

Budget Consultation 2014/17

feedback report

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Relocating Youth offending team (R-PP-004)



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	78 looked at this proposal	
(R-PP-004)	(R-PP-004)comment	Num
Strongly agree	If this saves money then its a great idea	1
	Youth offending is part of a bigger picture, needing support and intervention in early years before offending begins and must be linked to overall provision	1
Agree	I have had to search via google to find details of the proposal - why are they not links in this consultation to each proposal mentioned, when you mention it?	1
	The Proposal outline is not very clear. I agree with relocation i.e. I assume this means the centre will be moved to somewhere cheaper (in which case I agree) but the proposal then mentions reductions so does this mean that more offenders will be walking the streets and just given community service??? Not clear.	1
Disagree	I am very concerned that this will reduce support for our city's vulnerable young people.	1
	i work in for the nhs child and adolescent mental health services and the yot teams fulfil a unique and undervalued role in helping young people back onto a positive trajectory. They have already been reduced to such a degree that the outfall has already been felt in our generic front line service. Please invest in the youth, this is the future of Bristol. What you take away from them now, will create insurmountable problems and a lost generation. The problems that lead to youth crime can be fixed now, but in the future it will be far too late. Please work with foresight on your budget. Thanks.	1
	it will cost more than it saves in the short term	1
	Relocation increases travel costs when helping and assisting young offenders eg going to court	1
	The location has to be central, otherwise disagree	1
	There is a prediction of child population growth. According to the proposal there is no clear picture how this will effect long term. It seems that unless there is a clear outcome it will be fooloish to tamper with something that is already in place and working.	1
	Very important work - have concerns that crime/anti-social behaviour will increase without this support	1
	With increased poverty and fewer jobs comes increased crime levels. Reducing YOT services would have a big impact on the wider community.	1
	Your budget EQIA (which was not consulted upon) states "This proposal has not been developed in detail at this stage. Therefore it is difficult to identify any exact impacts of the reductions. " How can anyone realistically comment when your proposals are so deliberately vague ?	1
Strongly disagree	A needed service that goes some way to help vulnerable young people and reduce crime	1
	They do a brilliant job- keep the expertise. why change this?	1
	This area needs investment for our city's future, not cuts. Want to feel safer, and this goes the wrong way.	1

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	This is an important issue as it is essential that these people are helped so as not to offend again and also that the public are protected.. Children have different issues than Youths so they should be treated differently.	1
	This seems to be saving very little money relatively speaking, and is affecting an absolutely vital service. If we do not adequately support youth offenders now, the long-term costs to the council and communitites will be very great indeed.	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
Grand Total		19

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Challenge Council spending (R-CC-002)



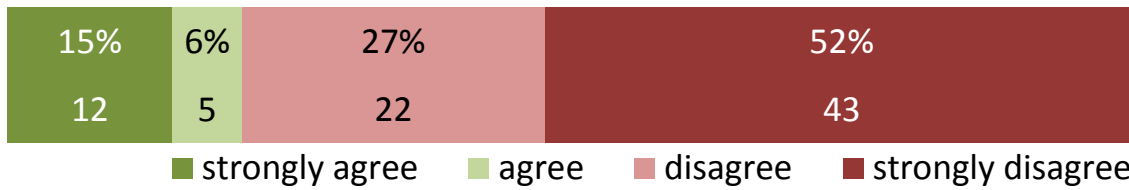
	Challenge Council spending (R-CC-002)	
	112 looked at this proposal	
(R-CC-002)	(R-CC-002)comment	Num
0	Get rid of the council	1
	money is spent on developments and smaller jobs without gettin best value for money shopping around for best quote	1
	Often core contractors charge more - the longer contractors are on approved council lists, the more they charge.	1
Strongly agree	All public spending should be challenged to ensure on going ifficiency	1
	And you're going to "increase commercial awareness" and measure you have done how exactly?	1
	Bristol council is a very high spending council compared with other areas and should be able to find far more cuts than preposed	1
	Cost Management Strategy needs stronger enforcement. Approvals should only be granted if proof of budget exists for non-grant work, and stakeholders are mandated to actively collaborate with group procurement to investigate opportunities with incumbent suppliers initially	1
	Council Depts, like Noise Pollution Team, who offer poor or no service, should cease to exist. it would be better to give the Police Dept more power. cutting poor services like Noise Team, can save money on tax payer	1
	cut back on housing managers/staff	1
	cut some council teams, e.g Noise Pollution, this team is not needed, as Anti social Behaviour can be dealt using better facilities + Services	1
	Departments that offer poor services, e.g noise Pollution team, should cease to exist. we will save a lot of money this way and also the Council workers will take their duties more seriously	1
	end all vanity projects now	1
	fat salaries for council exec and smts?	1
	From experience there seems to be a great deal of money wasted through the appointment of outside consultants to carry out such things as testing the 'viability' of proposed projects etc. The officers employed for overseeing such projects should have the ability to properly assess the viability of their proposals.	1
	Get rid of noise pollution team as they are unhelpful, unsupportive and a waste of the tax payers money. The team are poorly managed and the money spent on this paticular department can be used elsewhere such as free school meals for ALL children of all ages at school	1
	get rid of the idiots and thoes who are covering up miss managment a council full of muppets	1
	Is this really achievable?	1
	No Increase in Cauncil Tax because our living standard still the same proportion to our salary and inflation	1
	Procurement doesn't mean the best or the cheapest. More flexibility needed.	1
	Some council services fail to do what it says on the tin. Push it to another dept	1

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	There are lots of loop hole witin system that is being abuse and the Government are afraid of taking steps to stop it. The Goverment are only concern about taking more from people who are working hard and are PAYE.	1
	There should be a tight control on council spending especially costs of oversees visits by council officials	1
	yes its abut time council members was cut and get rid of the poor ones and the ones that only like to do as they think fit eg the one that parked his car on a bus top and yellow lines	1
Agree	Funding of "Make Sunday Special" and the Harbour Festival should be solely by sponsorship.	1
	Get rid of the overpaid middle and upper management and streamline management roles. Make them work for their money by giving those remaining more roles.	1
	However, current system (non-pay panel) is in fact wasting staff time, reducing efficiency and limiting service delivery	1
	I dont agrew with the plans surrounding council tax increases, it doesnt take I to co sideration people that struggle to pay it even with housing benefits etc. therefore things will get worse people will need more money to help pay thw new bills!	1
	Please consult with the people on the sharp end before assuming anything isn't essential.	1
	The very generous sick leave policy in the Council encourages slackers to join the Council and stay in the Council for decades. A number of managers are not recording sick leave and so the figures are higher in reality than the statistics would lead one to believe. Managers are put off because the sick leave paperwork is so long winded. Shorten the paperwork, reduce the bureaucracy = increase in reporting = more awareness of true levels of sickness absence. Clamp down on people taking 5 days sick leave (max that can be self certified) for 'flu' twice a year every year. No one really gets flu this often. Staff are taking advantage. They would not get to do this in the private sector, therefore they never leave the Council. I suggest that the sickness policy be made less attractive in order to cut down on people taking advantage and expecting tax payers to pay for them to lounge on the sofa at home.	1
	this could be seen as yet another layer of beaurocracy and a higher limit should be set than is currently in place eg Â£2500	1
	we would edit caution here as this may prevent many small community projects actually getting off the ground due to increased bureaucracy substantially increasing lead times for any funding . sensible minimum threshold should apply eg Â£2500	1
Disagree	council houses need desperately modernising	1
	gets in the way of people, who know what they are doing, doing it well	1
	I am totally against spending money on the 20mph scheme. Other services are far more important.	1
	Keep public toilets open. Shutting them is bad for city image.	1
	More ideological fiddling, usually from a centre to far right perspective	1
	Needs to be more rigorous, not really very ambitious.	1
	Not ambitious enough - outsource	1
Strongly disagree	do not reuce funding to WRAMAS this is an essential service	1
	how much would we save by returning to just one mayor	1
	Waste far to much on rubbish projects and not on support those that need support	1
	What does this mean? How will it deliver 4.5m savings?	1
Grand Total		42

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Reduce support services across the Council (R-BC-001)



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	85 looked at this proposal	
(R-BC-001)	(R-BC-001)comment	Num
Strongly agree	Look to minimum requirements for HR £7m is a lot of money. Save by sharing HR with B&NES using standard policies and protocols	1
	Not much more that can be cut from this, apart from stopping all the dual / tripple data entry that happens with Finance databases because they are not automatically linked to databases in the directorates.	1
	so many units within the council are doing duplicate work, and inter departmental communication is very poor leading to delays and overall spending in the council	1
	The Secretary of Bristol in Bloom is currently paid by the council £18000 per year for her post. She lives on the Isle of wight. This post is not under any contract and the costs are hidden. the psots should be abandoned and should be delegated to a councils engagement officer who will engage with communities more succesfully and work via the neighbourhood partnerships	1
	there is only limited information on this proposal so it is not possible to gauge how challenging this proposal is. The EIA form doesn't suggest there is much impact ('This proposal will result in a significant reduction in support service staff capacity providing support to service managers. At this stage it is envisaged that this will not have a detrimental impact on those service managers'). So there should be a more critical challenge to see whether more savings can be achieved and whether there would be any real impact and if so what. The EIA unsurprisingly focuses on those impacts, but it does seem to be put forward in a way which seeks to place this above overall efficiency and cost reduction. I would expect this to be taken into account but not undermine the need to make major savings to this cost.	1
	This could be reduced even further as there is 53% back office staff as opposed to 47% front line, most private sector companies operate 70% frontline and 30% back office. Also there is an Strategy, Planning & Goverance team in Landlords service which have 20-30 policy/project staff who could move to corporate under 1 section	1
Agree	can you really achieve this scale. I worry, if not, you'll have to cut more front line services	1
	Most controversial but agreed necessary	1
Disagree	By reducing support services quite simply you put me out of a job by next year (March 2014)	1
	children centre's and playgroups are vital to us. They need protecting not cut back a	1
	Destroying learner support for older people will cut back on their will to live.	1
	Hard to answer) I agree in principle to making efficiency savings but reducing admin support increases burden on other staff and leads to more senior staff spending time on more junior tasks	1

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	I find it amazing that given a policy of trying to reduce traffic, ie car journeys, you are intent on reducing the bus subsidy. You could more than finance the subsidy by discontinuing the Neighbourhood Partnerships and their huge admin. Hardly anybody in the Wards outside of the 20 or so who turn up on a regular basis have heard of the NPs and know what they do. I speak from the position of someone who chaired the Cabot and Clifton NP for 4 years.	1
	i have concerns about support withdrawn from elderly and disabled	1
	I think the book out reach delivery service is great - a real boon to completely isolated people, and not very expensive	1
	It is 23% of total and the least specific it comes over as a wish not a project yet explored RCCo3 is the same, and 02; these three proposals make up 77% of the Business Efficiency sector and 45% Of total but are the least specific and therefore the least convincing	1
Strongly disagree	15% of the year one proposals target older people, disabled people, poor people, and women. Because of this high total in year one, you are contravening ARTICLE 25 (1) of the UN Declaration of Human Rights: Everyone has a right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of her/him self and of the family including food, clothing, housing and medical care and NECESSARY SOCIAL SERVICES. ARTICLE 21 (2) Everyone has the right of equal to public services: having 15% cuts in Year 1 targeting older and vulnerable women, disabled people, the house bound will be cut off from access, especially since more and more access depends on access to the internet/computer. 15% of cuts focussing in Year 1 on the same quality group contravenes ARTICLE 22; EVERYONE AS A MEMBER OF SOCIETY, has a right and is entitled to realisation... of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for HIS/HER DIGNITY. What this survey does not do, is to allow comments about the cumulative immediate effect of these cuts, including R-PP-013 001, 022: the total immediate effect of all these cuts on equality groups, especially older people/ women, women & families, disabled, housebound people. It contravenes ARTICLE 2 R-BC-001 013,	1
	Ceasing older people warden and alarm service. Fundamentally disagree with making cuts to this service. Low level support at only £6.00 pw pp is keeping many older people independent and avoiding the need for higher costs in adult social care/health services. For knightstone sheltered services, the Council is proposing removing funding of £11,000 when one broken hip costs the Country £28,000. Can you also clarify whether cuts are for some sheltered schemes and not all. Knightstone have just invested considerable sums in making the schemes fit for future to help people maintain their independence. By removing the low level support service, they task will be undermined and made far more difficult. Vital that full consultation is undertaken with service users and an assessment on each individual if the service was cut. We do not consider that a floating support service meets all the needs of older people living in sheltered housing as the presence and reassurance of the staff help to give some older people the confidence in living independently.	1
	Cutting the funding to park is not right, people always say that ASB is a problem for the police but it's not the council have a big part to play. If the bigger parks are not looked after or supervised then we will be going backwards. Children have a right under EU law to play and play safely. People like drug users could and will go into the parks and leave used needles in the parks. Also if the parks are closed down the council and mainly the mayor will be failing the young people of this city. I am also still waiting for a new park to be put in to the estate where I live and was promised this 2 years ago but this has not happened, but much to my disappointment I have seen other areas in Bristol have parks that had nothing wrong with them upgraded when they did not need it and the area that I live we have been let down again and again.	1
	Hengrove park is an asset bordering Knowle west and is greatly needed by the young people - let keep children playing in safe spaces like this park. Not all families can afford paid activities and soft play.	1

