

City of York Council



Budget Consultation 2022/23

Final Report

Dec 2021

The online Budget Consultation 2022/23 opened on 18/10/2021 and closes on 8/12/2021. Additionally, a paper version of the survey was sent to households inside the CYC Our City publication, also with a closing date of 8/12/2021.

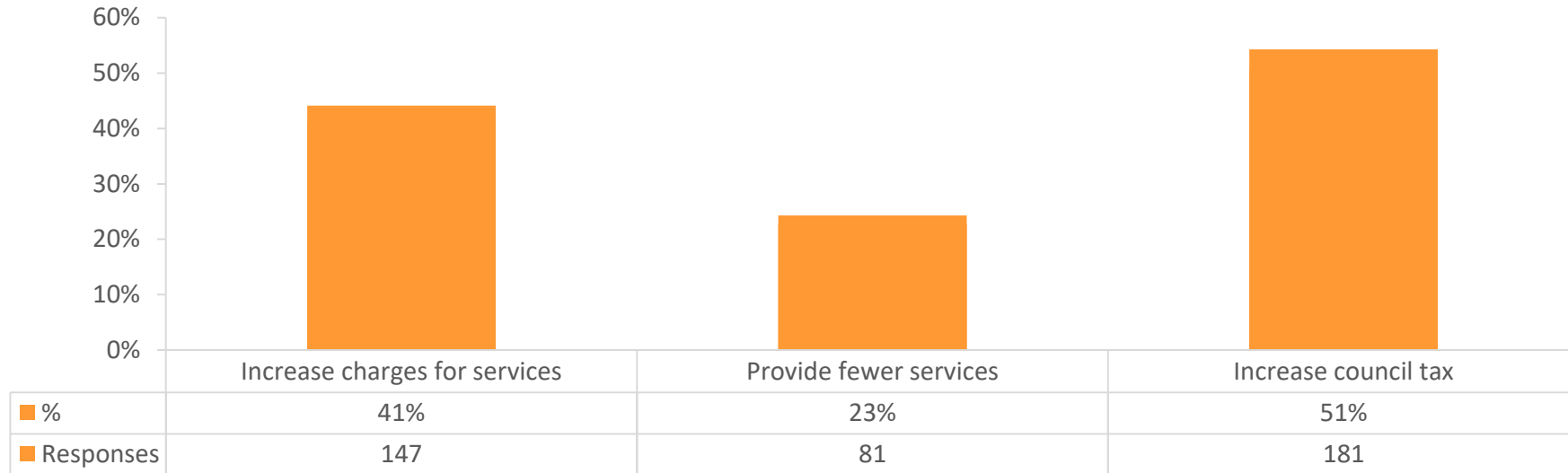
The consultation gives residents and businesses of York the opportunity to put forward their views to help the council make decisions and deliver the budget for 2022/23.

A total of 369 residents and businesses participated in the consultation. 281 respondents completed the survey online and 88 had returned a paper copy.

The consultation results and the raw data will be made available on the council open data platform www.yorkopendata.org.

