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Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future –

Engagement **Summary** Report 2025



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WHY DID WE DO THIS?

Over 2025 and years ahead, Community Planning Aberdeen partners were engaging on a number of plans and strategies aimed at improving our city.

The way our city, our neighbourhoods, look, function and feel can influence everything from our health and wellbeing to the opportunities we can access. Improving the quality of places can help to tackle inequalities and improve outcomes for our communities. Understanding the existing and potential strengths of Aberdeen directly from the people of Aberdeen can inform good decision-making.

To support people to participate, Community Planning Aberdeen partners joined up to hold one engagement to inform the various strategic plans. By integrating the engagement, we aimed to reduce the ask on communities and streamline the engagement process.

The plans and strategies included the Local Housing Strategy, Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan, Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan, the Local Development Plan (LDP), the Visitor Levy Proposal, the Children's Services Plan, and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.

WHAT DID WE ASK?

We asked you to score (1 to 7) for each of the 14 themes below each focussed on one aspect of life in Aberdeen (1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little improvement needed).

To help us identify potential areas for improvement we asked you to share your view for each theme on:

- What is working well?
- What could be improved?



We also asked you tell us if you agreed, or not, with the priorities and actions in our current draft Strategies (Local Housing Strategy, Community Learning and Development, Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan, Local Development Plan Play Sufficiency Assessment, Visitor Levy Proposal) aligned to the following themes:

- Work and Economy
- Facilities and Services
- Social Interaction
- Influence and Sense of Control
- Play and Recreation
- Housing and Community

A separate area of the consultation also focused on draft Topic Papers that had been produced to help inform the next Local Development Plan (LDP). The Play Sufficiency Assessment is also a key background document to the production of the LDP.

HOW AND WHO DID WE ASK?

The engagement ran from 24th March to 18th May 2025 and was a combination of the following:

- online survey for adults
- online survey designed for children and young people
- 6 locality events, with specific activities designed by the Aberdeen Youth Movement and Aberdeen Ambassadors for children and young people
- [outreach programme](#) where we went to 98 groups/schools/locations across Aberdeen and facilitated participation to meet people's needs.

We reached out to you, through the services you connect with, the people you know, the community and third sector group you are involved with, your friends and family. We also used our networks and social media platforms; we issued press releases and got stories in newsletters. Your contribution has been a valuable part of this exercise.

Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future
It's time to have your say Aberdeen

We would like all Aberdeen residents to share your views!
Tell us what you think is good now and what could be better. Your views will help shape Aberdeen's plans for improvement.
The engagement is open between 24 March and 18 May 2025

How to participate:
Share your views by scanning the QR code, or visiting:
<http://yourplaceyourplans.commonplace.is>
or attend a drop in event in your locality:

Engagement Events	Where	Where
ABERDEEN NORTH		
North Priority Neighbourhood Partnership	Saturday 10th May 2025 2pm - 4pm	Set Active @ Northfield, Kethill/Cassock, AB10 5TL
North Locality Empowerment Group	Saturday 10th May 2025 10am - 12pm	King's Church, King's Way Bridge, U/Dan, AB23 8BL
ABERDEEN CENTRAL		
Central Priority Neighbourhood Partnership	Saturday 26th April 2025 10am - 12pm	Aberdeen Sports Village, Linlithgow Road, AB24 5SU
Central Locality Empowerment Group	Thursday 27th March 2025 2pm - 4pm	Bransmore Community Centre, Bransmore Terrace, AB25 2NS
ABERDEEN SOUTH		
Tasty Partnership	Thursday 27th March 2025 10am - 12pm	Grange Community Hub, Nelson Circle, Tony, AB11 8DL
South Locality Empowerment Group	Saturday 26th April 2025 2pm - 4pm	Anyhall Library, Springhill Road AB15 7BP

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Children and Young People Survey
Children and Young People help shape our plans. Tell us what would make your neighbourhoods better.

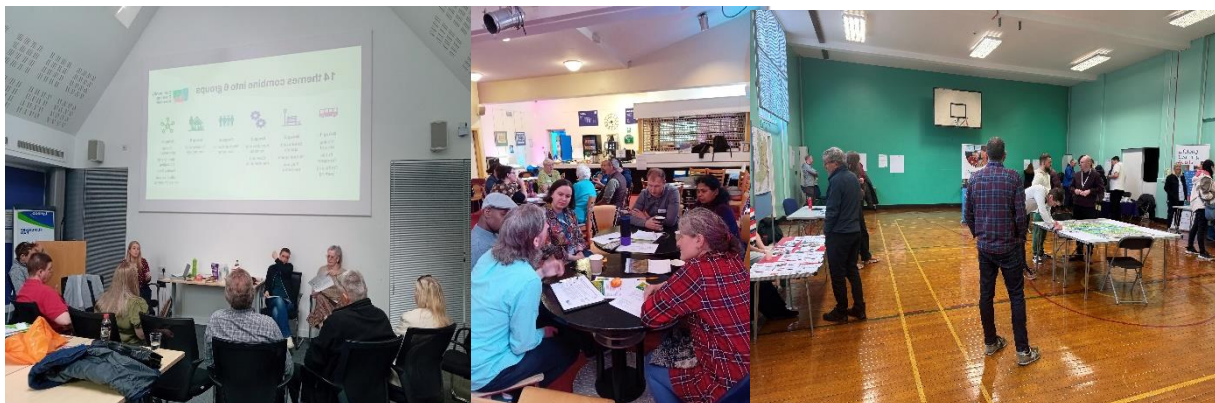
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Locality Events and Outreach Programme
Explore the ways to participate in the engagement - our our events in your

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WHO PARTICIPATED?

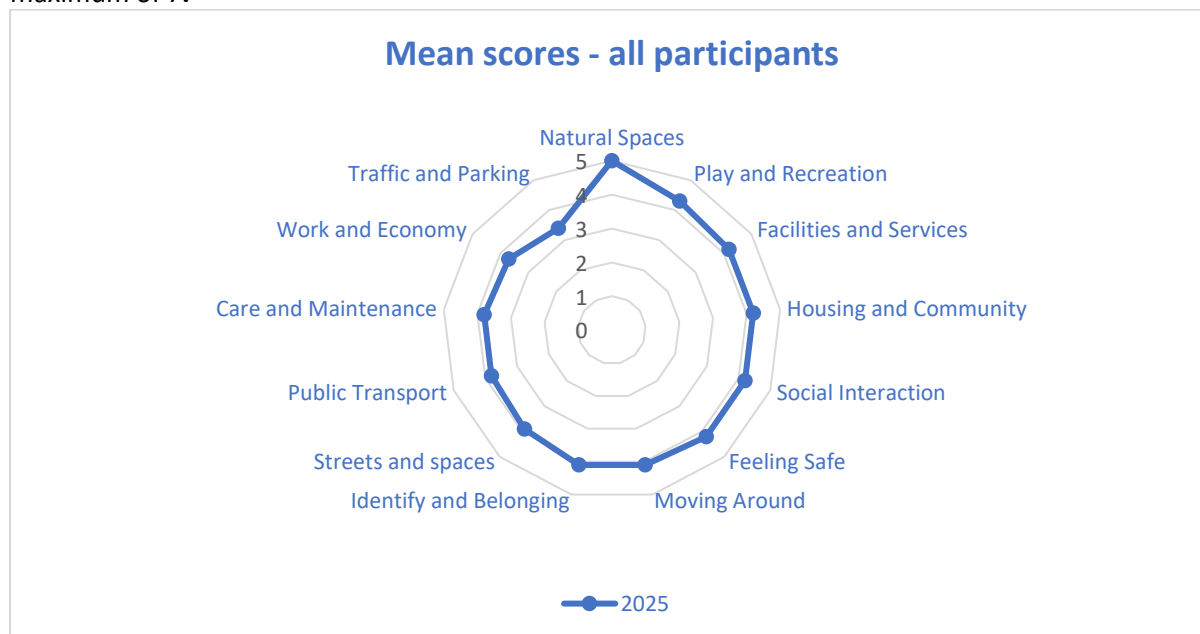
2,087 people took part in engagement process – up from 470 participants in the last engagement in 2023.

987 people completed the survey (615 online and 372 paper copies), 134 took part in locality events and 379 in the facilitated outreach sessions. 587 children and young people who took part in a children and young people designed version.



WHAT WE FOUND

Based on scores allocated by participants, average (mean) scores were calculated for each of the themes. The lower the score, the more participants thought improvement was required. Scores ranged from a **low** of 3.3 (**Influence and sense of control**) to a high of 5.0 (**Natural Space**) out of a maximum of 7.



WHAT YOU SCORED HIGHEST AND LOWEST

The **five highest** ranking themes were:

1. Natural space (5)
2. Play and recreation (4.3)
3. Facilities and services (4.2)
4. Social interaction (4.2)
5. Feeling safe (4.2)

The **five lowest** ranking themes were:

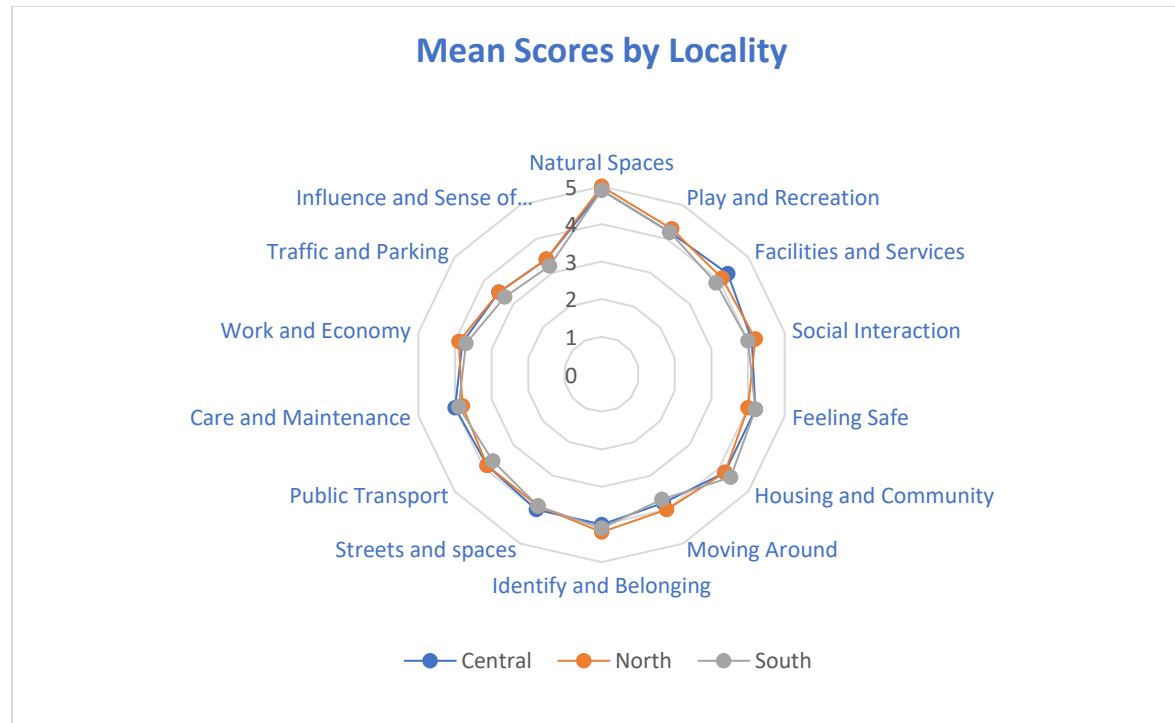
1. Influence and sense of control (3.3)
2. Traffic and parking (3.4)
3. Work and Economy (3.7)
4. Care and Maintenance (3.8)
5. Public Transport (3.8)

Since we last asked in 2023, overall 8 themes show improvement, 3 have stayed the same and 3 have scored lower (**Work and Economy, Public Transport and Streets and Spaces**).

Theme	2023	2025	Change between 2023 and 2025
Natural Spaces	4.7	5	0.3
Play and Recreation	4.1	4.3	0.2
Facilities and Services	3.9	4.2	0.3
Housing and Community	4	4.2	0.2
Social Interaction	4	4.2	0.2
Feeling Safe	4.1	4.2	0.1
Moving Around	3.9	4.1	0.2
Identify and Belonging	4.1	4.1	0
Streets and spaces	4	3.9	-0.1
Public Transport	3.9	3.8	-0.1
Care and Maintenance	3.6	3.8	0.2
Work and Economy	3.9	3.7	-0.2
Traffic and Parking	3.4	3.4	0
Influence and Sense of Control	3.3	3.3	0

WHAT SCORED HIGHEST AND LOWEST IN OUR LOCALITIES

Locality area (Central, North and South) data was available for 949 (out of 1,500) adult participants (815 from the survey and 134 from the locality events). Of these, 231 were identified as belonging to a Priority Neighbourhood. On the whole, mean scores for each of the 14 themes were broadly similar across all three localities. The scores for each of the locality areas are plotted on the chart below.



As with the overall results, **Influence and Sense of Control** and **Traffic and Parking** were the two lowest ranked themes for all three localities. **Work and economy** and **public transport** were also in the lowest ranking themes for all three localities (although the order of the ranking varied). **Moving around** was in the lowest ranking themes for both Central and South localities and **care and maintenance** was in the lowest ranking for North locality.