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	I am a Grandparent with Osteoarthritis I take my Grandchildren to Hengrove Park, I will cease to use this park if un-supervised South Bristol is a deprived area and this park will fall into the hands of the drug users & hooligans people will not feel safe this proposal needs to be reviewed, this area brings communities together and make people feel safe where there is supervision Harcliffe & Knowle are 2 of the biggest council estates in the City with many disadvantaged families this park needs supervision to protect these vulnerable people,	1
	I am a service user living in the Bristol at lockleaze, you have targeted the support staff we have in situ. The supporting staff allow me and the other tenants that live here, to live independent life with support dependence. I often use the support staff frequently and most of the people who live here use these on a regular basis as do not have family around to support staff. If you take away this service there will be no one to go to, to get the support we need!	1
	I believe alternative strategies are available to closing public toilets. They should remain open but a charge made for entry.	1
	I feel it's a shame that the most vulnerable in society are targeted as the least important when it comes to cost cutting. Very disappointed to see this.	1
	I live next to the Rose of Denmark the support I get from noise pollution at night has helped me a lot as I'm always having to deal with them having locking till 4.00am without this team I feel the pubs around Bristol will run	1
	I think it is disgusting that Hengrove Park could close! It's a perfect place for children locally and further afield to have fun and be kids! Where would they go if it was closed? Think of the kids' future not the money you could get for building houses on the land!	1
	Please do not cut services to violence against women schemes. Bristol really needs these services. Please!	1
	Stop making reductions in services to the most vulnerable in society. Just because they don't complain doesn't make it OK. Especially learning disability services. Enough is enough.	1
	Support services are already over subscribed and under staffed.....cutting back further is going to lead to bigger long term problems, neglect areas of society who need this help and have a knock on effect.	1
	Support services provide the backbone to the smooth and efficient running of key services in Bristol. These tend to be the lowest paid workers that make the most impact!	1
	The children's centres are valuable within the local community. I have a child with additional needs and the training and commitment is significantly better than at a private nursery. He has come on developmentally and socially when moved from private nursery. As a new mum the breast feeding support made me continue breast feeding otherwise I would have given up.	1
	The home library service is very important to vulnerable people who don't have good mobility.	1
	The target to be average is unambitious. Given the comparators the aim should be the most efficient	1
	This is such a difficult survey to marry against the online budget proposals! The categories aren't clearly listed. If this is the right section in which to oppose any changes to corporate or commercial waste disposal, from illegal tipping to reducing the weekly rubbish collection service, then consider me opposed. Our street already gets filled with rubbish without waiting three weeks for a collection.	1
	Too much money going to museums and not enough to supporting vulnerable older people.	1
	Workers such as social workers are costing more to do an admin task badly. Inefficient.	1
	Your Wrams team are great, getting the people of Bristol the money that they are not getting in benefits	1
Grand Total		37

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Reduce the running cost of Council buildings (R-CC-001)



Reduce the running cost of Council buildings (R-CC-001)	Reduce the running cost of Council buildings (R-CC-001)	
	252 looked at this proposal	
(R-CC-001)	(R-CC-001)comment	Num
0	Why is it taking so long. Most commercial property tenants are chomping at the bit to take occupation. As I understand it the council have an onerous lease on a property they are yet to begin fitting out! Just one of many examples where public sector is so wasteful.	1
Strongly agree	Â£10m per annum saving from nothing other than common sense, just wondered why it has not already happened?	1
	Again BCC is again supporting Luxuries we cannot afford	1
	All the proposals are good sense and will benefit the environment aswell as the budget	1
	As long as this is about disposing of / improving wasteful buildings, not getting rid of jobs	1
	business does not contain enough senior management traction to harmonise hard and soft facilities services. Synergy benefits would result in improved quality standards and Â£m's of savings by removing multiple duplication of tendering and contracts	1
	could you relocate outside the city centre, realise assest value from central council building.	1
	Council buildings should run more efficiently and use green energy.	1
	Every office in the biggest Council building should be fully utilised before any consideration is given to using another building.	1
	Freeing up unused spaces / Renting the unused spaces, Converting the offices to energy efficient buildings, Strict Energy usage policy	1
	HUge opportunity for energy reduction. Investment will be needed to save money.	1
	I am shocked that Â£10m can be saved here and it hasn't been done already! However, assets and land could earn more savings in the long run, so I believe more should be done to rent properties out, as if they were private properties, whether this be offices, hotels, commercial, housing etc. to enable the council to also keep assets & have control over the use.	1
	I have no doubt there is countless waste incurred in this area. Be this due to the cost of utility bills the council receive by ensuring people turn off lights etc when not required and by banning/freezing the purchase of office stationary. I know for a fact that hundreds of thousands could be saved here. T	1
	I think that there aresavings to be made here	1
	If we all thought about the cost of running a building we would have a positive impact on the environment	1
	I'm somewhat shocked at the projected savings that have been identified. The council should consider whether this was something they should have done years ago. 35 buildings reducing into 8 with a saving of 10,000,000 over 3 years strongly suggests that millions has been "wasted" in previous years.	1
	no brainer	1

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	Radical proposal, to move all staff out of City Council building & relocate them to the other large council buildings around the city. Then let the City council building as student lets, with the proviso that no car ownership allowed. This would help to reduce traffic in the City.	1
	SAVE OUR ST. PAULS LEARNING CENTRE AND ANY OTHER THREATENED VALUABLE SERVICE... WITHOUT THESE U PLUNGE EVERYOTHER INTO FURTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.. AN OUTLET IS NEEDED UNIVERSALLY. U PUT A DAM IN A RIVER... WHAT DO U GET ?	1
	Squeeze it further to for more reductions in running costs	1
	Surely this should have been done already. If the council think that they are starting this now; what have they been doing for the past 5 years?	1
	There should be a rationalisation of buildings for purely administrative use	1
	this is a good move as a lot of time you can see lights on when no one is in plus cut down on lighting up the outside	1
	this proposal has been a long time coming	1
	This should be pursued as a fundamental priority	1
	Too many security staff loitering around. Need to be multi-taskers. More efficient and eco heating and lighting systems. Easier systems for hiring them out of hours, e.g. school playing fields, council offices, etc	1
	Unnecessary refurbishment of City Hall.	1
	Use less buildings to operate council services from and provide bus links between them for staff and the public	1
	When I worked on the Relief Team some years ago I often felt lights were sometimes put on almost as a matter of course when really they weren't needed, and often left on when they weren't needed. Similarly some areas were unbearably hot at times. Is anything being done to reduce such waste? I know it's only pennies, but they all add up. LATER: I've now returned to this section because it is about the only place I can make this point. It concerns staff: how does the Council ensure people who are employed and paid to work a set number of hours actually work those hours? I imagine with staffing reduction this difficulty will already have been addressed to some extent, but should stronger measures be put in place to ensure time used during working hours for eg late arrival, smoking breaks, personal e-mails, texting, general chit-chat about last night's soaps, etc is made up by those concerned? When I was on the Relief Team it was one of the things that greatly irked, I felt too many staff were being less than honest in this respect.	1
	Why was this not happening before? This is a good idea- install double glazing, shut heating off where not needed. Use draft excluders, etc. Overall a good idea-if years overdue.	1
	Why wasn't this done years ago?	1
	you've not stated which building, so I don't know if it affects me, eg, if you close the customer service point on Bond Street opposite Cabot Circus, then I'll object because I'm able to walk here and there's a waiting area at the back if I get a lift, but if you close an admin office somewhere then it does not affect me which is fine. The £10m overall saving is just an estimate, which I think has also been underestimated	1

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Agree	As the council is selling off existing surplus property are anticipated revenues part of the Â£43 million consultation or the Â£49 million which are "not part of the public consultation" ? Council staff have been told that money from the sale of former admin buildings will be included in savings in the Council Change programme, but this is not clear in any budget material in the public domain. Increasing rents to community and voluntary sector tenants could impact on the ability of organisations to provide services (that they are increasing being expected to provide). Increasing rents to the private sector depend on certain assumptions about the UK rental economy, has any risk assessment been undertaken on any projected increased rental figures? Is the Council considering selling the Lord Mayors Mansion House in Clifton (as this would generate several million) ? How much was recently spent on new decoration/furniture of the Strategic Leadership Team office suite at City Hall, which will be entirely refurbished (again) in 6 months time? How much of the Â£3m being given to consultants to refurbish City Hall and fit out 100 Temple Street is being subject to scrutiny? Council buildings should be fit for purpose but they should also reach an acceptable standard and the Council presumably has a lead local role in setting a standard that is sufficiently high and is not being entirely driven by petty penny pinching. Moving staff as office accommodation changes (& locations used by service users) needs to be considered carefully to avoid unnecessary moves or adverse impact on users.	1
	Benchmark against other organisations required	1
	But please do this in consultation with staff	1
	I agree with most of the proposal but not with reduced concessionary rent costs which would affect charity and community groups. The word 'characteristics' is spelt incorrectly on page 2.	1
	I believe that reducing the temperature in swimming pools by 1 degree C would not have a big impact on swimmers (I am a very regular swimmer myself) and would save heating costs. This has been done by Filton Council.	1
	In principal I agree with this proposal but as a council employee who works across the city visiting service users in their homes I am concerned that many of the new council buildings do not have allocated parking. Whilst this appears to save money, the additional time needed to use public transport will be costly wasted time - as we sit on buses or at bus stops and means that we can't get the same volume of work completed in a day or as much face to face contact with clients.	1
	Lights etc. should be turned off when not in use	1
	remove the position of an elected mayor and reduce number of councilors	1
	Should also look at redevelopment potential and selling off buildings, land and/or entering into long lease arrangements	1
	To many areas are duplicated and decisions need to be made quicker and stop spending money on buildings the council intends to get rid of	1
	Turn the heating down - Council buildings are far too hot! Do you really need to heat corridors too?	1
	We should ensure improving energy efficiency, disposal of premises by consolidating in best premises, and eliminating duplication where possible.	1
Disagree	closing buildings that people have to visit and relocating the services further away means fewer people will have access to the services. this feels like another proposal to hurt the poor and disadvantaged	1
	Does not go far enough, 8 sites still too many.	1
	I am seeing time and again relocation after relocation each time wasting funds. Further I would love to see the costs of changing to 'City Hall.'	1

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	I disagree with stopping the council's subsidy for St Paul's Family Learning Centre. This centre has been mismanaged by the libraries department who were lacking the business skills to turn this into a viable and healthy community centre. The centre is of an immense importance to the local marginalised community. To phase out the subsidy for Stoke Lodge and the adult learning service over a three year period on one hand on the other hand to take the plug out of the St Pauls learning centre is astonishing. I understand that at Stoke Lodge you are dealing with people who can and are able to lobby their local politicians well. In St Paul's this is a different scenario. Cabot Primary and other local primary children use the centre every day to improve their English & Maths skills. Their parents access English language skills and other training courses in the centre. Yes they are not likely to mobilise and lobby as well as the Stoke Lodge community however I would suggest we who know better treat them as equally as Stoke Lodge lobbyists. The people who work in the centre are locals who know the community well. I would suggest a phased three year period where council subsidy is reduced. I am strongly against the idea that the plug is taken out in one go.	1
	I hear you are anyway reducing the number of buildings in use for Council so this is where you are saving costs but do you really need to reduce the running costs of the buildings that are kept on? Surely not the heating in winter time?!	1
	It's best to seek ways of generating income from existing council buildings, rather than selling. This could be also done in partnership with businesses or community groups.	1
	Previous councils have sold land that belonged to them cheaply and at the expense of tax payers. Now we are either buying property which is very expensive in the guise of "reducing running cost". Maybe the properties owned by the council are rented at their premium rate or sold at the premium rate so as not to lose out again.	1
	Reducing running costs always sounds fine, seldom is. Demoralising and ideologically led.	1
	Some charities rely on reduced rent. Without it they could really struggle, meaning fewer services the public can access.	1
Strongly disagree	8 premises is too little for number of BBBC staff, increased cost in stress & sickness absence likely	1
	Don't really understand the question	1
	not ambitious enough	1
	this should not include making the voluntary sector pay more - this sector is already at breaking point, and further costs could result in loss of services - this would be a short term saving and a long term loss for the city	1
Grand Total		57

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Ensuring cost duplication is minimised (R-CC-03)



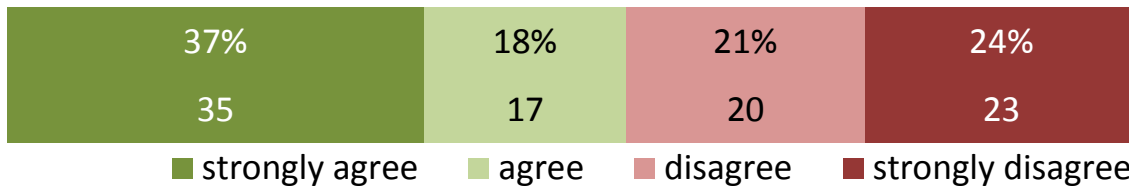
Ensuring cost duplication is minimised (R-CC-03)	Ensuring cost duplication is minimised (R-CC-03)	
	147 looked at this proposal	
(R-CC-03)	(R-CC-03)comment	Num
0	De-duping contracts works more effectively by means of a centrally enabled professional procurement function which contains the specialist skills and talent, in conjunction with historical intelligence of the operations. High performing companies enforce cost management strategy with support from group procurement function	1
Strongly agree	Can you rerally achieve this?	1
	Common sense. Should be happening already.	1
	Cost duplication should be eliminated, not minimised	1
	eliminate poor services e.g Noise Pollution team	1
	Get an IT system that works for staff. Spend less on consultants....and more an an effective system.	1
	Horrendous duplication used to be caused by the Data Protection Act, to the point where, when my mother-in-law was ailing and in need of support and assistance from different sections of the Council, the same information about her circumstances had to be repeated for each, on the grounds that none of them could share information with any other because of the Act. I hope this has now been resolved, it represented a horrendous waste of time and resources. Surely each individual needs only ONE 'contract' with the Council, which holds the information centrally and securely and devolves it to each section of the Council as and when necessary. How can that infringe Data Protection?	1
	It isn't just about buildings - it's also about duplication between local authorities where shared service provision is possible. Does every Library service in Libraries West need a Community Engagement Manager or a Marketing Manager?	1
	Money is wasted with paperwork and local government/councils being overcharged by rip off firms ,, and having some one in charge of overseeing this	1
	There should be no cost duplication!	1
Agree	Cost duplication is interesting, there is an open data project which is seeking to acheive what is already undertaken by other teams in the council through the Bristol Data Profiles portal. This seems to be duplication of work already undertaken	1
	Council needs to look at wastage of money	1
	Must be possible but dubious about scale of savings	1
	Never have I come across such a bureacratic no can do culture as a Council. People need to be freed up to take the initiative.	1
	Please give examples of any possible duplication as your EQIA (the only published information) is particularly vague about where any duplication might exist. Given the acute vagueness how can anyone believe the figure of £4,806,000 to be saved is realistic and achievable ?	1

