

Headline Results



**Your budget
Your say**

**Budget Consultation
2022/2023**



Summary

The budget consultation consisted of an online survey which summarised the council's priorities and actions for 2022/2023 asking respondents whether they agreed with them or not, and what they thought should also be added to the short-term recovery plan and outcomes.

The survey ran for a period of just over 6 weeks with 664 responses received from a variety of age bands and ethnic backgrounds.

Overall, 236 individual comments were received on what people would like to see added to our short-term recovery plan.

The proportion of people agreeing with each priority action varied across the 9 Kirklees outcomes.

In total 1,241 individual comments were given on the 9 Kirklees outcomes in response to what priority actions they felt were missing and should be considered.

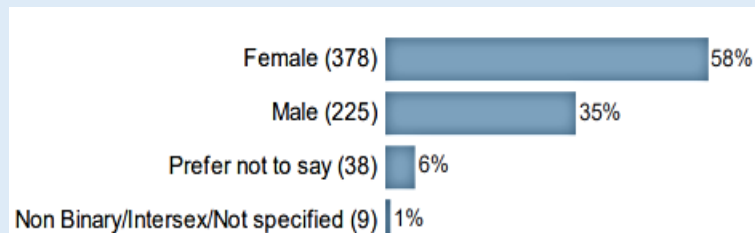
These slides summarise the key findings of the consultation.



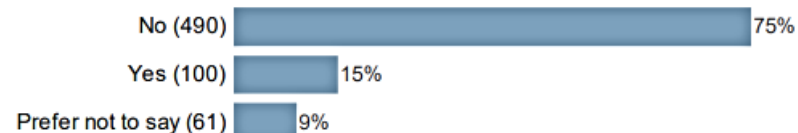
Who took part?

These charts show the demographic breakdown of people who took part in the survey

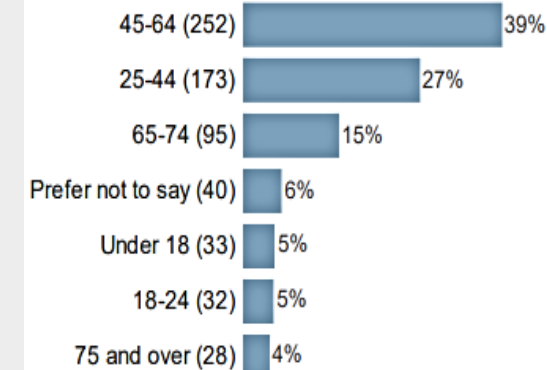
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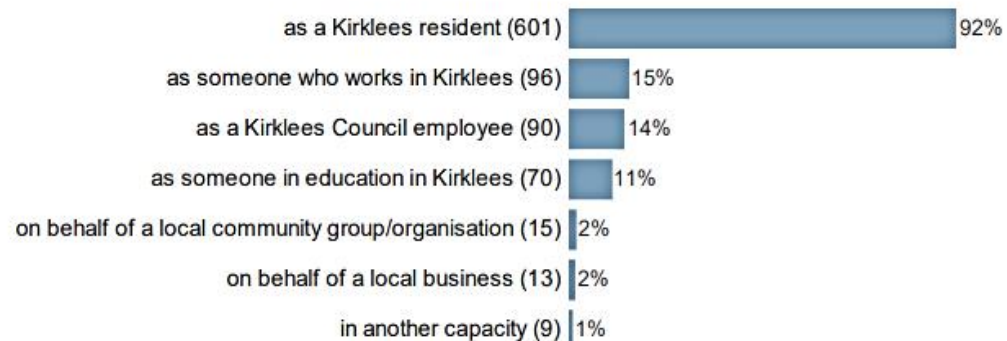
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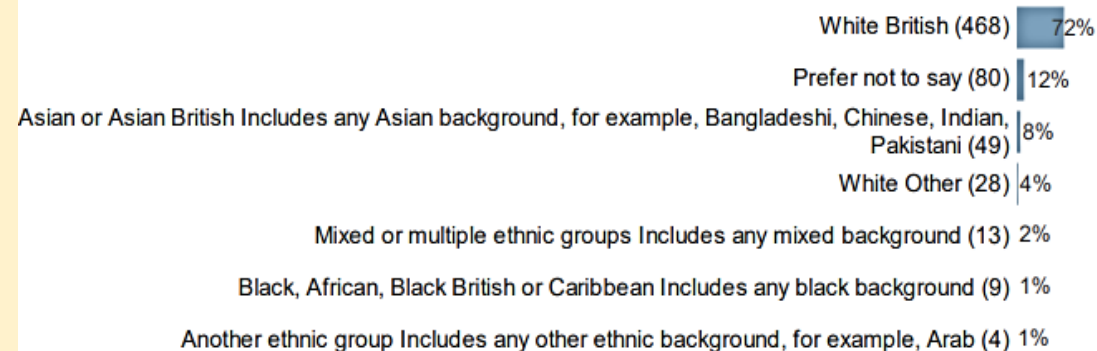
Age



