so	ome point		
	in the last 2 years	(please go to	Q11)			
10.	Please can you to parks in the last ticked in Ω9 - one	2 years? (Ple	ease only	-		
		Hazlehead Park	Duthie Park	Seaton Park	Westburn Park	Victoria Park
a) Ne	ever heard of it					
b) Do it is	on't know where					
	ot easy to get to by c transport					
d) To	o far away					
e) Ju to it	st not got round					
	n't want to					
g) Ut	her (please specify)					

g) Bicycle hire

) Yes				
b) No (go to Q1	2)			
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a) Highland Gar	mes			
) Concert				
	BP Big Scree	n			
	Fun Day				
	Open Day				
	Dog Show				
-) Horse / pony	show			
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parks and there are already a number of parks with "Friends of" groups. If you would like to become involved with your favourite park please contact Sandy Scott

GREENER – WASTE SERVICES

Over the last 6 years, we have asked City Voice panellists questions about the waste and recycling collection services in Aberdeen City. Your responses help us to monitor the use and awareness of these services and by comparing results year on year, we can assess our progress and focus on the areas that require more work. The information you give us is also used to help plan future initiatives that will encourage people to reduce, reuse and recycle.

1.	How many people permanently live at	your addre	ss?						
	a) Number of adults								
	b) Number of children (aged 0-16)								
2.	What type of property do you live in? (Please tick one)								
	a) House (includes detached, semi-detache b) Flat (includes tenement properties, high- courtyard developments)			ties)					
3.	Are you offered any of the following? (Please tick all that are offered)								
		Yes	No	Don't know					
a) Ke white	rbside recycling (black box and e bag)								
b) Ga	rden waste (brown bin)								
	rbside food waste recycling mixed in your garden waste (green caddy n bin)								
d) Co	mmunal on street non-food recycling								
e) Co	mmunal on street food waste recycling								
4.	If you are offered any of these services (Please tick all that you use)	, which do	you use?						
	 a) Kerbside recycling (black box and white b) Garden waste (brown bin) c) Kerbside food waste recycling mixed in v (green caddy / brown bin) d) Communal on street non-food recycling 	with your ga	arden wasto	9					
	e) Communal on street food waste recyclin	g							
5.	If you are offered any of these services tell us why. (Please tick the ONE main column)			•					
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		Kerbside	Waste	Waste					
	a) I don't know how to use it								
	b) Too much trouble / takes too much timec) Not enough room to store containers								
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	Kerbside	waste	wast
d) I don't care about the environment			
e) I don't have a bin / kitchen caddy /			
box / bag			
f) The containers are too small			
g) The containers are too big			
h) I have concerns over the stored waste producing odour			
i) The facilities are too far away to use			
j) I use recycling centres / points instead			
k) I compost at home			
I) No incentive to do so			
m) Other – please specify			
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Garden

Food

If you would like further information about our waste and recycling services, please contact our Waste Aware Team on 08456 08 09 19 or via email at **wasteaware@aberdeencity.gov.uk**. Our team are also available to attend community events in your area and we can deliver workshops and presentations at schools or community groups - please contact us for availability.

SMARTER - POLICE SCOTLAND - SETTING OUR PRIORITIES

In April 2013 all eight of Scotland's regional Police Forces merged to become one organisation, Police Scotland. One of the cornerstones of Police Scotland is the desire to consult annually with the public throughout the country in order to help set our priorities for the following year.

As part of this we would like to ask you some questions which will both help shape our priorities and also act as a baseline for subsequent annual consultations in order that we can ensure that we do all we can to keep people safe.

Safety in your Neighbourhood

1.	Thinking about the neighbourhood you live in, how would you rate it
	as a place to live? (By neighbourhood, we mean the street you live in
	and the streets nearby or the local area).

a) Very Good	
b) Fairly Good	
c) Fairly Poor	
d) Very Poor	
e) No opinion	

2. From your experience of living in your neighbourhood, how would you describe the level of crime?

a) There is a lot of crime in my area	
b) There is some crime in my area	
c) There is little or no crime in my area	
d) I don't know	

How concerned are you at the level of crime in your area? (Indicate your level of concern by using the following ten point scale where 1 = not at all concerned and 10 = extremely concerned)

1 (not at all concerned)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 (extremely concerned)	