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	This could go further and you could explore with other public sector organisations (NHS, Police) where further duplication exists.	1
Strongly disagree	I receive duplicate letters every two weeks regarding my care payment one letter per month is enough surely. also ensure departments speak to eachother I have seen 4 different OTs 6 surveyors the list goes on all concerning the same issue. this is a waste of valuable time and resources.	1
Grand Total		17

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Reduce Equalities & Community Cohesion team (R-PL-022)



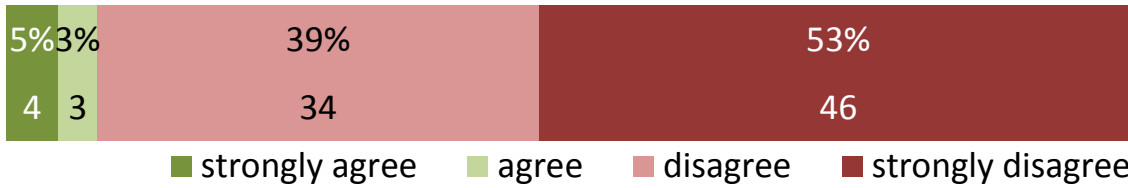
	Reduce Equalities & Community Cohesion team (R-PL-022)	
	97 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-022)	(R-PL-022)comment	Num
Strongly agree	Eliminate the team	1
	I do not see this as a worth while service and would be glad to see it cut back.	1
	Immigrants should integrate into Bristolian/English way of life. Council panders to their "needs" too much. Abolish "City of Sanctuary"	1
	Is there a need for this service at all?	1
	No need for this team at all, cohesion would be increased by limiting immigration amd migration to this area	1
	Reduce by much more	1
	There is reference to this saving leading to more responsibility falling to the mainstream business managers for delivery. i think that is exactly where it should be, so it is taken into account with all other factors a manager needs to take into account, and who is, after all, paid to be a manager.	1
Agree	I agree, but I am also concerned that Bristol is becoming more and more divided. So perhaps that means this team isn't doing a very good job anyway!	1
	In principal I agree that managers of other services should take responsibility? But I think that there is significant risk that cuts affecting voluntary sector will weaken accountability for consideration of equalities if internal team cut too far	1
	There is too much attention paid to equalities and cohesion follows from proper management of all Council matters so does not need a specific focus.	1
	Translation costs should be kept to a minimum and translating everything into multiple languages reduced or stopped. The best way to help integration into society is to learn English. It will also help women in particular being disadvantaged and areas begomming ghettoised - thereby increasing tensions between newcomers and the indigenous population. Savings could be made through more effiecient use of buildings, eg things like computers being left on all night, unnecessary lighting and heating and using the most cost effiecient means of precurement - although why this wasn't done from the beginning I have no idea.Maybe contractors could be monitored better to ensure maximum cost effieciency.	1
	While this is important work, it also looks dangerously like 'Affirmative Action'.	1
Disagree	As noted, this reduction relies on the mainlining of equality concerns into the remit of managers etc. What would be put in place to ensure this happens, particularly where it may not be an issue of personal interest to those taking on this new responsibility?	1
	at a time of heightened tensions caused mostly by the popular press, is this wise.	1
	I am worried that reducing this team will affect how the council goes about making cuts. It is good to have a team such as this to ensure that these matters of important are taken into account ESPECIALLY during times of recession and budget cuts.	1

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	I disagree with this and most of the other proposals because as always, cuts will affect those most vulnerable in society who are usually fairly defenceless and struggle to fight their corner. As so often with these cuts, things that sound superfluous, are in reality very important and quite often the fabric that knit society as a whole together. I do however hold central government largely responsible for the necessity of these draconian cuts, they have no doubt stitched up local government a treat!	1
	If this is not a statutory requirement close the unit - no time for political correctness	1
	This could only be acceptable if other parts of the Council (e.g. Learning Communities) pick up some of their role. Better staff training is welcome but this will not deal with insitutional problems.	1
	This just pushes the issue down to the police to pick up problems later..	1
Strongly disagree	Ensuring equality and increasing community cohesion is especially important during times of constrained budgets.	1
	I am so proud to live in a city that is a City of Sanctuary, a White Ribbon city, etc. Taking money away from equalities and community cohesion will undoubtedly affect initiatives like these. Also, academic research shows that 'mainstreaming' equalities work is ineffective and equalities specialists are essential.	1
	I strongly disagree with reducing investment in this area. Bristol as a city is diverse in many ways. It has a history of slavery and racism in certain wards and communities. This team historically has done alot of positive work around raising and keeping the equalities and cohesion subjects which are crucial to alot of local communities. BBC panorama and other programmes have come to Bristol a number of times to research and film the levels of hate crime towards certain equalities groups. This is not an expensive service compared to what we spend of parks/libraries/museums and other services which we can change the way we deliver. Local VCS and education centres such as schools and academies look to BCC for support as local demographic changes have required them to work differently. When the demographics of our city is changing and high levels of tensions in South & North Bristol we cannot afford to reduce the work a team such as the Equalities team carry out. What I would like to suggest however is to look at how they are working with external agencies and whether they can bring in a revenue. I do think it is our collective responsibilities to protect those who are deemed to be vulnerable, otherwise we would not have an Equalities Act and framework. There needs to be a channel where we can trial innovative approaches to tackle some serious incidents of hate crimes. We need to continue resourcing this area of work. Let us not forget the case of Ebrahim Bijan who was killed by local young people. This was clearly a hate crime. We need to educate pockets of this city if we want this city to be inviting and inclusive.	1
	Much of this budget will have a significant impact on the most vulnerable within the city - those which Mayor Ferguson says should be the council's priority.	1
	Previous experience and the budget briefing that I attended showed that Community Cohesion is something which the council are particularly weak at, so I feel that reducing the team will have a negative effect on achieving equality and community cohesion.	1
	see previous comment. It is the immediate effect of targeting older people in year one that I object to.	1
	The work of this team is essential in building and supporting the development of minority groups and reducing inequalities.	1
	This department already struggle and to make further cuts will make it impossible for them to function. What about the equality assessment here? It will make bristol a less equal society.	1
Grand Total		27

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Health & Social Care Prevention budget reduction (R-PP-013)



Health & Social Care Prevention budget reduction (R-PP-013)	Health & Social Care Prevention budget reduction (R-PP-013)	
	88 looked at this proposal	
(R-PP-013)	(R-PP-013)comment	N u m
Disagree	Certain healthcare services represent a long term investment to improve the health of people in our community and reduce the future burden on an already straining GP and hospital system. Services such as weight management are often difficult to quantify as £ notes but should be retained if we are to think about the long term benefits to the health of our community. Ultimately providing these services will reduce the amount of money spent in hospitals.	1
	Demand is increasing and could absorb any efficiencies.Ensure front line numbers are not affected	1
	Detail of proposals not immediately obvious but I believe spend on prevention is important	1
	I'm not entirely sure what this proposal means, so not necessarily disagreeing but would like better clarity.	1
	Is not prevention more cost effective than cure?	1
	Please, PLEASE, instead of relying upon consultants and managers would you, not using consultants or managers go and speak to workers on the ground to understand not only the impact of the vulnerable, especially those with learning disabilities and the elderly and understand (1) The impact and (2) How money is being wasted that could be saved.	1
	reducing support makes people's lives more difficult. You don't get support unless you are vulnerable!	1
	Short sighted and narrow minded. Means more people will end up in a&e where the nhs is already under extreme pressures	1
	THis just pushes problems to the NHS	1
	This may not be a saving in the long term - some preventative measures ca make bigger savings in the long term . However it is always difficult to quantify preventative measures because by its definition you reverted something from happening (for example- you don't now that I have been prevented from going into hospital because Care and Repair have put hand rails in for me, but I am not in hospital (very expensive), I haven't fallen (don't need a carer) and I feel safer	1
	This would effect the most needy in our community	1

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	With this category, making reductions will surely increase costs in the long run. i work for a wonderful cahrity called mothers for mothers who have alreday had to deal with no increase for several years now. the service mothers for mothers run is highly preventative as untreated materal mental health issues has serious long term consequences for the mental and physical health of the offspring, and of the mother and her partner (Campion 2013).	1
Strongly disagree	Any reduction in prevention work will increase demand on crises services	1
	Assistive technology does not answer all needs assessment for equipment and advice for prevenatative care is of considerable value in preventing older frail/disabled people who are fair access to care moderate or low needs who do not receive statutory services who will very quickly move on to the substantial and critical and put pressure of statutory services	1
	HSC already been through job cuts & annual budget cuts to a critical risk level of meeting stautory duties	1
	<p>I am a - Service User Representative for Bristol Mental Health Commissioning, Healthwatch Champion and Representative for Mental Health " Bristol, and South Gloucestershire, Healthwatch Representative for Equalities Bristol and South Gloucestershire, Rethink Service User Representative, Time to Change Champion, NHS Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Service User Researcher, Bristol Active Life Project Volunteer, Secretary for Mental Health and Walking Funding. I am not best pleased with having to work on filling in this online form on Boxing Day due to the inadequate length of consultation of 6 weeks ending on December 30th.</p> <p>Consultations should be minimum 6 weeks and the Equality Impact Assessment must be undertaken BEFORE proposals become concrete and almost final. I have been too busy with the responsibilities above to come to meetings and am very disappointed with Bristol City Council that they did not send people to any of the events or meetings for any of the groups above, which were held on the subject of mental health. A proper consultation would have involved reaching out to attend the events that people with mental health issues and/or their representatives attend. People with mental health training know that most people with mental health issues are isolated and find it difficult to speak at large gatherings. Some rarely even leave home. This means your consultation will have reached very few people with mental health issues. The consultation is far too short not proactive enough, and is inadequate and unprofessional. Bristol City Council Management really need to read this " Councils need to be better informed on mental health,organisations say - http://www.mentalhealthtoday.co.uk/councils_need_to_be_better_informed_on_mental_health_organisations SAY.aspx?utm_source=http%3A%2F%2Fnews.pavpub.com%2Folmgroupprolz%2F&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MHTnews191213&utm_term=Mental+Health+Today+news+11-18+December%3A+Funding+for+mental+health+trusts+falls&utm_content=107369 Royal College of Psychiatrists, Centre for Mental Health. "When balancing our books we don't want to come up with proposals which affect our most vulnerable people or which stop us achieving our aims for the city." "Here are the principles we're working to - " Protect vital services for those who need them most. - " Help close the city's inequality gap. - " Create resilient communities where more people can help themselves and each other." - Protected Discretionary services - "Around £21m to support vulnerable people." Is Community health statutory and ring fenced since Government gave councils responsibility for this? 7m can be saved from the implementation of change programme " wasted money "There is a budget gap because the government is giving us less money in grants but we have a growing population, which means more people need services such as schools, care and transport." But higher population means more revenue from Council tax and industry?"Government grants " we expect these to drop by around £25 million each year and we need to prepare for them to keep decreasing after that."That's an assumption " cannot predict this for 3 years " should focus on the present. Things can happen, change of Government, improvement in economy etc. Government hasn't announced any cuts beyond next year. Should have made clear this is a FORECAST - Overall, we face a decrease in overall funding of around £52million by 2016/17. Cuts should be considered here " Reusing existing buildings and postponing capital projects and refurbishments " "This includes an extra £5m supporting capital projects from 2015/16." Should be an equality impact assessment of all things below specifically about any cuts " "Equalities - We have a legal duty to properly</p>	1

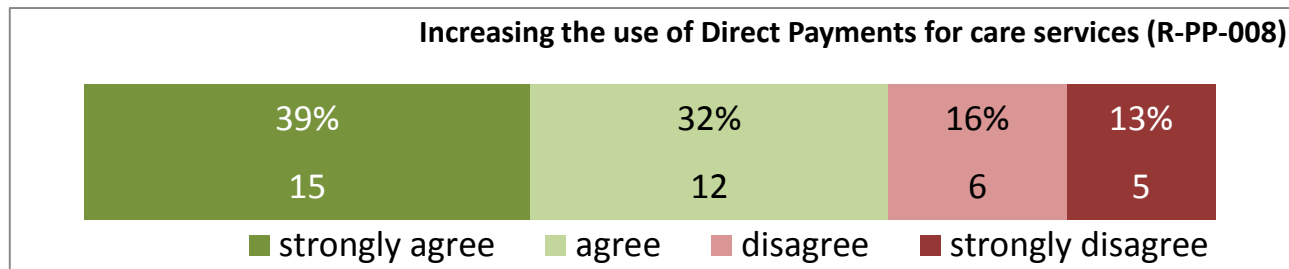
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	<p>consider the impact our proposals might have on people with protected characteristics. Our Equality Impact Assessment is the tool we use to make sure that we do this, and our Equality Impact Assessments are available to view. These characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment - and will meet with equalities groups during the consultation period to discuss the proposals in more detail. - So why has nothing been arranged with Healthwatch for this Consultation - Bristol City Council must explain why Bristol City Council reduced the staff time available to Bristol Active Life Project (BALP) from 5 days to 0.5 days with no consultation. We have assessed all our spending and carefully decided where we can change, reduce or remove services causing the least damage. - That should be done at the END of the Consultation. Rebuilding the council's reserves after it uses £13.6m to provide investment in the change programme - Bristol City Council used 13m.6m of reserves for "Change Programme" then making cuts to replenish it. Both of those are completely inappropriate. Reserves should not be spent on administration but on emergencies and important services. Savings already happening - We're not consulting people about the next savings because they're either already approved or won't have a negative effect on services. If we think they might, we will consult later. - Around £9 million of savings are identified and are happening now - Over the last year, we have started a number of projects to simplify our complicated processes and in doing so cut the costs. The result is savings of £9.1 million through projects such as introducing a new finance system and a major restructure of Health and Social Care services - Additionally Bristol City Council failed an audit and paying of invoices twice or not at all. Must explain why Bristol City Council reduced the staff time available to Bristol Active Life Project (BALP) from 5 days to 0.5 days with no consultation. This cut should be reversed, the BALP money accounted for and a new consultation be undertaken about the "major restructure of Health and Social Care services" to determine how and why services have been affected. The input of Bristol City Council into cuts to the Rethink/Walking for Health/Wild Walk cut from once per week to once every 6 weeks has been unsatisfactory. Bristol City Council should have ensured they were involved in planning of an alternative mental health walking group. Such as explaining and assisting with funding applications and/or funding directly. Your Health and Social Care Staff and grant experts should have consulted us and assisted.</p>	
	<p>I am a support worker with the Community Support Team. Our job is Housing Related Support and we depend on the extremely sound and comprehensive advice from the Welfare Rights and Money Advisory Service (WRAMAS). We help prevent homelessness and so do WRAMAS. More homelessness means more costs to BCC. I strongly advise you not to cut their resources.</p>	1
	<p>If you remove prevention and early intervention many people will end up needing more acute care which will increase the cost in other areas. This is a fools game, intervention and prevention is essential to a modern, forward thinking society</p>	1
	<p>It is not clear from the proposal who would be impacted by this change. It should be clearly assessed to see the impact on social groups</p>	1