Are you completing this questionnaire:



Ethnicity



Headlines - What people feel is missing from the short-term recovery plan?

Overall, 236 individual comments were received on what people would like to see added to our short-term recovery plan

*Key themes emerging from comments given on what people felt was missing from the short-term recovery plan include:

- Improvements to public transport, road conditions and infrastructures
- Improvements to parking in town centres and village locations
- Increased access to and availability of health and care services, in particular mental health support
- Maintenance and cleanliness of public rights of way, paths, and drainage systems
- Development and ongoing maintenance to outdoor greenspaces, parks, and playgrounds
- Green issues including improved recycling and supporting biodiversity
- Financial support and joined up working with local businesses
- Keeping Kirklees safe with suggestions such as increased police presence and tackling road speeding.
- Increase in training and development opportunities across Kirklees



Headlines - What people think of the priority actions within the Kirklees outcomes

The proportion of people agreeing with each priority action varied across the 9 Kirklees outcomes.

In total 1,241 individual comments were given on the 9 Kirklees outcomes in response to what priority actions they felt was missing and should be considered.



Outcome 1 – Best start – At least 65% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the best start outcome. The priority action that received the most support was ‘Increasing the number of suitable places for children to spend time at outside of school’. There were 174 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 2 – Well – Over two thirds (77%) of respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the well outcome. There were 166 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 3 – Independent - The responses shows that at least 3 out of 4 respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the independent outcome. The priority that received the most support was ‘Improve adaptations to residents’ homes to enable people to live independent lives’ There were 135 comments received on this outcome.



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Outcome 4 – Aspire and achieve - The responses shows that at least 84% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the aspire and achieve outcome. The action with the most agreement reported is ‘Produce an ‘Employment and Skills Strategy’ that supports residents into work and helps them to progress’. There were 114 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 5 – Sustainable economy - The responses show that at least 42% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the sustainable economy outcome. The action with the most agreement recorded is ‘Deliver a rolling programme of transport improvements through West Yorkshire Transport Fund’. There were 157 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 6 – Safe and cohesive - The responses show that at least 73% of respondents agreed/strongly agreed with each of the priority actions set within the safe and cohesive outcome. The action with the most agreement recorded is ‘Develop a framework to ensure the council and its partners work even more effectively in our communities to make them safer and more cohesive.’ There were 116 comments received on this outcome.



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Outcome 7 – Clean and green - The responses show that at least 61% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the clean and green outcome. The action with the most agreement recorded is 'New actions on fly-tipping' There were 186 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 8 – Shaped by people - The responses show that at least 60% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the shaped by people outcome. The action with the most agreement recorded is 'More council services, staff, and policies located in local communities and shaped by them' There were 79 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 9 – Efficient and effective - The responses show that at least 59% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the efficient and effective outcome. The action with the most agreement recorded is 'Improve response times to council enquiries and contacts' There were 114 comments received on this outcome.



Outcome 1 - Best start - Children in Kirklees have the best start in life



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
More places in Kirklees special schools.	15 (4%)	13 (3%)	113 (28%)	141 (35%)	120 (30%)
Increase the number of suitable places for children to spend time at outside of school.	13 (3%)	19 (5%)	63 (16%)	160 (40%)	150 (37%)
Improve support for families through our 'Families Together' hubs.	15 (4%)	21 (5%)	115 (28%)	142 (35%)	111 (27%)
Better financial support for young people leaving care.	15 (4%)	13 (3%)	84 (21%)	148 (37%)	142 (35%)

The responses show that at least 65% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the best start outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is *'Increasing the number of suitable places for children to spend time at outside of school'*

