

Play your part and have your say

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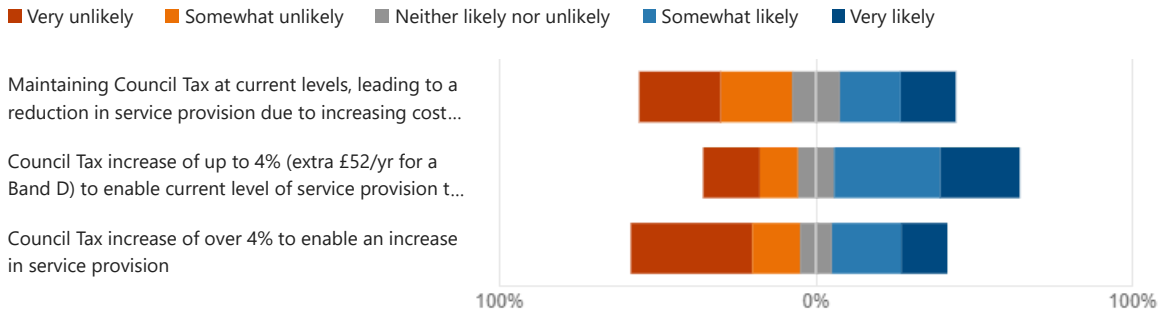
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1. There are a number of significant challenges facing the Council and the Scottish Borders generally, from an increasingly aging population to having a lower wage economy than other areas. Many of these challenges are interconnected.

The Council, through its budget, services, projects and its influence and work with partners, has the opportunity to try and tackle these. But to help us prioritise action we want to know which are most important to you.

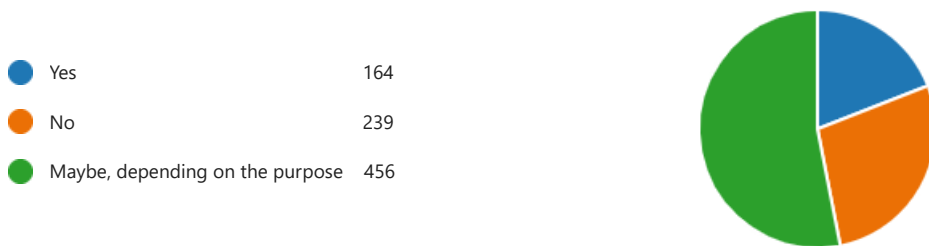
Please rank the following in order of your priority - highest priority at the top



3. Council Tax provides around 20% of all Council funding. For every 0.5% increase in Council Tax around £300,000 a year extra is available for the Council to spend on vital services. As part of the last budget setting process an indicative 4% rise was included for 2023/24. However, taking into account the current Cost of Living Crisis, rising inflation and other financial challenges, and how these affect households and the Council, we want to know how likely or otherwise you would support the following actions:

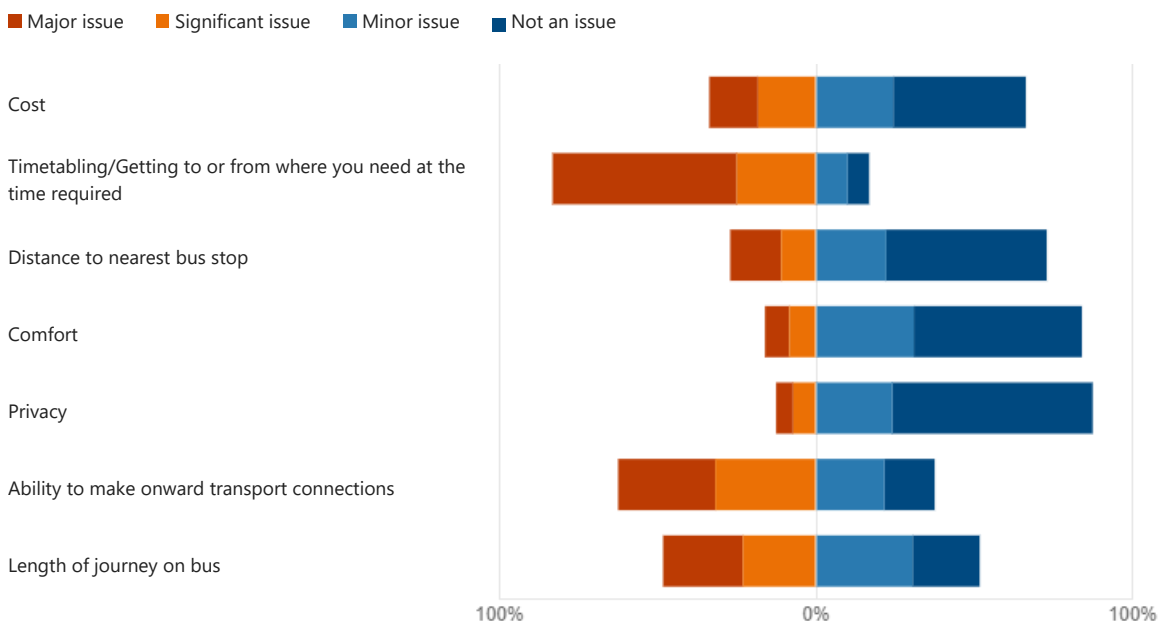


4. Would you be supportive of an increase in Council Tax if the money this raised was ringfenced for a specific purpose/project?



7. Encouraging increased usage of public bus transport is crucial to not only the ongoing sustainability of local transport operators and services but also to reducing our carbon footprint through a reduction in private car use.

What are the barriers to you using public bus transport on a more regular basis?



9. The availability of support for family and unpaid carers was an issue raised as part of the Health and Social Care Partnership's recent community engagement.

If you are a family or unpaid carer, what type of support would you like the Partnership to prioritise investment in locally to support you and the person/people you care for?



12. The Council wants to assist individuals, groups and communities to take the initiative and develop and deliver on local plans which support communities with key local issues and services and have sustainable solutions.

Please rank the following in order of your priority for increasing community wellbeing/improving the place where you live.



14. We also have a People's Panel that we discuss ideas with that help shape our decisions and policies – would you be interested in being part of this Panel?

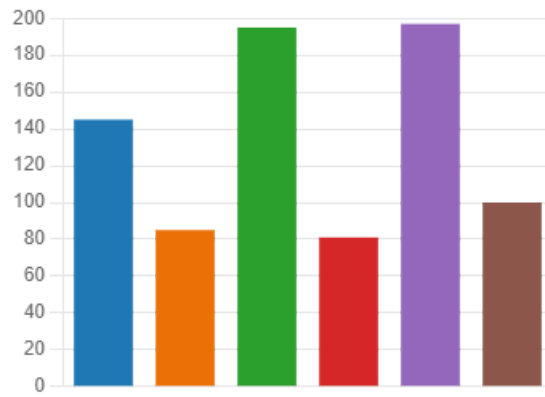
● Yes	213
● No	607



16. What locality do you live in? If you are responding as someone who works in the area, please indicate the locality of your workplace.

If unsure please select other and put in your postcode

● Berwickshire	145
● Cheviot	85
● Eildon	195
● Teviot & Liddesdale	81
● Tweeddale	197
● Other	100



17. Your age group

● under 18	18
● 18-34	91
● 35-50	297
● 51-65	269
● 65+	138

