

Budget 2026/27 Consultation Report

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Executive Summary

The Council's Budget 2026/27 proposals were subject to public consultation between 24 November 2025 and 6 January 2026, attracting 131 responses via the online platform. The consultation sought views on savings, income generation, capital investment priorities, and areas for protecting expenditure.

Key themes emerging from the consultation include:

- Strong support for protecting essential services such as adult and children's social care, housing, libraries, and waste management.
- Mixed views on income generation proposals, with broad support for measures perceived as fair (e.g., charging insurers for CCTV footage) and environmental benefits (e.g., e-billing), but concerns about digital exclusion and affordability.
- Some capital investment proposals were contested, with calls to maintain spending on schools, green spaces, and climate resilience, while reducing expenditure on perceived non-essential projects.
- Respondents emphasised value for money, fairness, and transparency, alongside suggestions for efficiency improvements, digital transformation, and partnership working to reduce costs.

Overall, the consultation reflects respondents' desire to balance budgetary responsibility with safeguarding services for vulnerable residents, while exploring innovative ways to generate income and deliver efficiencies.

Introduction

The Budget proposals for 2026/2027 have been subject to formal consultation. This report sets out the findings of the council's consultation for its budget.

Technical Details and Method

The consultation ran from 24th November 2025 to 6th January 2026. The survey was hosted at <https://haringeybudget2026.commonplace.is> with hard copies of the consultation document also available on request in libraries.

The consultation was widely promoted via the council's resident magazine, Haringey People Extra, the council's business e-newsletter, the council's website and via social media.

Stakeholder Events

A Business Budget Briefing Webinar was held on Tuesday the 2nd December 2025.

Questionnaire Design

Respondents were asked a range of questions including:

- Whether they supported some proposals
- To what extent some proposals would impact them and give any reasons for their response.
- To share their views on capital spending reductions and capital investments.
- To share any other changes or proposals that might save money or achieve better value from council spending or generate income.
- Their views on priorities for protecting spending and any other thoughts on the council's proposed budget.

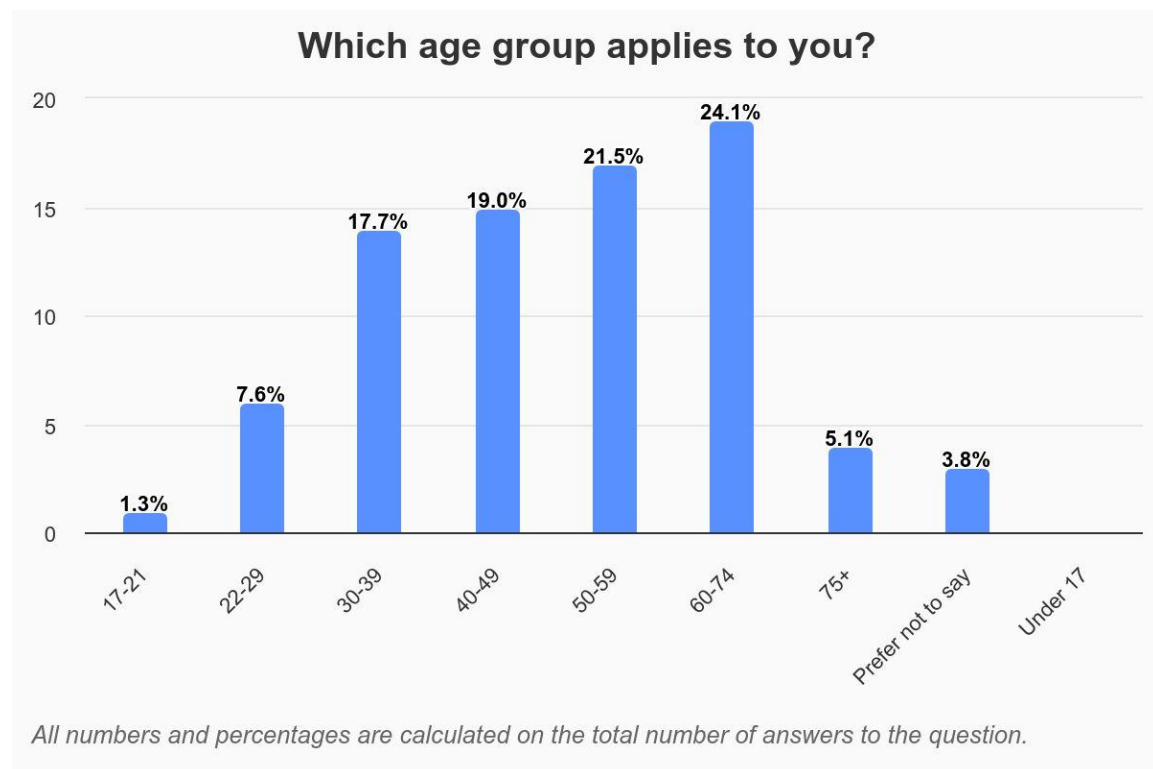
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131 responses were received through the online survey.

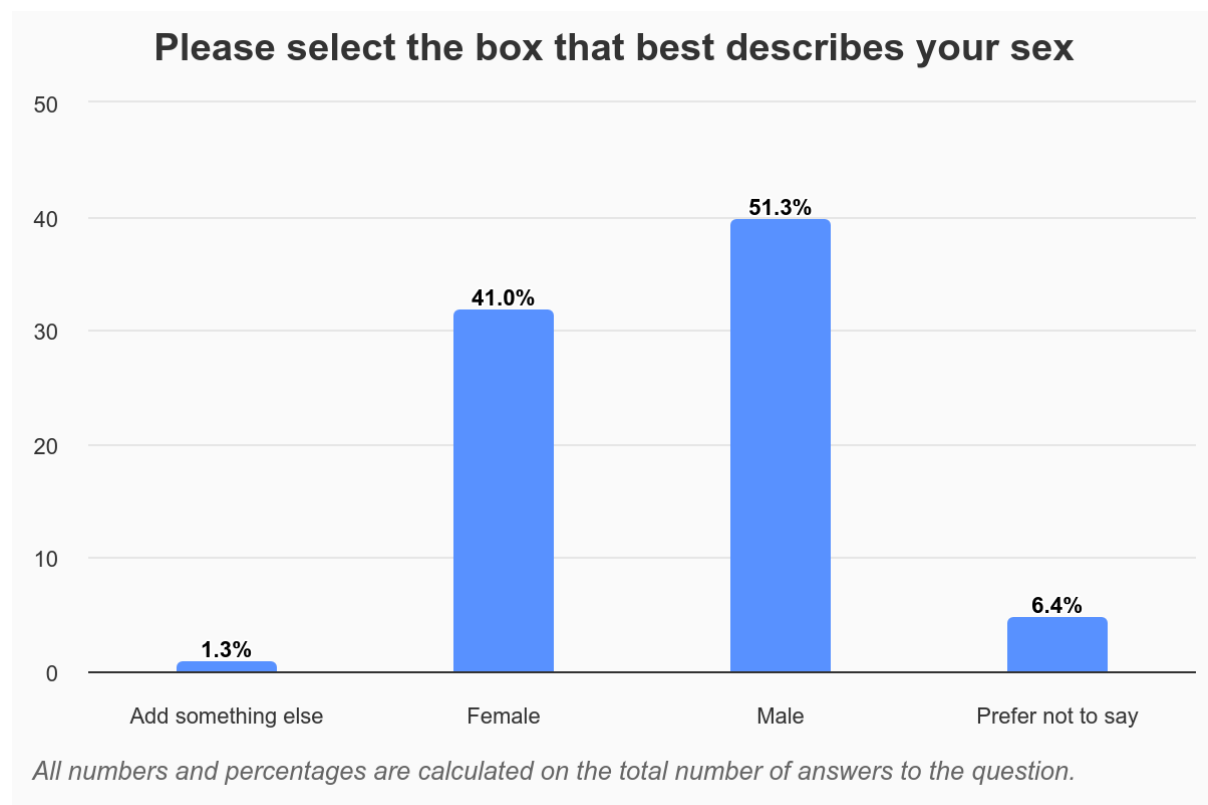
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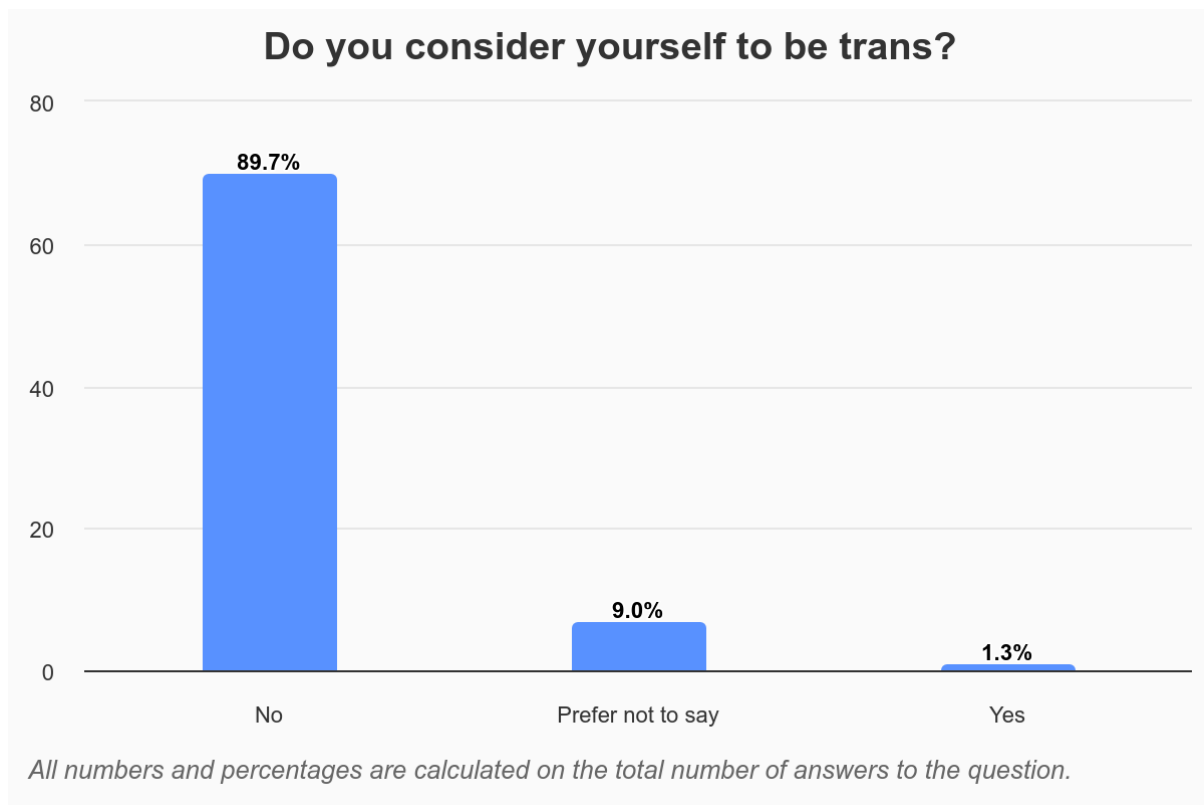
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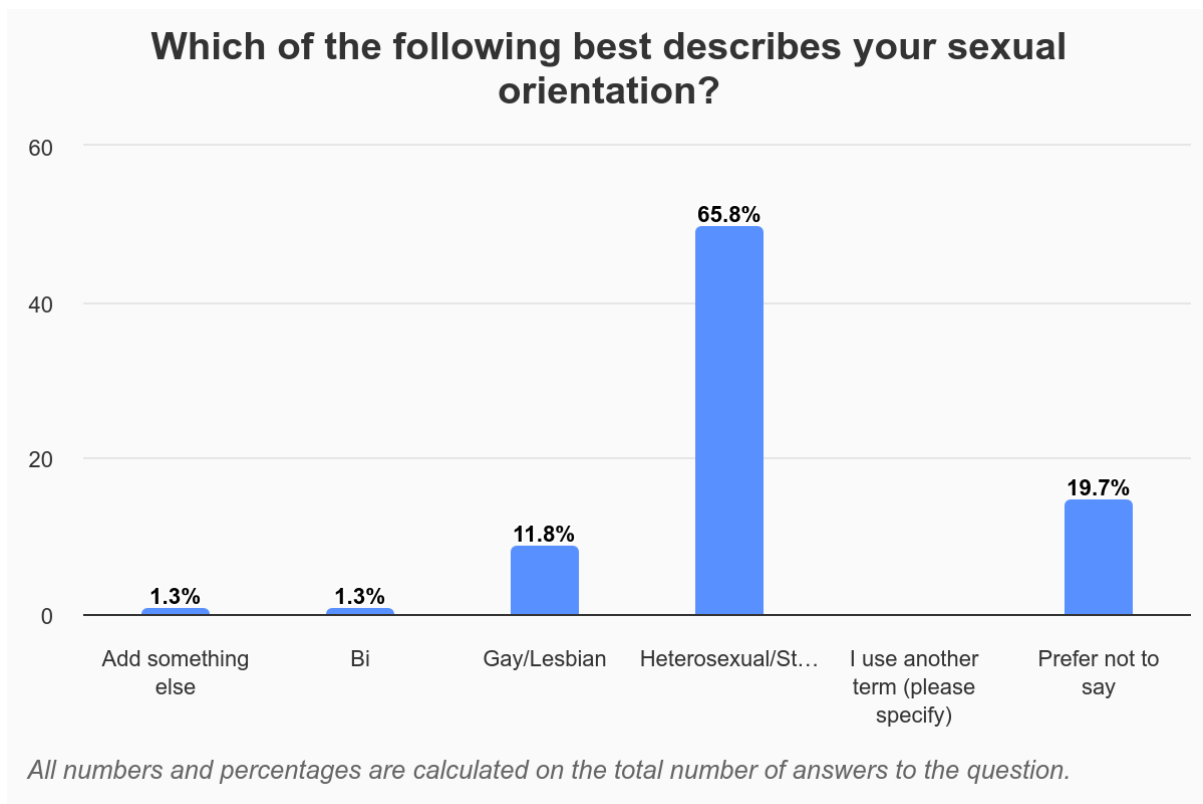