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	Please do not cut further on social and health care. The impact this has is far reaching and will create significant problems else where. I work in a front line child and adolescent health service and the impact government cuts have already had are significant and felt directly by our service. As the quality of children and young people's lives diminishes by poor housing, lack of foster placements, lack of education and support, intrinsic abuse cycles at home increase with no chance of respite or change, and so mental health disorders also increase. Front line NHS services are already squeezed to the point of becoming ineffective and we work directly with overworked social workers who see the need and can no longer respond. Please invest in the youth, particularly in their early years and over the next three years, because it's about thinking beyond the next three years and think about the next 5, 10, 20 and 30 years. Bristol is a great city, with great values and a sense of community I have not experienced anywhere else in this country, but if you cripple young people and their families who already struggle, you've lost the best of what Bristol has to offer and become complicit in producing a lost generation of unemployed, disaffected citizens who will perpetuate abuse cycles and no longer contribute to this city. Instead, you will spend on prisons, police and benefits instead.	1
	Prevention is cheaper than dealing with the consequences.	1
	Prevention often leads to less being spent in a crisis	1
	Priority must be given to services for all vulnerablelderly/disabled people	1
	Reducing money spent on prevention services will cost the Council more money in the longer term. Older people in particular are more likely to benefit from access to low level health and wellbeing services that reduce isolation; can promote physical wellbeing; can signpost to other services and can support carers.	1
	Reducing this budget would seriously damage the momentum that has been built over the past 5-10yrs, in improving wellbeing and independence for people with disabilities. This group will be hit hard by other government changes - don't make it even worse for them in order to make a short term saving. In the long run this would create more expense for the local council and NHS	1
	The council should be protecting those needing social care, not cutting them. Raise council tax instead.	1
	This is where the innovative proposed in the Mayor's new ideas can be funded. This is where joined up projects between health and social care can be trialled. This is where committed staff in the public and Voluntary sectors can work together to change the system.	1
	This will result in greater costs elsewhere	1
	We need to prevent - to stop future cost rising	1
	With support for drug and alcohol services and housing support now being streamlined at ARA and BDP , they need stability at this time,not insecurity of funding commitments.	1
Grand Total		30

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Increasing the use of Direct Payments for care services (R-PP-008)	Increasing the use of Direct Payments for care services (R-PP-008)	
	40 looked at this proposal	
(R-PP-008)	(R-PP-008)comment	Num
0	Direct payments will ensure that funds go directly to the need rather than middle management or NFP membership dept.	1
Strongly agree	Excellent idea to fully utilise the Direct Payments scheme to pay for their own specific needs tailor-made.	1
	There will have to be more spent on auditing this thou.	1
	this is under sold in Bristol due to carers not wanting additional responisbilty for yet another task, but as a carer it is worth the extra work	1
	this will save time and money	1
Agree	All payments should be collected through direct payment methods and a discount should be offered to those who use	1
	I agree with this being implemented however both individuals and the service provider will need assistance in ensuring that they can claim, use and receive the payment to ensure that services do not stop. The risk is that block contracts/contractual services end due to budget cuts and by the time the individual is aware of how to claim and use their direct paymnt, the service is no longer there to access due to the lapse in time.	1
	I agree with this in principle in order to offer more control and choice for disabled people - however it must be implemented correctly and the market for care must be enabled to respond appropriately. The council has a role in doing this.	1
	It is not totally clear what this proposal entails butif a saving can be made without reducing the service provision by direct payment means it should be persued.	1
	residential care is the answer for some people. supported living is not the best way forward for lots of people.	1
Disagree	In reality 'DirectPayments' do not always give service users greater choice,control & flexibility, the systems needed to implement the direct payemtns are convoluted, often putting pressure on overstretched family carers who may be elderly and not really abls to shoulder teh burden of overseeing the direct payment process. The whole DP system needs to be made more transparent and simplified before it can be considered as a viable alternative.	1
	Often leads to multiple errors and prematurely withdrawn services from those least able to amend	1
	There needs to be extra support in place for those who go down this route as direct payments can be confusing. Also, would this mean that the hours provided would reduced? How often would this be reviewed?	1
Strongly disagree	There is no evidence that increasing direct payments will save money. Also, most older people do not want the hassle of having to manage a direct payment.	1

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	This consultation document does not show clearly THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IT IS PROPOSED TO CUT, nor WHETHER IT IS IN YEAR ONE, ETC. It is impossible to give an intelligent repsonse. It will I expect give you enough ticks in the right boxes to kid yourself that you have consulted., You haven't : this is a pulling wool over eyes exercice.	1
	This will negatively effect a large proportion of Bristol citizens who have irregular finances and cannot guarantee Direct Payments.	1
Grand Total		16

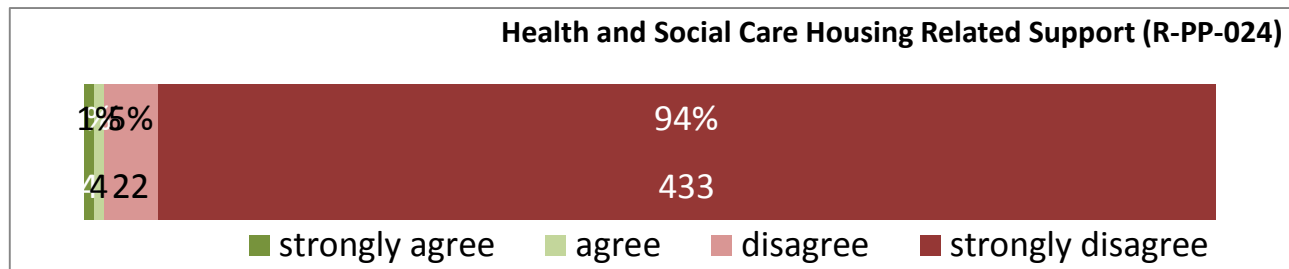
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Housing register - streamlining processes (R-PL-036)



Housing register - streamlining processes (R-PL-036)	Housing register - streamlining processes (R-PL-036)	
	40 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-036)	(R-PL-036)comment	Num
Strongly agree	Anything to make the housing register simpler would be good!	1
	currently too long winded and needs to be more efficient.	1
	I think they need to change the way houses are allocated. New arrivals should joking the bottom of the list rather than jumping to the front of the list.	1
Agree	Give priority to citizens that have grown up in the city of Bristol but are also working to provide for themselves and their families.	1
Disagree	Rental prices are so high - just because a person is living in private rented accommodation or being housed by friends does not mean they do not need housing.	1
Strongly disagree	Because it is important for vulnerable families to be able to be offered choice	1
Grand Total		6

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Health and Social Care Housing Related Support (R-PP-024)	Health and Social Care Housing Related Support (R-PP-024)	
	463 looked at this proposal	
(R-PP-024)	(R-PP-024)comment	Num
Disagree	But why has money been moved from Bristol Active Life Project (BALP) to this. That money was for BALP.	1
	Maintain front-lines services and staff at a time of increased demand	1
	please refer to research by Bristol Uni into homelessness and women	1
	The proposals in this section puts me out of a job it also quite significantly will impact on the people we support who have complex issues this is proposed to come in this change at the same time as the welfare reform that affects the way they will conduct themselves the timing couldn't be worse and couldn't be more thoughtless	1
	This is an extremely crude way of making cuts. Services have already been through cuts, our own was subject to a cut of 25% just 18 months ago. This was based on benchmarking against similar services. We work with people living with HIV who have complex needs but often great potential. We were previously compared to mental health services. Now we are being compared with a wider group of services that includes learning disabilities and older people services many of which do very different work. By taking this approach you will be reducing the quality of the best services that assist some of the most vulnerable people in the city. We have high caliber staff who are well trained with a lot of experience and who achieve great outcomes. When making efficiency savings quality and complexity should be compared with price, rather than just price.	1

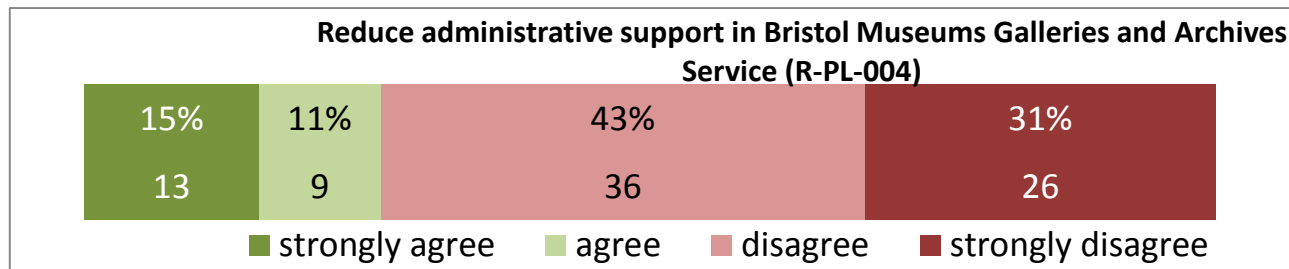
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Strongly disagree	<p>Closure of School Road - Aside from the glaring ethical issues attached to the proposal, I am also confused about the financial rationale behind closing this provision. Access to respite services is widely recognised and accepted as a crucial service for families and carers. Policies and legislation reinforce the need to develop respite services so that families and carers can continue in their caring role. The short term financial gains are obvious but the hidden knock on costs would surely outweigh this in the long term. As the needs of people with disabilities become more complex, alongside advances in medical care and the aging population, the demand for respite will become far greater. Families provide a great deal of care which would need to be provided by other services if it were not provided in the home. Respite care allows families to continue to provide care with the reassurance that there is support available if they need it for example, if a carer needs to be hospitalised. It is also essential for the wellbeing of carers and prevents many families reaching crisis point. The cost of this to health and social care is potential very significant. I would be interested to know what the projected savings are when they are offset by the additional costs associated with inadequate respite provision. I would also be interested in seeing how you measure this? I would be interested in some clarification around "delivering improved choice, control, privacy and dignity" Equality Impact Assessment. I remain unclear as to how the removal of a provision accessed by 52 people and their family/carers based on an economical decision equals increased choice and control? I am also unclear how a closure would result in increased flexibility. These statements appear to be contradictory and non-specific. The Equality Impact Assessment offers vague descriptions and buzz words (not plain English) but doesn't actually explain to 52 people and their families what the "opportunities and positive impacts" are. It is complicated further by the fact that I cannot see any "potential opportunities and positive impacts" that aren't already provided for at School Road. The Equality Impact Assessment doesn't mention that, perhaps Mike Winnicott should go and stay for a few nights? The term "disappointed" doesn't really cut it when you are talking about respite care. You are disappointed when Bristol City loses not when one of your few support systems is taken away. This decision should also be viewed within the context of the Winterbourne Down case and the impact that has had on the confidence of service users and families/carers. No wonder families and carers are "anxious" I think terrified might be more appropriate. I would suggest that you consider how you can increase the value that Bristol places on people with learning disabilities and the invaluable work that respite centers provide. I would also suggest that you increase the size of your comments box too.</p>	1
	<p>Elderly people have seen a decline in support services over the years and I think to target yet again the elderly and vulnerable with reference to ceasing the warden service in the independent sector older people sheltered housing schemes is diabolical. My mother moved from a council run sheltered housing scheme into a Brunelcare scheme purely because of the cuts to the warden service in her home and the lack of support from the council!</p>	1
	<p>I absolutely strongly disagree with the proposed closure of School Road Respite Home. We need this service. There is nothing to replace it. It's a home for home. If School Road closes there is no where else for my sister to go. I don't trust anyone else to look after her. We need School Road. They provide the perfect respite. Please don't close School Road. We pay for School Road. It would cost BCC much, much more if service users are put into permanent residential care, which is likely to happen as carers will not be able to cope without breaks. Thank you.</p>	1
	<p>I am unable to climb stairs and need support to help with daily living.</p>	1
	<p>I fear that as the current system often leaves the elderly in a vulnerable state cuts such as these will only serve to exacerbate the situation.</p>	1
	<p>I live in sheltered housing(Brunel Care) informed if on housing benefit call round AM will no longer be free.Shocking !</p>	1
	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposal of closing the public toilets on the Downs.</p>	1

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	Initiatives such as the Good Tenant scheme are starting to get off the ground and clearly in massive demand.Cutting such work strangles this vital targeted help to preserve tenancies	1
	It is totally unreasonable to reduce the funding for supporting people to live in their homes independently by charging them for the warden alarm services. This will leave a lot of elderly people in a vulnerable position and they will need to decide whether they can afford food or a chargeable 24 hour support service.	1
	Let the rich pay more	1
	Older people are disproportionately affected and those most vulnerable have least opportunity to unite and campaign to stop the cuts to their services	1
	The proposals will place considerable pressure on already stretched services: A report carried out by United Kingdom Home Care Provider (2013) clearly shows that a considerable number of local authorities have reduced home care criteria to substantial and critical. This increases concern for the dignity, risks or safety of a large number of older people with moderate or low needs.	1
	This will have a significant impact on older people in the city and those providing services for older people.	1
	You propose to cut a one of the support services for older adults in need in Bristol. Given the UK (and other world governments) commitment announced today to Dementia care and treatment, it is wise to cut a service which would be beneficial to this group of service users.	1
Grand Total		19

