

Welcome to the 56th City Voice Questionnaire



The theme of this questionnaire is **Place**. Some of these questions have been asked in previous questionnaires but are included here to let us know how things have, or have not, changed in the intervening period. There are also some new questions.

Section1: Climate change

Our planet's climate system is changing and while some change can present opportunities for society, they also present very significant risks. Scientists project that climate change will increase the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, such as heat waves, droughts, and floods. This is likely to: increase losses and damage to property and crops; change wildlife patterns, including diseases; cause impacts for human and animal health and overall lead to costly disruptions to our society.

Extreme Weather

1. Extreme weather can have a devastating effect on our homes, businesses and institutions. Please rate how much you agree or disagree about you and your community's readiness in the event of a major weather event. (Please tick one box in each row.)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
I am worried about my home and my community being vulnerable to severe weather events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I can be relied upon by my neighbours and community in general, to provide support if anything were to happen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My community would support me if anything were to happen	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know where to find information and resources to help prepare for severe weather events	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I have taken steps to protect my home against severe weather (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Steps I have taken:						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
My community has taken steps to prepare against severe weather (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Steps my community has taken:						

2. Where do you typically seek/access information or resources about preparing for severe weather or other environmental information in your local area? *(Please tick all that apply).*

- ☐ Council website/communications
- ☐ Emergency Services communications
- ☐ Community groups/local networks
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Friends/Family
- ☐ Local News outlets
- ☐ Other (please specify below)

Other:

The following questions ask what things you and your family are doing now to reduce the severity of climate change and what you would be prepared to do in the future.

3. **Your home:** Reduce energy use and demand in your home by: (please tick one box in each row).

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Turning down thermostats	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install / upgrade to more energy efficient appliances, e.g. fridge, boiler, etc.	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade wall, floor and / or roof insulation levels	☐	☐	☐	☐
Upgrade doors and/ or windows	☐	☐	☐	☐
Install renewable energy technologies, e.g. solar panels	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

4. **Your waste:** Reduce waste, re-use items and recycle by: (please tick one box in each row)

Actions	Currently do	Prepared to do	Not prepared to do	Not applicable
Buy fewer things	☐	☐	☐	☐
Buy products with less packaging	☐	☐	☐	☐
Choose re-usable products, e.g. bags / water bottles	☐	☐	☐	☐
Repair, rather than dispose of damaged items	☐	☐	☐	☐
Build skills in repair or upcycling	☐	☐	☐	☐
Use sharing/ lending libraries e.g. toys, garden tools	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sell / donate unwanted items for re-use	☐	☐	☐	☐
Recycle all remaining materials, where possible	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions (please specify below)	☐	☐	☐	☐
Other actions:				

Section 2: Your Neighbourhood

Please answer the following questions with your **local neighbourhood** in mind, but think about the wider city/area it sits within if it helps you to answer the questions. Everyone will have their own idea about what a local neighbourhood is, but it's usually regarded as anything within a 15 minute walk from your home.

Please answer each question by rating your neighbourhood on a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means there is **a lot of room for improvement** and 7 means there is **very little room for improvement**. (Please tick one box for each question.)

1. **Moving Around** : Can you easily walk and cycle around using good quality routes?

1 – A lot of room for improvement

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7 – Very little room for improvement

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2. **Public Transport:** Does public transport meet your needs?

1 – A lot of room for improvement

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7 – Very little room for improvement

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3. **Traffic and Parking:** Do traffic and parking arrangements allow you to move around safely and meet your needs?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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4. **Streets and Spaces:** Do buildings, streets and spaces create an attractive place that is easy to get around?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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5. **Green Space:** Can you regularly experience good quality natural space? This includes a wide variety of environments from parks and woodlands to green space alongside paths and streets.

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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6. **Play and Leisure:** Do you have access to a range of space and opportunities for play and leisure activities?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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7. **Services and Amenities:** Do services and amenities (for example, healthcare, schools, libraries, shops and restaurants) meet your needs?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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8. **Work and Local Economy:** Is there an active local economy and the opportunity to access good quality jobs?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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9. **Housing and Community:** Does housing support the needs of the community and contribute to a positive environment?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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7 – Very little
room for
improvement

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10. **Social Interaction:** Is there a range of spaces and opportunities to meet people?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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room for
improvement

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11. **Identity and Belonging:** Does your neighbourhood have a positive identity, and do you feel that you belong?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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room for
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12. **Feeling Safe:** Do you feel safe in your neighbourhood?

1 – A lot of
room for
improvement

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room for
improvement

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13. **Care and Maintenance:** Are buildings and spaces well cared for?

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room for
improvement

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room for
improvement

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14. **Influence and Sense of Control:** Do you feel able to participate in decisions and help change things for the better?

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room for
improvement

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room for
improvement

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Section 3: Green Space

These questions ask about your satisfaction with “green spaces” in the City. Green space includes a wide variety of different environments from parks, playing fields, play areas, allotments and community gardens, woodland and more natural areas, canal paths and riversides.

1. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your **local** green / open space in Aberdeen City? (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Fairly dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied

2. Generally how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the **overall** quality of green / open spaces in Aberdeen? (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Fairly satisfied
- ☐ Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ☐ Fairly dissatisfied
- ☐ Dissatisfied

3. On average, how often do you use green spaces in Aberdeen City? (Please tick one box)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ 2-3 times per week
- ☐ Once per week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Once a month
- ☐ Less than once a month
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Don't know/prefer not to say

Section 4: Nature

This part of the questionnaire provides an opportunity for you to share your experiences and thoughts on how nature influences your life and your neighbourhood.

1. Are there any barriers that prevent you from accessing nature? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- ☐ Lack of time
- ☐ Safety concerns
- ☐ Lack of accessible green spaces
- ☐ Physical limitations
- ☐ Cost of accessing nature
- ☐ Other (please specify in box below)

Other: Please describe any additional barriers you experience.

2. Do you feel able to make improvements for nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know/not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

3. Would you like to be able to make improvements for nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please tick one box)*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know/not sure
- ☐ Not applicable

4. What, if any, suggestions do you have for improving access to nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please comment in the box below)*

5. What, if any, suggestions do you have for promoting the benefits of nature in your neighbourhood? *(Please comment in the box below)*

Section 5: Local Environmental and Community Action

This part of the questionnaire explores the extent to which you are involved in improving your local area, and aware of opportunities to participate in community-led environmental and neighbourhood activities (e.g. litter pick, organising an event, etc).

1. Have you participated in any local environmental or neighbourhood initiatives in the past 12 months?

(Please tick one box)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

2. If yes, please provide details of the initiatives you have participated in:

3. Are there any local repair, reuse, or sharing initiatives available in your area (for example, repair cafes, tool libraries, sharing schemes, or community reuse projects)?

(Please tick one box)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Not sure

4. If yes, please provide details of the initiatives you are aware of or have used:

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. A full copy of the results will be made available in online at [City Voice - Community Planning Aberdeen](#) . We intend to publish the results in July 2026.

If you have any questions or comments about this questionnaire, please email cityvoice@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Please return your completed questionnaire in the prepaid envelope provided. If you have not received an envelope, please return it to the Freepost address below:

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Marischal College
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Aberdeen
AB10 1AB

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