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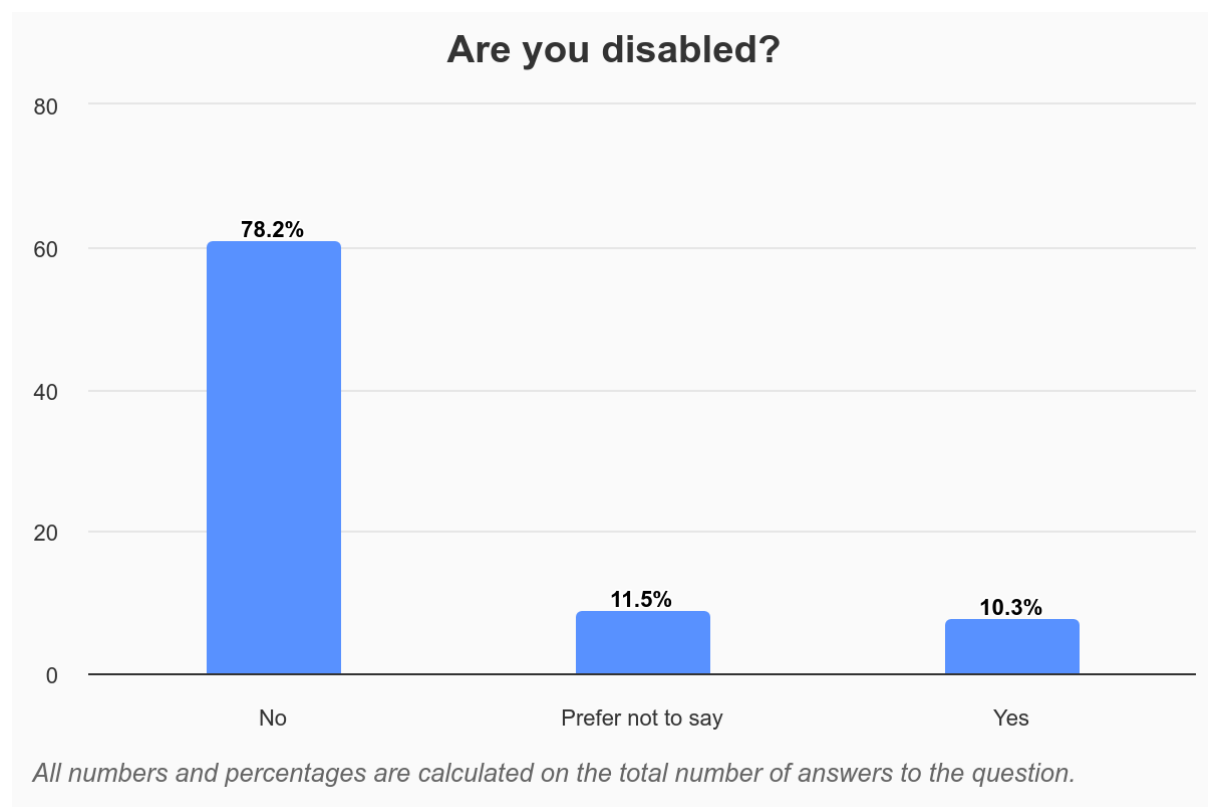
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Asian/Asian British - Indian	1
Asian/Asian British - Other	0
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Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - African	2
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Caribbean	2
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British - Other	0
Kurdish	0
Latin American	0
Mixed/Multiple - Other	1
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Mixed/Multiple - White and Black African	0