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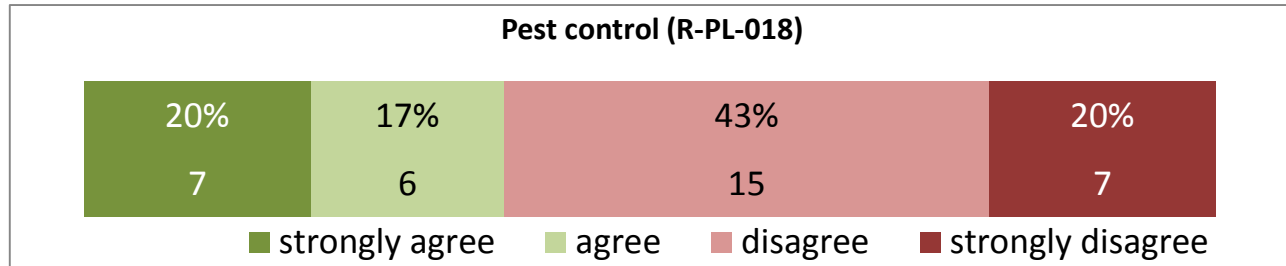


Reduce administrative support in Bristol Museums Galleries and Archives Service (R-PL-004)	Reduce administrative support in Bristol Museums Galleries and Archives Service (R-PL-004)	
	89 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-004)	(R-PL-004)comment	Num
0	front line services need protecting this doesnt come into this category	1
	important to maintain services - agree with making more efficient, but accessibilty vital	1
	Save the historic houses and invest in them to make them as exciting as the Mhed and Bristol Museum and Gallery	1
Strongly agree	museums and galleries are not helping people with eating and heating, we need to retreat to basics	1
	Rather than free admission, Council can charge a minimal fee for the admission, this will ensure additional revenue to pay the energy bills for the museums and also combine the administrative support for Museum & M Shed	1
	This should have been done years ago it's the age old problem to many departments not knowing what each other is doing but when you look at it there are duplicating so much of the work	1
Agree	As a discretionary service the Museums cannot expect to be exempt from cuts. Reducing admin staff is a resonable proposal providing there are safeguards in place to ensure that the time of highly skilled professional staff is not diverted in any way onto admin work.	1
	There should be a move to take the Bristol Museums and Galleries out of public ownership and transfer them to a Public Benefit Trust. This includes M-Shed, and also should extend to some of the large properties that Bristol owns, e.g. Ashton Court Estate. This could be phased in over 5-10 years, but the aim should be to encourage local philanthropy and develop independent funding streams for these services. Central govt should be lobbied to allow all donors to offset donations against their gross income which reduces the amount of tax paid, but also mean that the administratively complex gift aid scheme could be phased out.	1
Disagree	Â£162,000 doesnt seem like a lot of money. if this means we could lose these parts of bristols heritage. In terms of Blaise house, can we look at a private owner very similiar to Kingsweston House	1
	Archives should not be reduced further as it has already had a full impact of service reduction over the last few years.	1
	Does this entail reduction in professional staff , to be replaced with voluntary groups?	1
	I think Bristol can be proud of this and it should be maintained.	1
	I think that small charges could be made for museum services & entrance	1
	I think the delivery of art and cultural services in Bristol is already quite poor compared to other UK cities	1

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	It's a small saving, but museums and archives are important for the general intellectual well-being of the city.	1
	Its short sighted,museums and galleries much valued by tourists and locals	1
	Keep the outreach service to libraries	1
	Our taxes should be spent on making our communities greater - not by making cuts to such things!	1
	Reasonable entry charges	1
	Reducing admin support means admin becomes inefficient and expensive because more highly qualified people have to do it.	1
	This will be a minor saving which could affect someone's earnings. Real significant savings should be made from expensive corporate contracts/services/projects, travel arrangements, consultancies etc within the Council.	1
	Why not make a small charge for people to go into museums - say Â£2 for adults and free for under 16s. That is less than the cost of a cup of coffee!	1
Strongly disagree	A terrible idea to remove free leisure activities. Impacts the poorest hardest.	1
	Bristol has great historical roots, please carry on supporting them	1
	Charge a Minimal fee for all that use the facilities	1
	Making culture inaccessible to all but the wealthy will not benefit the broader population. How will schools in disadvantaged areas be able to take pupils on educational trips if the costs are prohibitive?	1
	Older people will need somewhere to go when they have been forced from their homes due to increasing costs to stay warm, cook and have someone to talk to.	1
	Sacking people will only push the existing work onto remaining staff who will be less able to do their own jobs	1
	The administrative support at Bristol museums, Galleries and Archives has already been reduced over the years. Reducing of work hours has already taken place across those involved in the administrative duties of Museums. The distribution of admin work to other posts has proved difficult as it is time consuming and requires a lot of attention to detail. Various bookings from school visits, travel and accommodation are handled by administrative staff. In fact the overall running of the organisation requires admin support like booking meetings, holiday and sick leave, training records, taking minutes at meetings, stationery orders, correspondence, dealing with some enquiries. The impact of reducing the staff will be of lower quality of various records, increasing the job of others and probably inevitably bringing back admin duties to support the smooth running of the service.	1
	these are lifelines for people especially the libraries. Do not take these away	1
	Usually, the cost of admin staff to do tasks is far smaller than that of more highly skilled staff, If you get rid of admin staff what ends up happening is that you have higher paid workers who are highly skilled wasting their time (which equates to our money) on tasks that they should not be undertaking. For example, we do not want a curator who may bring in extra revenue through tourism because they can design and develop a great new show not being able to do this because they have to catch up on filing or menial report writing.	1
	We do not touch museums or education, dear mayor. This is for the benefit of culture, and instead you should be looking to invest more money on.	1
	Young need museums and are being deprived of far too many other things they need to be educated good adults.	1
Grand Total		33

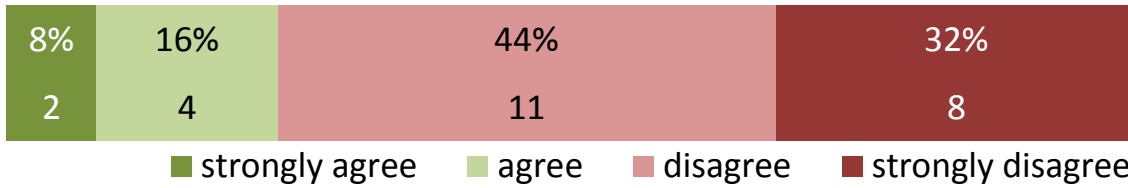
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	Pest control (R-PL-018)	
	37 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-018)	(R-PL-018)comment	Num
Strongly agree	At a time when we are talking about Bristol as a green city we are reducing services for pest control	1
Agree	all poeple who can should pay for this service	1
	The overall pest control service should expand, but on a self funding basis, making an overall contribution back to city hall coffers. eg, you recently stopped the bed bug service which was quite a lucrative element, south glos continues to provide this but only for those within it's boundaries, therefore you should learn from other councils to keep some services as they support the overheads of other services. Secondly mice, rates, service etc and the whole of pest control should be merged with, for example south glos, as the service is provided with visits across the city it should not matter where the head office is based, bristol or south glos, this way you maintain or enhance the service but at lower cost with lower overheads, you only run from one office. p.s. Souht glos is not an enemy or competitor of Bristol.	1
	You should charge for this service - I don't see why it should be free!	1
Disagree	An increase in pests is likely to occur after the reduction in commercial waste policing, therefore pest control requirements will probably increase.	1
	Charging for pest control will mean more rats in our city and will be risk to public health	1
	If you call out an electrician you may pay up to Â£60 call out fee. Is pest control service ever cost effective at current or proposed rates?	1
	increase costs and people wont use the service. this will lead to an increase in vermin and/or homemade remedies which either don't work or are dangerous.	1
	it is a false saving not to sped in this area. it works out bringing disease and causing more problems	1
	It is not just those on benefits who are affected by this problem and it is rarely the fault of the person who tries to do something about a pest problem. It is a public health issue and making charges prohibitive could see an increase in pests which would then be much more costly to eradicate.	1
Strongly disagree	I object to anything that reduces the no. of jobs available to people through the Council.	1
	Pest control is essential for the control of pests (Rats, Mice, Wasps etc) and the maintenance of public health.	1
	This is a short term saving that will very quickly create longer term costs	1
	This shouds be transparent and fair. This service should not be subsidised for certain groups- there should be equality	1
	We don't want outbreaks of 'The plague' weils disease etc and cost of removing dead rats, mice and vermin can be too expensive for poorer people on benefit local government funding is essential.	1
Grand Total		15

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Reduce policy development in Safer Bristol (R-PL-008)



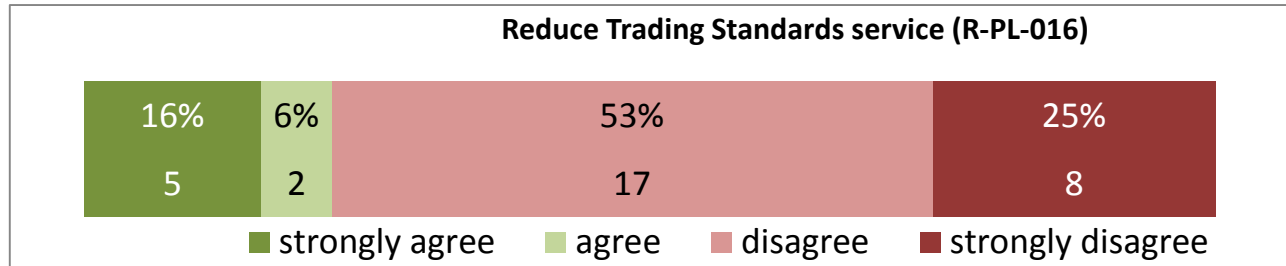
Reduce policy development in Safer Bristol (R-PL-008)	Reduce policy development in Safer Bristol (R-PL-008)	
	14 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-008)	(R-PL-008)comment	Num
Strongly agree	The Police, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Neighbourhood Watches can all liaise together. Safer Bristol is not engaging sufficiently well with communities on a regular basis, and is replicating much of the work that is already being done by the police and neighbourhood watches	1
Agree	I think policy development in Safer Bristol is a joke. This year the white elephant 'Neighbourhood Coordinator' team has been created at great expense, ostensibly to find out what neighbourhood priorities are and target resources there. The problem though, is that this is what Neighbourhood Delivery Teams were designed for and were actually working well at. Furthermore, there are, by my reckoning (including managers): 5 Neighbourhood Coordinators, 7 Area Coordinators, 5 Neighbourhood Development Officers, 8 Area Environment Officers and 5 Area Coordinators Waste Services and Streetscene . As far as I know, representatives from each of these teams attends Neighbourhood Forums, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Neighbourhood Delivery Teams and all spend their time shuffling issues around on lists and glad-handing. The only team with a definable function as far as I can tell are the Waste officers (otherwise known as Area Coordinators Waste Services and Streetscene) in that they manage the council's contract with our waste contractor (and even then they do nothing to penalise the contractor May Gurney/Kier Group for continually failing to meet its contractual obligations), but can no one seriously see that there is a HUGE amount of pointless duplication going on? Someone needs to take a really long, unbiased look at what Neighbourhood Coordinators are very amply paid for in terms of their actual outcomes for residents of Bristol.	1
Disagree	My quality of life will be affected as will that of all other people in Bristol	1
Strongly disagree	I think this is a long term gain area especially in partnership with the thrid sector who have access to wider funding streams and should not be sidelined	1
	my family and I have been + are victims of Anti social Neighbours. more needs to be done to help people like us!	1

	<p>Refugee Women of Bristol response to budget proposals 2014-2017 Introduction: We are pleased to hear that the principles the Mayor has set out to work to include: "Protect vital services for those who need them most" "Help close the city's inequality gaps" "Create resilient communities where more people can help themselves and each other" We also note that in his vision for the future he has indicated the need to help older people to stay in and be part of the community. How Refugee Women of Bristol's services meet these aims: Refugee Women of Bristol is a registered charity funded by Bristol City Council through a "Stronger Communities" Grant. We are positioned to provide services which meet the principles laid out by the Mayor. Our service users are all BME women who are refugees and asylum seekers and are therefore amongst the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Bristol and all share more than one protected characteristic under the Equalities Act. Our services reach vulnerable and isolated women who have no access to any other service provision and facilitate these women into other services as well as providing skills to transition them into volunteering, training and employment opportunities. We support over 300 BME refugee/asylum seeking women every year in Bristol who speak fifteen different first languages and come from eighteen different countries. 1. We provide English classes for women refugees and asylum seekers with a crèche "che" colleges do not provide a crèche, nor do many other agencies providing English classes. 2. Many refugee women have been here for a number of years, are older, and do not access other services. Coming to our drop-in service aids their integration. 3. We provide support, information, and English classes to women here on spouse visa, or have had refugee status for a long time, or have received refugee status in another European country. No other refugee organisation does this. 4. Culturally for some women accessing a women only service is permissible but accessing a mixed environment is not; especially for Somali older women. Our service provides a women only environment which enables these vulnerable women to access support and training opportunities. 5. We provide interpreting and translation in Kurdish, Arabic, and Somali liaising with other agencies on their behalf enabling access to services and understanding of written communication (e.g. bills, NHS appointments, letters from schools etc.). 6. We provide workshops which enable women to understand their rights and responsibilities, (e.g. Domestic Violence, Measles awareness, TB awareness, FGM) 7. We provide volunteering opportunities for women who have little English. This builds their confidence and provides them with the opportunity to use English in a work place setting. We provide women with training and references. This means that they are more able to go on to find work. 8. We bring women from different nationalities including British together; providing opportunities for greater understanding and breaking down cultural barriers resulting in increased community cohesion. 9. We provide regular information sessions on Female Genital Mutilation reaching isolated women and their families as part of an ongoing outreach programme using a Community Health Advocate approach. This supports communities to achieve greater resilience. By the nature of our service provision and network we are nationally recognised by FORWARD (national FGM organisation) as ideally placed for this work. 10. We have been recognised nationally as providing an outstanding service for women refugee and asylum seekers; achieving shortlist status for the Guardian Charity of the Year award 2013. The impact of any cuts to our service would include: 1. Women with pre-school children would not be able to gain English skills or other employment related training as we are the only training provision with a crèche. 2. Older refugee/asylum-seeking women 50-70 years old would not be able to access English classes because we are the only all women environment. These women would not attend a mixed gender environment due to cultural and religious beliefs and would therefore remain isolated, not integrated and would also remain more vulnerable as they would have no access to other services. 3. We bridge the gap between refugee/asylum-seeking women and service providers. Without us advocating for them and supporting them in their language our service users would not be able to access mainstream services e.g. NHS, Social Services, Education services etc. 4. The vital FGM prevention message would not reach affected communities. We</p>	1
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	<p>hope that you will continue to support the provision of our vital services which meet the criteria outlined by the Mayor as part of his vision for Bristol in the coming years. Jacky Humphreys (Development Manager) Linda Joynes (Drop in Co-ordinator) Layla Ismail (Advocacy Worker)</p> <p>30th December 2013</p>	
	<p>The clue is in the title. Everyone wants bristol to be a safe place to live and work, and cutting this teams resources will have a particular impact on more vulnerable groups, older people and women.</p>	1
	<p>the Council needs to do more to tackle anti social behaviour</p>	1
Grand Total		8