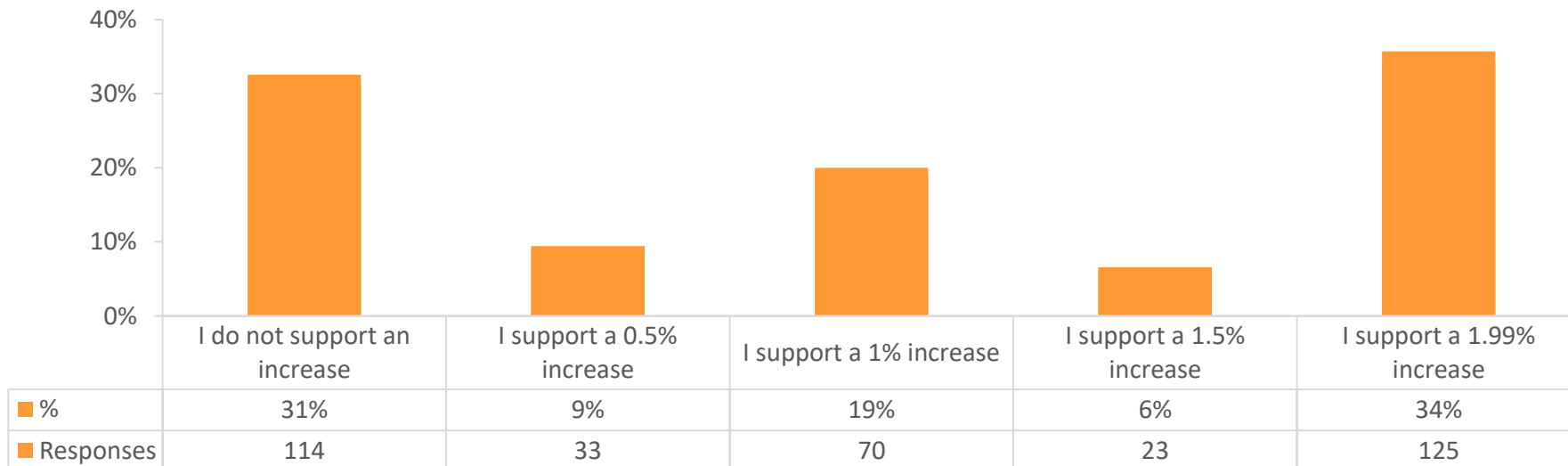
Council Tax

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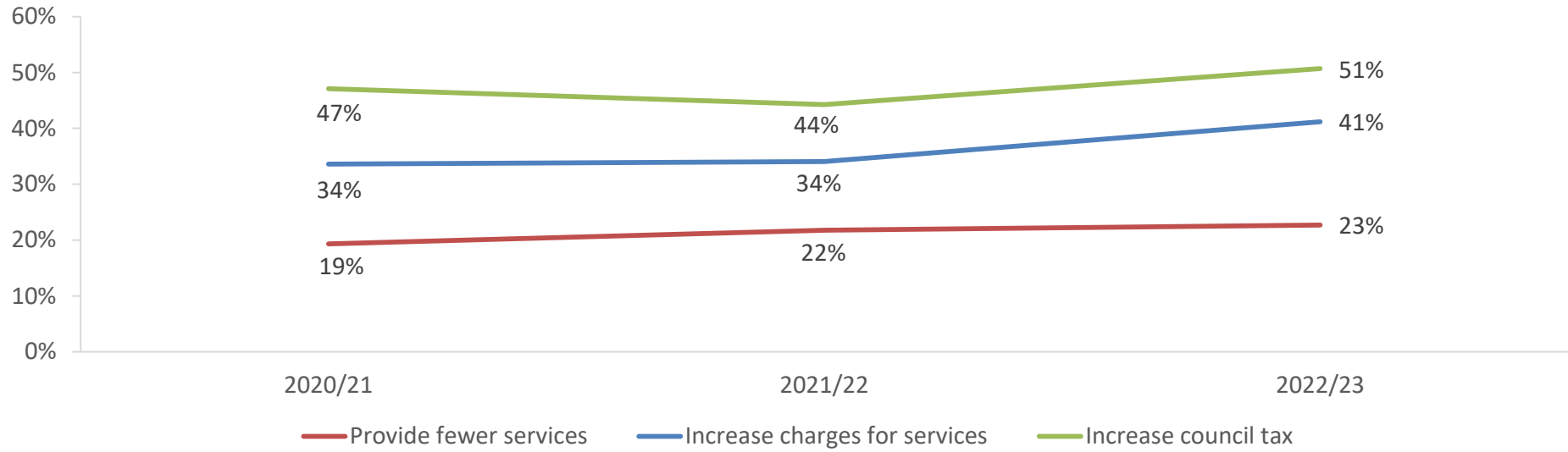