Mixed/Multiple - White and Black Caribbean	1
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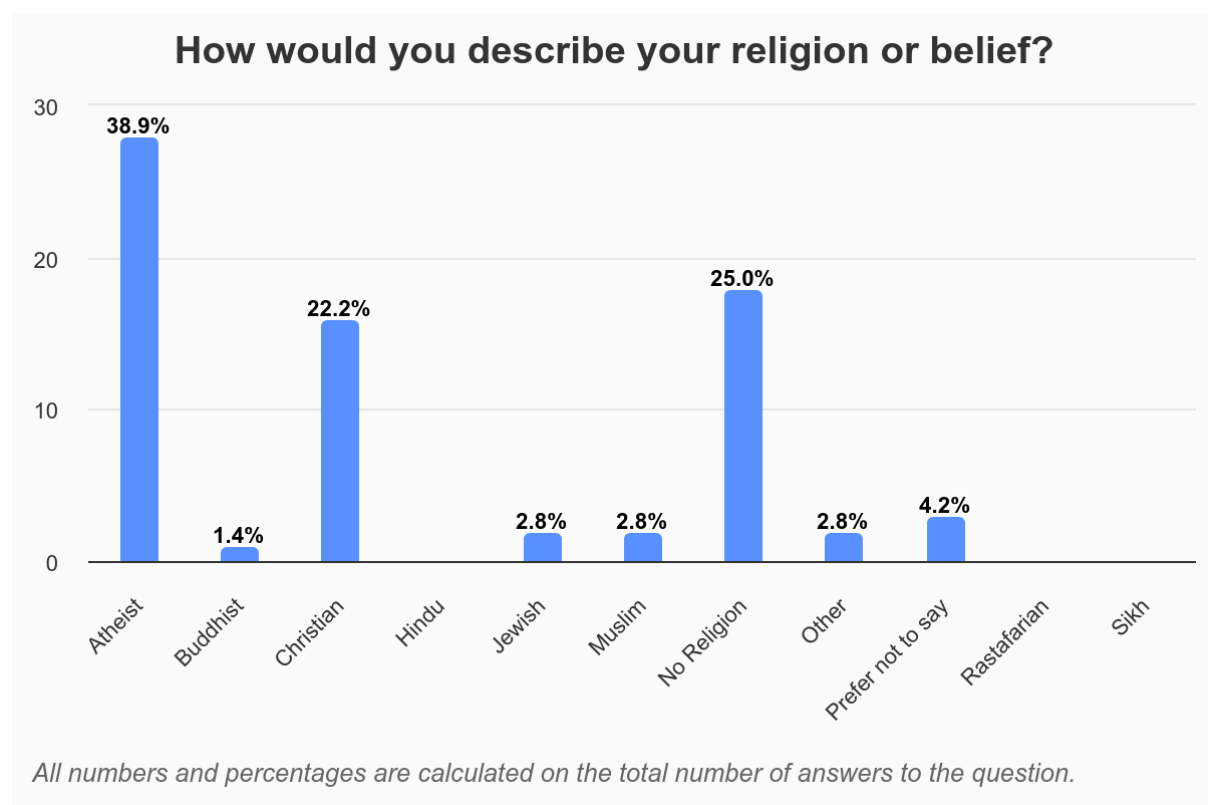
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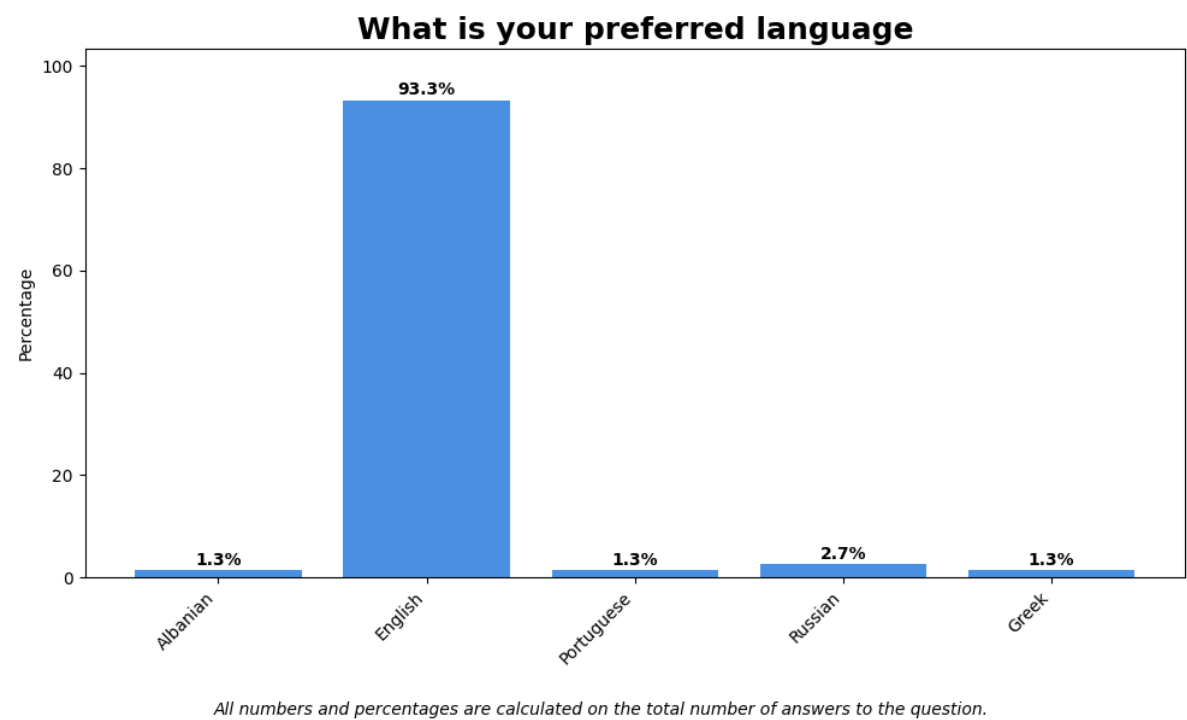
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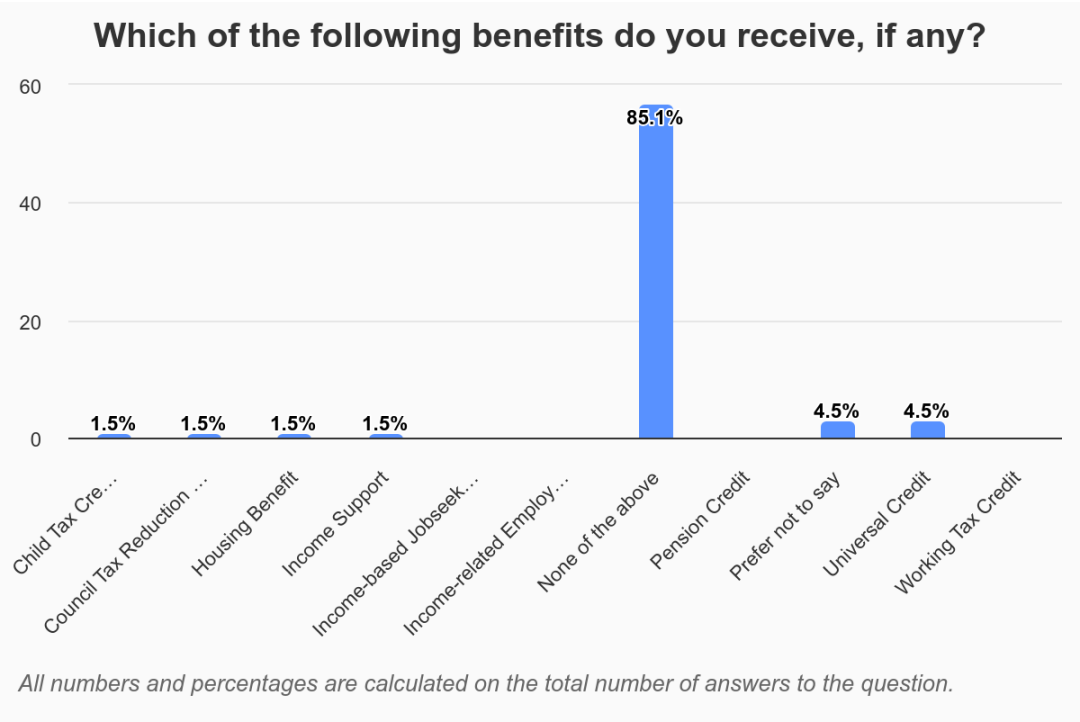
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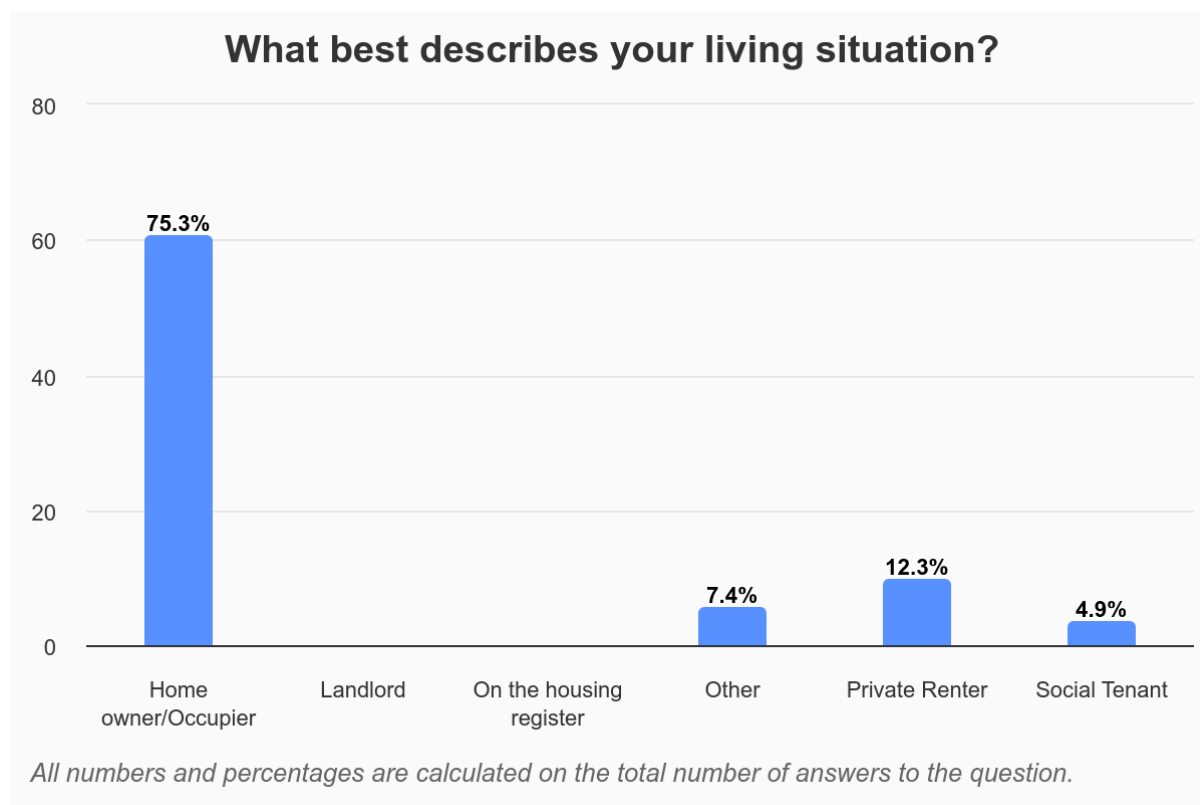
Preferred Language



Receipt of Benefits



Living Situation



Summary of Findings

The consultation revealed a diverse range of views on the council's proposed budget measures:

Savings and Income Generation

Leisure centres: Support for commercialisation to reduce subsidy, provided affordability and quality are maintained; concerns about rising costs and prioritisation.

E-Billing: Majority support for digital billing on cost and environmental grounds, with caveats around digital exclusion and security.

CCTV charges: Broad agreement that insurers should pay for footage, seen as fair and a revenue opportunity; concerns about victim access and delays.

Adult Social Care Charging: Mixed views; some highlight fairness and efficiency, others fear hardship for vulnerable residents.

Private Sector Leasing incentives: Support for increasing PSL stock to reduce temporary accommodation costs, but some concerns raised about rewarding landlords versus investing in social housing.

Children's Services: Strong support for in-house solutions for care leavers and fostering, seen as cost-effective and better for wellbeing.

Capital Spending

Respondents prioritised investment in schools, housing, waste management, and climate resilience. There was opposition to cuts in clean air initiatives and concerns about spending on Alexandra Palace and other non-essential projects.

Additional Suggestions

Calls for efficiency through digital transformation, fraud reduction, and streamlined management. Suggestions for income generation included higher charges for non-essential services, fines for non-compliance, and leveraging council assets.

Spending Priorities

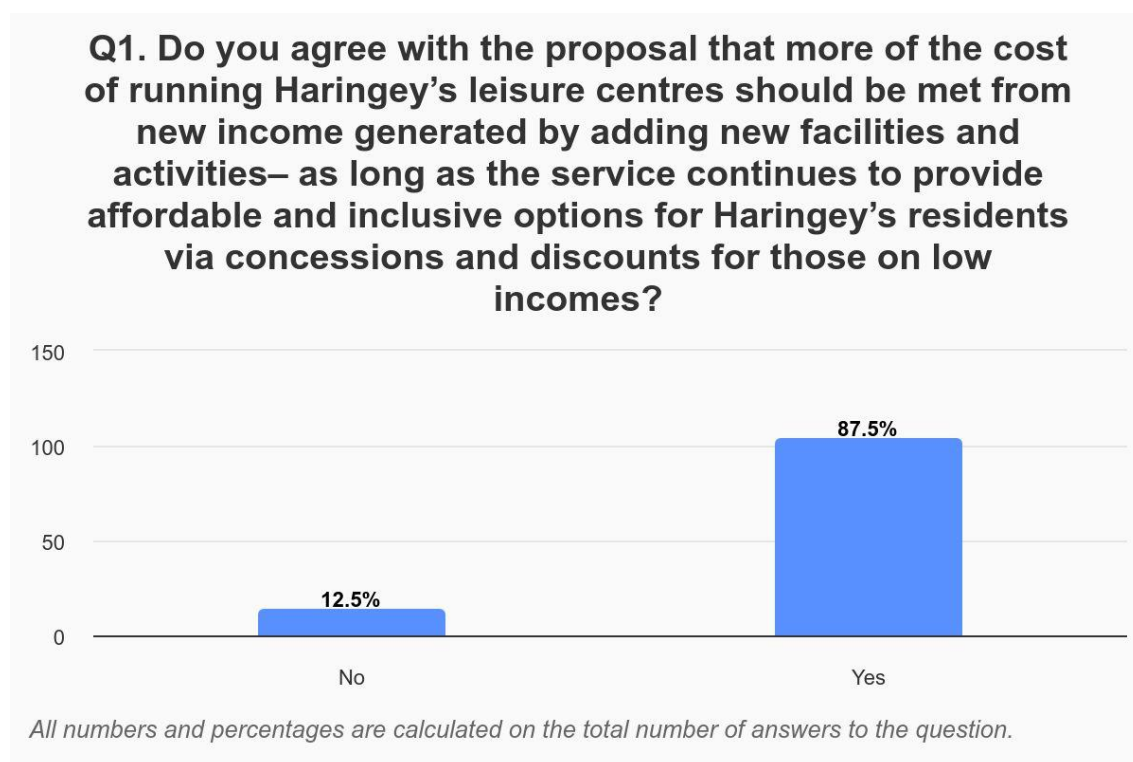
Protecting social care, housing, libraries, and environmental initiatives were consistently highlighted by respondents. External consultants, and non-critical services were seen as less of a priority.

