
Appendix 3: Durham County Council Budget Consultation

Full Tables of responses

Q1 Since the public consultation in 2013, has anything changed in your area that you feel would affect which services should have larger or smaller reductions?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	224	34.5%
No	425	65.5%
Total	649	100.0%

Q2 If so, please outline the changes.

Smaller Reductions	Number of mentions
Subsidised Bus Travel	36
Roads, footpaths, traffic and lighting	26
Job Creation	21
Support for Community Projects, Centres, Partnerships and Groups	20
Collection, disposal and recycling of waste	13
Street Cleaning	13
Social Work and Protecting Vulnerable Children and Adults	11
Grass cutting, trees and flower beds	10
Services to keep people safe	9
School Support and Education Services	8
Sports, parks and play areas	8
Day Centres and support for families	7
Gritting and Snow Clearance	6
Libraries	6
Support for Adults in their Homes	3
Art, museums and theatres	2
Other	6
TOTAL	237

Larger reductions:	Number of mentions
Finance, Legal, information Technologies and Human Resources	7
Gritting and Snow Clearance	4
Roads, footpaths, traffic and lighting	4
Democratic Support - Decisions and Elections	2
Social Work and Protecting Vulnerable Children and Adults	2
Street Cleaning	2
Other	11
TOTAL	237

Q3 Where a local organisation has shown interest, should the council explore the opportunity of them managing a facility or service to reduce the impact of budget savings on communities?

	Frequency	Percent
Yes	573	92.7%
No	45	7.3%
Total	618	100.0%

Q4 Are there any council facilities or services in your area that could be managed by local people? If so, please outline them below.

Facilities which could be managed by local people	Number of mentions
Libraries	59
Community centres	40
Grass Cutting, flower beds	19
Sports facilities	16
Leisure centres	12
Parks	11
Street Cleaning	10
Surestart/Day centres	8
Litter pick/Dog waste (emptying)	6
Other	27
TOTAL	225

Equalities Breakdown

Responses were broadly representative of all age groups (shown in the table below), although older people were more likely to take part and make reference to experiencing changes since the last consultation than younger people.

In addition, supplementary consultation with 724 children and young people at a series of school based events was conducted in the east of the county.

What is your age?	Frequency	Percent
Under 16	16	3.0%
16-24	36	6.8%
25-44	125	23.5%
45-54	110	20.7%
55-64	113	21.3%
65-74	92	17.3%
75+	39	7.3%
Total	531	100.0

The responses from the different age groups to the question asking if anything had changed in the area are shown below.

Since the public consultation in 2013, has anything changed in your area that you feel would affect which services should have larger or smaller reductions? * What is your age?				
What is your age?		Yes	No	Total
Under 45	Frequency	55	108	163
	Percentage	33.7%	66.3%	100.0%
45-64	Frequency	71	132	203
	Percentage	35.0%	65.0%	100.0%
65+	Frequency	49	71	120
	Percentage	40.8%	59.2%	100.0%
Total	Frequency	175	311	486
	Percentage	36.0%	64.0%	100.0%

When asked to outline those changes Over-65s responded to changes affecting the following services. These focused mainly on applying a smaller reduction with only three respondents citing services for a higher reduction.

Smaller Reductions:	Number of Responses
Subsidised Bus Travel	9
Roads, footpaths, traffic and lighting	5
Social Work and Protecting Vulnerable Children and Adults	5
Services to keep people safe	4
Collection, disposal and recycling of waste	3
Libraries	3
Street Cleaning	3
Support for Community Projects, Centres, Partnerships and Groups	3
Grass cutting, trees and flower beds	2
Gritting and Snow Clearance	2
Job Creation	2
Support for Adults in their Homes	2
Other	3
TOTAL	49

Other protected characteristic groups

We received feedback from individuals from various protected characteristic groups such as:

- Gender
- Disability
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Ethnicity

However, there were no discernible differences in the responses they made.