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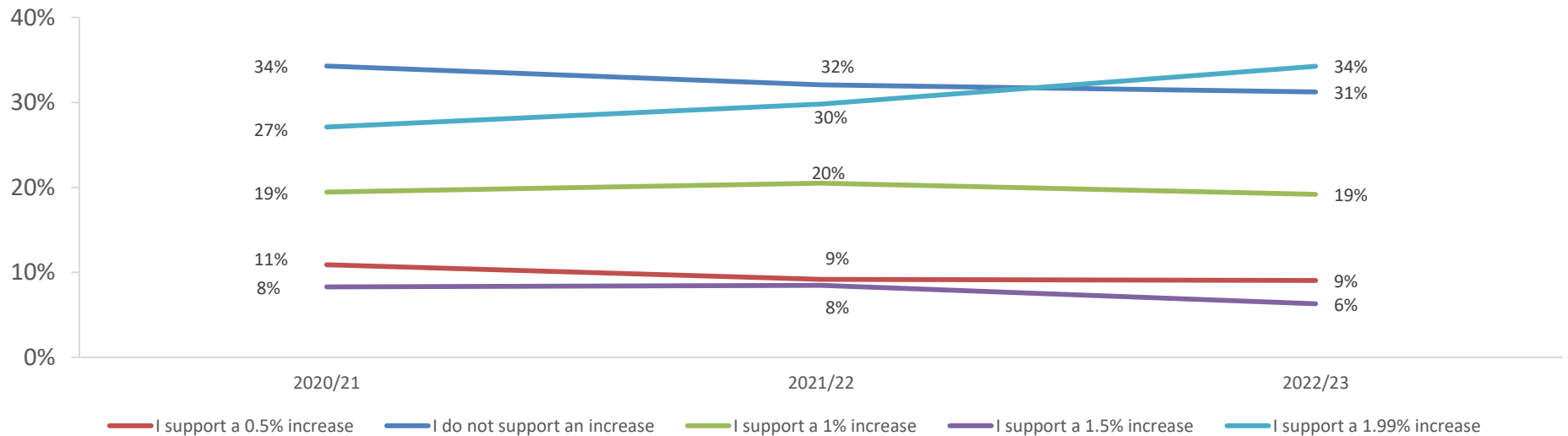
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Council Tax - Three year trend