Detailed Findings: Savings and Income Generation Proposals

Environment and Resident Experience

Proposal 1 - Leisure centre savings and increased income through delivery of a commercialisation plan

Question 1 - Do you agree with the proposal that more of the cost of running Haringey's leisure centres should be met from new income generated by adding new facilities and activities – as long as the service continues to provide affordable and inclusive options for Haringey's residents via concessions and discounts for those on low incomes?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Responses not supportive of the proposal

Those who didn't support expressed concerns about existing facilities, what additional money would be spent on, and which facilities, if any, would be added. There were also concerns over the rise in cost as it was felt by some. There were responses that suggested that added investment was unnecessary and that the leisure services were fine as they are.

There were also suggestions that given the overall challenges the council and its residents deal with, upgrading leisure centres should not be a priority. There were also concerns about the overall cost for the council rising due to managing any extra services with a suggestion being to lease out the café space to one of the national chains.

There were concerns for providing subsidies, some felt they just missed out on the criteria but were still in need. There were also those who didn't think the increase in revenue by was realistic with fears it would end up more costly.

Responses supportive of the proposal

There was support on the grounds that all services should pay their way, particularly with the wider need across the council such as housing. There was also support on the ground that all residents regardless of income or ability to access them and this would help those who are currently struggling to enjoy their lives and is an effective way of reducing mental health challenges and is vital to the borough's health and wellbeing.

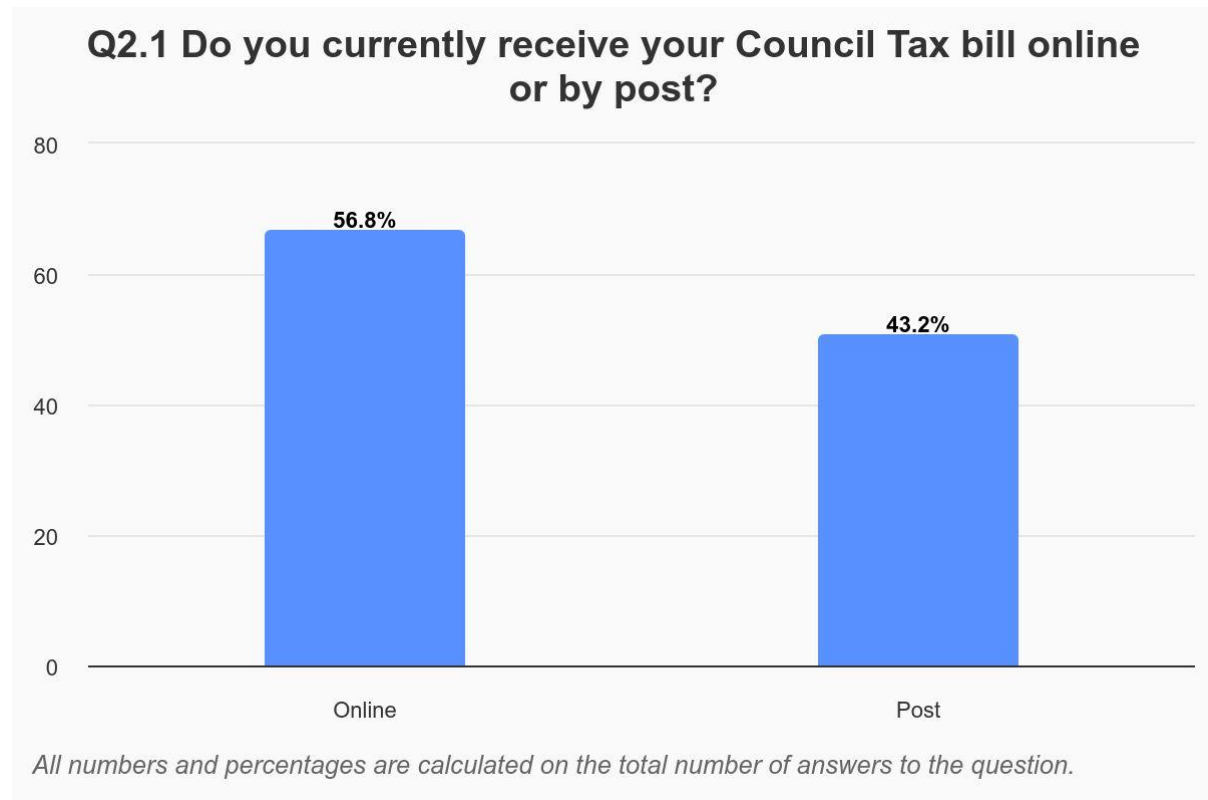
Some felt it was fair and even necessary due to the current economy. It was noted that there was a real need for facilities to be invested in. There was also support for the principal that leisure centres should be profit centres, rather than costs for the council and that those who don't use the centres shouldn't be asked to pay to subsidise it.

There were caveats on the grounds that the rise in costs was reasonable. Some showed support although would like to understand how "Low Income" was defined. It was felt that services should be paid for by those who use them. There was also support providing concessions would be made to those who need it.

It was also felt necessary that if those who used it had to pay more, then the quality of services needs to remain high.

Proposal 2 – Increasing the number of residents accessing their Council Tax bill online (“e-billing”) and online forms

Question 2.1 – Do you currently receive your Council Tax bill online or by post?



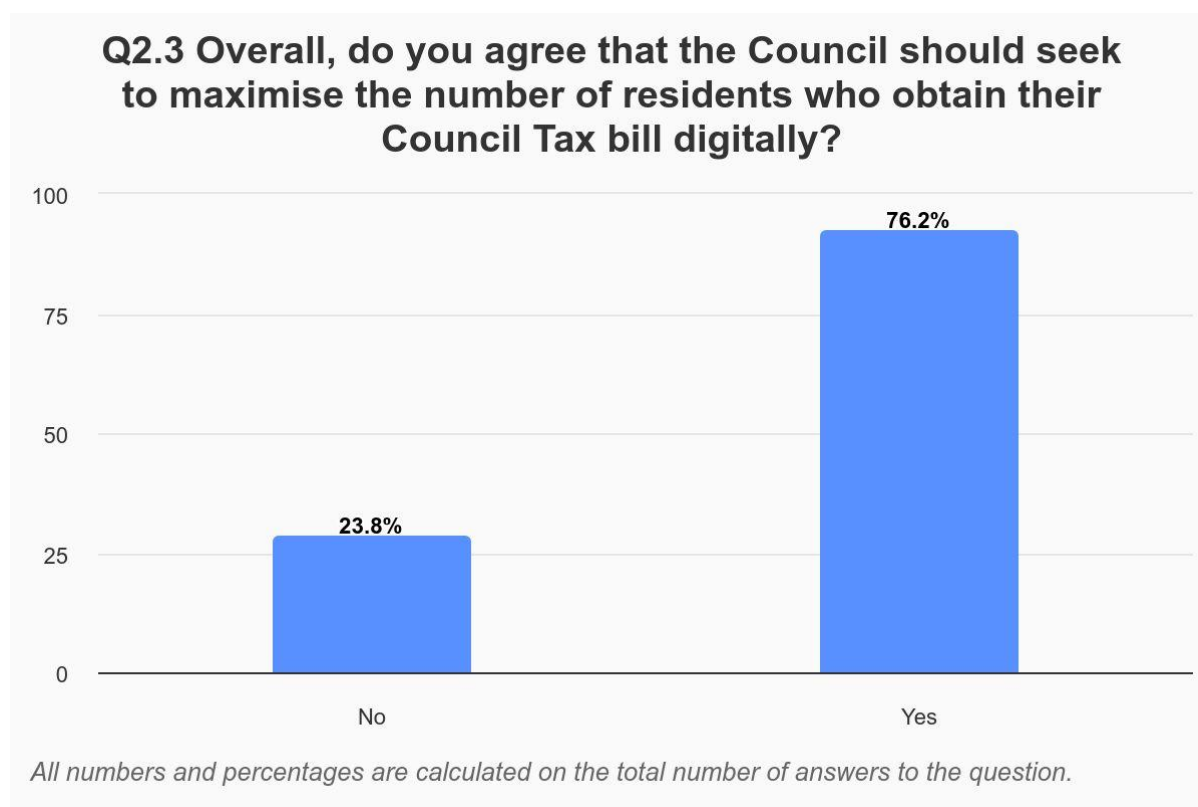
Question 2.2 – If you receive your Council Tax bill by post, do you have any concerns about e-billing that would put you off signing up?

For those who had concerns, there was a fear of the challenges of those who do not have access to the internet to view their bills. They thought this may put added pressure on services that to help people to manage their bills. It also was felt it would add extra cost to people who may be forced to pay for wi-fi access.

There were concerns that the council is not more tolerant of late payment so it would add more pressure. There were also concerns that the emails may end up missed or in spam as has happened with previous bills.

Some felt they were concerned about the security of their personal information. Others felt they needed the bills to use as I.D. for other external services.

Question 2.3 – Overall, do you agree that the Council should seek to maximise the number of residents who obtain their Council Tax bill digitally?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Responses not supportive of the proposal

There were concerns over cyber security and whether it was worth the savings which some felt that advertising campaign would eat into it and would rather the amount be spent elsewhere. Some prefer to know their bill is on paper and would rather. Some felt it was an unimportant change in the grand scheme of things and the wrong decision to make savings.

There were also concerns about those without digital accessibility and those who needed printed documents for identification purposes. Some felt it should be a choice rather than mandatory. Others had concerns about missing emails with their bills in.

Responses supportive of the proposal

There were suggestions to add a surcharge on getting it via post rather than a saving for digital. Some added the caveat that those who are not digitally literate be given extra help and others felt those who didn't have access to the internet should be provided with paper documents.