Natural Spaces was the highest ranking theme for all three localities. There is more variation in terms of which other themes are ranked highest within each locality. For example, **facilities and services** is ranked 2nd highest in Central but is not in the 'top 5' for either of the two other localities. Similarly, while **identity and belonging** is in the 'top 5' for both North and South localities, it is not in the top 5 for Central and while **feeling safe** is among the top 5 ranked for South and Central localities, it is not for North locality.

The table below shows the 5 lowest and highest ranking themes for each locality.

	Central	Mean	North	Mean	South	Mean
5 Lowest scoring themes	Influence and Sense of Control	3.4	Influence and Sense of Control	3.4	Influence and Sense of Control	3.2
	Traffic and Parking	3.5	Traffic and Parking	3.5	Traffic and Parking	3.3
	Moving Around	3.8	Care and Maintenance	3.8	Work and Economy	3.7
	Work and Economy	3.8	Work and Economy	3.9	Public Transport	3.7
	Public Transport	3.9	Public Transport	3.9	Moving Around	3.7
5 Highest scoring themes	Natural Spaces	4.9	Natural Spaces	5	Natural Spaces	4.9
	Facilities and Services	4.3	Play and Recreation	4.3	Housing and Community	4.4
	Play and Recreation	4.2	Housing and Community	4.2	Play and Recreation	4.2
	Housing and Community	4.2	Social Interaction	4.2	Feeling Safe	4.2
	Feeling Safe	4.2	Identify and Belonging	4.2	Identify and Belonging	4.1

Since we last asked in 2023 mean scores from each locality have changed as detailed below:

In **Central**, there has been an improvement for 9 of the themes, with scores for three themes remaining the same and a lower score for two themes (**public transport** and **identity and belonging**).

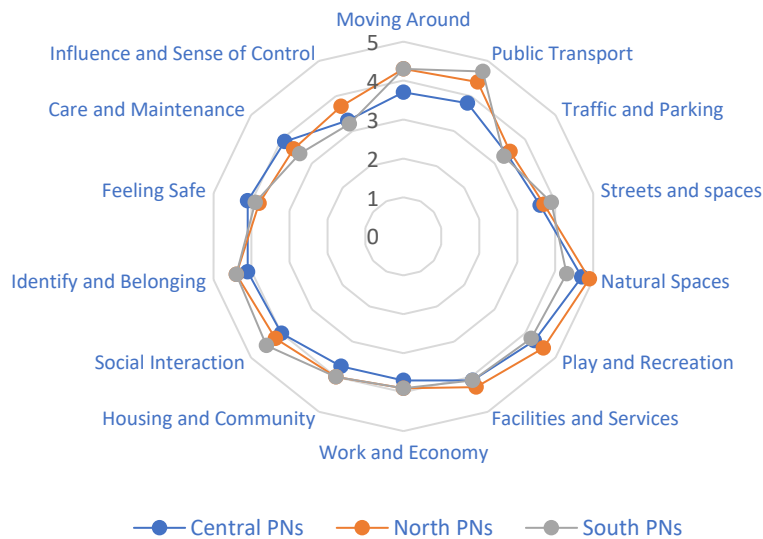
In **North** there has been an improvement for 6 of the themes, with scores for 4 themes remaining the same and a lower score for 4 themes (**streets and spaces**, **work and local economy**, **feeling safe** and **care and maintenance**).

In **South** there has been an improvement for 5 of the themes, with scores for 1 theme remaining the same and a lower score for 8 themes (moving around, public transport, traffic and parking, streets and spaces, facilities and services, work and local economy, feeling safe and influence and sense control).

WHAT SCORED HIGHEST AND LOWEST IN OUR PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

A total of 231 participants were identified as belonging to a Priority Neighbourhood (77 Central PNs, 99 North PNs and 55 South PNs). The pattern is broadly similar for our three priority neighbourhood (PNs) groups with the most noticeable differences being for **Public Transport** and **Moving Around** (lower in Central PNs than either North or South PNs) and **Natural Spaces** (lower in South PNs than either Central or North PNs).

Mean Scores, Priority Neighbourhoods



The table below shows the 5 lowest and highest ranking themes for each priority neighbourhood.

While the highest ranking theme for all three localities was **Natural Space**, there seems to be slightly more variation in terms of which other themes are ranked highest within each locality. For example, Play and Recreation is ranked 2nd highest in Central but does not make the 'top 5' for either of the other locality areas.

As with the overall locality results, **Influence and Sense of Control** and **Traffic and Parking** were the lowest ranked themes for both Central and South PNs. In North PNs, **Traffic and Parking** was the lowest ranking theme, following by **Care and Maintenance**. **Feeling Safe** was amongst the five *lowest* ranked themes in North and South PNs – although this was the third *highest* ranked theme in the Central PNs. **Natural Space** was the highest ranked theme for Central and North priority neighbourhood groups, but only the 4th highest for South priority neighbourhoods where **Public Transport** was the highest ranked. **Public Transport** was the 4th highest ranked theme in North PNs but did not appear in the top five for Central.

	Central PNs		North PNs		South PNs	
	Theme	Mean	Theme	Mean	Theme	Mean
Lowest	Influence and Sense of Control	3.3	Traffic and Parking	3.5	Influence and Sense of Control	3.2
	Traffic and Parking	3.4	Care and Maintenance	3.6	Traffic and Parking	3.3
	Streets and spaces	3.6	Influence and Sense of Control	3.7	Care and Maintenance	3.4
	Moving Around	3.7	Streets and spaces	3.7	Streets and spaces	3.9
	Work and Economy	3.7	Feeling Safe	3.8	Feeling Safe	3.9
Highest	Natural Spaces	4.7	Natural Spaces	4.9	Public Transport	4.7
	Play and Recreation	4.3	Play and Recreation	4.6	Social Interaction	4.5
	Feeling Safe	4.1	Identify and Belonging	4.4	Identify and Belonging	4.4
	Facilities and Services	4.1	Public Transport	4.4	Natural Spaces	4.3
	Identify and Belonging	4.1	Facilities and Services	4.3	Moving Around	4.3

Since we last asked in 2023 mean scores from priority neighbourhoods have changed as detailed below:

Central – improvement in 9 themes, 1 has remained the same and decreases in 4 themes (moving around, public transport, streets and spaces and housing and community).

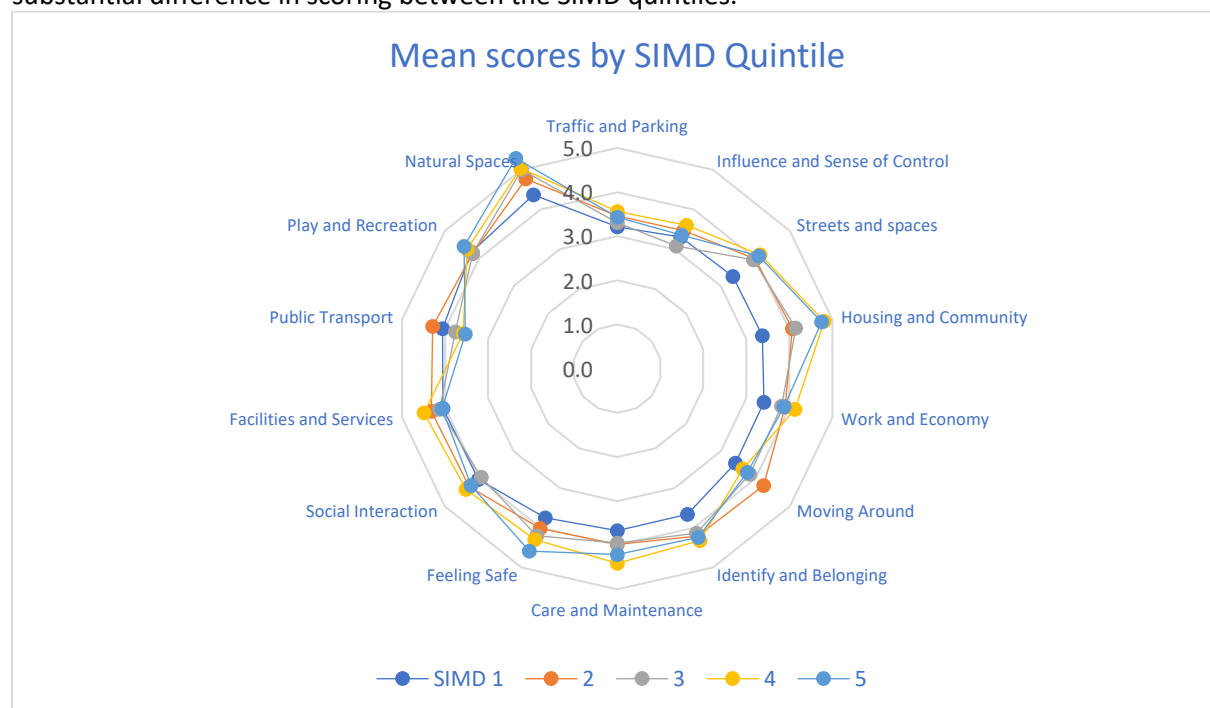
North – improvements for all 14 themes.

South – improvements in 9 themes, 3 have stayed the same and decreases in 2 themes (work and local economy and feeling safe).

WHAT SCORED HIGHEST AND LOWEST BY SCOTTISH INDEX OF MULTIPLE DEPRIVATION (SIMD)

Data on SIMD quintile was available for 592 participants. Of these, 12.2% were in quintile 1, 23.6% were in quintile 2, 15% were in quintile 3, 13.9% were in quintile 4 and 35.6% were in quintile 5.

Overall scores are charted in the figure below – highlights that while for some themes there is a substantial difference in scoring between the SIMD quintiles.



Influence and Sense of Control and **Traffic and Parking** were the two lowest rankings in most SIMD categories (although in a different order). The exception was in SIMD 4 where **Public Transport** was the second lowest ranking theme (after **Traffic and Parking**).

Natural Space was the highest ranking theme across all five SIMD categories. Ranking for other themes was more varied for the higher rankings. For example, **Feeling safe** was ranked 2nd highest for SIMD 3 and third highest for SIMD 5 (least deprived) – however, this did not appear in the top five for SIMD 1 (most deprived), SIMD 2 or SIMD 4. Similarly **Housing and Community** was ranked in the top 5 for SIMD 3, 4 and 5 (least deprived) but was among the lowest ranked in SIMD 1 (most deprived).

WHAT YOU SAID

A total of **13,433** comments were received across each of the 14 themes, combining all 'good' now comments, and all 'improve' comments received by participants who completed the survey or attended an in person event.

The number of comments for 'improve' are greater than the number for 'good' in all themes except Natural Space and Housing and Community. There was a wide variety and range of comments provided for each theme suggesting improvements.

Below is a summary taken from participants' comments of both the 'good' aspects about Aberdeen and their places, as well as the suggestions for improvement. The summarised comments are presented and grouped by Theme and are on a city wide basis.



TOP THINGS THAT ARE 'GOOD NOW' AND THINGS THAT 'COULD MAKE ABERDEEN BETTER'

Here are the summarised top areas participants overall felt are 'Good now' and 'Could Make Aberdeen Better' in the future. There are a number of cross cutting areas arising across themes and a matrix of these can be viewed [here](#). The reports with the comments by locality can be viewed at the following links: [North](#), [South](#) and [Central](#). Overall similar areas were raised across all three localities, with any areas of difference detailed in the final column in the table below. The comments from children and young people can be viewed in the [Full report](#).

Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	Areas raised by specific Locality
Moving Around	Bus: Participants appreciate the reliability and convenience of the bus routes, with specific mentions of routes to the city centre, Hilton, and the beach retail park. "Regular bus services." Walking: The city is described as "walkable", with good pavements and pedestrian crossings. "Walking around Aberdeen is great. With the current city layout, there isn't much that can be or even need be improved." The presence of wide pavements and pedestrianised areas in the city centre, like Marischal College, adds to the ease of walking. "The city is lucky to have wide pavements which help." Cycling infrastructure there are mentions of good cycle routes. "I do cycle and the cycle lanes are good." The segregated cycle path on South College Street is particularly praised. Additionally, the availability of adaptable bikes and support from organisations like Cycling UK have been beneficial. The support by cyclingUK to purchase and repair adaptable bicycles has been a game changer in motivating more people to cycle. Please continue supporting Cycling UK via the funding from NESTrans"	Safety and accessibility of cycling: Some participants have highlighted the need for more dedicated cycle lanes that are separate from pedestrian paths and roads. They feel that current cycle paths are inadequate and often pose risks to both cyclists and pedestrians. "Bike lanes are either non existent or not respected by car users as they are often squeezed in places into drivers lanes, and they end suddenly People park on pavements..." Better signage for cycle routes is suggested. Additionally, there is a call for more secure bike parking facilities, covered by CCTV, to encourage cycling. Condition of Pavements: comments raised that many pavements are uneven, with loose slabs and large gaps, posing a risk to pedestrians, particularly the elderly and disabled. Participants have reported trip hazards and injuries due to the poor state of pavements. "Some pavements very uneven, a trip hazard. Eg Duthie Terrace." "The pavements throughout the Midsocket area are really uneven and present real trip hazards" There is a call for better maintenance and resurfacing of pavements to ensure they are safe and accessible for all. "Can be difficult for disabled community members. Uneven pathways and litter issues"	Accessibility for people with a disability raised in North and Central

		Lighting: There is also a call for better lighting on streets and paths to improve safety, especially during winter months. <i>"Street lights in Kincorth are a joke - really bad in winter."</i> Public transport: participants express dissatisfaction with bus routes, frequency, and affordability. Comments also feel that bus services are unreliable, expensive, and do not cover enough areas, making it difficult to travel across the city. There is a desire for more frequent and affordable bus services, as well as better connections between different parts of the city. <i>"Cheaper and more reliable bus routes."</i> <i>"Moving across the city can sometimes take multiple buses."</i> Parking Enforcement: There are concerns about cars parking on pavements, blocking access for pedestrians and wheelchair users. <i>"Stop people parking on kerbs on residential streets and also poor parking."</i> There is a call for more regulated parking and some have suggested banning non-resident parking at certain times to improve traffic flow and safety. Road Infrastructure and maintenance: Participants reported numerous potholes and poor road conditions, making they felt driving and cycling hazardous. There is a call for better road maintenance and quicker completion of roadworks to minimise disruption. <i>"Roadworks need to be completed much quicker"</i> There is also a call for the removal of bus gates and low emission zones, which are seen as causing confusion, inconvenience, more traffic congestion and pollution due to detours. <i>"Get rid of the bus gates and the ulez zones, they don't work and provide no benefit to anyone."</i> General cleanliness: participants reported issues with litter, dog fouling. <i>"pavements are disgusting, broken glass, litter and dog excrement"</i>. Feeling that more needs to be done to keep the city clean and safe for everyone.	
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	Emerging priorities/potential gaps: (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • People parking on kerbside (covered under traffic and parking in 2023) • Cleanliness			
Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	Areas raised by specific Locality	
Public Transport	Range and reliability of bus services, highlighted as a positive with participants commenting that buses are frequent and generally on time, with the number 19 bus route highlighted for its convenience. <i>"There are plenty of bus options to move around the city."</i> And <i>"Buses on time, regular and reliable."</i> Location of bus and train services within the city centre is highlighted as a positive. Technology: highlighted as enhancing the public transport experience, with participants mentioning the usefulness of apps that show bus routes and waiting times. <i>"I know which bus to get, when and where because of the technology available."</i> The Firstbus and Stagecoach apps are specifically noted for their effectiveness. <i>"Firstbus and Stagecoach app works well."</i> The verbal announcements of stops on buses are seen as helpful for those unfamiliar with the routes. Environmental Improvements: The introduction of hydrogen and electric buses is appreciated for their environmental benefits. <i>"Electric buses quieter and cleaner."</i> <i>"Electric buses are good – there should be more of them."</i> Free bus travel scheme for children and young people is praised for encouraging independence and facilitating access to education and work. <i>"Great having young travel cards, has encouraged independence has meant they can take on additional education (my son is attending college) something he</i>	Ticketing and Pricing: Participants find the bus fares to be high, making public transportation unaffordable for working individuals and families. <i>"Extremely expensive for working people who don't receive discounts."</i> There is a call for cheaper fares and more competitive pricing to encourage more people to use buses instead of cars. <i>"Pricing of tickets too high and does not discourage users from driving". "It's a bit pricey if you are not young or old."</i> <i>"If driving to town is not encouraged by the council then cheaper bus fares should be offered for return journeys from town. Also increasing the frequency."</i> Frequency and Reliability: Participants report that buses often do not adhere to their schedules, leading to long waiting times and missed connections. <i>"Reliability. Buses often do not appear."</i> Suggestions that there is a need for more frequent services, especially during peak hours and weekends, to ensure timely and reliable transport. <i>"More routes, more frequent times that are stuck to, and more affordable."</i> Routes and Connectivity: The current bus routes are raised as inefficient, with comments highlighting that residents having to travel into the city centre to connect to other areas. <i>"Need more direct routes from suburbs."</i> There is a call for more direct routes that connect different parts of the city without the need to go through the city centre. <i>"Service only goes to city centre, does not connect to other areas without lengthy connections."</i> Additionally, there is a demand for circular routes that improve connectivity and reduce travel times. <i>"Have some circular routes,</i>	Environmentally Friendly Buses: raised in South Safety and Cleanliness raised in North and Central	

	wouldn't have managed to do without his travel card as both parents work through the day and the cost would have been a prohibitor." The concession bus passes for elderly and disabled persons are also valued for enabling mobility and access to services. <i>"The concession bus passes for the service users are great. It enables them to be access services in town and take somebody along when support is needed."</i> Cleanliness and maintenance of buses are generally satisfactory, and the politeness of bus drivers is appreciated. <i>"Buses are clean." "Clean frequent buses with friendly helpful drivers."</i>	<i>place routes to places like ARI within a few bus routes so people from all areas can visit the hospital with changing via union street and taking half a day to get to and from ARI."</i> Accessibility: issues are raised, particularly for elderly and disabled residents. <i>"They could have more space for wheelchair users and prams. Often they compete for space and can usually not have a wheelchair and a pram on the same bus."</i> Need for more bus stops closer to residential areas, better access for wheelchair users, and improved infrastructure at bus stops to make them more user-friendly also raised. <i>"The bus shelters have no seats too."</i> Cleanliness and Safety: comments about the cleanliness and safety of buses. <i>"Some buses are not so neat, so cleanliness should be worked upon more."</i> There are reports of buses being dirty <i>"Buses are so dirty"</i> as well as instances of antisocial behaviour that make some residents feel unsafe, especially at night. <i>"There's a great deal of anti social behaviour. Measures should be taken to reduce this."</i> <i>"Anti-social behaviour on the bus is also putting people off using them at night."</i> Environmental Impact: suggestion for more environmentally friendly transportation options <i>"Increasing low-carbon vehicles to 100% of fleet"</i> Bus Stops and Shelters: Participants express that many bus shelters are poorly maintained, dirty, and lack adequate seating and would welcome live timetable information. <i>"The bus shelters have no seats too."</i> and <i>"Updated bus shelters like in the city centre so you can actually see how many minutes the bus will be"</i>. Integration with Other Transport Options: There is a call for better integration of bus services with other transport options, such as	
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		trains and taxis. Comments suggest the introduction of a unified ticketing system that allows seamless travel across different modes of transport would be beneficial. <i>"Stagecoach and FirstBus don't accept each other's tickets. Surely we could have an integrated, tap in, tap out "Transport for Aberdeen" system?"</i> and <i>"Having two bus companies with their own ticket systems does not seem to have the desired effect of the free marked to have reasonable bus fares and competitive connectivity. Other councils seem to have better systems in place, eg. Edinburgh."</i>	
	Emerging priorities/potential gaps: (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Accessibility of public transport • Anti social behaviour on public Transport		
Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	Areas raised in specific localities
Traffic and Parking	Parking Availability: Participants appreciate the availability of parking spaces, noting that there are plenty of options both in the city centre and in residential areas. <i>"Plenty parking around Aberdeen"</i> Parking Facilities Quality and Pricing: participants have mixed opinions on the quality and pricing of parking facilities. Some praise the modern payment methods and reasonable costs, others express concerns about the high prices, especially in the city centre. <i>"I can easily park outside the city centre and walk in, saving on parking fees and getting exercise. When I need to take my car I like to use Pay by phone which I find convenient and reasonably priced."</i> And <i>"Parking is safe, but very costly."</i> Traffic Management Initiatives: the introduction of the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and bus gates has been seen as beneficial by some, as it has reduced traffic congestion and improved air quality in the city centre. Some participants highlight that the bypass and other new roads have also made a difference in	Transportation Issues: Participants raise that they feel the approach to discouraging car use has not been balanced with viable alternatives. <i>"Need to reduce the number of vehicles on the road - congestion, delays and pollution by providing better alternative"</i>. Some have raised that cycling is unsafe, and public transportation, especially buses, is both "expensive and unreliable". This has led to a general sentiment that the city's efforts to reduce car usage have caused more frustration than improvement. <i>"Until you make public transport cheap people will continue to use their cars."</i> Parking Concerns: Parking issues are raised. The cost of parking in the city centre is seen as expensive, which is viewed as discouraging people from visiting and negatively impacting local businesses. There are also complaints about the lack of parking spaces, both in residential areas and around key locations like schools and shopping centres. Some participants have suggested that more affordable or even free parking could help revitalise the city centre. <i>"Parking is very expensive, bus gates all over the place discourage from going into the city centre to shop which affects local business."</i>	Anti-social Driving and Enforcement: raised in North School Drop-off and Pick-up parking, road Conditions and Repair and Accessibility and Inclusivity issues raised in Central

	alleviating traffic congestion, making it easier to navigate the city. <i>"LEZ and bus gates seem to reduce the amount of traffic. Should be extended all the way to Anderson Drive." And "Bypass made big difference"</i> Accessibility and Safety: The presence of designated disabled parking spaces and the enforcement of parking regulations have been positively received, contributing to a sense of safety and organisation. <i>"It is good to have disabled parking spots I can use with my badge."</i>	Road and Car Park Conditions: The condition of the roads and car parks is another common concern. The state of repair of car parks, with issues such as standing water, vandalism, and a general feeling of neglect raised. The presence of potholes and the need for more frequent resurfacing and repainting of roads have also been mentioned. <i>"The condition of the roads is shocking - lack of investment."</i> Additionally, there are calls for better signposting and maintenance of pedestrian routes from public car parks to main streets. Traffic Flow and Management: Traffic flow and management are also issues raised. Participants have expressed frustration with bus gates and low emission zones (LEZ), which they feel have created more traffic congestion and increased travel times. There are also concerns about the impact of these measures on residential areas, where traffic has been redirected, causing safety issues for pedestrians, especially children walking to school. <i>"Certain areas of the city have terrible traffic flow (Berryden, Hutcheon Street)." and "The bus gates create more traffic build-up and increase emissions."</i> Safety Concerns: Some participants feel that the current traffic management measures prioritise vehicles over pedestrians, making it difficult and unsafe to cross roads. There are also concerns about anti-social driving behaviour, particularly around schools, and the need for more enforcement of parking regulations to ensure safety. <i>"Traffic in the mornings block the crossing and this makes it unsafe for children walking to school." And "Traffic takes priority over people. Can't cross the road without a lengthy detour."</i>	
	Emerging Priorities/potential gaps: (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Impact of bus gates and LEZ • Anti-social behaviour		

Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	Areas raised in specific localities
Streets and Spaces	Green Spaces and Parks: participants appreciate the abundance of green spaces, parks, and natural landscapes, such as Victoria Park, Bonnymuir, and Union Terrace Gardens. <i>"Lovely parks, some lovely places to walk dogs and enjoy."</i> The cleanliness and maintenance of these areas are frequently mentioned, with participants noting that parks like Duthie Park and Hazlehead Park are well-kept and provide safe places for socialising and exercising. Architecture: The city's architecture, including historic buildings and modern developments like Marischal College and Union Terrace Gardens, is also highlighted as a source of pride. <i>"The preservation of historic buildings adds character."</i> Accessibility and Convenience: participants value the accessibility and convenience of public spaces, with good signposting and easy navigation around the city. <i>"Useful signposting."</i> Community Groups and Public Space Improvements: the presence of community groups and efforts to improve public spaces, such as street art projects like Nuart, contribute to a vibrant and engaging environment. <i>"Appreciate the art from Nuart. Brightens things."</i>	Cleanliness and Maintenance of Public Spaces: Participants have expressed concerns about the condition of the streets, pavements, and buildings. Issues such as litter, dog mess, graffiti, and overflowing bins are frequently mentioned. The need for more rubbish bins and dog mess bins is highlighted, along with the importance of regular cleaning and maintenance to improve the overall appearance of the city. <i>"Cleaning of buildings in Aberdeen central, and wider, would see a remarkable visual improvement. In some locations there could be more bins."</i> Condition of Roads and Pavements: the condition of roads and pavements is raised as a concern. Participants have reported numerous potholes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards, which have led to injuries. There is a call for better road maintenance, including resurfacing and repairing potholes, as well as gritting pavements during snowy and icy weather to ensure safety for pedestrians. <i>"Road conditions - some terrible potholes and poorly maintained road surfaces."</i> Green Spaces: Participants have expressed a desire for more parks, trees, and greenery throughout the city. <i>"More green spaces around the city centre and near school areas."</i> The need for better maintenance of green spaces, including regular grass cutting, tree trimming, and cleaning of public areas is also raised. <i>"The upkeep and maintenance of the parks and gardens."</i> The importance of creating more accessible and well-maintained parks for families, children, and individuals with disabilities is emphasised. Accessibility and Safety: participants have raised concerns about the accessibility and safety of public spaces. Poor lighting in parks and	Facilities and Accessibility: and City Centre: Aesthetic raised in North

		streets, lack of proper signage, and insufficient facilities for disabled individuals are raised. <i>"Better lighting in parks at night."</i> <i>"More spaces for disabled access. As a disabled person there's minimal spaces and people without blue badges take them."</i> It is suggested that there is a need for better street lighting, more accessible pathways, and improved safety measures to make public spaces more welcoming and secure. <i>"Doesn't feel safe in the city centre from around 4pm onwards, some areas unkempt and uninviting"</i> State of Buildings and Infrastructure: the condition of buildings and infrastructure is raised. Some buildings are described as "dirty", and in "need of repair". There is a call for building owners to take more responsibility for maintaining their properties, including cleaning up graffiti, removing weeds, and repairing damaged structures. <i>"Buildings need to be maintained better, for example force owners in Union Street to clean them up and get weeds out of the roof etc. Union Street should sparkle. Pavements are dirty, lots of chewing gum, litter and dog poop."</i> The importance of preserving historical buildings and landmarks is also highlighted. Community Engagement and Activities: Participants have suggested more community involvement in maintaining and improving public spaces. Suggestions included community gardens, local litter pick-ups, and educational programmes. <i>"Mobilise community to do local litter pick ups more often, ask schools to speak about this issue in schools."</i> The need for better communication and collaboration between communities and the council is raised.	
	Emerging priorities/Potential Gaps (<i>These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023</i>) • Accessibility and Safety of Public Spaces		

Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	Areas raised in specific localities
Natural Spaces	Proximity and Accessibility: Participants appreciated the easy access to green spaces, with parks like Seaton, Duthie, and Hazlehead being frequently mentioned as beautiful and well-maintained. <i>"Great access to parks and outdoor spaces across the city and surrounding countryside."</i> The city's proximity to the countryside and the beach is also valued, providing residents with opportunities for outdoor activities and relaxation. <i>"We are lucky that we live near the countryside."</i> Improvements to green spaces and parks have been noted positively, <i>"Recent improvements to green spaces and parks is great."</i> and the presence of mature trees and well-kept public parks contributes to the overall appeal of the city. Diversity of Natural Spaces: Participants highlight the variety of natural spaces available, including riverside walks, woodland areas, and nature reserves. <i>"There are natural areas at the river and woods that are well maintained and easy to access."</i> <i>"There are a good amount of parks and woodland areas around."</i> Amenities: The availability of benches, bins, and other amenities are cited. <i>"Parks and natural spaces are pleasant. Benches and bins. Ducks and ponds."</i>	Green Spaces: Participants express desire for more green spaces and better maintenance of existing ones. Participants raised concerns about the removal of parks like St Fittick's, and the need for more <i>"More localised small green spaces within the city centre to attract wildlife."</i> They also asked for more trees planted, better maintenance of footpaths, and improved connectivity to green spaces. <i>"More of them, stop cutting down trees and not replacing."</i> Accessibility. Participants highlighted the need for better access to parks and green spaces, especially for those with disabilities. Suggestions include more benches, improved lighting, and better public transport options to these areas. <i>"Pavements that have tree roots not very level and can cause trip hazards. Dog mess, owners need fined."</i> Safety and Cleanliness: Participants have reported issues with litter, dog mess, broken glass, and vandalism in parks and green spaces. There is a call for more regular cleanups, better policing, and more bins to address these problems. <i>"Dog mess, owners need fined."</i> Community Involvement and Activities: Participants highlighted community involvement and activities to support natural spaces. Suggestions included creating community gardens, increasing allotments, and organising local gatherings and events in parks to boost city morale and support local businesses. <i>"More wild/open spaces. More options to create community gardens, increase allotments and community food growing"</i> and <i>"I'd love to see more micro allotments opened up so that those who think they might want an allotment can try a small version first."</i>	Green Spaces and Natural Areas within the City Centre raised in North Accessibility and Connectivity raised in North and Central Increased use of Green Space raised in North

		Impact of New Developments: impact of new developments on green spaces was raised. Some participants suggested that too many green areas are being lost to housing and industrial developments, and they wanted the council to protect existing green spaces and consider the environmental impact of new projects. <i>“Stop approving housing developments on green spaces (like the Bucksburn Valley area, Green Bank at Bridge of Don, or Den of Maidencraig), while rejecting developments planned for abandoned industrial areas (e.g. former Exhibition Centre).”</i>	
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Community Involvement and Activities • Impact of New Developments		
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Play and Recreation	Availability and maintenance of parks appreciated, with several mentioning specific locations like Hazlehead Park and Duthie Park. These parks are praised for their well-kept play areas, green spaces, and the recent upgrades that have made them even more enjoyable for families and children. <i>“Good availability of parks”</i> and <i>“Renovations of the play parks”</i> and <i>“The play park is well maintained”</i> Accessible Recreational spaces and sports facilities is highlighted as good, with participants recognising the accessibility <i>“There are parks within walking distance”</i>, inclusivity such as accessible play equipment and variety of activities available for different age groups <i>“Our local parks offer facilities for most age groups”</i>	Increased Recreational Facilities -Participants feel that there is a need for more and better-maintained sports facilities, including football pitches, swimming pools, and outdoor gym equipment. Participants suggest development of facilities such as skate parks, bike tracks, and community centres, to provide a wider range of activities for all age groups. They also express a request for more community events. <i>“More accessible play equipment but also outdoor gym equipment that can be used for free would be a boost in terms of health in the area.”</i> Affordable and Accessible facilities, raised as important, particularly for teenagers and young adults, to support reduce antisocial behaviour and provide safe spaces for socialising and physical activity. <i>“Facilities for teens to reduce antisocial behaviour. “The weather in Aberdeen can be cold, rainy and windy. Young families and teens also need affordable fun areas inside especially over winters. Parks MUST be lit for safety.”</i>	Spaces and Activities for Children and Teenagers raised in North and Central Facilities for Children with Disabilities/ Additional Needs: raised in North Safety raised in South and Central Community events/activities

		Maintenance and cleanliness of existing facilities highlighted for improvement, with specific mentions of dog waste, litter, and vandalism as ongoing issues. Suggestions included <i>“more rubbish bins, dog poo bins”</i>. Additionally, there is a call for more public toilets, better drainage of sports fields, and improved public transport links to recreational areas. Inclusivity: participants raise the need for more inclusive play areas for children with disabilities, opportunities for intergenerational and affordable activities. <i>“Provide incentives that will attract more people to go out. Also more and more people don’t have money to play or do recreation.” “there are not many affordable alternatives to public play parks.”</i> Promotion: better advertising of existing recreational opportunities to increase participation and engagement is suggested.	raised in North and Central
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (<i>These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023</i>) • Public transport links to recreational activities • Maintenance and cleanliness of existing facilities • Inclusivity: participants highlight the need for more inclusive play areas for children with disabilities, opportunities for intergenerational and affordable activities.		
Where do children and young people play in your area?	Variety of Play Areas: Participants mentioned that children play in local parks such as Duthie Park, Westburn Park, Hazlehead Park. Participants also stated that children also play in private gardens, or on the streets, and specific play parks like those in front of multi-storey buildings and at Seaview Crescent. Other locations such as school grounds, green spaces, Asda car park, and the beach were provided. <i>“On the roads, in shops, outside shops, at the local primary school, walking the streets, unions sq”</i> Accessibility and Safety: some expressed concerns about the lack of safe play areas, with comments about children having to travel to parks or play in less ideal locations like streets or driveways. <i>“Homes and gardens as unfortunately there is no local play space”</i> and <i>“There is nowhere for children to play unless they have access to their own garden”</i>		
Please tell us your thoughts on the quality, quantity and accessibility of	Quality and Maintenance: varied opinions about the quality, quantity, and accessibility of play spaces in their area. <i>“Quantity and accessibility of play spaces are great, there are plenty of play places in the city and all are accessible for everyone. The quality varies depending on which play space you go to, some are better maintained than others.”</i> However, some find play spaces to be well-maintained and of good quality, while others report poor maintenance and safety issues. <i>“The quantity is so poor, for quality, you have one or two parks with just one or two things installed for play. It really needs to be looked at.”</i>		

play spaces in your area?	Accessibility: There are concerns about accessibility, with suggestions for more accessible equipment and better facilities. “Grass is often left to grow too long between cuts. Built on a hill no accessible toys for children with additional needs” Some felt that the play spaces are greatly lacking and underfunded, while others feel that there is a good quantity but mixed quality. “need to be more quality activities for all ages including teenagers. free skate parks areas for scooters” Safety: Issues like dog waste, vandalism, aggressive dogs, and motorbikes are mentioned as safety concerns. <i>“No policing or enforcement for aggressive dogs or motorbikes”</i> and “Not any, not enough safe places and no segregation between kids and dogs - there should be specific parks designated Dog free and others for Dog Friendly.” Suggestions for Improvement: suggestions included enhancing and extending playparks, installing all-weather floodlit pitches, and creating more playgrounds with various equipment for different age groups.		
Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	
Facilities and Services	Local amenities: Participants appreciate the accessibility and availability of local amenities such as shops, community centres, and schools. Convenience of having essential services within walking distance, including supermarkets, pharmacies, and GP surgeries highlighted. <i>"Local shops and cafes are easily accessible."</i> The presence of libraries and community hubs is also valued, with some noting the helpful staff and the range of activities available for different age groups. The availability of food banks and support groups for those in need is also appreciated. Green Space and local parks highlighted as important and provide a pleasant environment for walking and outdoor activities. The community spirit is evident, with participants praising the efforts of volunteers and local charities in supporting various community services. Education: participants are generally satisfied with the quality of local schools and the accessibility of educational facilities. <i>"Schooling is still decent in the area"</i>	Availability of Facilities: Participants raise the lack of facilities and services, particularly libraries, and public spaces. Also raised is the closure of local libraries and community centres, which they feel has left a void in their communities. They raise the need for these spaces to be reopened or repurposed to serve the community better. <i>"No library so maybe need a community hub/centre."</i> And <i>"The nearest library (Central) is more than a mile away. I'm not aware of any social/ community/ childrens/council/ housing/alcohol/substance/ homeless/ employment/reoffending/low-income/food bank services within half a mile."</i> Activities and Facilities for young people: Concerns that there are not enough recreational options for children and teenagers, leading to boredom and potential antisocial behaviour. They suggest the creation of more youth-oriented spaces and activities to keep young people engaged and out of trouble. <i>"more for young people to do" and Improvement in facilities for young people"</i> Access to Healthcare services, particularly GP and dental services, was highlighted as a concern. Participants report difficulties in accessing these services due to long waiting times and oversubscribed practices. <i>"Many services over-subscribed making it hard to see a doctor or dentist etc."</i> They call for more doctors,	Education capacity raised in North Educational Support for children with additional needs is called for raised in North Public Transport and Infrastructure raised in North Safety and facilities for vulnerable people: raised in North and South

	Community centres and hubs, the positive impact of community centres and hubs, which offer a range of services and activities that cater to different needs.	better appointment systems, and improved access to healthcare facilities. Public transportation and accessibility: participants mention the need for better bus routes and services, especially to community centres and other essential facilities. <i>"However local community centre is not on the bus route so is not accessible to a lot of locals with mobility issues."</i> Accessibility for people with mobility issues is also highlighted as a concern. Affordable retail options: Participants expressed a desire for more local shops and affordable retail options. <i>"Shops in my community are expensive."</i> They feel that the current retail landscape is lacking, with too many empty units and not enough variety <i>"More variety of shops"</i> and <i>"Greater variety of shops, encourage small businesses to use empty units."</i> They suggest that the council should do more to encourage local businesses and make retail spaces more affordable. Safety: in public spaces raised as important. Participants mention issues with antisocial behaviour, drug use, and general neglect of public areas. They call for more police presence, better maintenance of public spaces, and initiatives to address substance use and homelessness. <i>"There is a lack of joined up thinking between services in relation to addiction and mental health."</i> Education Investment and Additional Support Needs: quality of education and the condition of school facilities raised with comments suggesting more investment in schools, better support for children with additional needs, and a focus on creating a positive learning environment. <i>"Need more support in schools with children with additional support needs."</i>	Education performance and childcare funding raised in Central. Support for local businesses raised in South and Central.
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	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (<i>These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023</i>) • Safety: in public spaces. Participants mention issues with antisocial behaviour, drug use, and general neglect of public areas. They call for more police presence, better maintenance of public spaces, and initiatives to address substance use and homelessness. (raised under feeling safe in 2023) • Education Investment and Additional Support Needs: Comments suggest more investment in schools, better support for children with additional needs, and a focus on creating a positive learning environment		
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Housing and Community	Availability and affordability of houses and flats to buy or rent is generally good, with a mix of housing types and sizes and council and private homes. <i>"Good availability of houses and flats to buy or rent" and "General good range of housing available"</i> Variety of home types, including new builds and older houses, is highlighted. Community spirit is highlighted as good with friendly neighbours raised <i>"Good and inclusive community" and "Community spirit is good in most areas, local projects increase participation"</i> Housing is felt as well-maintained with many new developments under construction. <i>"Homes are well kept and there are options for elderly in terms of adapted" and "Homes are in good condition"</i> Safety: participants feel safe and there is a sense of active community engagement.	Oversupply of Properties: Participants raise <i>"There is a huge oversupply of private housing in Aberdeen, leading to properties that people can't sell and increasing misery of negative equity."</i> There are questions about the need for new developments. <i>"Too many new housing developments making it harder to sell and devaluing older properties"</i> Affordable and social Housing: There is demand for more affordable homes for purchase and rent. <i>"more social housing for families" and "More affordable homes to buy. Greater provision of community facilities to encourage social inclusivity."</i> Participants suggest prioritising the renovation of empty buildings over new constructions. <i>"Encourage redevelopment of city centre properties over building of yet more new housing estates on the fringe of the city. Not only might this reinvigorate the city centre, it would help tidy up the buildings there and provide custom for city centre businesses too."</i> Facilities and Infrastructure: to support the growing population in areas of new development. Concerns about the lack of community spaces, shops, doctors, and other essential services in housing areas, especially in new developments. <i>"There aren't facilities for the increased population. Doctors, dentists, school places."</i>	Impact of new developments on infrastructure/services raised in North and South Housing Quality and maintenance raised in North and Central Investment in Green Technology/Energy efficiency raised in North and Central Community Integration/Cohesion, transport and accessibility and safety raised in North