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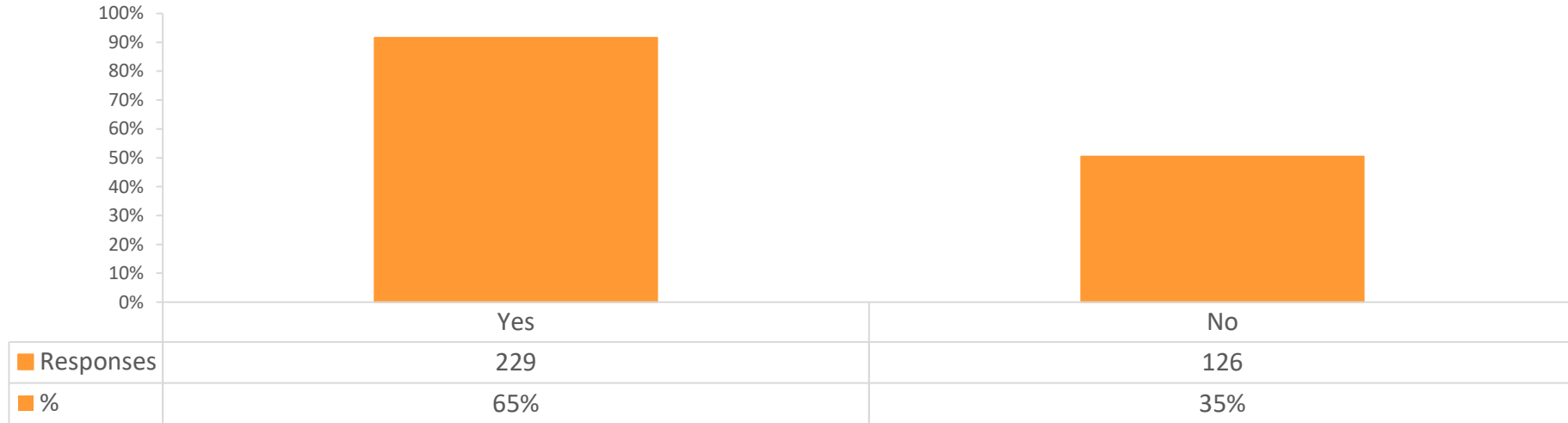