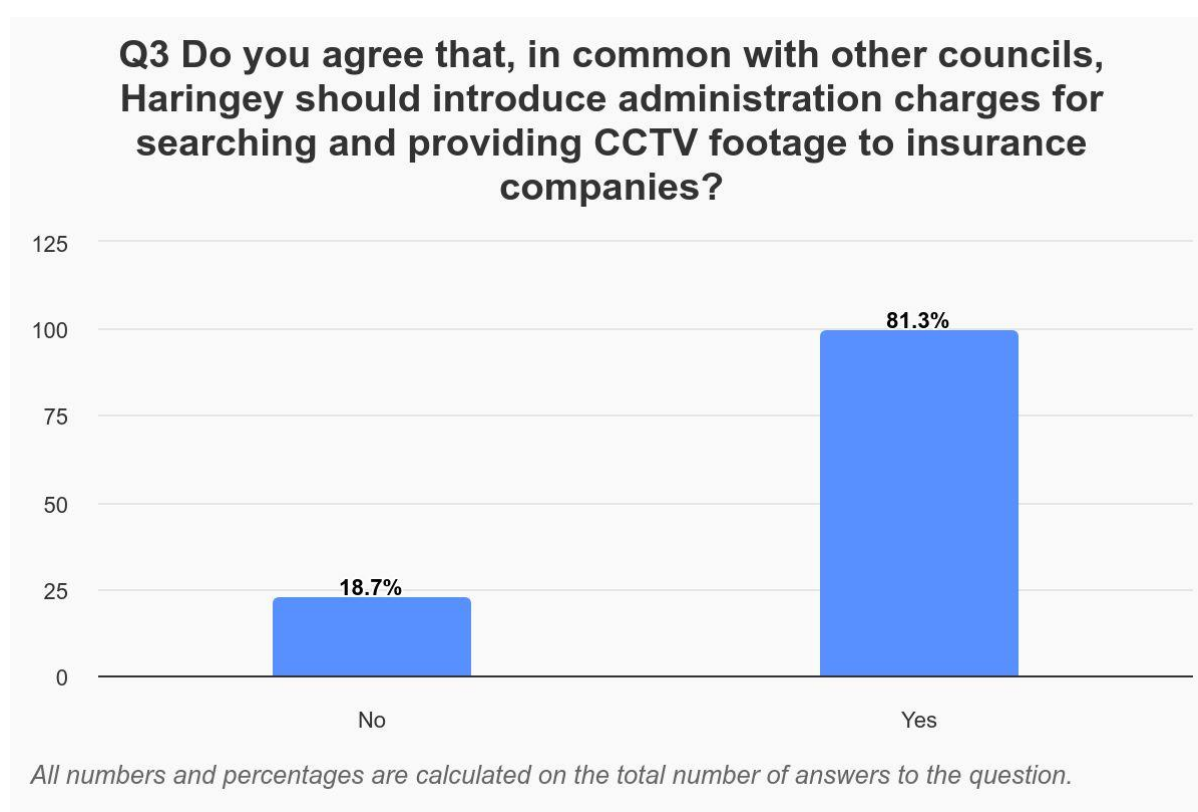
Some felt that it was not a new idea so people should be able to use it. It was also supported as a quick fix to earn money. There was support on environmental grounds due to the lack of paper used. There were suggestions that if an email address was already provided, the

council should just make an executive decision that the council tax bill will be delivered digitally reflecting what a number of other companies had done.

There was a lot of support on the grounds of the savings it provided. Some did have concerns over how usable the digital services may be as they had past troubles with the council.

Proposal 3 – Charge to Insurers for CCTV footage

Question 3.1 - Do you agree that, in common with other councils, Haringey should introduce administration charges for searching and providing CCTV footage to insurance companies?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Responses not supportive of the proposal

Some respondents didn't support the proposal for reasons including that charges should never apply when footage is needed for victims of crime, stressing it was already difficult to get CCTV footage. It also included concerns over it causing delays in investigations.

There were also concerns it would push up insurance costs and lead to fewer requests risking further crime. There were also suggestions to use Artificial intelligence to streamline the process and make it cheaper for the council.

Responses supportive of the proposal

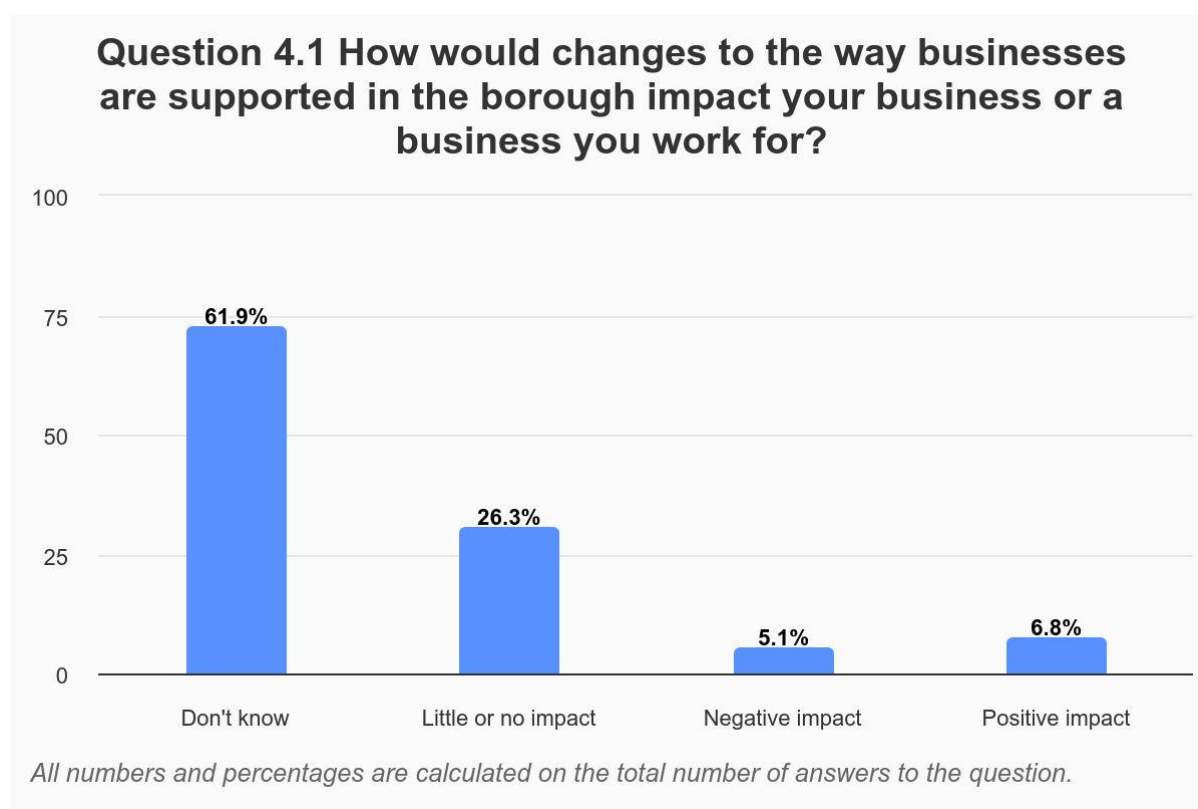
Some felt that as the insurance companies were a commercial outfit and may profit from the CCTV, they should be asked to pay. It was also noted that it was preferable for Insurers to pay rather than the council and council tax payers with others surprised it wasn't already in place. Some felt it was a good source of revenue.

There were some who felt that it was fine as insurance companies could afford it. There was qualified support as long as the pricing was reasonable.

Culture, Strategy and Communities

Proposal 4 - Review of support to businesses

Question 4.1 – how would changes to the way businesses are supported in the borough impact your business or a business you work for?



Please give reasons for your answer:

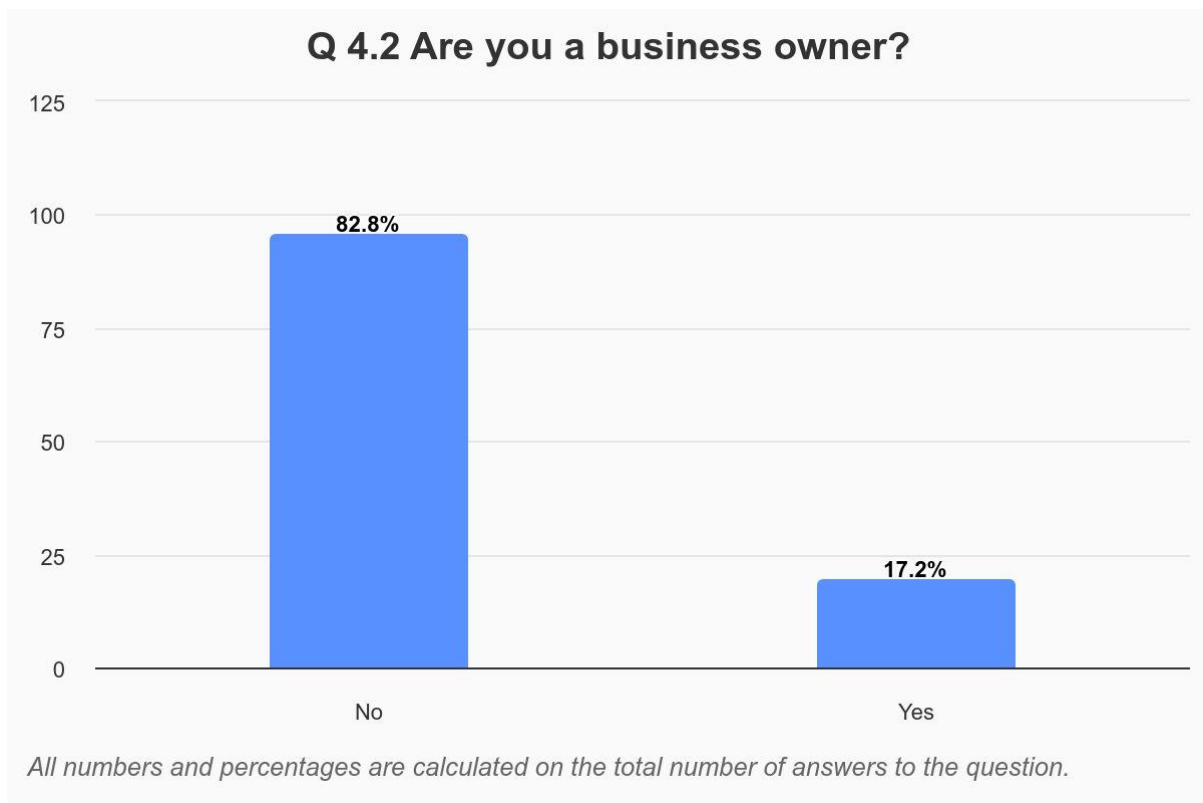
Don't know

Respondents who ticked don't know did so as they did not own a business in Haringey. Some felt the terminology was too vague and did not indicate what the council actually meant.

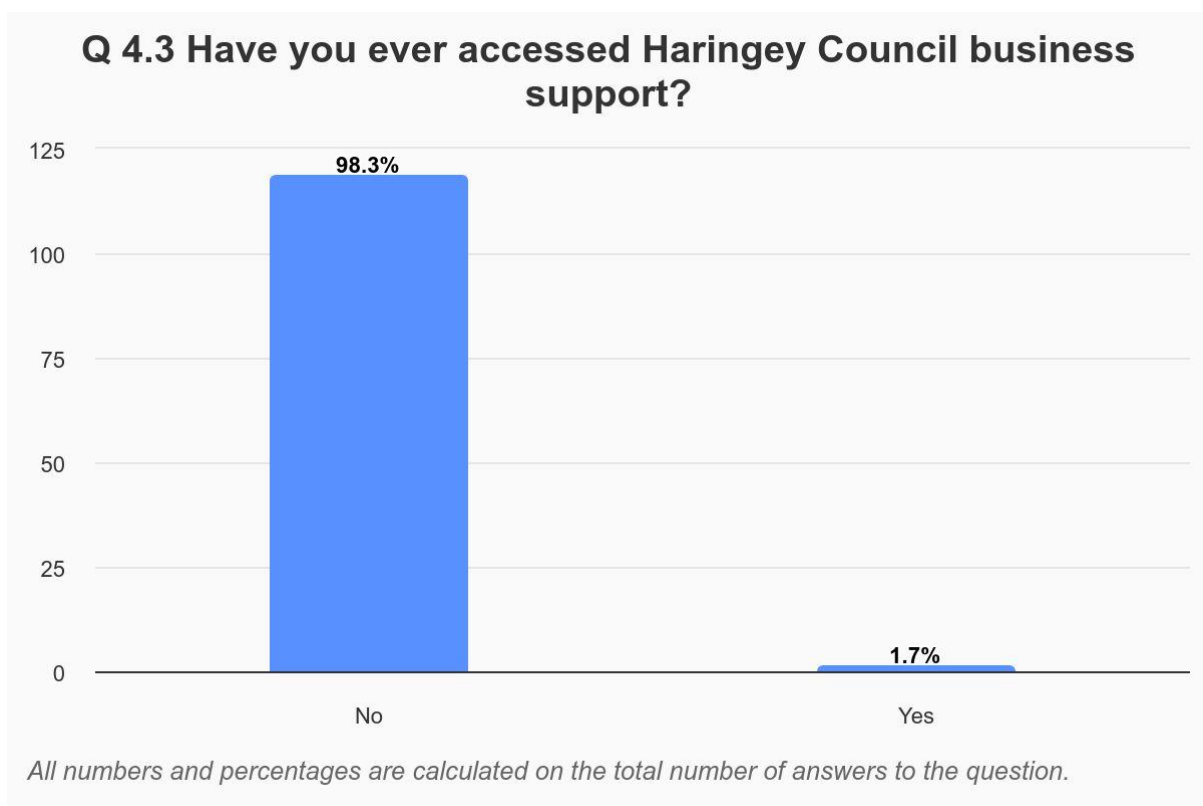
Little or no impact

Most respondents did not manage businesses in Haringey.