		Energy Efficiency: participants raise that many homes are often energy inefficient, with poor insulation and outdated heating systems "A lot of houses are energy inefficient.", and there is an ask for investment in green technology to improve energy efficiency and reduce heating costs." <i>Needs to be more investment in green technology e.g. heat pumps, heating networks.</i> And "Cost effective improvements like introducing new technologies for heating and energy." Housing Repairs and Maintenance: Concern raised over long process for arranging repairs, wait times and quality of maintenance work. Call for better maintenance of existing council properties. <i>"The process for organising a communal repair and the missing shares procedure isn't easy to find information about. The Novoville app is helpful, but it's so hard to find someone in the council to help navigate the system and the information is hard to find. So more easily accessible information in simple language about organising communal repairs would be great."</i> Community Spirit and Safety are important to participants. Highlighted that integration can impact an areas with desire for more community building opportunities and better support for local events to foster a sense of community and improve the living environment. <i>"There are a lot of HMO properties in the area, with lots of residents coming and going frequently, which doesn't help to create a community spirit. However, everyone needs to live somewhere, including students and young people who are only around temporarily, and that is just the way of things. More support for community events, and better awareness of community organisations would help."</i>	Oversupply and empty properties raised in South
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) None		

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Work and Local Economy	Availability of skilled jobs in the oil and gas and energy sectors, small businesses, the public sector and in the NHS are recognised by participants as providing <i>"Good mix of employment opportunities"</i>, while the <i>"Universities and NHS act as magnets for talent."</i> Vibrant local economy with "lots of local shops / businesses within walking distance" are appreciated by participants as are the efforts to diversify away from the oil industry. Volunteering and Training is "plentiful", with many opportunities to "upskill" available for young and older people and in community centres, churches, libraries and local organisations such as ABZ Works, Pathways and ACVO Community Support to keep businesses open demonstrates "a strong community infrastructure". Social enterprises are appreciated by participants.	Local Job Opportunities and Skill-Building Initiatives were regarded as lacking by participants who emphasised the need for better collaboration between schools and local companies to provide work placements and modern apprenticeships. Participants felt more could be done for people to <i>"gain experience and employability skills"</i>, such as <i>"a scheme to set up volunteering opportunities in both the third sector and in the community (in partnership with ACC)"</i> Economic Decline and Government Support were highlighted as a concern, with industries moving away due to insufficient government support for oil, gas, and renewable energy projects. Participants believe that the <i>"council should pressure the government for radical changes to stimulate city growth"</i>. Infrastructure and Public Transport: participants suggested infrastructure and public Transport should be a focus for ACC investment to boost the economy. Participants also suggested investing in renewable energies and offering more training opportunities. Participants were concerned that <i>"vehicular restrictions"</i> had impacted negatively and encouraged ACC to <i>"Reduce rates and remove lez and bus gates to encourage footfall and business to enter again."</i> Repurposing Empty Shops and Buildings for <i>"housing or community hubs"</i>, or <i>"cultural attractions"</i> to revitalise the area was suggested by participants who were concerned that the city centre was in <i>"decline"</i>. Information Dissemination and Tourism: participants raised the need to improve, especially around <i>"local volunteering and training opportunities"</i>. Participants also point out the importance of	Remote working raised in Central Impact of transport options raised in North and Central Volunteer opportunities raised in North Lifelong Learning raised in central

	supporting and developing tourist attractions, cultural events, and outdoor opportunities to draw visitors from outside the area and engage residents. Support for Diversification in the Oil and Gas Sector was regarded as a way to improve the city, with participants urging better <i>“support for diversification to prevent further economic downturn”</i>. The council is encouraged to <i>“work alongside the oil and gas industry”</i> while increasing investment in <i>“offshore wind or wave energy projects”</i>. Visibility of Job Opportunities raised as needing improvement, as some participants feel that jobs are not well advertised within the local community. Participants urged ACC to be <i>“more proactive in highlighting local jobs and volunteering opportunities”</i>. Community-Led Initiatives and Lifelong Learning should be <i>“prioritised”</i>. Participants would like to see “more community wealth building... in priority neighbourhoods”. Participants feel that more could be done to advertise volunteering and training opportunities, and to <i>“make them more accessible to everyone, including non-digital users”</i>	
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Information Dissemination and Community Engagement need to improve, especially around “local volunteering and training opportunities”. • supporting and developing tourist attractions, cultural events, and outdoor opportunities to draw visitors from outside the area and engage residents. • Support for Diversification in the Oil and Gas Sector • Visibility of Job Opportunities needs improvement • Community-Led Initiatives and Lifelong Learning should be “prioritised”. Participants would like to see “more community wealth building... in priority neighbourhoods”.	

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Social Interaction	Spaces for social interaction: participants highlight various places and opportunities for social interaction within the community. Community Events and Activities are frequently mentioned, including local self-help groups, charity events, and social support groups. The spaces and opportunities for social interaction are plentiful, preventing people from feeling lonely. The variety of opportunities for social interaction was praised, for example, "knitting group which is great", "free activities like museums / art galleries" and "very active community garden". Schools are mentioned as integration spaces which "support socialising". Private Businesses such as restaurants, cafes, and bars are also noted as good places for social interaction. Several residents mentioned meeting with others for coffee, promoting a cafe culture as opposed to pub culture. Social Media, used by community organisation, such as Facebook, was regarded as helpful in making participants feel socially connected. It was also viewed as helpful to "share the many wonderful initiatives going on with friends and family, colleagues, and others". Sense of Community participants said there is a strong sense of community, with active community councils, local shops, and a friendly atmosphere, especially where people have lived for	Decline in Community Engagement due to the closure of local resources was raised as a concern. Participants said there should be more activities that "foster social interaction without a commercial aspect, particularly for younger people" such as festivals, fun days, and creative activities, especially those that are not centered around alcohol, <i>"More support could be given to establishing an evening cafe culture, the opening of libraries, community centres, and other public buildings to provide options for evening socialising?"</i>. Spaces to socialise that did not centre around alcohol were regarded as important with calls for <i>"Alternatives to pubs... Community gyms, library and community spaces for different clubs to meet"</i>. Cost of Community-led Events participants feel that "The cost of accessing community-led events is becoming prohibitive". There is a concern that social interaction is inhibited by financial considerations, <i>"Almost all of the places to meet and socialise... are monetised"</i>. Promotion and Communication – participants suggest using local media and online platforms to keep information updated; "Bringing together the information" and running "more publicity pre-event" was suggested. Variety of Activities participants called for wider variety of activities that cater to different interests and age groups, including more options for people with full-time jobs. Social Isolation participants are particularly concerned about "A lot of social isolation in older generation and in young people of post-	Social Interaction

	many years. Community support after lockdown <i>“highlighted the importance of being able to socialise in person and engage with members of the public”</i> .	school age”. Social connectedness could be improved if “More effort could be spent to get others involved”.	
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Alcohol free spaces to socialise “Alternatives to pubs” • Cost of Community-led Events participants feel that “The cost of accessing community-led events is becoming prohibitive”. • Social Isolation participants are particularly concerned about “A lot of social isolation in older generation and in young people of post-school age”. Social connectedness could be improved if “More effort could be spent to get others involved”.		
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Identity and Belonging	Community and People: Aberdeen's residents have a strong sense of community and pride in their local identity. Participants mentioned there is a “diverse mix of people who mix well” and highlighted a “sense of belonging” and a “good community spirit”. Participants who had moved to the area said they felt “included”. Participants said the people are generally nice, tolerant, interested, helpful, and well-meaning. Green Areas and Development: The maintenance of green areas and ongoing development work in Aberdeen are highly valued by residents. Participants expressed pride at the beach and welcomed the new development, they praised the new harbour, the “boon” of the tall ships event and the multiple museums and galleries. Participants also praised the maintenance of green spaces such as Hazlehead and Duthie parks and Union Terrace Gardens. History and Heritage: Aberdeen's rich history, including its maritime and oil heritage, is highly appreciated by residents. They appreciate that different neighbourhoods have their own identity with local businesses within walking distance. Old Aberdeen was praised “iconic” and “charismatic”. Cultural events which celebrate Aberdeen’s uniqueness were praised,	City Centre and Infrastructure: Participants suggested there was a lack of belonging. The city centre, in particular, is seen as <i>“unappealing”</i>, with “abandoned buildings, closed facilities”, and a general sense of neglect. Participants have called for better maintenance and revitalisation of the area, including the preservation of historical sites and the promotion of positive stories about the city. The city's infrastructure and transport links are also areas of concern. Participants highlight the need for better roads, more effective public transport, and improved maintenance of public spaces to make the <i>“city somewhere to be proud of”</i>. Community Activities and Events: participants expressed a desire for more community activities and events to foster a <i>“sense of pride and belonging”</i>. Participants have suggested increasing support for local events and <i>“creating more attractive meeting places”</i> where community councils could meet and invite residents. They also want the council to listen to their concerns and act on them, particularly regarding issues like anti-social behaviour, and the state of council housing. Participants feel that the city needs to do more to promote its history and culture, with suggestions for <i>“more events showcasing local heritage”</i> and more support for grassroots community projects.	Integration Diversity and Culture raised in North and Central. Union street raised in Central. Council housing conditions and the availability of community spaces raised in Central Future Strategic Planning raised in South Infrastructure raised in North

	such as Granite Noir, NuArt and Mayfest. Participants were particularly proud of the city's unique architecture, attractive beachfront, and iconic landmarks. Community Centres and Events and volunteer efforts contribute to a strong sense of belonging and identity in Aberdeen. Participants praised cultural events and organisers such as Inspire, Spectra, Tall ships, and NuArt as helping to promote Aberdeen's sense of community. Participants also said schools and community centres help promote community and belonging and appreciated newsletters and social media which help keep people connected.	Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour: Participants reported feeling unsafe due to crime and the presence of drug users. There is also a call for better maintenance of public spaces, including cleaning up graffiti, improving lighting, and addressing fly-tipping. Support for Local Businesses: The lack of support for local businesses and the high cost of living are raised as issues which have impacted "the heart" of the city. Participants call for lower business rates <i>"to help see a thriving return of retail shops"</i> and more affordable events and activities. Residents have also called for more support for local businesses and efforts to attract new ones so the city centre can <i>"flourish"</i>. Integration and Inclusion: There is also a desire for better integration and inclusion of international residents who sometimes find it <i>"challenging to connect with local Aberdonians."</i> There is also a call for more positive promotion of the city to counteract the negative perceptions, <i>"Fix the city centre, make it vibrant and people will care and be proud of this place again."</i>	Safety raised in North and South
	Potential Gaps/Emerging priorities (These are areas that were not raised in the last Place Standard engagement in 2023) • Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour (raised under feeling safe in 2023) • Support for Local Businesses: (raised under work and economy and facilities and services in 2023)		
Theme	'Good' now	'Improve' for the future	
Feeling Safe	Sense of Safety: Participants feel safe in their neighbourhoods, even at night, <i>"We feel very safe here, even walking at night."</i> and appreciate the presence of street lighting which enhances their sense of security. <i>"Well lit paths, a positive vibe about the area, low crime rates, very little antisocial behaviour experienced."</i> The presence of CCTV and neighbourhood watch programmes supports feeling of safety, as does Low crime rates and visible police presence. "CCTV prevalence, visible officers."	Lighting in public areas: some feel is inadequate, making it unsafe to walk at night. Participants suggest better street lighting and more CCTV. <i>"Antisocial behaviour and lots of people around the city are clearly under the influence of drug and/or alcohol. More lighting would be good, the lights under the bridge connecting the green to the Kirk made such a difference but have gone now." And "Poor lighting in the street."</i>	Dangerous Dog and Incidents of Violence raised in North CCTV cameras raised in Central