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*174 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Improvements in engagement, activities, and facilities for children
- Increased support for parents
- Focus on better mental health support
- Addressing additional support needs more widely
- More holistic support for care leavers
- Increased support for schools

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 2 - Well - People in Kirklees are as well as possible for as long as possible



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Increase residents' access to green space.	9 (1%)	22 (3%)	112 (18%)	246 (39%)	241 (38%)
Improve the way health checks are delivered for residents.	9 (1%)	14 (2%)	119 (19%)	261 (41%)	228 (36%)
Increase access to mental health services through networks of volunteers and Community Champions.	22 (3%)	42 (7%)	76 (12%)	206 (32%)	288 (45%)
Promote more physical activity through Exercise on Referral for residents who want to improve their health.	14 (2%)	27 (4%)	110 (17%)	262 (42%)	218 (35%)

The responses show that 77% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the well outcome.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

* 166 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Easier and more inclusive access to health services
- Ongoing maintenance and Improvements to greenspaces and outdoor facilities
- Improving mental health support
- Promoting healthier lifestyle choices

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 3 – Independent - People in Kirklees are independent and have control over their lives



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Improve choice and control for people who use social care services.	13 (2%)	19 (3%)	127 (20%)	273 (43%)	197 (31%)
Build more specialist housing for older people and residents with disabilities, enabling them to live independently for longer.	12 (2%)	9 (1%)	77 (12%)	260 (41%)	274 (43%)
Improve adaptations to residents' homes to enable people to live independent lives.	10 (2%)	11 (2%)	63 (10%)	261 (41%)	288 (45%)
Invest in library buildings as hubs for services that support independence and reduce social isolation.	19 (3%)	26 (4%)	102 (16%)	229 (36%)	252 (40%)

The responses shows that at least 74% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the independent outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is 'Improve adaptations to residents' homes to enable people to live independent lives' in which 86% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*135 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Support for libraries
- More funding for carers
- Improvements in housing accommodation
- More inclusive and easier access to support for all

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 4 – Aspire and achieve - People in Kirklees have aspiration to achieve their ambitions through education, training employment and lifelong learning



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Support to young people affected by the pandemic and those most at risk of missing out on achieving their ambitions.	18 (3%)	25 (4%)	86 (14%)	250 (40%)	252 (40%)
Produce an 'Employment and Skills Strategy' that supports residents into work and helps them to progress.	12 (2%)	24 (4%)	69 (11%)	257 (41%)	272 (43%)

The responses shows that at least 84% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the aspire and achieve outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is 'Produce an 'Employment and Skills Strategy' that supports residents into work and helps them to progress' in which 84% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*114 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- More inclusive opportunities for development and catching up for all
- More collaborative ways of working
- Increase and improvement of apprenticeships opportunities
- More practical guidance for children

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 5 – Sustainable economy - Kirklees has sustainable economic growth and provides good employment for and with communities and businesses



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Bring forward plans for major regeneration works for the cultural heart of Huddersfield town centre.	80 (13%)	83 (13%)	139 (22%)	145 (23%)	187 (29%)
Progress £25m economy and infrastructure improvements in Dewsbury.	91 (14%)	93 (15%)	182 (29%)	156 (25%)	108 (17%)
Identify and agree local improvements for town centres in Batley, Holmfirth, Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton.	47 (7%)	51 (8%)	163 (26%)	215 (34%)	152 (24%)
Deliver a rolling programme of transport improvements through West Yorkshire Transport Fund.	25 (4%)	23 (4%)	93 (15%)	237 (38%)	251 (40%)
Extra support for arts, culture and tourism through a new 'Tourism Strategy', a website to promote local creative arts, and preparation for Kirklees Year of Music 2023.	64 (10%)	87 (14%)	171 (27%)	189 (30%)	118 (19%)

The responses show that at least 42% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the sustainable economy outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is *'Deliver a rolling programme of transport improvements through West Yorkshire Transport Fund'* in which 78% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*157 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Improvements to road and travel infrastructure
- More support for green issues
- Support for local businesses

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 6 – Safe and Cohesive - People in Kirklees live in cohesive communities, feel safe and are protected from harm