4. How safe do you feel walking alone in your neighbourhood after dark?

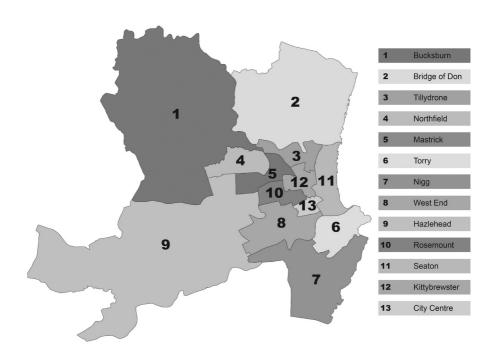
a) Very Safe	
b) Fairly Safe	
c) A Little Unsafe	
d) Very Unsafe	
e) Don't know / I don't walk alone after dark	

Antisocial behaviour is a wide-ranging issue that encompasses many aspects of criminal and non-criminal behaviour. The term is used to describe a range of issues that cause distress to communities and make them feel unsafe. Issues range from vandalism and littering to noisy neighbours, youth disorder and under-age drinking.

5.	In the past 12 months, have you been affected by or experienced antisocial behaviour in your local area?							
	a) Yes							
	b) No							
6.	To what extent are you satisfied or dissatisfied with what local agencies (Police, Fire Service, City Council etc.) are doing to tackle antisocial behaviour in your area?							
	a) Very satisfied							
	b) Fairly satisfied							
	c) Neither satisfied or dissatisfied							
	d) Fairly dissatisfied							
	e) Very dissatisfied							
	f) I don't know							
7.	Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the service provided by the Police in Aberdeen?							
	a) Very satisfied							
	b) Fairly satisfied							
	c) Neither satisfied or dissatisfied							
	d) Fairly dissatisfied							
	e) Very dissatisfied							

Community Policing Teams

On the 1st April 2010, a new Community Focused Policing model was initiated in Aberdeen comprising 13 Community Policing Team areas. The geographical boundaries of each area are shown on the map. These Community Policing Teams have responsibility for all policing matters in their area and are empowered and resourced to work with partners and deal with local challenges as well as to respond to incidents. Each area is led by an Inspector, four Sergeants and teams of Constables working across a number of shifts. The only exception to this is the City Centre Community Policing Team which has two Inspectors and five Sergeants due to the specific demands of this area.



8.	Before reading about it in the City Voice, were you aware that you
	have a dedicated Community Policing Team for your area?

a) Yes	
b) No (go to Q10)	

9. Do you know how you can contact your Community Policing Team?

a) Yes	
b) No	

10. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you that crime and antisocial behaviour issues in your area are being tackled efficiently by your local police?

a) Very satisfied	
b) Fairly satisfied	
c) Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	
d) Fairly dissatisfied	
e) Very dissatisfied	

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For more detailed information about the services that Police Scotland provides or for clarification on Community Policing Team boundaries, please refer to the Force website at: **www.scotland.police.uk**

Alternatively, you can write to us or contact us via the following: Police Scotland, Aberdeen City Division, Queen Street, ABERDEEN, AB10 1ZA.

Telephone Number: 101

E-mail address: AberdeenCityLPP@scotland.pnn.police.uk

(Please note this group e-mail address is provided for you to discuss non-urgent local policing issues. It should not be used to report a crime or incident.)

SMARTER – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Bus Lanes

In March 2013, the City Council took over responsibility for bus lane enforcement from Police Scotland. The main aims of enforcement are to improve traffic flow and journey times, encourage the use of public transport and improve air quality. Within specified times, certain bus lanes can only be used by buses, taxis, licenced private hire cars and bicycles. **Motorists caught driving illegally in Aberdeen's bus lanes can expect a £60 charge, reduced to £30 if paid within 14 days.**

There are currently 11 digital bus lane enforcement cameras in operation. If you would like more information about bus lane enforcement in the City, please go to http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/transport_streets/bus_lane_enforcement/bus_lane_enforcement.asp

Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
a) Aberdeen City Council should increase the number of bus lane enforcement cameras on existing bus lanes						
b) Aberdeen City Council should consider introducing new bus lanes (with cameras) on main arterial routes into the City.						

Pedestrian Crossing facilities

Pedestrian crossings play an important role in encouraging walking and cycling but for many years the facilities and signal sequences were not standardised, and there was an awareness that many people did not fully appreciate how they work, leading to confusion and conflict.