Question 4.2 Are you a business owner?



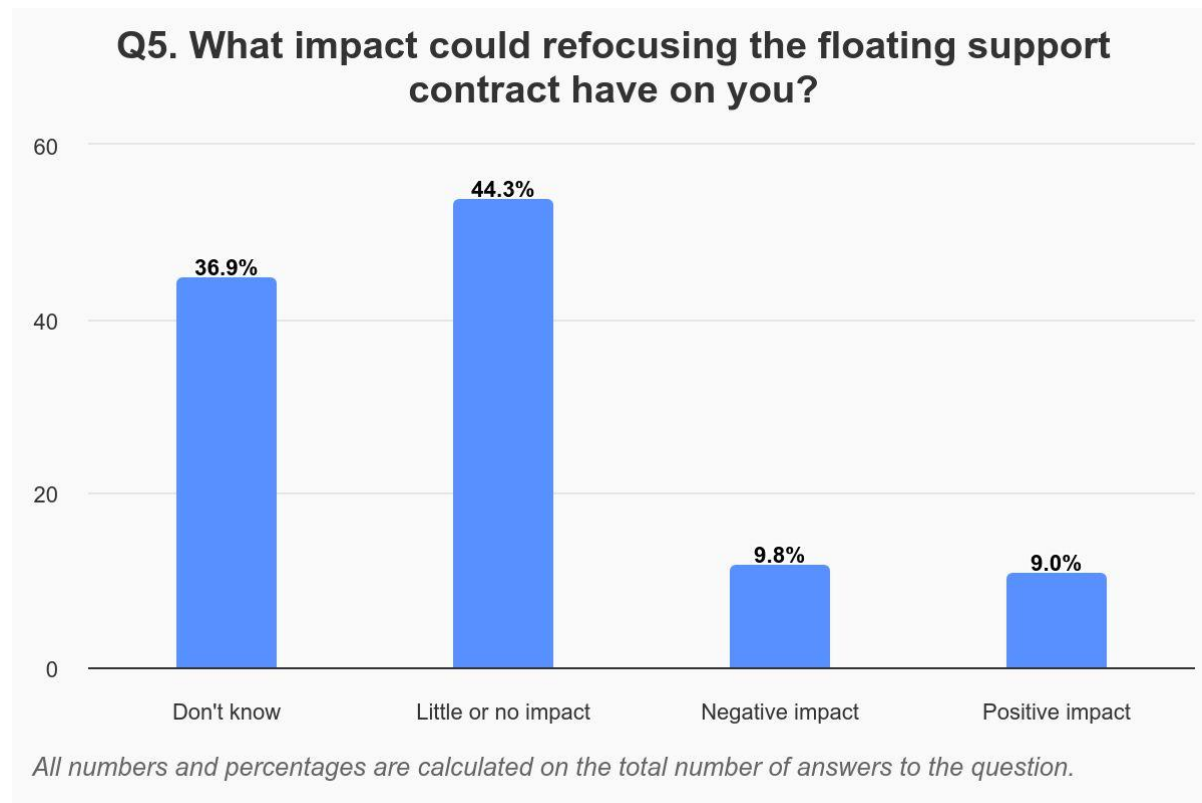
Question 4.3 Have you ever accessed Haringey Council business support?



Adults, Health and Housing

Proposal 5 - Reduction in floating support contract

Question 5.1 - What impact could refocusing the 'Floating Support' contract have on you?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Don't know

Those who didn't know said it was because they didn't fully understand potential implications. There were also those who felt they couldn't answer as they had no experience of these services. Some were unaware of what floating support actually is.

Little or no impact

The majority of those who chose this option did so as they do not seek housing support. Some did still state concerns they have for others, particularly if there was a withdrawal of any service.

Negative impact

There was concern about reducing money off a budget when homelessness appeared to be rising. Some stressed it would be better for the council to intervene earlier, helping people stay in their homes rather than waiting until they are homeless.

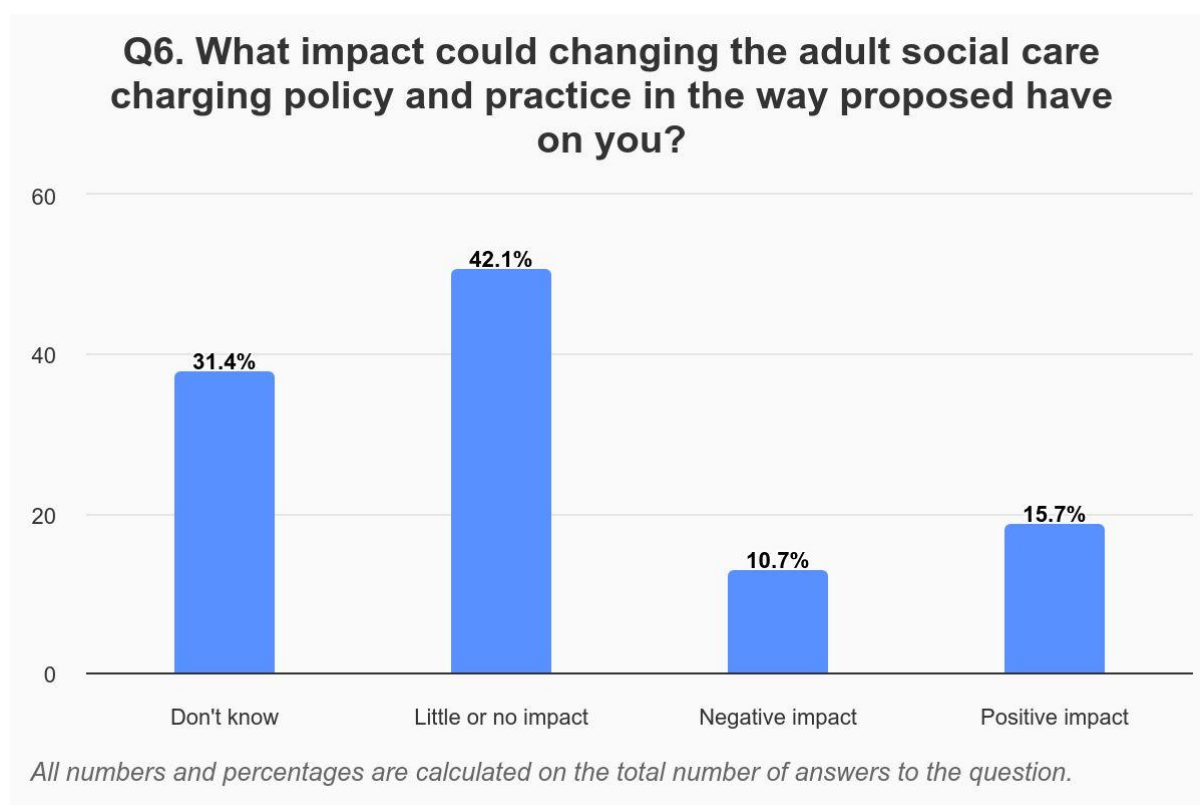
There were concerns about the council's ability recognise when residents have complex needs or are in crisis. It was also felt this was not a good strategy to look after the most vulnerable. Some suggested it would boost a rise in homelessness sending the burden elsewhere.

Positive impact

One person thought it would be fair in the circumstances, another supported the reduction if it would bring in the overall benefit. One person thought a better service could be transformative.

Proposal 6 - Review of Adult Social Care Charging Policy and strengthening financial assessment processes

Question 6.1 - What impact could changing the adult social care charging policy and practice in the way proposed have on you?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Don't know

Those who selected 'don't know' did so as they did not need the service but could see the impact it would have on others. Some were concerned that it may make people more reluctant to request care, especially if they are on low income. Some felt that the previous system was unsatisfactory, and others noted this would need more detail.

Little or no impact

Those who selected little or no impact did so as they do not seek the service. Some also did not understand what was being proposed. Some stated that those in need should gain assistance.

Negative impact

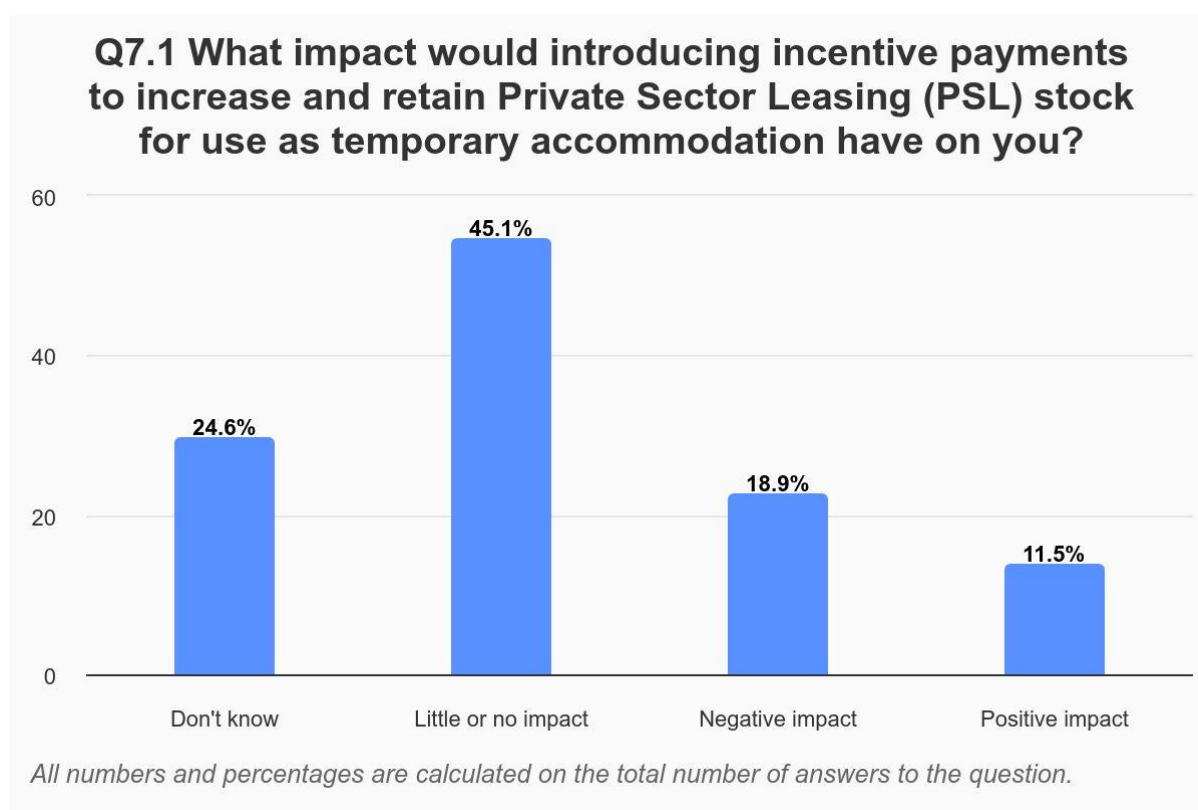
Some felt the council was taking money from the most in need to support other projects that were less of a priority or deemed as a vanity project. Others felt that people may be asked to pay more than they can afford. Some believe it will impact the most vulnerable. It was suggested that there are other, more efficient ways to work without needing more staff. Some were concerned the savings could eventually come at the cost of people's lives. Some felt it was discriminatory against those in and potentially a breach of the equality act.