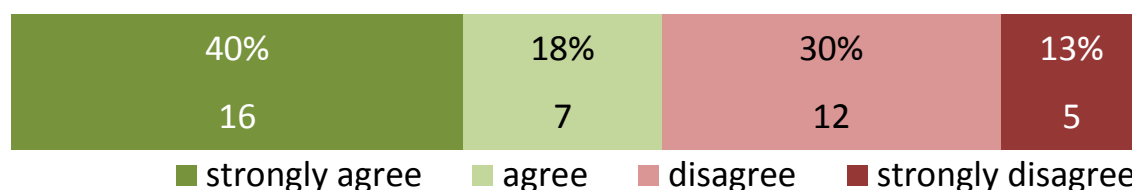
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Reduce Trading Standards service (R-PL-016)	Reduce Trading Standards service (R-PL-016)	
	34 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-016)	(R-PL-016)comment	Num
Strongly agree	This will make it easier for people without jobs to set up stalls and sell stuff anywhere in order to make ends meet	1
Disagree	already stretched-particularly EHOs	1
	Consumers need protection and charges should be raised rather than service cutting	1
	Rogue traders and unhygienic take-away restaurants are not an appealing proposition.	1
	Will this not result in an increase in rogue traders?	1
Strongly disagree	I would not want to see any reduction in the trading standards service, this is an essential element of public service and protection, including it being a deterrent, which should be maintained and enhanced, or merged into a regional south west trading service similar to the south west illegal money lender service leached a few years ago. Again trading services should be expanded to service the population of the city for all the different types of problems people come to them for but not reduced. The charging element changed so they charge and maybe receive a small % to cover their costs, OR those business found guilty, they charge them full recovery costs of your investigation and time spent by your staff.	1
	Public health could well be at risk, simply moving the cost to the NHS.	1
	The reduction is too little and the risk to great. Cuts in this field should be avoided at all cost	1
	there seems to be ever increasing need for Trading Standards not a reduction	1
	Trading Standards defend the public against ill-health, crooks and scams and need increasing rather than reducing	1
	We have problems with off licences in the Church Road Redfield area selling illegal tobacco and alcohol	1
Grand Total		11

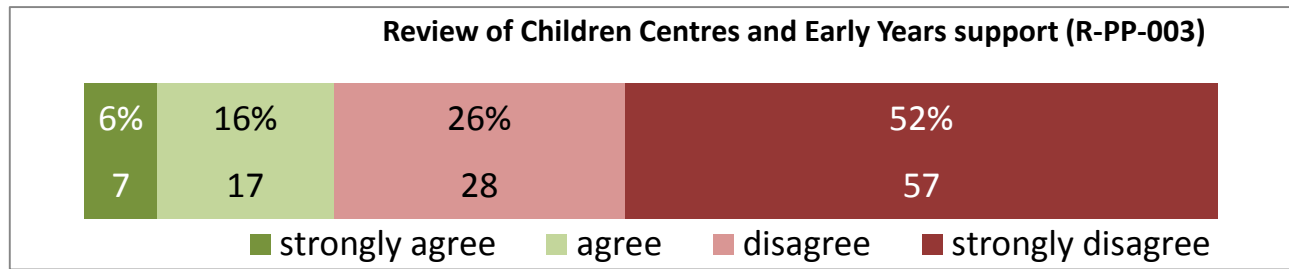
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Reduce costs in Highways & Traffic Business Support (R-PL-030)



	Reduce costs in Highways & Traffic Business Support (R-PL-030)	
	45 looked at this proposal	
(R-PL-030)	(R-PL-030)comment	Num
0	This should be turned into a revenue generating centre where fines are issued to motor vehicle operators who violate the law and these funds are used to enhance public transportation.	1
Strongly agree	Do not take BCC FROM ST. Pauls learning Centre	1
	open ashtongate railway station and stop brt	1
	This should be supported by private sector businesses constantly ripping up roads seperately! A fund to support highways and traffic from the private sector	1
	Wanted to comment on R-PL-026 but it's not in the list.	1
	you find 20-40 million pounds to fund new road at bishopsworth where does this money come from. you raise council tax but can spend this money on a road ??//	1
Agree	Are you going far enough....?	1
	Public transport subsidies help many people - losing this will disadvantage those who need it most. Better to target free bus passes to those who need them rather than anyone who is eligible because of their birth year.	1
	save money on residents parking scheme, with all the street sinage and lining of restricted ares of road	1
Disagree	I am unconvinced that a reduction in business waste policing will save money. I find it more likely that we shall see an increase in fly tipping and therefore clean up operations will cost more than any savings.	1
	the saving may be needed to train these staff in public consultation and feedback instead of sticking their heads in the sand and always saying they know best.. they are undoubtably the worst department in bristol city when it comes to dealing with the public	1
	This is a major problem area in Bristol, this needs to be at the forefront of effort.	1
	This may be counter productive in the longer term as this service is high profile.	1
Strongly disagree	A 20mph speed limit is enforced all around Bristol with a cost of Â£2M. It seems that if you are a motorist in Bristol, you have to be penalised for it. It is really difficult to obey this speed limit unless you look on your speedometer all the times (does this make your driving safer????). The Â£2M could be spent somewhere else.	1
	This is a fundamental service that should be continued!	1
	With the traffic becoming ever so bad in Bristol, you need to look into investing more money and try to revert back the problems that you and the council created in this city. It is not by forcing people to leave their cars at home (by taking the wrong decisions in traffic management) that you will make Bristol a greener city. You have to improve the roads layout, not make it worse.	1
Grand Total		16

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	Review of Children Centres and Early Years support (R-PP-003)	
	112 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PP-003)	(R-PP-003)comment	Total
Strongly agree	More money needs to be spent on this matter than any other	1
Agree	Education needs massive improvement currently waste awful amount of money	1
	I agree they should be reviewed to make sure they are providing their best service. However if this is just a ploy to make them easier for you to close them. Then I strongly disagree.	1
	Really key to keep sure start type programmes going	1
Disagree	Already the tory government has hammered children's services. These proposals just add more difficulty to the more vulnerable in our society. The effects of what has been done to childrens services won't be apparent for many years but they will affect the quality of life in our city. Too late for the current mayor and council to take responsibility for it but none the less they will be responsible.	1
	As a new parent I have found the children's Centres in my surrounding area invaluable for support. I would not class myself as being from a disadvantaged background so would imagine the services I would be able to access would be severely reduced as I wouldn't be eligible for support. I am not originally from Bristol, I do not have family around nor a vast network of friends, so to be able to go along to groups run by the childrens centres and feel part of a community has been amazing for both me and my daughter (she is 6 months old now). I would be truly saddened if these groups ceased to exist. I would suggest instead of the open groups stopping (if that is part of the suggestion, as I understand it) that some funds could come from those going to the group that are willing/able to make a small donation for attendance. Obviously I haven't been to all the childrens centres but from what I have seen cuts have already impacted the volume of services on offer and I would hate to think that soon very little if any community groups would be available for the average mum/dad to attend with their little one/s. Obviously providing for those from disadvantaged backgrounds and with disabilities is essential but I would hope/think that at least some of the services could be integrated to provide a greater sense of community rather than crushing it.	1
	Centres and other early years support help the next generation as well as the current generation and need more cash rather than less	1
	Children Centres are used by families on low income, redesign yes but do not reduce spending for the most disadvantaged	1
	Childrens Centres focus on the most excluded sections of the community and do excellent work. Childrens Centres in Bristol are especially effective as they are mostly embedded in communities through being co located with nursery schools. I am chair of the Finance Committee of Filton Ave Centre and it is the view of staff and governors that these changes will amount to serious service reductions, especially in family outreach. This will lead to greater expenditure in the future when the early intervention needed is not delivered. We therefore ask that the level funding reductions should be reconsidered and the timing of such reductions be also reconsidered to give more time to realign services	1

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	critical for future to protect early years and childrens centers	1
	I don't necessarily disagree with the proposal to better target funding but data collected by settings shows the existing reach areas to be incorrect. These need to be based on the actual data before decisions are reached. Furthermore the council's inability to reach a decision on these over the past 12 months shows an inherent waste of money. What is the point of collecting the data if you don't use it?	1
	It seems two parent families where both parents work (part or full time) are set to lose out on having any childrens services available to them as services will be targeted only at those families on benefits or single parent/disabled families from what I can gather - why are families where both parents work always penalised the most??	1
	it would be a huge loss to lose services. Childcare costs are prohibitive to so many not just the poorest and prevents many mothers returning to work.	1
	Reduction in funding to Children's Centres Firstly, I believe that any reduction in funding for Early Years Services will be seriously detrimental to the young children of Bristol, particularly in the light of the growing recognition of the great contribution that Early Years provision makes to children's development. I note that proposed reduced in funding is targeted at families in greatest need and that Redcliffe Children's Centre is correctly identified as serving an area of high deprivation. I therefore wish to seek clarification that our funding will be unaffected by the proposed reductions. Reduction in funding for training and qualifications At Redcliffe Children's Centre we place a great deal of importance on maintaining a high level of qualification for our workforce. This approach has been a significant contributory factor in : â€¢ our consistently achieving â€œOutstandingâ€ assessments at OFSTED inspections â€¢ our recent designation of Teaching School status. I therefore take the view that any reduction in funding for training is likely to lead to a reduction in the quality of service that Children's Centres can provide. Reduction in cost of Speech, Language and Communication Therapy services These skills are an essential part of the services we offer at Redcliffe Children's Centre, particularly as we operate within an area of significant ethnic diversity. Any reduction in funding would be detrimental to the service we deliver and we will scrutinise the detailed recommendations when they are published. Reduction in Paid Childcare I note the suggestion that Children's Centres â€œmay not directly provide additional paid childcare for parents needing longer hoursâ€™. I request clarification of the rationale behind this proposal. Roger Guck, Governor, Redcliffe Children's Centre.	1
	Support for families is the back bone of society. Ensuring children have a sure start in life will reape rewards and make savings else where	1
	we need to continue to support the needs of families esp in deprived areas	1
	Whilst recognising the need to review children's centres as part of the budget proposals I would want to ensure that the council is aware that (a)There is a sound evidence base underpinning CCs and their potential to reduce adverse outcomes and expenditure in later years (b) that phase 1 and 2 CC implementation provided CCs in the most disadvantaged areas and that phase 3 (more affluent areas) was never fully implemented in Bristol, therefore any physical centres we have are already in areas of relative disadvantage (c) an increase in targeted services and a reduction in universal provision WILL result in increased stigmatisation of those services remaining, and will risk alienating the very families you wish to engage. Targeted may be a false economy. Sir Michael Marmots report on reducing inequalities emphasised giving EVERY child the best start in life.	1
Strongly disagree	As somebody who works in this sector and sees the vital work that is done in the most deprived areas and with those who require the greatest support, it is an absolute disgrace that this sector has become such an easy target for cuts. This directly undermines the well-being of children and families who rely on these vital services for serious support.	1

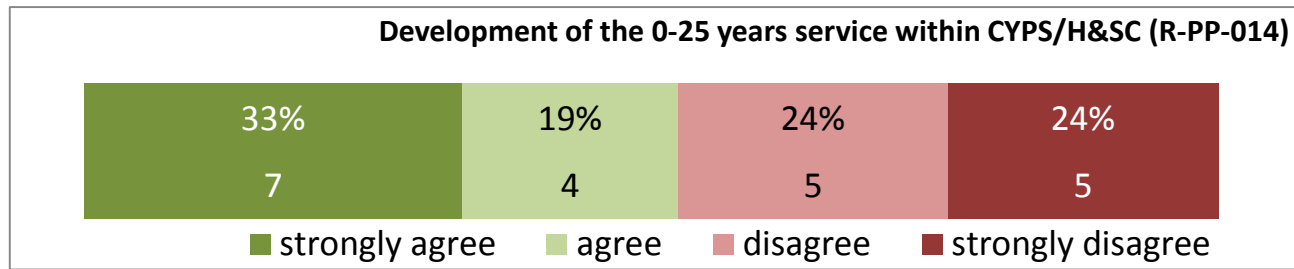
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	By stopping the option for Parents to pay for additional hours, you are creating an imbalance in the rooms. It will end up with rooms full of very needy young children, rather than a balance of needy children and their peers learning together. It will be like the old Social Services Day Nurseries. Didn't we learn anything from that experience?	1
	Children centres have had a huge impact on families within Bristol, not only children but pregnant women, first time mums and vulnerable families. A cut in these vital services would be a disgrace.	1
	Children centres provide a valuable service to vulnerable families & any cuts have a dramatic effect on the services provided.	1
	Children;s Centres are leading the way on complex mulit agency working which holds the child/family at the heart of all provision. Early intervention support and investment should be made with children and families at the beginning of their journey in Bristol, The most effective children;s centres are attached to high quality Nursery Schools, who lead the way in narrowing the gap for the most disadvantaged children. Children;s Centres are already struggling from the first blow of reduction to budgets - they are still in their infancy in terms of developing accountable provision and measures to evidence impact - their services needed to be sustainable and others services aligned to the work they are leading on. Bristol Children;s Centres have nationally recognised practice and expertise from which all services can learn. They lead the way in parental engagement, which is the direction Bristol needs to go in to improveme acheivement for children from 5-19yrs	1
	Children's Centre's and Early years centres provide vital support for families in Bristol. Early intervention which saves money in the long term. Cutting these services and staff which have been invested in by our local area would be short sighted.	1
	Children's centres are vital to our communities without them the welfare of our children will be but in danger.	1
	Childrens Centres provide centres of excellence in preschool care and support. They are vital services in communities and support for the poorest and most vulnerable families who could 'disappear' if the support is withdrawn,	1
	Don't cut sure start centres	1
	high quality early years education is paramount in establishing and supporting children's learning developing sound lifelong learning skills resilience and social skills England has one of the lowest academic results for a westernised country rich early learning experiences provided by very experienced qualified staff is fundamental to enable young children to flouish at school backed up by extensive research EPPE Project protect Children Centres and the high calibre of staff teams, not reduce it make cuts.	1
	I cannot see how the funding being reduced will ensure (wording from proposal) 'that funding is targeted on families with the greatest need'. I work at a school in Hartcliffe, and the Children's Centre is invaluable in providing early education and support to very vulnerable families in this area.	1
	I don't think 'universal' services should be stopped as lots of working mothers such as myself, who may be just above the deprivation threshold will lose out which is unfair and those on benefits will benefit even more. I also don't think the funding budget for staff training should be reduced as it's really important that they are kept up-to-date with the latest in childcare.	1
	I think it is wrong to reduce speech language and communication therapy for children with special needs. I am concerned re. the money spent on BME communiities. As many families don't try and speak English to their children. It is a great worry that more people will be coming into this country who don't speak English hence will cost even more money which we don't have	1
	It is incredibly short-sighted to cut Early Years support--this is just taking away services which prevent children becoming more expensive for the council in later year! Such poor planning.	1