To address this, a new type of crossing, known as a Puffin crossing, was developed. The main difference between a Puffin crossing and a Pelican crossing is that the red man / green man indicator has been relocated from the far-side of the crossing, and is now incorporated into the push button units installed adjacent to where pedestrians wait to cross. These allow pedestrians to have a clear view of approaching traffic whilst watching for the green man to appear and are especially beneficial to pedestrians with visual impairments.

Puffin crossings also have detectors that register the presence of pedestrians and allow additional time for those with mobility impairments to cross the road, up to a predetermined maximum. They also reduce delays on the road network by cancelling unwanted pedestrian demands so traffic is not stopped unnecessarily.

We would like to know if you have used the new Puffin style crossings and your thoughts on their effectiveness.

2.	Before reading about it in the City Voice, did you know the difference between a Puffin and a Pelican crossing?											
	a) Yes											
	b) No											
•	As a pedestrian, can you tell us how strongly you agree or disagree											
3.	with the following			w strong	iy you ag	ree or als	sagree					
		Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / haven't used them					
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4.	As a driver / passer Puffin and Pelican	_	-				een a					
	a) Yes											
	b) No (please go to p	age 14)										
5 .	If yes, do you regula	arly driv	e past o	or stop at	any Puffi	n crossir	ıgs?					
	a) Yes											
	b) No (please go to p	age 14)										
6.	If yes, please can y with the following			strongly y	ou agree	or disag	ree					
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If you	have any questions or seed above, please con		-	-	-							

discussed above, please contact Andrew Smith, Iraffic Engineering Manager on 01224 538056 or email andrews@aberdeencity.gov.uk

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS – CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

The final set of questions in City Voice 30 focusses on the concept of co-production. Co-production is about redefining how our current public services are designed and delivered. Currently, public services tend to be designed and delivered using a 'top down' approach with little involvement from the public or community. Co-production shifts this balance of power by placing individuals and the community at the heart of this process and allows them to be the major influence in designing and delivering their own services.

The information you provide from the following questions will be used as part of a wider national study funded by the British Academy. The study will examine how a move towards this type of delivery could be possible in the future. If you would like to know more about this research, please contact Dr Aksel Ersoy on a.ersoy@abdn.ac.uk

Local Environment

You may know that, in the last year, lots of people and local groups have been working together to help improve the local environment in Aberdeen neighbourhoods. For example, many local residents have spent a few hours a month helping the council to improve some parks and children's play areas, which has made them more enjoyable and safe for families. So, we would like to ask you some questions about the local environment in the area where you live. When we talk about local environment we mean things affecting the quality of the environment where you live e.g. cleanliness of streets, the amount of traffic and pollution and access to and quality of parks and green spaces etc.

1.	Overall, how good is the local environment where you live?									
	Very good	Quite good	Neither go		e bad \	ery bad				
2.	Which of the fol local area?	lowing issu	es do you	believe to	be a probl	em in youi				
	a) Dog fouling									
	b) Litter c) Traffic									
	d) Lack of green s	space								
3.	How important t	to you is imp	roving the	environm	ent					
				Neither						
		Very important	Quite important	important or unimportant	Quite unimportant	Very unimportant				
a) In	your street									
b) Ir	your neighbourhood	d								
c) In	your local Council									
d) Ir	the UK as a whole									

4. Have you taken part in any of the following activities in the last 5 years? Yes Yes, more than once No once a) Tell other people not to drop rubbish b) Tell other people not to let their dogs foul the street c) Sign a petition, write a letter or join a protest about the local environment in your area d) Attend a meeting on improving the local environment in your area e) Give feedback to local authorities on the state of the local environment in your area f) Give feedback to local authorities on how local services could improve the local environment in your area q) Clean-up your street or local park Aberdeen City Council is committed to helping people reduce energy and water consumption. You can reduce the total amount of your water consumption by simply checking whether overflow pipes are running, by turning off taps when brushing your teeth or by using water barrels. You can also reduce the total amount of your energy consumption by turning off lights when you leave a room or by buying energy saving bulbs. 5. Based on the kind of examples described above, does your household take any measures to conserve water? a) Yes b) No 6. Based on the kind of examples described above, does your household take any measures to save energy? a) Yes b) No 7. During an average week, on how many days do you make a conscious effort to walk, cycle or use public transport instead of using a private car for a journey? a) Every day b) 2-6 days per week c) Once a week d) Never