Positive impact

Some thought the approach was fairer and more efficient. However, there were concerns that the amount to be saved was a bit ambitious.

Proposal 7 - Incentive payments to increase and retain Private Sector Leasing (PSL) stock for use as temporary accommodation

Question 7.1 - What impact would introducing incentive payments to increase and retain Private Sector Leasing (PSL) stock for use as temporary accommodation have on you?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Don't know

Those who selected don't know did so as they had no experience of the matter. Some did note that they were uncomfortable with "rewarding landlords". There were also questions around alternatives such as sourcing more properties to turn into social housing.

Little or no impact

Those who selected this option did so mainly as they were not social tenants or leaseholders. One respondent noted that it was a good idea to incentivise landlords to let their properties.

Negative impact

There were concerns about giving extra money to landlords when it is needed elsewhere. Some thought that instead the council should be building more social housing with rent and secure tenancies. Some thought the use of PSL stock for temporary accommodation should be stopped altogether. Some had concerns about the number of renters in the borough and the impact that was having. There were calls for the council to focus on rent controls.

Positive impact

Some thought it would solve the issue of empty houses. There was also support for the reduction in spending the council would have.

Question 7.2 – If you are a private landlord in Haringey – would the financial incentives proposed encourage you to work with Haringey Council to make your property available to local families in need of temporary accommodation?



Please give reasons for your answer:

'Yes' Responses

Some had qualified support where it would need to be equal or higher to the market rate, others said they may possibly be happy to rent to young families.

'No' responses

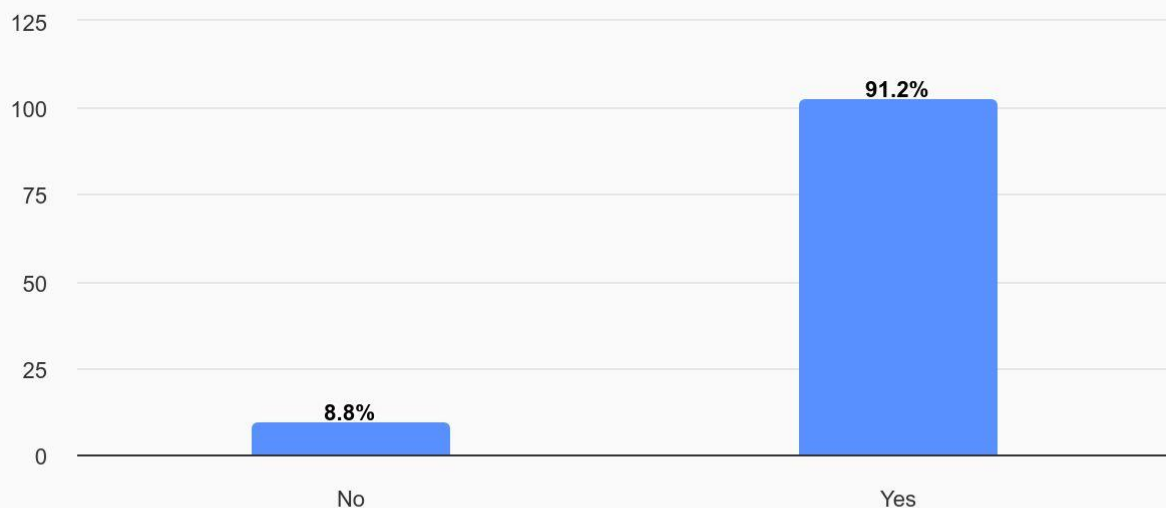
Those who said no did so mainly were because they were not private landlords. Some expressed fears about property damage and others thought it was not worth the hassle. There were also some who stated as a leaseholder they were not permitted to do this. Some were concerned about the paperwork and red tape. Some thought that landlords do not need incentives to rent a property.

Children's Services

Proposal 8 - Care leavers accommodation

Question 8 - Do you agree with the proposal to reduce reliance on high-cost private sector placements by developing new provision for Haringey care leavers within Haringey's own housing stock?

Q8. Do you agree with the proposal to reduce reliance on high-cost private sector placements by developing new provision for Haringey care leavers within Haringey's own housing stock?



All numbers and percentages are calculated on the total number of answers to the question.

Please give reasons for your answer:

Support

There was a lot of support for this idea, those who supported did so on the grounds of the policy increasing security of tenure and keeping vulnerable people safe from harm. It was also seen as cost effective and better than leaving it to the private sector.

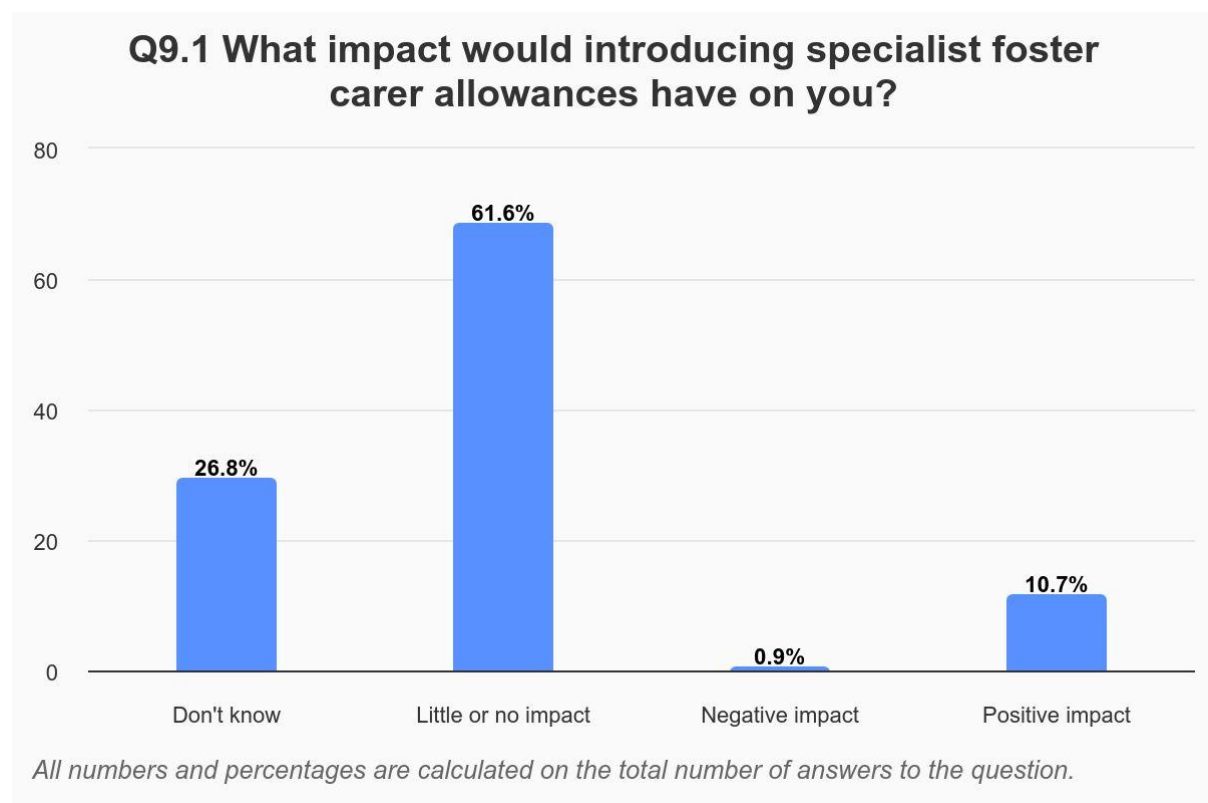
It was noted that care leavers need a supported transition to stay well so the proposal is beneficial in this regard. Some felt, however, that this should be a temporary housing situation. Some said it would add needed diversity to the area. There were comments hoping the proposal will help care leavers achieve in life. There were comments that suggested it was a positive move as care leavers are often neglected in the wider community.

Don't support

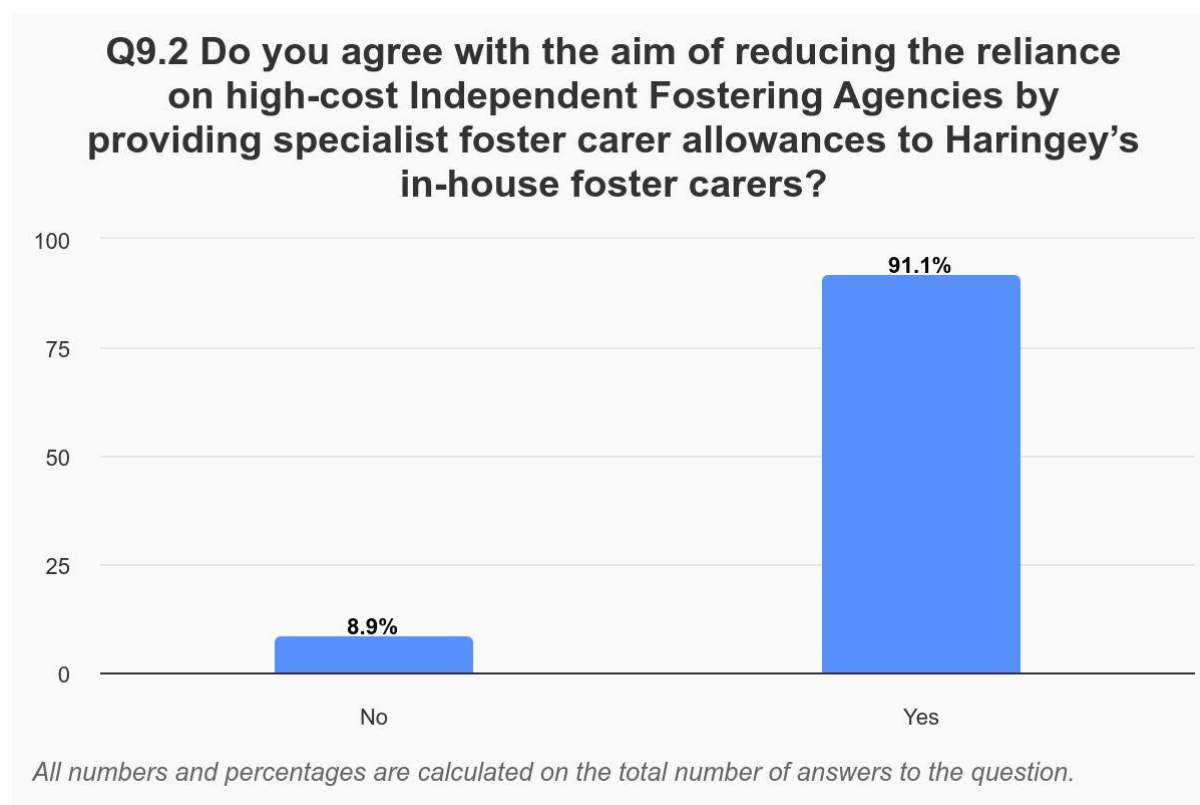
There were some respondents who didn't understand how the savings would be achieved and felt the plan was optimistic. Some thought it would be cheaper with property in the east of the borough, whilst others had concern that it would bring a rise in crime