	Well-lit paths and open spaces are frequently mentioned as positive features. "Well lit, open spaces." And "Paths are very well lit at night." Community spirit is highlighted, with neighbours looking out for each other and a general sense of friendliness and support. "Sense of community." And "Neighbours look after each other." Amenities and atmosphere: Participants also value the convenience of living close to amenities and the overall quiet and peaceful atmosphere of their areas. "Very close to everything, very convenient." And "Very quiet area"	Specific crimes: raised such as reported issues with fast food delivery bikes and e-bikes not following normal rules, causing danger to pedestrians and road users. <i>"Stop all the folk using ebikes and terrorising both pedestrians and road users."</i> Crime involving children and young people, is raised. With comments suggesting have community based projects to combat antisocial behaviour and improve safety. <i>"Have places for older children to go and play or community centres to teach kids how to build or create."</i> and <i>"Behaviour management and polices in schools needs to be improved so that children learn boundaries and consequences."</i> City centre is perceived by some participants as unsafe, especially at night, with the presence of teenagers causing trouble, people using substances and a general feeling of insecurity raised. Some participants state that they avoid going into town alone at night. <i>"City centre is full of teenagers causing trouble, drink/drug addicts. Not safe to walk around at night."</i> Shoplifting and drug dealing are raised, and some participants feel that higher responsibility and quicker action are needed to tackle these issues. Night time public transport options are referenced as poor, and contributing to the feeling of insecurity. Alcohol and Drug use: participants raised people being under the influence of Alcohol and Drug and impact of this and that it makes people feel nervous. <i>"Antisocial behaviour and lots of people around the city are clearly under the influence of drug and/or alcohol."</i> Support for mental health and substance use: Participants raise a lack of mental health services and drug use programmes and that	Activities for children and young people raised in South and Central Enforcement against antisocial driving and parking raised in Central Enhanced drug support programmes and mental health services raised in South
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		those struggling with substance use issues aren't getting the support they need, leading to increased crime." <i>"Lack of concern from police. Lack of support for those with mental health issues and substance abuse. Many negative online news reports on social media."</i> And "More supportive hub for substance use Time and worry of this prevents people's confidence in accessing services and going out and participating at night." And <i>"More spaces where people can drop in for help and guidance if they are feeling a need for support."</i> Suggested improvements: Greater accountability from student landlords and the University to prevent antisocial behaviour by students. Police resourcing: Participants feel that the police are stretched too thin and often do not attend or investigate certain crimes, making communities less safe. There is a call for more visible policing and more community police to be seen walking around the area. <i>"More police on beat."</i> Specific areas like Denburn Car Park and George Street are mentioned as needing better policing.	
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Care and Maintenance	Maintenance Reporting and Community Group Activities: Participants appreciate the ease of reporting issues through the council website "Can report issues easily enough through council website." and the general maintenance of roads and pavements. <i>"Grass cutting, park maintenance, street cleaning is in general very impressive."</i> Local community council activities, floral areas, and parks are also well-regarded. Participants maintain their properties in good condition, and there is a noticeable community involvement in city maintenance. <i>"Areas and spaces maintained by community groups."</i> Some participants specifically mention the good condition of housing repairs and the efforts of community groups like Friends of Westfield Park and Community CleanUp in keeping the area clean . Green Spaces and Environmental Efforts The city's green spaces are well-maintained, and there is a sense of pride in the community's efforts to keep the environment tidy. Participants appreciate the regular bin collections and the maintenance of parks and playgrounds. The new LED street lighting and the general cleanliness of the streets are also noted positively. <i>"New LED Street lighting is working well."</i> Some participants mention the positive impact of NUART and the investments in rejuvenation projects across the city. The reliability of rubbish collection and the efforts of community volunteers are also appreciated. <i>"Rubbish collection is good."</i>	Road and Pavement Conditions were highlighted as "very poor" by participants. Comments highlight the prevalence of potholes and uneven surfaces, which are seen as significant safety hazards, especially for the elderly and those with mobility issues. "Fix potholes improve streets." Additionally, there are complaints about the lack of maintenance and repair of these surfaces, with some residents noting that reported issues remain unresolved for years. Cleanliness and Upkeep: Participants have pointed out that there is a lot of litter, dog waste, and graffiti in public spaces, which detracts from the city's appearance. There are calls for more frequent street cleaning, better maintenance of green spaces, and stricter enforcement of fines for littering and not picking up after pets. Some residents also suggest that the council should provide more bins, especially dog waste bins, to help address this issue. Building Conditions: Many buildings are described as "run-down" and in need of repair, with issues such as peeling paint, broken windows, and overgrown vegetation. There are suggestions for the council to provide subsidies or incentives for building owners to maintain their properties and for stricter enforcement of maintenance standards. <i>"Tell folk what standards are expected and that they must maintain their place"</i> Council Response to Maintenance Issues: There are complaints about the slow response times and the perceived lack of action on reported problems. <i>"Faster repairs."</i> Some feel that the council prioritises high-profile projects over essential maintenance work, leading to a sense of neglect in certain areas .	Response time to reported issues raised in North and Central Dog fouling and enforcement raised in North and Central Maintenance of Buildings and Communal Areas raised in Central Safety: police presence and lighting raised in North. (note lighting raised in the other localities through other themes)

		Specific Areas Needing Attention: Participants describe Union Street as dirty and uninviting, with many empty and poorly maintained shop fronts. There are calls for a comprehensive clean-up and revitalisation of this key area to make it more attractive to both residents and visitors. <i>"Union Street's shop fronts and building facades are generally in poor condition. Landlords should be forced to ensure that their buildings are kept looking good - kept clean, invasive plants removed, shop fronts should be attractive and in good repair. Empty units should be covered with attractive glass coverings."</i>	
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Influence and Sense of Control	Community Engagement and Participation: Participants value the presence of community councils and local councillors who are "very approachable and always listen to concerns" and keep participants "informed about what's happening in the area". Participants appreciate consistent consultation efforts and the opportunity to participate in decision-making processes through "regular surveys and meetings that allow us to have a say in local decisions". Communication and Information Dissemination: The availability of "council information online and in the local press" is seen as beneficial. Meetings with council staff and direct contact with councillors are regarded as "very helpful" and have made "a big difference in getting things done."	Council's Community Engagement was criticised as being a "tick box exercise" where opinions are gathered "but nothing ever changes". The community engagement was referred to as "just a formality" and participants perceived ACC as "not really caring about what we think". Participants said they want to "feel included in the decision-making process and see real improvements in our community." Participants are calling for a more responsive and accountable council that "genuinely listens" to and acts upon their concerns. Transparency and Communication: Participants highlighted the need for greater transparency and communication from the council; "what they are doing and why". Participants want to be informed about what is happening in their area and how their feedback is being used. Participants also criticised the use of "jargon" and "lengthy technical documents" in consultation exercises, suggesting	Inclusivity and Diversity in Engagement: raised in North and Central Recognition of local volunteers raised in North

	Support and Services such as food banks, are regarded as a “lifeline” which provide valuable assistance in “tough times”. The communication of road repairs, closures, and gritting routes is seen as well-managed and informative. Positive Experiences with Local Institutions such as Countesswells primary school which is “fantastic”, Newton Dee, and family learning initiatives that have been informative and supportive. The community's involvement in fighting the closure of local amenities, like the local pool is regarded as a “great experience.”	these “<i>make it hard for us to understand</i>”. Participants want to be informed about what is happening in their area and how their feedback is being used. Handling of Specific Projects: Participants expressed concerns about the council's handling of specific projects and initiatives such as “<i>bus gates and road restriction</i>” which were perceived as “<i>implemented despite our disapproval</i>”. They feel that decisions are made without proper consultation and are “<i>detrimental to the city</i>”. Community Outreach and Engagement could be improved if recognised that “not everyone is on social media” and they used “different methods to reach out” Involving “<i>disabled and visually impaired individuals in consultations would make the city safer and more inclusive.</i>”	
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WHAT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAID

587 children and young people who took part in a children and young people designed versions (**533 in person and 54 online**).

Scoring for in person children and young people's

Youth participation groups, Aberdeen Youth Movement and the Young Ambassadors took a leading role in designing and delivering engagement approaches for children and young people to have their say in Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future. The Young Ambassadors created activities focused on under 12s for locality events and Aberdeen Youth Movement hosted lunchtime roadshows at 5 of our secondary schools.

Aberdeen Youth Movement (AYM) created an engagement activity for young people to participate in during their lunchtime. The interactions were designed to be quick, clear, and fun. To keep things simple, AYM reviewed the 14 themes and, based on their experience with youth participation, selected 6 key themes for young people in the city. These themes were used for scoring and providing opportunities for discussion and sharing ideas and comments on other matters. The shared comments were assigned across the 14 place standard themes. Similar to the main survey – scored 1-7.



Category	Mean Score	Base
Streets, squares and buildings	4.7	429
Play, hang out, games and hobbies	4.9	435
School, libraries, shops and services	4.8	429
Meeting and talking with people	4.9	425
Having our say and being listened to	4.7	430
Public Transport	5.2	423

The table below shows scoring by school/centre

	Streets, squares & buildings	Play hang out, games and hobbies	School, libraries, shops and services	Meeting and talking with people	Having our say and being listened to
Aberdeen Grammar	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.0	5.1
Aberdeen Sports Village	4.0	5.7	5.0	1.0	5.2
Dyce Academy	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.8	4.6
Lochside Academy	4.9	4.9	4.9	5.0	4.9
Northfield Academy	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.8
Northfield Youth Work	4.5	5.7	5.3	5.1	5.0
St Machar Academy	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
St Machar Youth Work	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.9	2.6
Missing	2.7	5.0	4.1	5.5	4.2

Scoring for online children and young people's survey

A total of 54 Children and Young People took part in this exercise – the ages ranged from 5 years to 16 years. The average (mean) age of those taking part was 11.9 years. The number of children of each age is given in the table below.

Participants were also asked two additional questions to capture, from a list of choices, what they felt were positive aspects of their place and what they felt could be improved.

Theme	What is good now?	%	What would make it better?	%
Play	It's easy to access	62.8%	More play and sports equipment could be added	53.7%
	There is plenty of space	51.2%	They could provide sheltered spaces	39%
	It feels safe and secure	51.2%	They could be cleaner and better cared for/ They could provide sheltered spaces	36.6%
Streets and spaces	There are shops	54.5%	Fix and improve uneven surfaces/grounds	54.5%
	My place has public gardens	36.4%	More shops	45.5%
	My local place feels old and interesting/The surfaces/ grounds are in good condition	27.3%	Add more artwork/There are too many dull places/Improve or add public gardens	36.4%
Natural space	Parks	81.8%	Better parks	63.6%
	Trees	72.2%	More trees	45.5%
	Rivers/Woods	63.6%	Ways to welcome more animals	27.3%
Play and recreation	Easy to find spaces	63.6%	Sports areas/Organised fun stuff/Somewhere to go to the toilet	63.6%
	Play parks/places to relax	36.4%	Places to relax/Play parks	45.5%
	Play for everyone	18.2%	More seats/Mix of activity	36.4%
Moving around	More plants and nature	38.5%	Interesting walking and wheeling routes	46.2%
	Interesting walking and wheeling routes	30.8%	More plants and nature	38.5%
	Signs to find your way/bright lights	23.1%	Places to stop/Bright lighting/No cars	30.8%
Public transport	Free bus travel	69.2%	The cost of busses for adults in my life/ Timetable information/Feeling safe/Shelter from the weather	30.8%
	Shelter from the weather	46.2%	Stops or stations nearby	23.1%
	Travel apps/Stops and stations nearby	30.8%	Bright lighting	154%
Traffic and parking	Places to cross/ Low pollution levels	38.5%	Make streets less busy	58.3%
	Quiet streets	30.8%	Stop fast driving/Lower amount of traffic/Better places to cross/ Make streets less busy/wider paths	50%
	Slow traffic/Traffic free areas	15.4%	Traffic free areas/Tackle high pollution areas/more short and direct routes	25%

Influence and sense of control	I feel included	64.3%	I could be given more opportunities to share my views and ideas	57.1%
	My views are considered important	28.6%	I could be told more often that my views are important	35.7%
	It is easy to take part	21.4%	I could be given more chances to take part	21.4%
Care and maintenance	Clean and tidy	50%	Tackle dog poo	78.6%
	Places to recycle	43.8%	Tackle vandalism	50%
	Litter picks	18.8%	Stop broken things being dumped/Stop things being left unfixed	35.7%
Feeling safe	I feel safe during the day	85.7%	Tackle ant-social behaviour	78.6%
	There's good lighting/There are safe play spaces	28.6%	It could feel safer at night	71.4%
	It feels safe at night	14.3%	The lighting could be better	64.3%
Identity and belonging	The people	50%	More gala days/festivals	50%
	Arts/history/local museums	35.7%	Links to local museums	42.9%
	Food	21.4%	More culture/more arts/clearer ties to history/celebrations of food	35.7%
Facilities and services	There are good shops/access to doctors/local school	75%	A wider variety of clubs	72.7%
	Access to dentist/local libraries	50%	School improvements	54.4%
	Access to a sports hall/ choice of clubs/a community hall/easy to find who you need	33%	More shops/better access to doctors	45.5%
Work and local economy	There are jobs for my family	75%	More jobs nearby	62.5%
	There is volunteering	58.3%	More opportunities to train and learn things/ fewer jobs being done far away	37.5%
	There are jobs nearby	50%	More volunteering in the area	25%
Housing and community	The houses feel like they are a home	90.9%	Homes could look better/the place could be more friendly for families	44.4%
	There are green gardens/ there are small houses	81.8%	More small houses/more big houses	22.2%
	There are homes that look good/ there are big houses/ there are more families	72.2%	There could be more green gardens/more flats/the houses could feel more like a home/housing could be more of a variety of shapes and sizes/ Less rubbish in the streets and less graffiti would hugely improve the look of the buildings	11.1%
Social interaction	Meeting friends	63.6%	More places to hang out/more chances to gather with friends	60%
	Cafes	54.5%	More child friendly spaces	50%
	There are child friendly places/Plenty of places to hang out	45.5%	It is too noisy	30%

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT OUR PROPOSALS?

All of our plans and strategies align to one, or more, of the 14 themes. As well as seeking scores and comments on 14 themes to refresh our strategies, we also sought views on whether we are focusing on the right priorities/actions in the current draft plans (Local Housing Strategy, Community Learning and Development, Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan, Local Development Plan Play Sufficiency Assessment, Visitor Levy Proposal) we are consulting on.

The tables below show the percentage of participants who answered 'yes' for each of the proposals. The overall figure gives the percentage for all participants who answered this question (survey respondents, locality events and out-reach sessions) with the base number given in brackets below (note – this will not match the total number of participants as not everyone answered all the questions).

