

## **Appendix 3 Budget Consultation 2013/14 Summary of Responses**

### **Methodology**

Following the meeting of Cabinet/DMT on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 and the subsequent publication of the Consultation Budget, public consultation commenced on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

The consultation consisted of a short questionnaire inviting opinion on the revenue and capital growth options in order to assess levels of support for each of the options.

The principle medium for the consultation was an online questionnaire available from a link on the Council's website. The survey was communicated and signposted through the following media:

- Press release
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Members of the Council's Consultation and Engagement Panel
- A wide range of local networks, community groups and third sector organisations included in Table 2 at the end of this Appendix.

Paper copies of the survey were also made available to any individual, organisation or group upon request.

The consultation was open to responses from the public between the 4<sup>th</sup> January and the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013, during which time 33 responses were received.

The responses to each of the Revenue and Capital Options, and summary data for positive and negative responses, are included in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Budget Consultation 2013/14 Onwards Responses**

**Base: 33 Responses**

**Revenue Growth Options**

**People: Active and Healthy Lifestyles**

Would you support the Council:

Maintaining the enhanced facilities and the Memorial at Hednesford Park.  
Cost £30,000 per annum (from 2015/16 onwards)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
6 18.2%	10 30.3%	7 21.2%	6 18.2%	4 12.1%
Positive: 48.5%			Negative: 30.3%	

Would you support the Council:

Establishing a post jointly funded by the Council and Public Health to lead delivery in respect of Health inequalities in the District. Cost £25,000 per annum

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
3 9.1%	8 24.2%	6 18.2%	12 36.4%	4 12.1%
Positive: 33.3%			Negative: 48.5%	

**People: Improved Living Environment**

Would you support the Council:

Improving car park access by gritting Council owned town centre car parks during the winter period. Cost £27,500 per annum

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4 12.1%	11 33.3%	9 27.3%	7 21.2%	2 6.1%
Positive: 45.4%			Negative: 27.3%	

Would you support the Council:

Employing an officer to provide support and advice to vulnerable people in the District and deliver increased assurance in the community. Cost £30,000 per annum

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
2 6.1%	11 33.3%	5 15.2%	11 33.3%	4 12.1%
Positive: 39.4%			Negative: 45.4%	

### Prosperity: Economic Resilience

Would you support the Council:

Supporting a scheme being established by the Local Strategic Partnership during 2013/14 to assist local businesses employing apprentices to help reduce unemployment in the District. Cost £50,000 per annum (beginning 2014/15)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9 27.3%	14 42.4%	7 21.2%	2 6.1%	1 3.0%
Positive: 69.7%			Negative: 9.1%	

Would you support the Council:

Promoting the economy of South Staffordshire through projects focussing on skills and development. Cost £3.500 (2013/14 only)

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9 27.3%	10 30.3%	9 27.3%	3 9.1%	2 6.1%
Positive: 57.6%			Negative: 15.2%	

## Capital Growth Options

### People: Active and Healthy Lifestyles

Would you support the Council:

Providing Disabled Facilities Grants to carry out and provide adaptations for the occupants of privately owned homes Cost £200,000

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1 3.0%	16 48.5%	7 21.2%	6 18.2%	3 9.1%
Positive: 51.5%			Negative: 27.3%	

Would you support the Council:

Increasing the capacity of the Stile Cop Cemetery by providing further burial spaces to meet future needs.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
4 12.1%	12 36.4%	8 24.2%	4 12.1%	5 15.2%
Positive: 48.5%			Negative: 27.3%	

Would you support the Council:

Establishing a fund for the development of a sports and recreation hub at the Stadium Site on Pye Green Road.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9 27.3%	5 15.2%	5 15.2%	6 18.2%	8 24.2%
Positive: 42.5%			Negative: 42.4%	

### Prosperity: Economic Resilience

Would you support the Council:

Continued investment to deliver a range of improvements to the physical environment of our town centres. Cost £200,000

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
5 15.2%	17 51.5%	1 3.0%	5 15.2%	5 15.2%

Positive: 66.7%		Negative: 30.4%
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**Table 2: Organisations contacted during Consultation process**

- LINK (Local Involvement Network)
- Mental Health Forum
- Mencap
- Cannock Lions
- Cannock Chase Children's Centre
- Chase Tenants and Residents Federation
- Learning Disability Forum contacts
- Rugeley Community Network
- Staffordshire Young People's Service
- Avon Business and Leisure Centre
- Chase Day Service
- CVS and community network contacts
- Local Church Network
- Housing contacts- Waterloo, Bromford, CCDC
- Chase Citizens Advice Bureaux
- District Wide Libraries- Brereton coffee morning
- BID (Deaf and Deaf Blind contact)
- Age UK
- Action for the Blind
- Friends of Groups:
  - Hednesford Park
  - Cannock Park
  - BRACE (Brereton and Ravenhill association for community events)
  - Etching Hill
  - Norton Canes
  - Chase Friends
- Plus a range of professional contacts within other local organisations