Proposal 9 - Introducing specialist foster carer allowances

Question 9.1 - What impact would introducing specialist foster carer allowances have on you?



Question 9.2 – Do you agree with the aim of reducing the reliance on high-cost Independent Fostering Agencies by providing specialist foster carer allowances to Haringey’s in-house foster carers?



Please give reasons for your answer:

Don't support

Those who didn't support this proposal were concerned about the potential expenditure and whether Haringey's in-house services were enough to support it.

Support

Those who supported did so as they thought that it was a good move to use in-house services and noted that private sector business would always be more expensive. They also stated that vulnerable people should always be looked cared for in the most respectful way, not farmed out to make profit. There were also concerns about the effect of external agencies. It was also felt that the council would be able to monitor the support given. There was hope a therapy provision could be added.

Question 10 - Do you have any comments to make on the proposals to increase or reduce capital spending as described above?

There were comments agreeing with less expenditure on clean air zones. There was also support for “anything that brings essential services under council control”. Some felt the council should spend less money on Parkland Walk however some wanted more expenditure on trees across the borough.

There was concern that budget companies could lead to issues with the private sector managing services and housing poorly. There was also much concern about the reasoning why clean air zones were being cut with some feeling this should be a priority. There were also concerns about expenditure on Alexandra Palace.

There were calls for investment in leisure facilities such as steam rooms. There was also support for the Moselle Brook repair. There were concerns that schools would not have repairs carried out. There was also disappointment that there is no provision for increasing the budget for planning and conservation. Some people did not support proposals to increase online Council Tax billing, whilst reducing digital schemes.

Some comments hoped any commercial money from Alexandra Palace was put back into the community. There was also support for the purchase of waste management vehicles. There were also concerns sceptical of purchasing waste management vehicles.

There were requests to prioritise schools, anti-flooding and waste management. There was a comment suggesting the “Reduction in Digital Schemes” is too vague to comment on.

One respondent felt the tree proposal should be contingent on sponsorship. It sounds unlikely that the purchase of refuse vehicles by the council would save any money. There was also concern over cuts in expenditure to the childrens respite facility spending.

There was also a suggestion that the council set up a deal with a company that can provide travel vehicles for all services.

Question 11 - Are there any changes or proposals you think we should consider which might save money or achieve better value from council spend?

There were calls to save money by discontinuing publication of Haringey People. There was also comments about training staff better and having closer supervision of expenditure.

Some suggested cutting councillors’ allowances and selling off the Civic Centre site. There was also a suggestion to rethink the playgrounds in the Tottenham area as there were already football pitches. There was a comment to invest in community centres. There were also suggestions to avoid cost on maintenance by doing repairs early.

One comment suggested a reduction in SEND tribunals. There were also comments suggesting the council rely on agencies less. There was a call for the council to review its procurement process. There was also a suggestion for the council to re-evaluate its property and asset portfolio. Digital transformation to reduce administration costs was also mentioned.

There was also a suggestion to upgrade the energy systems in all Haringey buildings and a suggestion to remove any funding from religious groups. There were calls to reduce paper

and reduce staff parking and rent the spaces to the public. One comment suggested allowing pop-up shops in buildings to bring in revenue. There was concern over the level of money spent on social care. One suggestion recommended selling expensive social housing. One respondent suggested investing in the website to encourage more tasks online.

One respondent called for a review of the council's working from home policy. Another respondent suggested gaining sponsorship for local facilities.

Question 12 - Are there any changes or proposals you think we should consider which might generate more income?

Some of the suggestions included: the council to take a cut in commercial event revenue, attract larger companies to open businesses in the area, cancel Haringey People hard copies and charge property developers building big flats to cover the cost of support infrastructure such as GPs, community centres, and transport, for example.

There were also suggestions to charge Tottenham Hotspur FC for the upkeep of the surrounding neighbourhood, have higher charges for council services in more affluent areas, use powers to fine negative behaviors more diligently and fine rogue landlords.

There was also a suggestion to form a coalition with other local councils to create a think tank and lobby for reforms of council budgets and also reform local tax.

Some called to have an increase in parking permit costs (including EVs) and for larger vehicles which pollute more. Other respondents suggested permits for gambling premises, as well as for charges for festivals in Finsbury Park.

There was a call to lobby central government to overhaul council tax bands nationally e.g. 'I'm a home-owner, but I think I should pay more.'. There was also a suggestion to use ANPR more efficiently to issue fines and make overall better use of council assets that sit empty. There were respondents who suggested fining street bike providers for bikes left recklessly on the pavement.

There were suggestions to hold exhibitions or run courses and redevelop Wood Green Shopping City. There was also a call to get Crossrail 2 to Alexandra Palace and Turnpike Lane.

Offer council properties to outside organisations to hold exhibitions or run courses.
Redevelop

Push for redevelopment of the Mall and Wood Green Centre by private businesses and allow construction of flats. Push hard for Crossrail 2 to come through Turnpike Lane and Alexandra Palace to incentivise investment into Wood Green. One respondent opted to spend less on tree surgery, and another requested that the council should take a percentage from EV charging points in the borough.

One resident requested charging non-Haringey residents to drive through the borough. One resident suggested developing Park Road leisure centre site with solar panels or having a data centre there. There was also a call to fine utility companies who dig up roads without fixing the problem.

Question 13 - If you were making the decision about savings or income for the council, what do you think it would be most important to consider?

The council were encouraged to have a better relationship with the voluntary sector to support them delivering where the council can't anymore, especially those running community centres. Some respondents suggested on focussing spending on core statutory services and rigorously reviewing all discretionary programmes for value for money. Some called to reduce duplicated roles or overlapping responsibilities across departments and streamline management structures.

There were also calls to expand digital transformation to cut administrative overheads and simplify processes for residents and phase out non-digital publications,

There were suggestions to encourage local employment and apprenticeships by prioritising local contractors and suppliers and consolidate underused council buildings and explore co-location of services to reduce maintenance and operational costs.

There was also a call to target fraud reduction in areas such as council tax, business rates and housing services through improved data matching and digital verification and review fees and charges for non-essential services, ensuring they reflect the true cost of delivery.

Some suggested to have permanent staff not outsourced staff and one respondent suggested only employing staff who live in the area. More community facilities for 60plus. I have a community centre near me in Commerce Road that never has anything on.

There was a suggestion to borrow money to build more housing. One suggestion requested cutting down on properties provided to families who have not long arrived in the country.

Some mentioned fairness, not overspending on provisions which are no longer affordable and apply to only a minority of residents. One suggestion was to focus on the medium to longer term when spending money. Another suggestion was to fine those who didn't comply with the 20mph limit.

There were calls to have a very tight checking system of all accounts and claims to detect possible fraud. It was also mentioned to value helping the disabled and those in need of housing and education. One resident advised for Haringey to partner with other boroughs when making large purchases of waste trucks that could be shared. One resident suggested keeping libraries as they are beneficial to the community. There was also a call to raise council tax on HMOs.

There were calls not to forget elderly people and consider climate change mitigation and tree planting as a long-term investment. There was also a suggestion to charge Tottenham Hotspur FC more and ensure proper street lighting. There was also a call to maintain schools in the borough. There were lots of suggestions to consider value for money when investing. One person suggested increasing charges for driving.

Question 14 - What would you prioritise to protect spending on?

Respondents mentioned Adult and children's social care, libraries, leisure facilities, council housing, waste management and recycling, active transport and energy efficiency/renewables.

There were also suggestions for traffic management around schools, Arts and culture, environment (trees, parks, walking, cycling), Care for the most vulnerable and local services that create community.

There were suggestions for youth centres, cycling infrastructure, cycle lanes, sports facilities and a call for money to spent on the disabled services as well as education.

There were a number of suggestions around housing and planning and evening classes. There were also suggestions for green space and to adapt to tackle climate change as well as tackling Anti-Social behaviour. There were also suggestions to spend money on libraries and looking after the elderly as well as our youngest.

There were also suggestions to support mental health as well as homeless people. One resident called to manage the condition of pavements. There was also suggestions to spend it on waste collections and leisure centres as well as SEND provision and helping independent businesses.

Question 15 - What do you think is less important?

Those initiatives that people suggested were less important to spend money on included managing Parkland walk, any projects to "beautify" the borough and working with external consultants. Some thought it was less important to support local businesses or community social projects along with activities for specific groups and the Haringey People magazine.

Some suggested the council should not focus on EV charging points and council tax reductions for those who are fit to work. Some residents thought it was less important to invest in the Borough of Culture, the high street and any environmental initiatives. Leisure centres were also deemed by some as less important to invest in.

Some suggested any non-critical services were less important. Some thought traffic schemes were less important as were any political or ideological initiatives. One respondent suggested it was not less important to spend money on private landlords; another suggested it was less important to spend it on publicity.

Some residents thought parks were less important, others thought changin street names shouldn't be a priority. Some thought supporting Tottenham Hotspur FC host the Euros was less important as were "vanity projects".

Question 16 - Do you have any other thoughts on the Council's budget that you would like to share?

Some asked not raise council tax, another suggested issuing municipal bonds to attract investment. There were some who asked to focus spending on provision rather than external consultants. One comment was to train our building staff better and ensure houses are filled. One comment was to increase traffic enforcement including LTNs

One comment was for the council to be more transparent around its overall budget and plans for its assets.

One comment was for consultations to be simpler. There were suggestions to build more houses and lobby government for more central funds. One comment suggested a central review of staff costs. One respondent suggested a reduction in assisted living properties and in benefits. Some comments hoped for no more increases in council tax. One resident suggested staff salary should be performance related.