A total of **3212** comments were received across each of the proposals and are summarised below.

Proposal	Overall % yes	Central % Yes	North % Yes	South % Yes	Summary of the comments
Proposal 1: Work with partners to provide accessible community based learning opportunities (e.g. skills in digital inclusion, literacy, numeracy, English for speakers of other languages, and financial resilience) for adults, particularly those furthest from inclusion and facing disadvantages, to foster lifelong learning, positive pathways and reduce reoffending.	86.2% (Base = 741)	88.0% (Base = 215)	86.5% (Base = 230)	82.2% (Base = 191)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Focus: Comments suggest that resources should concentrate on improvements for the majority of people, not minorities. <i>"All adults need help, not just minority groups"</i> and questioned <i>"Why are we providing so much funding for non-English speakers? Significant online resources exist."</i> There is a call for support for working families and suggestion that schools should be teaching these skills. Other comments state that working with marginalised or excluded groups is beneficial and that early intervention is needed, <i>"We need early intervention. Stop cutting school budgets and health budgets. The city needs to become trauma informed."</i> and <i>"I think the more we can work with those marginalised or excluded the better. We need all sections of Aberdeen society to contribute to making this a worthwhile place to live."</i> Some are supportive of additional support but wouldn't want to exclude groups of people who would also benefit. Clarity: on how the proposal will be implemented is sought <i>"This sounds great, but how are you going to do it? What exactly will be on offer, and to whom?"</i>. Some raise that they believe that Community Learning and Development need developments. Funding to implement the proposal and ensuring the actual cost per person remains reasonable raised by

					participants. "Good idea but do you have funding." Some feel that funding is allocated to services for people who do not sue these. <i>"council always provides for people who have no intention of using these services"</i> Community based Assets and Programmes: participants raise using existing communities spaces, with suggestion to use empty schools in the evenings for adult education, community projects, and activities. <i>"Reintroduce a wider range of evening classes (vocational and non-vocational) in the community (schools are empty in the evening). Work with businesses to provide practical life skills e.g. banks, accountancy could provide financial skills "</i> Running opportunities from community locations also raised: <i>"This needs to be community-based at the local level and not centralised by one charity." and ""Run these opportunities from the Seaton Community Centre to help develop a programme."</i> Specific Learning Opportunities: There is also a call for learning in specific areas, such as digital skills for completing GP eConsult and accessing prescription services were cited examples. <i>"Internet is based on money, skills and accessibility - not everyone can do this."</i> Volunteering: suggestion that reaching out to retired people to help with the proposal and fostering lifelong learning would support implementation. <i>"Reach out to retired people to help with this. I would volunteer to help but opportunity for that is not easy to find."</i> Community Cohesion: Some comments expressed that the proposal will connect people from different backgrounds. <i>"I see this as part of Scottish identity. welcoming and helping. I don't know how much need there is in my neighbourhood but I'd be happy to see these opportunities on service programmes either way." And "Inclusion is the key, race, age, sex, and etc"</i>
Proposal 2: Provide targeted learning opportunities for young people to address key issues, provide opportunities to gain skills, improve mental and	93.4% (Base = 731)	94.8% (Base = 211)	94.3% (Base = 230)	91.3% (Base = 195)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Community based learning opportunities: importance of providing learning opportunities, particularly those that are community-based rather than school-based. <i>"library and community centre ideal spaces for this"</i>. Need to invest in young people, addressing the root causes of why they are not engaging with school.

physical wellbeing, and have their voices heard.					Employment opportunities: calls for more part-time jobs to support young people gain skills. <i>“Provide job opportunities for our youngsters.”</i> Some suggest that the proposal should include more vocational training and support for young people with special needs. <i>“The hardest part after learning a new skill is to pursue it in ways that provide a path to a career, this is often missing, both in schools and in these learning opportunities.”</i> Training for staff: particularly on neurodiversity and additional support needs for children raised as a suggestion. Specificity and funding of proposal: some comments felt that the proposal is vague and lacks specificity, while others are concerned about funding and the effectiveness of similar past initiatives. Targeted and practical learning opportunities: feeling that opportunities for young people should be built around their interests and that more support is needed for those who are not suited for formal education. <i>“School doesn't fit for all! Provide opportunities for young people built around their interests and they will thrive”.</i> Suggest that schools should provide more practical topics such as budgeting, cooking, and financial responsibility. <i>“There needs to be opportunities to learn life skills, cooking, financial responsibility, coping skills.”</i> Involving parents in their children's education and providing robust help for young people in the community.
Proposal 3: Refresh our Primary Care Improvement Plan to improved access to local primary care services.	93.6% (Base = 715)	94.1% (Base = 204)	94.2% (Base = 225)	93.5% (Base = 186)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Access to Primary Care Services: Comments raise concern about the difficulty in accessing healthcare services, particularly GP appointments. There is a call for better access to services particularly for the elderly and those with mental health issues. Feeling that the current system is overwhelmed and that more GPs are needed to improve accessibility. The impact of new housing developments on services was also raised. <i>“People are struggling to get appointments at GP and are either being missed or they are clogging up other areas of the NHS.”, And “I am a GP and we are working way over our working hours and doing a lot of remote working just to keep our heads above water and try to provide the best quality service we can - but constant complaints and lack of understanding from the public on how difficult</i>

					<i>the current Primary Care environment is to work in is demoralising! Please do anything you can to help - but more investment is required. We cannot afford to hire any new doctors due to NI increases and running costs. Needs sorted or more GP practices in Aberdeen will shut."</i> Consistency and Co-ordination: impact of the lack of standard procedures and the autonomy of GP practices raised. A more coordinated approach to implementing changes in the primary care system suggested. Pilots projects: call for more pilot projects to be implemented before making changes to the system. <i>"Ensure pilots projects have been implemented first before changing and restructuring the system."</i> Proposal detail: Some respondents have asked for more information about the proposal and its objectives, as well as the financial feasibility of it.
Proposal 4: Review the allocation of social care resources to ensure more community and home-based services allowing people to live independently in their own homes.	93.4% (Base = 731)	93.3% (Base = 210)	94.8% (Base = 233)	92.4% (Base = 185)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Community care: participants supportive and highlighted the importance of providing adequate community care and support for the elderly and those with disabilities. <i>"Well needed"</i> They emphasise the need for more resources, better training for carers, and improved access to services. Impact on other services: feeling that the proposal should not be a reason to cut other essential services. Feasibility and effectiveness: Some are unconvinced about the proposal's feasibility and effectiveness. They raise concerns about funding, the availability of staff, and the potential for the proposal to be used as a cost-saving measure rather than genuinely improving care. There are also worries about the lack of detailed information and the potential negative impact on existing services.
Proposal 5: To introduce a visitor levy on overnight stays in places like hotels and guesthouses, with the money raised being spent in ways to benefit the visitor economy. The	45.9% (Base = 734)	45.6% (Base = 204)	47.8% (Base = 232)	42.6% (Base = 190)	Participants raised concerns that the levy if introduced could: Reduce Visitors: Some felt that the proposed levy will discourage visitors from coming to Aberdeen, citing that the charge is <i>"too high and will put people off"</i>. Some suggested that a lower charge would be more affordable. <i>"Too expensive per night and will put visitors off coming to Aberdeen. Should be a lower charge (£3) so more affordable."</i> There are also comments about the need to encourage visitors to the City, with comparisons to other European cities that charge lower rates. <i>"I don't agree with the principal of the levy as this could</i>

proposed levy is an additional charge of around £5 for each room for each night. There will be some exemptions, including people with disabilities.					<i>discourage visitors from coming to Aberdeen in favour of other destinations. I'd rather we encourage people to come for good attractions and facilities."</i> Impact and justification for the levy: comments that the levy may negatively impact the local industries, particularly hotels and guest houses. <i>"I think this will put people off staying - and will possibly put businesses at risk if visitor numbers decrease."</i> Some felt that Aberdeen does not have enough attractions to justify the charge and that the city needs to improve its offerings before introducing such a levy. Transparency and accountability: need for clear explanations and accountability as to how the money raised will be spent. Suggestions: There were also suggestions to place the levy on specific types of accommodation, such as AirBnB, and to exempt local residents who stay in local hotels. <i>"We should be encouraging people to stay at hotels and guest houses - a levy, which could be higher, should be placed on AirBnB or similar types of accommodation."</i> Some believe that the levy should be extended to cruise ship passengers. Participants also raised this <i>"Other countries do it, as long as the money is used in a positive manner."</i>
Proposal 6: If the visitor levy is introduced, we think some of money raised should be spent on more things to see and do in the city, such as big events, exhibitions, festivals, business events and sport championships.	61.4% (Base = 681)	64.4% (Base = 191)	60.2% (Base = 221)	60.7% (Base = 178)	Allocation of money: Participants raised that social care should be prioritised over the proposed events. <i>"Put money into smaller organisations directly helping poor, eg more support nurses in GP practices. Health Services (eg GP/Health HUBS). One central Health enquiry facility informing where to get help."</i> Others feel that the money should be spent on more lasting facilities rather than short-term events. There is also a sentiment that the funds should be used to improve infrastructure such as pavements, roads, and transport to benefit both visitors and locals. Funding core services: comments raise that the levy money should be used to fund core services and provide discounts for local residents accessing the events. <i>"The money should be spent on more lasting facilities rather than short term events."</i> However the financial position of the public sector was raised and allocation of funding for events questioned, as was the restrictions on how levy money can be used. Some felt that the levy discourages spending and concern over use of the money. Regeneration of Priority neighbourhoods: suggestion that the money should be used to

					regenerate priority neighbourhoods and improve the general appearance of the city, including fixing potholes and cleaning up Union Street. <i>"Use the money to help improve and regenerate the priority neighbourhoods, such as Seaton, Torry, Mastrick, Woodside."</i> Organisation of Events: suggestion that smaller organisations directly helping more deprived areas should receive the funds. Event Location Preferences: Some participants support the idea of holding events in specific locations like Union Terrace Gardens, the beach, and Hazlehead Park.
Proposal 7: Other uses for the visitor levy money could be on improvements to places which benefit local people as well as tourists, for example museums, theatres, sport venues and parks.	73.2% (Base = 672)	76.6% (Base = 192)	70.0% (Base = 223)	73.3% (Base = 172)	Allocation of visitor levy money: comments suggest prioritising more urgent matters, such as social care. While others believe that the infrastructure such as roads, pavements, and street lighting, and better city maintenance should be improved first. Suggestions that the funds be used for council-run parks and museums, but not for privately-owned venues. There are also suggestions for using the funds to enhance cultural and recreational facilities. Some believe that the proposal could bring life to the city and benefit the whole community. Participants also raise that there are more critical issues to address, such as the public sector financial position and the need for better city maintenance. Some are unconvinced about the benefits of the proposal, questioning its impact on local people and the restrictions on how the levy money can be used. Community benefit: support the proposal, suggesting that it could help reopen local attractions like the Belmont cinema and Bon Accord baths. The importance of making the facilities affordable for local people and introducing discount schemes is also made. <i>"a scheme to support low income families to enjoy the arts"</i> Impact of the Levy: some view it as an unnecessary tax that would not attract visitors. There are also concerns about the transparency and accountability of how the funds would be used.
Proposal 8: Another possible use for the money raised by the visitor levy could be to help promote the city to more visitors	56.0% (Base = 654)	63.2% (Base = 185)	50.9% (Base = 214)	50.9% (Base = 171)	Allocation of Visitor Levy Money: effective use of funds raised with <i>"As long as any funds used are targeted wisely and of provable ROI then yes."</i> Comments suggest using the money to clean up buildings and shop fronts on Union Street, while others feel that there are more critical things to address due to the public sector financial position. Concerns about the restrictions on how levy money can be used raised.

and major event organisers, by telling them more about the city, its facilities and what is going on.					Events and Promotion: some feel that there is very little for tourists in Aberdeen, <i>"The city has very little to currently 'promote'. Events are rare and those that do happen, get overcrowded and/or don't appeal to a broad selection of the population."</i> Some asked whether VisitAberdeen already does this. <i>"Plenty promotional tools online that do not require investment."</i> Others feel that <i>"If they want to come to Aberdeen, they will come."</i> Comments suggested getting music events in place <i>"We would need to actually have events happening and for this we need to attract people/events to the city."</i> There were suggestions to <i>"clean the city up before marketing for tourism"</i> and to focus on <i>"essential services"</i>. Comments also raised that word of mouth speaks for itself <i>"Word of mouth is the most important form of promotion. And it's free."</i> and that actual improvements rather than advertising will please locals and visitors alike. Infrastructure: suggestions that more infrastructure and events are needed for locals before spending money on promoting Aberdeen to visitors. <i>"I feel like just people want to make our city 'nice' 'better' for tourists etc but what about the people who are actually staying here."</i>
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Work and Local Economy

	Overall % yes	Central % Yes	North % Yes	South % Yes	Summary of Comments
Proposal 1: Provide a range of activity to improve people's physical and mental health and reduce harm ensuring people can continue to work and make a positive contribution to the economy whilst also improving their own financial wellbeing.	92.3% (Base = 710)	90.2% (Base = 205)	95.2% (Base = 229)	91.5% (Base = 188)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data above with the following comments made: Financial Concerns: Residents question the funding sources, the allocation of council tax, and whether the initiative represents a "good use of public money". Effectiveness and Clarity: Concerns that the proposal is "vague", lacks detailed information, and may not provide adequate solutions to wellbeing issues. Inclusivity: Participants emphasised the need for the proposal to take account of "accessibility" and "accommodations" for older people and people with disabilities. Physical and Mental Wellbeing: Participants emphasised the need to improve existing activities and facilities such as investing in exercise classes, free membership to Council facilities, and putting gym equipment in public parks.