8. How satisfied are you with the following?								
		Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Quite dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	
publi	ne job being done by ic agencies managing ocal environment in area							
from publi envir	b) The information you get from the council or other public agencies about local environment issues in your							
c) The extent to which the council and other public agencies ask your opinion on the local environment in								
your	area							
9.	On a scale of 1-5 (v difference), how m citizens can make	uch of a	positiv	e differer	ice do yoi	u think or		
	4	0			_)on't	
	1 2		3	4	5	k I	now	
10.	Are you involved (or have you previously been involved) in a group or association that works to improve the quality of the local environment in your area?							
a) Yes, I am involved in a group like this b) I used to be involved in a group like this, but not any more								
			re					
	c) No, I have never been involved in a group of this nature							
11. If you are NOT currently involved in a group of this nature, we you be interested in getting involved in a local group dedicat to improving your local environment (e.g. through clean-ups, working with public agencies etc.)?						dedicate	ed	
	a) Yes							
	b) No							
12.	If yes, which of the following options best describes the amount of time you would be willing to spend volunteering (e.g. with your neighbours and / or local public agencies) to improve the local environment in your area?							
	a) A few hours a wee							
	b) A few hours a wea							
	c) A few hours a year d) No time at all							
	e) Don't know							

Community safety

You may know that, in the last year, Aberdeen residents have been working together with organisations such as the council and the police to help tackle crime and anti-social behaviour across the city for example, by monitoring how well the council and police have been tackling the problems that really matter. This commitment by Aberdeen's residents has generally only taken a few hours each month and has helped to decrease crime and anti-social behaviour in the area. So, we would like to ask you some questions about crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area in which you live.

13.	Which of the following issues do you believe to be a problem in your local area?						
	a) Burglariesb) Vandalismc) Assaultd) Noisy neighbore) Drug dealing	ours					
14.	How important neighbourhood	•	-	improvii	ng the safe	ty of the	
	Very important	Neither Quite important o important unimportan			uite portant un	Very unimportant	
15.	Have you taker 5 years?	n part in any o	of the follow	ing activ	vities in the	e last	
				Yes once	Yes more than once	No	
	cadvice from polic property	ce on how to b	est protect				
b) Ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your home when you are away							
c) Keep an eye on your neighbour's home when they are away							
d) Report to the police an incident of crime or anti-social behaviour that involved you or someone in your household							
e) Report to the police or other public agencies any community safety problem which did not directly affect you personally							
f) Personally intervene to stop someone behaving in an anti-social way							
g) Sign a petition, write a letter or join a protest about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area							
h) Attend a meeting on tackling crime or anti-social behaviour in your area					(cont.)		

					Yes	Ye:		
					once	onc		No
i) Give feedback to public agencies about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area								
j) Give comments to public agencies on how services would better tackle crime or anti-social behaviour in your area								
16.	16. How satisfied are you with the following?							
		Very satisfied	Quite satisfied	Neithe satisfie or dissatisfi	d Qu dissat	ite tisfied dis	Very ssatisfied	Don't know
a) The information you get from the police or other public agencies about crime and anti-social behaviour								
police agend	e extent to which the and other public sies ask your opinion me and anti-social viour							
17.	7. On a scale of 1-5 (where 1 = no difference and 5 = a very significant difference), how much of a positive difference do you think ordinary citizens can make to the safety of their neighbourhood?							
	1 2		3	4		5		Don't know
18.	Are you involved (o or association that	-	-	_				•
	a) Yes, I am involved in a group like this (please go to survey end) b) I used to be involved in a group like this, but not any more c) No, I have never been involved in a group of this nature							
19. If you are NOT currently involved in a group of this nature, would you be interested in getting involved in a local group dedicated to improving safety in your neighbourhood?								
	a) Yes b) No							
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20. If yes, which of the following options best describes the amount of time you would be willing to spend volunteering (e.g. with your neighbours and / or local public agencies) to improve safety in your neighbourhood?

a) A few hours a week	
b) A few hours a month	
c) A few hours a year	
d) No time at all	
e) Don't know	

Thank you . . .

for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Please return in the pre-paid envelope provided or send it to

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