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Refurbish and redevelop high-rise housing blocks to ensure fire safety for residents.	16 (4%)	25 (6%)	67 (16%)	144 (35%)	155 (38%)
Develop a framework to ensure the council and its partners work even more effectively in our communities to make them safer and more cohesive.	11 (3%)	14 (3%)	71 (17%)	177 (43%)	134 (33%)
Work better with Kirklees' voluntary and community sector and promote their contribution to our society.	11 (3%)	12 (3%)	75 (18%)	160 (39%)	148 (36%)

The responses show that at least 73% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the safe and cohesive outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is *'Develop a framework to ensure the council and its partners work even more effectively in our communities to make them safer and more cohesive.'* in which 76% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*116 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Improve Policing in Kirklees
- Criticism of the Council's Approach to the budget
- Supporting the Community and Voluntary Sector

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 7 – Clean and green - People in Kirklees experience a high quality, clean, sustainable and green environment



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Build more affordable homes in Kirklees.	43 (7%)	56 (9%)	94 (15%)	188 (30%)	246 (39%)
Install more electric vehicle charging points.	29 (5%)	41 (7%)	141 (22%)	224 (36%)	192 (31%)
Plant over 70,000 trees and introduce wildflower meadows.	11 (2%)	18 (3%)	51 (8%)	199 (31%)	354 (56%)
Develop our roadmap to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2038.	39 (6%)	33 (5%)	111 (18%)	203 (32%)	239 (38%)
Improve waste and recycling services by introducing a reuse shop, a new bulky waste service, trialling a glass kerbside collection service.	11 (2%)	12 (2%)	38 (6%)	177 (28%)	396 (62%)
New actions on fly-tipping.	3 (0%)	4 (1%)	47 (7%)	152 (24%)	428 (68%)
Deliver over 160 local road improvements over two years, including resurfacing and maintenance works.	10 (2%)	20 (3%)	58 (9%)	198 (31%)	344 (55%)
Deliver more road safety schemes.	32 (5%)	40 (6%)	169 (27%)	184 (29%)	201 (32%)

The responses show that at least 61% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the clean and green outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is 'New actions on fly-tipping' in which 92% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*186 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Issues with Recycling and Waste
- Preserving the Green Belt
- Improved Housing Solutions
- Improving Roads and Pavements
- Alternative Transport Solutions

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 8 – Shaped by people – We make our places what they are



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
More council services, staff, and policies located in local communities and shaped by them	29 (5%)	35 (6%)	127 (20%)	252 (40%)	182 (29%)
Increase young people's interest and participation in democracy.	23 (4%)	23 (4%)	159 (25%)	247 (40%)	173 (28%)
Recruit and train tenants to be part of the 'Housing Advisory Board' to influence our new Homes and Neighbourhoods service.	27 (4%)	32 (5%)	190 (30%)	220 (35%)	154 (25%)

The responses show that at least 60% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the shaped by people outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is *'More council services, staff, and policies located in local communities and shaped by them'* in which 69% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*79 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- More Face-to-Face Interaction
- Improved Communication
- Criticism of the Council's Approach to the budget engagement
- Ensuring Inclusivity for all

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report



Outcome 9 – Efficient and effective - Kirklees Council works smart and delivers efficiently and effectively



How much do you agree or disagree with the following priority actions proposed for achieving this outcome...

	strongly disagree	disagree	neither agree nor disagree	agree	strongly agree
Publish a new Communications Strategy to improve the way the council engages with residents.	33 (5%)	45 (7%)	179 (29%)	228 (37%)	136 (22%)
Use the council's digital infrastructure to help residents, businesses and community groups get connected online.	24 (4%)	33 (5%)	171 (28%)	252 (41%)	140 (23%)
Make it easier for local people to come and work for the council through new online recruitment resources.	21 (3%)	36 (6%)	164 (26%)	247 (40%)	152 (25%)
Improve response times to council enquiries and contacts.	4 (1%)	5 (1%)	77 (12%)	233 (38%)	302 (49%)

The responses show that at least 59% of respondents agree/strongly agree with each of the priority actions set within the efficient and effective outcome.

The action with the most agreement recorded is *'Improve response times to council enquiries and contacts'* in which 87% agree/strongly agree.

Please use this box to tell us anything you think is missing and should be considered as a priority action within this outcome.

*114 comments were received with a number of key themes discussed:

- Digital Exclusion
- Improve Response Rates & the Website
- Improve Communications
- Criticism of the Council's Approach
- Improving Kirklees as an Employer

* Themes discussed in more detail in full report