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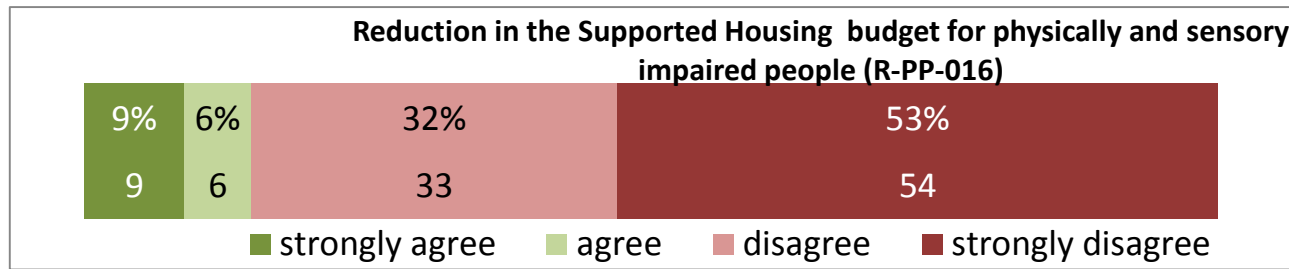
	Limiting childrens centres to only the most disadvantaged means many parents will not take up the services due to stigma. stopping the wrap around childcare options is disastrous for getting parents (espeically single parents) back into work - you can't find a job that only covers 15 hours a week over 5 days!	1
	Making it more difficult for mothers to get back into work will not improve the health of our economy.	1
	Reducing funding to children's centres will increase the number of children at risk as they will not be referred to social care when necessary. It will also mean increased workload (and cost) for other services working with infants, including health visitors, and CAMHS. Supposedly you are working towards the principles of 1. Protect vital services for those who need them most, 2. Help close the city's inequality gap and 3. Create resilient communities where more people can help themselves and each other. Children's centres support these principles and to cut funding to them increases inequality and will reduce community togetherness. It will be damaging to the most vulnerable families. It will impact on breastfeeding targets. It will impact on the early intervention which all the research suggests prevents later problems which will cost the council and health service much more in the long run.	1
	The childrens centre my children attend has been a life line for us. I have attended the groups since both my children were 6 weeks old (my oldest is now 4). They supported me with childcare in order to go back to work and have been supportive in every aspect of my life.	1
	The children's centre work is excellent and essential. I've been to see it and volunteered to help.	1
	The Council acknowledges that 15 jobs will be axed in Childrens Centre's ? although it is difficult to read that in the EQIA which talks about "targeting resources" and "refocusing funding" etc. Which Children's Centre's are the Council considering closing, if plans are so advanced ? Strongly disagree.	1
	The early years workforce has thrived in the implementation of children's centres which offer early intervention for many families which saves money in the future. Cutting these services will undermine all the work that has gone into building these strong and valuable centres. I agree that cuts can be made to training budgets but giving less funding to the centres to work with on programmes for families and highly qualified and experiences staff is a mistake.	1
	Why are you reviewing this? they do a great job.	1
	You cannot reduce the money given to children's centres. What needs to happen is to make sure they are being used properly. If they are then they will provide early support to families in Bristol and therefore stop further problems later on. You can identify vunerable families - particulay those who slip below the radar of social services. The proposed 1.5 million is a massive amount of money and will have a detrimental effect Bristol's youngest and their families.	1

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Development of the 0-25 years service within CYPS/H&SC (R-PP-014)	Development of the 0-25 years service within CYPS/H&SC (R-PP-014)	
	23 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PP-014)	(R-PP-014)comment	Total
0	Development of what youth services have already been commissioned out with not much success. Having detrimental effect on those communities that valued and relied on the service to support them. Look at keeping the service in the deprived areas. Provide an effective service without duplication, waste of resources, mismanagement, ineffective staff, don't take away completely.	1
Strongly agree	excellent idea	1
Disagree	I am concerned about how this would be implemented as it would directly affect my 7 yr old daughter who has severe disabilities. Services are all ready under strain and difficult to come by so I would worry how this would be rolled out and if the children most in need but with responsible parents would "miss out" as parents are viewed as coping and managing (This is my personal experience).	1
	If there is a reduction the Mayor should ensure it's more successful than the redesign of the youth service as that went very badly	1
Strongly disagree	I don't understand how you can propose to reduce by 343k when the service has not started and is imperative to the future of services children with PMLD have and are currently coming up very fast through BCC services.	1
	Investing in our children and supporting young people is key to the future of this city and abandoning those that are most vulnerable is a disgrace.	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1

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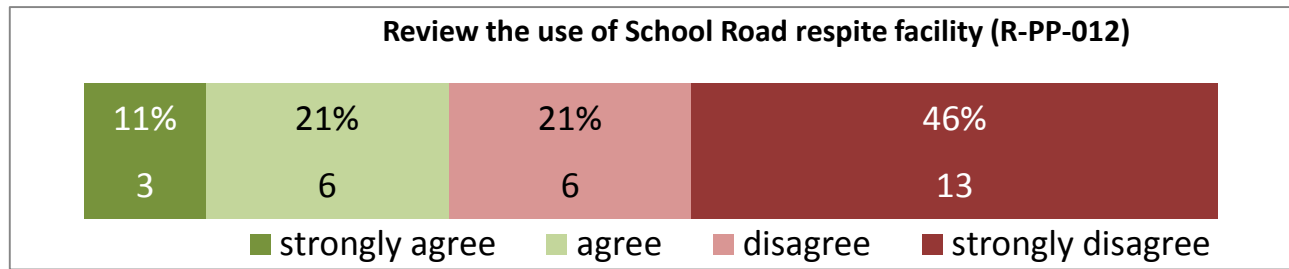


Reduction in the Supported Housing budget for physically and sensory impaired people (R-PP-016)	Reduction in the Supported Housing budget for physically and sensory impaired people (R-PP-016)	
	102 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PP-016)	(R-PP-016)comment	Total
Agree	disability benefits available to help individuals fund this	1
Disagree	Cuts to this will cause more poverty and deaths	1
	firstly this will put me out of a job. secondly the proposals are due to come into effect when the welfare reform changes to benefits are also coming into effect. The impact on the lives of the people involved could be severe. It appears to show thoughtlessness	1
	I think this is an essential part of council support services	1
	I write on behalf of my disabled son who lives in a Habinteg, Nash Drive, flat with care & support. He values the regular in house visits from his nominated support worker as he knows her well and has confidence that she is completely aware of all his needs. He will find difficulty relating to community based persons unknown to him. Until an agency covering both care & support is in place at The Bristol/Nash Drive please delay this decision	2
	It is important that people with disabilities be given the right accommodation and consideration	1
	more needy than some	1
	Physically and sensory impaired people are already disadvantaged and isolated. they need all the support they can get. Find the money from combining Children's centres with libraries and making better use of school buildings in evenings and weekends.	1
	That could be a bit cruel if the person has no family or friends how will they cope ?	1
Strongly disagree	A section of society who are entitled to live as independently as possible as everyone without a physical or sensory impairment expects. A reduction in this funding feel like it is taking away a much needed support to prevent social isolation and therefore individuals health and well-being.	1
	If you reduce this provision, how do you propose that their quality of life is as good as other citizens in Bristol?	1
	I'm not entirely certain whether supported housing for people with mental health needs falls into this category, but if so I feel that the proposed reductions are too drastic. I know that this sector is struggling to cope with the demand for housing and support with their current funding, therefore reducing it further would mean having to tell a lot of people that they are unable to help.	1

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	My brother Ian Hudson is a resident at the Bristol. He is 47 and having had a brain hemorage has been left such that he is unable to read and write. He is also paralysed down his right side and is blind in his right eye. His wife divorced him shortly after his illness when he took up residence at the Bristol. I am his only relative and live 3.5 hours away. Each week the support at the bristol has helped him with essential matters which allow him to live independently e.g. reading letters, accessing his bank account to manage his affairs etc. etc. Without this support we do not know what he will do! He and other residents are horribly vulnerable and is only with this support that he has been able to live independently and near to his children. We all understand the need for budgetary cuts but surely these people shouldn't just be abandoned!! We're informed that replacement services will be assessed but we do not know by what criteria - it makes no sense to target this service in our opinion and the impact on our lives will be devastating.	1
	Please do not allow the need for cuts to most affect those who need our support.	1
	Punishing the most vulnerable.	1
	Rather than curring down the support, identify the individuals who are getting benefits by cheating council and stop them taking advantage	1
	Stop the bedroom tax	1
	taking away from the least able again.	1
	The EQIA states "There will be an impact on service users currently accessing these services. A proportion of service users will no longer receive a service & others will have a change of service. There will be an impact to staff employed by the provider(s); however the extent of this impact is unknown. The reduction of service may impact on service users support networks and other related services, organisations and/or agencies." Insufficient detail provided. Strongly disagree.	1
	The proposal is misleading " it is not a reduction in funding, but the actual deletion of 3 housing related support services for physically disabled people, including a high support, independent living skills service at The Bristol. These services cannot be replaced by the Council's generic floating support service.	1
	The proposal to cut support services for people with physical and sensory impairments will have a significant impact, not addressed adequately by the Equality Impact Assessment. The proposal withdraws funding from existing specialist supported living and housing related support services, depending on generic floating support. The proposals to cut warden services and older-person-specific floating support also depend on generic floating support to fill the gap. However, the generic floating support service already supports 250 service users at any one time and 600 per year, i.e. 5 months average length of service per person. Hence it is not well placed to meet the needs of the specialist service currently being provided.	1
	these people need the help they are getting.	1
	They need more help and support not less	2
	This cannot happen as there is a large population of disabled people who need full time supported care.	1
	This is unacceptable. Evidence that the effects of this budget upon these people have been considered is not convincing.	1
	this seems morally wrong	1

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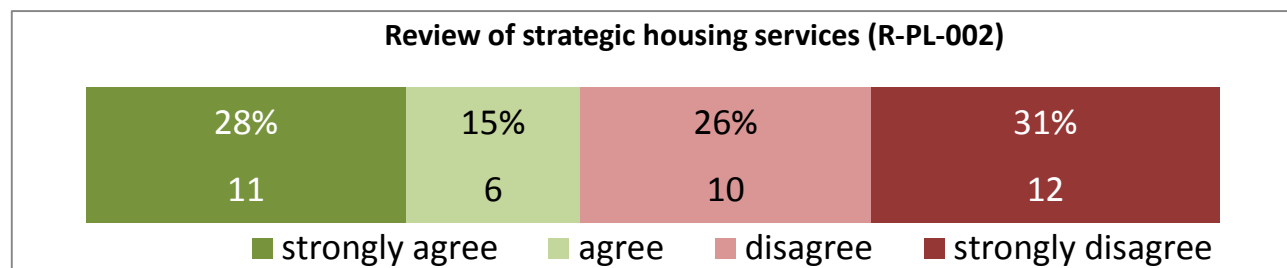


Review the use of School Road respite facility (R-PP-012)	Review the use of School Road respite facility (R-PP-012)	
	31 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PP-012)	(R-PP-012)comment	Total
Agree	too much money for a 7 bed facility	1
Disagree	Respite care is so essential for carers, mostly women in Bristol.	1
Strongly disagree	A much needed facility that needs to continue	1
	Closure of School Road Respite facility will be a further reduction of respite facilities provided by Bristol City Council following the closure of several other establishments over the past few years. No information provided as to the extent of other respite facilities available. Strongly disagree.	1
	There is no need to review School Road because it works well for Carers and their loved ones with learning difficulties and if it is working well please leave well alone. School Road is very important for Carers for respite care for their loved ones with learning difficulties. It is a lifeline for them and the people with learning difficulties love going there. Carers are able to have respite to re-charge their batteries ready to start caring again. They are happy to do this as they know that their loved ones will be well looked after as the staff are very caring. Their loved ones can also be with their friends some whom they only see here since the Bush closure. There has been talk about Shared Lives but we and other carers don't want a family we are their family. Carers are very concerned re. Winterbourne View so don't want their loved ones to go anywhere else. If Carers don't get respite care at School Road then they won't be able to cope and it will cost the Council more in the long run as their loved ones will end up in care. School Road should not be sold off it should be kept for respite care for people with learning difficulties. If this building is sold off it will be lost forever, it is a lifeline for Carers. There is no alternative the same.	1
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	these are vulnerable people who need support	1