Proposal 2: Provide accessible opportunities for people to build skills (education, training or retraining, community work and volunteering) to support them access work.	94.1% (Base = 708)	92.2% (Base = 205)	95.2% (Base = 228)	94.2% (Base = 189)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data above with the following comments made: Scepticism and Concerns about the proposal were expressed, participants said similar “promises” have been made before without success, emphasising the need for “action rather than paper plans”. Others highlight the importance of “lifelong learning” and the need for retraining, especially for “computer literacy”. There are also concerns about how it might be funded, participants said it was not “the council’s responsibility” to fund this initiative through council tax. Young People should be the focus of the proposal. “While these should be offered to everyone that needs them, the focus should be on young people gaining employable skills while still at school”. Participants emphasised the need for schools to be properly resourced so young people could “find a purpose and discover their talents”. Community Involvement was suggested to ensure that the proposal is accessible to all, including non-English speakers and those with learning difficulties. Libraries were suggested as a base for activities with retired people volunteering.
Proposal 3: Work with young people to promote children's rights and provide targeted support to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap and support employment and positive destinations, through relevant and accredited learning opportunities.	91.6% (Base = 690)	91.9% (Base = 198)	91.6% (Base = 225)	90.2% (Base = 184)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data above with the following comments made: Funding and Effectiveness are concerns for participants who agreed with the proposal but worried about the potential financial burden on taxpayers. Participants said the proposal would “need to involve all sorts of community groups and enable them to fix issues for themselves.” Discipline and Resources: Participants suggest that for the proposal to be successful the issues of discipline in schools would need to be addressed alongside supporting teachers, and providing resources for extracurricular activities like clubs, music education, and sports, “Give the schools resources to develop young people.” Strategies and Suggestions were offered on the proposal such as, adopting a holistic approach to include mental health support, safeguarding online, travel opportunities, training, technology and access to healthy food. While some participants suggested that implementing the proposal “needs to come from parents and be supported by schools”, others recognise the need for “corporate parenting” in delivering the proposal.

Social interaction

Proposal	Overall % yes	Central % Yes	North % Yes	South % Yes	Summary of comments
Proposal 1: Work with partners to develop, deliver and promote a range of activities in our communities to increase social interaction and improve both physical and mental health and wellbeing.	93.1% (Base = 699)	92.8% (Base = 207)	93.8% (Base = 226)	94.0% (Base = 184)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Health and Wellbeing Services Participants appreciate the proposal for more opportunities for social interaction, highlighting, "it is such an important element for good health and wellbeing." They suggest that communities are "included in planning events etc in order to connect socially and with confidence". Family-Oriented Events and Initiatives Participants suggested that more family-oriented events and initiatives should be part of the proposals to "help people to get to know their neighbours would be good - we can the better support each other." Involvement of Multiple Partners such as Community Councils, emergency services, local council workers and business partners should play a central role in the proposals. Support for hard to reach individuals should be part of the proposals. Participants highlight the particular needs of disabled people, single dads and those living in "blackholes" that are often neglected such as Stockethill and Ashgrove. Community Spaces and Social Gatherings Participants suggest the proposal should include opening more community spaces such as "community gardens" and coffee shops to facilitate social gatherings and classes, like, chair-based yoga sessions should be promoted to "help with both physical and mental health and wellbeing."

Influence and Sense of Control

Proposal	Overall % yes	Central % Yes	North % Yes	South % Yes	Summary of comments
Proposal 1: Continue our inclusive approach when designing and delivering services ensuring the voices of our communities are heard and help influence decision making.	91.9% (Base = 669)	92.5% (Base = 213)	93.7% (Base = 223)	88.6% (Base = 184)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Confidence in Achievements: Participants expressed scepticism about the feasibility of the council's ability to execute the proposal; "No confidence that this can be achieved – aspirations should be realistic." Participants also suggested that there was "Not much evidence that this is actually taking place." Communication and Participation: There is sentiment that the "council don't listen to what the people want". Participants suggested that there needs to be better communication around decision making,

					suggesting the council "Need to be clear about what is being taken forward and what isn't and how that links back to what was said." Participants called for better communication and more opportunities for participation rather than "token surveys" or "box ticking". Importance of Genuine Consultation: Participants emphasised the need for genuine consultation and the inclusion of community voices in decision-making, not listening to "Moving ahead with the plans in the face of overwhelming opposition from the community is arrogant" , "letting egos and "creates distrust." Other participants welcomed the proposal suggesting it was "Good for building trust and create services that are needed. All voices, especially ones that have felt unheard are heard."
Proposal 2: Provide capacity building support to communities, all ages, to support them to have a voice, participate in decision making and take action to create, develop and sustain local programmes and activities which address emerging priorities.	91.9% (Base = 628)	91.7% (Base = 193)	92.9% (Base = 210)	90.8% (Base = 184)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Trust and Scepticism: Participants expressed a lack of trust in the Council's ability to genuinely listen to and act upon their opinions. There is a prevailing sense of scepticism about the effectiveness of consultations and the Council's commitment to community engagement, "there's no point if no one is listening". Community Involvement and Engagement: Participants emphasised the importance of genuine community involvement and continuous engagement, "beyond just an online survey here and there". The timing of engagement sessions was criticised because "anyone who works cannot realistically attend". Participants highlighted the need for "clear, succinct communication with timelines" and transparency around "examples of responding to and delivering on local needs" Inclusive consultation across a wide range of ages, ethnic groups and areas across the city was seen as a positive step. Townhall meetings were suggested as a way for councillors to respond to local needs, show a genuine commitment to co-production and be accountable "rather than a tick box" exercises. Participants emphasised the need for action not just consultation, "For all sectors of the community to feel represented, they need to be able see that 'people like them' are being listened to and contributing to strategies and plans." Participants highlighted the need for a "transparent strategy" for hearing from those who are "not part of existing groups", a way to "tackle integration" and hear from those who are "socially isolated."

Proposal 3: Provide capacity building support to communities, all ages, to support them to have a voice, participate in decision making and take action to create, develop and sustain local programmes and activities which address emerging priorities.	91.5% (Base = 660)	90.9% (Base = 198)	92.8% (Base = 222)	89.8% (Base = 187)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Support for Youth Participation is regarded as essential for fostering a sense of community and responsibility from an early age, "so young people grow up expecting to have a voice and expecting to be listened to." Participants understand young people are future leaders and should be "instilled with a sense of community and responsibility, believing that they can achieve change." Participants welcomed the proposal to "invest in them now and keep doing it." Concerns About Practicality and Effectiveness Some participants feel that young people may lack the experience to participate usefully and that their views may be influenced by adult figures in their lives. Need for Honest Communication and Support for young people, particularly those with additional needs or in care. Participants also called for more universal youth work, better support for student councils, and greater involvement of parents in decision-making processes.
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Housing and Community

Proposal	Overall % yes	Central % Yes	North % Yes	South % Yes	Summary of Comments
Proposal 1: We will work collaboratively to support a sufficient supply of housing across all tenures to meet the varying needs of our citizens and to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.	89.1% (Base = 746)	92.2% (Base = 218)	91.1% (Base = 236)	86.1% (Base = 209)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Housing supply: participants raised that more council houses are needed "<i>My impression is that significantly more council houses are required.</i>" and suggest "<i>Build council houses on brownfield sites in centre of town.</i>". Some however, felt that the housing supply is already sufficient and that efforts should be focused on renovation "<i>I think the housing supply is already there, we need to bring empty units back into use through grants for renovation. Stop granting permission for new build flats.</i>" Suggestion that "<i>Housing first has been highly successful in Scandinavia and we should have that kind of ambition here.</i>" And also raised that "<i>Not just about bricks and mortar. Look at prevention and intervention and wrap around support needs so tenancies are maintained - statutory and non-statutory services.</i>" Housing to meet varying needs: Suggestion that collaboration, for example, with occupational therapists, important for ensuring housing was tailored to individual needs. "<i>Please work with occupational</i>

					<i>therapist and housing to ensure appropriate house are accosted based on individuals needs."</i> Quality and repair of existing housing: concerns about the quality and state of repair of existing housing raised <i>"the quality and state of repair of housing in many parts of Aberdeen needs to improve."</i> Prioritising of allocations: suggestions to prioritise local residents who are homeless <i>"Supportive of support for anyone who finds themselves in a situation where they are homeless. Lots of work around helping with employability alongside this would help."</i> Complexity of Homelessness: comments highlight the complexity of addressing homelessness and raise the need for early intervention support and a "Holistic approach needed to enable early intervention in situations well before homelessness arising." And <i>"Homelessness is much more complex - but ultimately, you need to provide the temporary accommodation."</i>
Proposal 2: We are committed to enhancing the condition of all homes, including improving their energy efficiency which will help to alleviate fuel poverty.	88.5% (Base = 742)	92.1% (Base = 214)	93.5% (Base = 230)	84.1% (Base = 208)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Suggested improvements: improvements such as more heat and power schemes, over cladding flats, and including private houses in the initiative, new homes with solar panels and heat pumps to maximise efficiency were suggested. <i>"Retrofit to PassivHaus PAS2035 standards. Work with local partners to build a supply chain and local skills. This should be an opportunity for community wealth building and local skills and jobs."</i> However, practical concerns over effectiveness of heat pumps raised and the need for better insulation and ventilation emphasised. Incentives, grants and inclusion of all homes: suggestion that <i>"Provide Incentives - Such as reduce Council tax."</i> to support installation of improvement and ensuring inclusivity across all housing types including older properties and private rentals. <i>"Ensure private houses are included in this."</i> <i>"Will this extend to private landlords as tenants are often forgotten and they live in insufficient energy homes."</i> And <i>"Make sure any grants available are widely advertised, and not only on social media or the internet."</i> Fuel Poverty: Importance of addressing fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency emphasized. Ambition and Opportunity: Some feel that the proposal is too ambitious <i>"OK to have these aspirations but energy efficiency in old granite housing not straightforward to improve."</i> and <i>"This will be difficult</i>

					to achieve unless the resources are significantly achieved". While others highlight the importance of addressing fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency in homes and calls for more support, clearer information, and practical solutions.
Proposal 3: We will help to create thriving, inclusive communities across the city which support independent living and involve local people in decision making about the places they want to live.	93.3% (Base = 686)	93.6% (Base = 204)	93.9% (Base = 229)	92.3% (Base = 183)	Participants have expressed support for the proposal as shown in the data with the following comments made: Implementation: participants raise concern about the council's ability implement the proposal, citing past experiences and a lack of trust in the council's commitment to listening to local opinions. <i>"The feeling in my area is powerlessness; that ACC will do as it wants regardless of what the locals want."</i> Others are concerned about the practical implementation of the proposal, questioning how it will be achieved and whether it will address the real issues faced by the community. Clarity of the Proposal: participants raise that they feel the proposal is too vague and lacks specific details on how the goals will be accomplished. Some believe that the proposal is filled with statements, and they are not convinced that it will lead to meaningful change. On the other hand, some participants support the idea of involving the community in decision-making and believe that it could lead to positive outcomes if done correctly. <i>"Actions speak louder than words, lots of nice sentiment but implementing this in tough economic circumstances and with poor local governance will be a challenge so community led, and community governed opportunities that include volunteering will be essential."</i> They emphasise the importance of transparency, clear communication, and genuine engagement with local people.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Results analysed by Community Planning Aberdeen, the Locality Empowerment Groups and Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships, incorporating active engagement with communities to gather their ideas for change, to support the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans 2026-36
- 27 August 2025 - Towards a Fairer Future Aberdeen 2036 Conference
- Stakeholder thematic sessions – Jan 2026
- Public consultation on draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans – Feb/March 2026
- Final draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans approved by CPA Board – June 2026
- Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans approved and opportunities to get involved promoted – June 2026
- Keep up to date with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan development at www.communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan: consultation comments used to update the Strategic Plan which will then make its way through an internal consultation process before being presented to the Integration Joint Board meeting on 1 July 2025 for final approval.
- Local Housing Strategy: consultation comments used to update the Local Housing Strategy which will be presented to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 26 August 2025 for final approval.
- Community Learning and Development (CLD) plan: Feedback across CLD related themes shared and considered with city wide CLD partners to inform the 2025-27 CLD plan.
- Visitor Levy: Results will be analysed by officers in City Development and Regeneration, in conjunction with the wider Visitor Levy consultation, and including written submissions from businesses and representative organisations in the sector. Visitor Levy Report to Finance and Resources Committee on 6 August 2025 with recommendations and appendices, including data and comments from the engagement
- The Evidence Report to inform production of the next Local Development Plan will be reported to Council for approval in Summer 2025, and submitted to Scottish Ministers for their review thereafter. The Play Sufficiency Assessment will be reported to Council at the same time.
- Public consultation on Proposed Local Development Plan and Draft Local Transport Strategy - Autumn 2026.
- Keep up to date with Local Development Plan progress via [Keep in Touch with Latest News - Local Development Plan - Commonplace](#)

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