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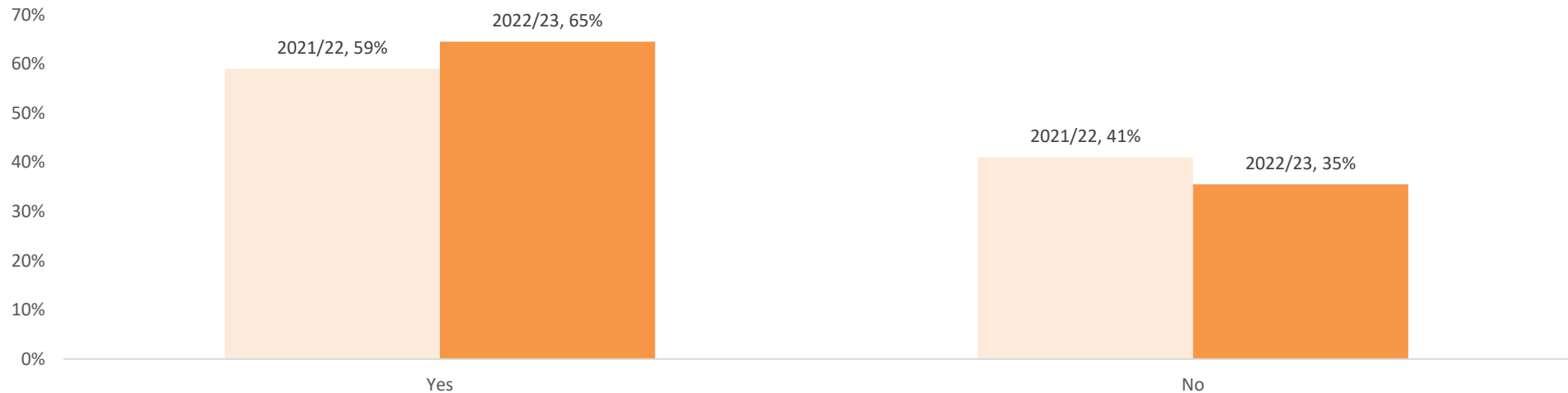


Social Care Precept

Do you support taking the full social care precept of 3%?



Previous responses compared to current responses



Budget Priorities

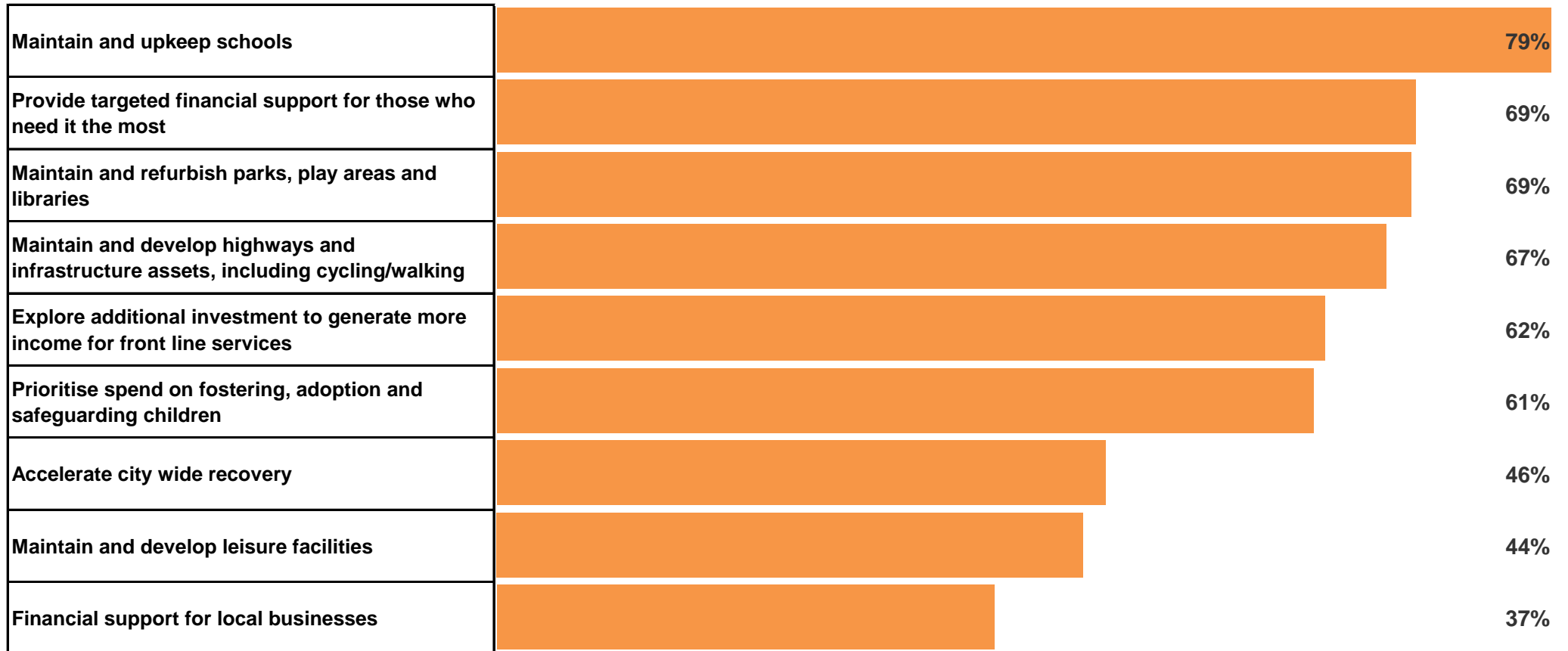
Do you agree or disagree that we should prioritise:

	Disagree	Disagree (%)	Agree	Agree (%)	Neither	Neither (%)
Accelerate city wide recovery	57	16%	162	46%	135	38%
Financial support for local businesses	99	28%	132	37%	122	35%
Provide targeted financial support for those who need it the most	39	11%	248	69%	72	20%
Maintain and develop highways and infrastructure assets, including cycling/walking	43	12%	240	67%	76	21%
Maintain and refurbish parks, play areas and libraries	34	10%	246	69%	78	22%
Maintain and develop leisure facilities	61	17%	156	44%	137	39%
Maintain and upkeep schools	20	6%	283	79%	54	15%
Explore additional investment to generate more income for front line services	55	15%	221	62%	79	22%
Prioritise spend on fostering, adoption and safeguarding children	42	12%	218	61%	95	27%

Budget Priorities

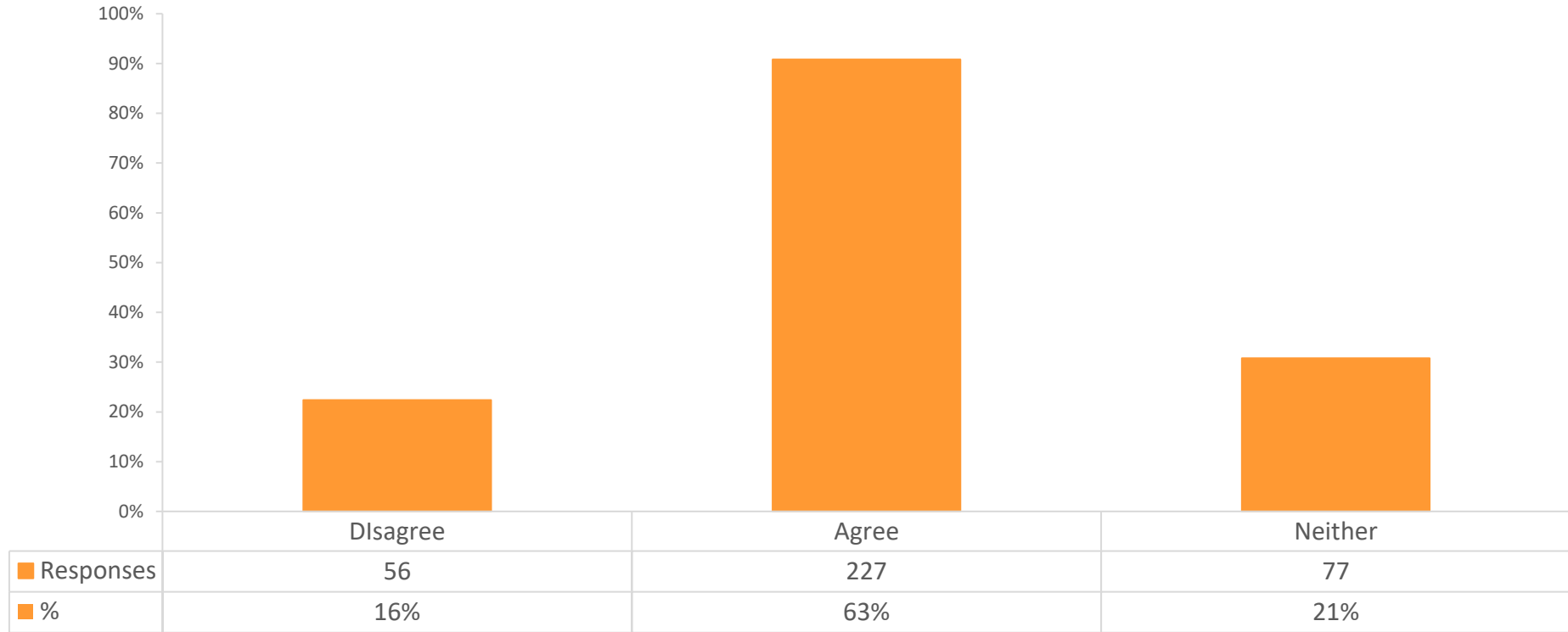
Areas respondents agree should be prioritised

Priorities remain in a similar order to the previous survey with schools at the top and financial support for businesses at the bottom. Maintain and refurbish parks, play areas and libraries has moved up the list with 17% more agreeing this is a priority from last year.



Public Health and recovery from the pandemic

Do you agree or disagree that we should continue to prioritise spending on public health and recovery from the pandemic?



(n=360)

75% agreed the council should prioritise the public health response to the pandemic, including support for mental health in the previous survey.

Overall response to survey by ward (please note that ward data was only collected from online responses)

Ward	Responses	Responses (%)
Acomb Ward	11	3%
Bishopthorpe Ward	6	2%
Clifton Ward	15	4%
Copmanthorpe Ward	10	3%
Dringhouses & Woodthorpe Ward	16	4%
Fishergate Ward	11	3%
Fulford & Heslington Ward	4	1%
Guildhall Ward	14	4%
Haxby & Wigginton Ward	16	4%
Heworth Ward	18	5%
Heworth Without Ward	4	1%
Holgate Ward	14	4%
Hull Road Ward	9	2%
Huntington & New Earswick Ward	10	3%
Micklegate Ward	26	7%
Osbalwick & Derwent Ward	16	4%
Rawcliffe & Clifton Without Ward	12	3%
Rural West York Ward	13	4%
Strensall Ward	10	3%
Westfield Ward	12	3%
Wheldrake Ward	5	1%
Unknown	117	32%
Total	369	

Results can be split by ward but due to low numbers may not be statistically significant

Demographics

Age

Answer choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
Prefer not to say	25	10%
Under 16	0	0%
16-24	3	1%
25-39	46	17%
40-55	59	22%
56-59	20	8%
60-64	25	10%
65+	85	32%
Total	263	

Carer

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
Prefer not to say	26	10%
Yes	27	10%
No	209	80%
Total	262	

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

Answer choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
Prefer not to say	31	12%
Yes	45	17%
No	188	71%
Total	264	

Gender

Answer choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
Prefer not to say	31	12%
Male	130	49%
Female	101	38%
Gender variant / Non binary	1	0%
Total	263	

Served in the Armed Forces

Answer Choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
Prefer not to say	20	8%
Yes	20	8%
No	222	85%
Total	262	

Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

Answer choices	Responses	Percentage of total response
A lot	11	17%
A little	24	36%
Not at all	31	47%
Total	66	