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	This facility supports 51 people with learning difficulties and their parents/carers. The cost of sufficient social workers etc to reassess all of the people with learning difficulties and all of their parents/carers etc is something which is not required when they are quite happy with the service that they are know being provided with. At a meeting held at the Bristol 600 club all of the parents/carers that attended said that they were happy with what they are provided with at School Road and that there is absolutely no reason to change. it.	1
	This is a well used and cost effective respite service. It provides the support that families and carers need to enable them to continue to care for their loved ones at home - thereby saving the council money by not accessing full time residential provision. Many of the people who access this service are autistic and need the stability and familiarity that attending respite at School Road provides.	1
	This is an incredibly valuable service and needs to be retained.	1
	will it take a child to die, before you realise how important these people are.	1

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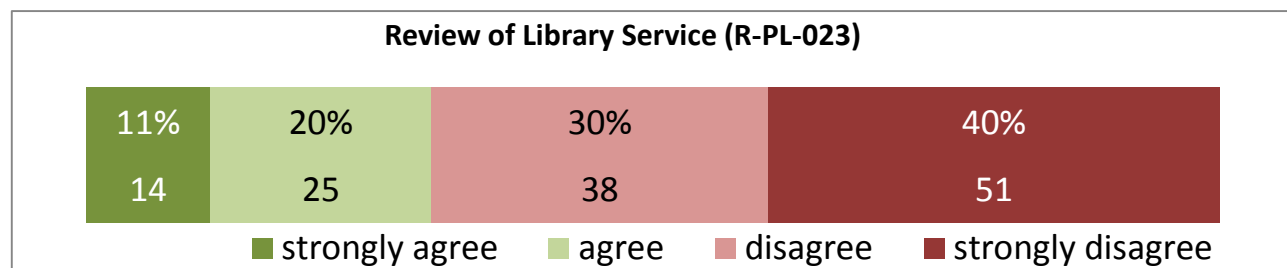


Review of strategic housing services (R-PL-002)	Review of strategic housing services (R-PL-002)	
	41 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PL-002)	(R-PL-002)comment	Total
Strongly agree	roll over budgets to the next financial year and wing fence them and reduce the levels of managers	1
Agree	Much strategic work could possibly be eliminated as it is provided by external organisations	1
Disagree	Housing should be a priority to continue to make Bristol a great City of live in	1
	I am concerned about reduction in welfare advice, particularly in the context of the government's welfare reform agenda which sees more people requiring this service, alongside cuts to legal aid which has taken capacity out of the advice sector. People are queuing out the doors to access advice - this is a preventative empowering service, critical when times are tough.	1
	there must be realistic resources for increased demand on strategic housing from ongoing welfare reform changes	1
	this will impact on women tenants affected by domestic violence	1
Strongly disagree	Due to staff incompetence in housing department I was unable to apply for a council flat accomodation for 4-6 months as the interent application scheme didn't work and they lost my correct address until they recognised their error and offerered me sheltered accomodation after 3 years in unfit building for habitation and in one room rented bedsit.	1
	If support to physically disabled people is stopped, referral to a specialist advice centre like WRAMAS is the only option. The reduction in staffing at WRAMAS that the cuts will result in mean disabled people (who make up 71 % of WRAMAS clients, as acknowledged in the Equality Impact Assessment) having far less assistance with welfare benefits and debt issues. This may in turn mean disabled people will find themselves at greater risk of losing their tenancies.	1

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	<p>The proposal to cut funding for the Welfare Rights and Money Advice Service is badly thought out, will have serious consequences for some of the most vulnerable citizens, and should be reversed. It was initially disguised as a cut to training only- or rather replacement of nearly all face to face training by e-learning, which is a debatable and untested idea in itself. What was concealed was the true size of the cut- Â£150k pa, or half the Supporting People funding, ie about 4 posts out of 8.2. This cut would drastically reduce the ability of the specialist welfare rights and money advisers to support 100s of support workers in dozens of organisations, working with thousands of the most vulnerable citizens each year- particularly disabled people at a time when many benefit cuts are being targeted at disabled people. This is a very effective service, valued by support workers, providing c400 training days a year and FT helpline for support workers, direct benefit gains/income maintained about Â£1.5 million this year, and much more gained by support workers. Not only that but the services could face an additional impact by suffering vacant post deletion due to unspecified savings in Strat Hsg not listed here. The SP funding team in HSC did not want to cut this service, it is purely being done to make Strat Hsg savings, but the cut is less than 1% of the SH budget and could easily be found elsewhere. The WRAMAS service will not close as a result, but the loss of 4 specialist posts will have a big impact. The 2nd EQIA is disingenuous in stating that the reduction in casework could be managed by prioritising people with protected characteristics as almost all of the current caseload has protected characteristics. Bear in mind that the benefits income gained is central Govt funding into the city, enables independent living and prevents homelessness.</p>	1
	<p>The proposed cut to Welfare Rights and Money Advice Support Services (WRAMAS) is more than half of the Supporting People contract funding. It provides essential support worker helplines, a range of specialist and assisted casework, plus training and information for many supported housing services. Assisted casework is an innovative Bristol model of working that saves costs for advice agencies and support services by allowing support workers to provide expert advice by proxy. The loss of 4 posts will have a direct impact on hundreds of vulnerable service users who will no longer receive specialist work including appeal representation “as there is no spare capacity in other advice services” and the ending of much of the helpline support and training would significantly increase costs in supported housing services. In addition, many of the recently re-commissioned services have depended on the WRAMAS training as part of their tender submissions. Hence this cut, which was not planned by the Supporting People commissioning team, will affect preventative services for vulnerable people that are proven to save costs in statutory duties for people whose tenancies fail, at a time when advice and support needs are growing due to welfare reforms and increasing personal debt.</p>	1
	Too many charges for the worst results already	1
	<p>WRAMAS is a vital service that significantly improves the quality of other SP services. Benefit reform means that more than ever we are relying on WRAMAS to provide free training for our staff and telephone advice. SP services are being cut elsewhere and cannot bear additional training costs. Even if SP services do fund the cost of training, the quality of services would reduce and time would be wasted without the high quality case work that WRAMAS provides. Please reconsider this proposal.</p>	1
	wramas provide invaluable support	1

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	Review of Library Service (R-PL-023)	
	130 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-023)	(R-PL-023)comment	Total
Strongly agree	There is a major opportunity to re-invent library services to be relevant to the digitally enabled world of the 21st century. Also suggest that the potential for closer working and collaboration between Library and Museum services should be included in this review. This could both deliver cost savings and more relevant services.	1
Agree	Agree that library service needs re-evaluating, at the moment some branches are hardly used (partly due to opening new libraries nearby) Central library however is busy and often seems to be understaffed. Perhaps more funds should go in to creating an outstanding central library and the smaller branches could close, especially if they are on a bus route to Central. Also, the mobile service could be re-introduced to visit the areas that have lost their branch libraries. Funds should be directed into keeping libraries open and running and not used to fund special projects.	1
	Have fewer branch libraries, located near or with other local authority services, some of the current buildings are not at the heart of the community ie. Eastville, Sea Mills and would benefit by being moved nearer other community facilities. More modern buildings with separate meeting space for hire, public toilets, space for community surgeries etc would be better. Fewer libraries open longer hours 'super libraries' would be better. Management structure is clumsy, too many layers to get through for decisions.	1
	However, timing of such a big potential area of saving seems late in the 3 yr cycle	1
	I agree that the whole library service needs redesigning, though not necessarily the £1.1million in savings to be made. I envisage libraries making significant savings by the sharing of buildings and expansion of services on offer, for instance customer service points. I do not agree that the service should be reduced, savings could be made by reducing the number of branch libraries, but they should be replaced with fewer, modern libraries open for longer, which would require less staff	1
	I agree with reservations on this proposal, but I'd particularly like to see a public consultation on how libraries can be used better/by a wider range of people. I also believe that local libraries are an important community resource so I wouldn't want to see centralisation.	1
	Library service is an important part of communities, but opening hours are not always the best, Late nights do not need to be beyond 6 pm especially in areas where shops close at 5.30 and the area becomes like a ghost town	1
	Review is needed to ensure improvements. Computer access inadequate for users without internet at home.	1
	Review library services so that they are more efficient, do not close or reduce them, they are still needed.	1
	this city we have a fantastic library service, however some of the buildings are now in the wrong locations and are expensive to run. I would love an iconic imaginative new library on the waterfront designed by Zaha Hadid for example. How come Birmingham have managed to do it? why can't we? Also there could be a library in Cabot's Circus or out at Cribbs Causeway.	1

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	Too many libraries in Bristol- close the Clifton library and make the central library a 0900 to 1800 service. We need a library that is open every day so people can read and feel proud of their city- even in times of financial stress we cannot lose this.	1
Disagree	A strong, local public library service is vital to our community. I am very concerned that at a time where freely available information services are so sorely needed by the poorest in our society that services will be cut. It is vital for trained library staff to be on hand to assist and serve the public, particularly when the digital divide is widening. Families in struggling communities need free access to resources that can support literacy and change lives. I realise that the budget cuts have to fall somewhere and that libraries, museums and leisure services are almost always the place that people begin to make savings because otherwise it will fall on other, perhaps more immediately obvious areas of council care BUT in order to make sure that everyone in the City has a chance to engage in society I strongly believe that a full, professionally run Library Service is essential, not an added luxury.	1
	Appreciate impossible job deciding what gets cut but access to knowledge, ideas, escape, help, dreams should remain open. If there was a way to leave this service undiminished that would be my choice.	1
	At least, please do not sell off any non-duplicated items, as these public library collections have been invested in over many years, and are part of what makes our society civilized.	1
	I am losing my sight and the provision of audiobooks by the library service is invaluable and would be hard to replace	1
	I think a cut of 1.1 million would devastate the library service and render it useless. It is vitally important part of our society, not only providing access to culture, but allowing poorer households access to important resources (especially children doing homework). The computers in the libraries are vital for people to access the council's benefits and to help people search for work. I would suggest that libraries are not make to cut their budgets quite so much, as I appreciate that cuts have already been made quite deeply to reduce staffing levels etc.	1
	I think library services should be protected	1
	I would be opposed to reduced library services for prisons	1
	important facility even if used occasionally - my own circumstances have varied greatly over time, and my use of the library will vary accordingly	1
	Libraries are a relatively low cost part of the budget, but are important for education and also community feeling and engagement. I would like to see libraries protected.	1
	Libraries are a valuable and fundamental community resources. They should be protected from any form of cuts.	1
	Libraries are an easy target but are a vital resource for many	1
	Library services need to be protected in the interests of advancement of knowledge, and research opportunities, for all.	1
	Not everyone has internet facilities, this is an important educational resource.	1
	Public libraries should all be retained but reduce their heating. They are too hot . Save energy	1
	Reduce management but not front line. There are 38 managers ie. 2 for every branch!	1
	The libraries have already made significant savings. The proposal notes that 15% have a library card, but that is still a significant number of people, and other people expect the service to be there if they need it.	1
	The library service is a vital service particularly to the very young and the very old who have little access to many other services. My daughter is nearly 3 and her favourite outing of the week is the storytime at our local library. I believe this has been invaluable to developing her love of books, her writing skills and listening skills, her socialisation, her sense of achievement when completing a craft task and preparing her for nursery and school. I would rather pay a small fee to keep these services going than not have access to something which I hope will be	1

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	part of her childhood for many years to come, as trips to the library were part of mine as I grew up.	
	The proposed saving here is a massive one. I suspect the delay until 16/17 is in the hope that library closures will be less of a hot potato by then. You must know that library closures are a very unpopular policy as shown in several other local authorities. Having easy access to a library is the sign of a civilised society. But we need professional staff, who are reliable and dependable. Take a look at Birmingham's new central library. It's amazing. It's buzzing! People visit it, use it, spend the day in it. And not just students and researchers, it's full of families. In Bristol we sell off parts of our library building to a free school. But we need our branch libraries as well. Apart from access to books, many people don't have their own computer. Job centres send benefit claimants to libraries to use their online packages. They don't have an alternative! Where would they go without libraries? More and more libraries are seen as safe havens. Children are safe there. People with mental health problems are safe there. Lonely people are safe there. Where will these people go if our libraries close?	1
	There seems to be a lack of long term planning to protect and nurture the existing trees, including those to be planted under the PIPS scheme. I have voted for a 5% increase to reflect that I think this is an important issue.	1
	This proposal is too vague to have meaning and it is hard to see how library services can make significant further efficiencies without impact on library use.	1
	Whilst a review may be useful I believe Library services in Bristol should not be reduced.	1
Strongly disagree	A proposal has not yet been outlined but I totally disagree with closing any libraries as they are such an important factor towards our culture and education and give poorer people a way of educating themselves which they would otherwise not get.	1
	all libraries should stay open - they are a crucial resource for children and adults.	1
	Cilip, the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals has a policy of NOT supporting volunteer-led libraries. Volunteers should be an addition to paid, qualified, experienced library staff, not instead of. I believe that in the long-term a volunteer-run library is unsustainable. Estimates suggest that for every 1 FTE member of staff, you need 10 volunteers to replace them. Library provision starts to become a lottery in terms of whether you live in a wealthy area, where there is more likely to be available volunteers who can keep a library open in some shape, or in a deprived community where engagement in volunteering is lower. In addition, there is a very serious question around the legality of volunteer-run libraries. The Public Lending Right may not extend to volunteer-led libraries which are outside of council run statutory services. This proposal sets to have a huge impact on library provision in Bristol and fails to recognise the economic impact that libraries have on communities in terms of raising literacy levels, etc. Whilst Bristol has always had a generous number of branch libraries, these proposals go too far in potentially reducing their numbers. In hand with current proposals to lease the lower-ground floors of Bristol Central Library, branch libraries are set to become of further importance in accessing resources locally. In addition, looking at CIPFA stats for Bristol Library Service, you could question whether Bristol is using its funds efficiently, as there appears to be lower engagement with library users when compared with other LA's. For example, how many hours a week does the 'Customer Services' Librarian spend out on the library floor, with library members? Why is Bristol Library Services unable to engage with Twitter followers (many tweets going unanswered), respond in a timely manner to online queries, or even conduct local shelf tidies - answer appears to be that this is a service that has already faced cuts in recent years and is already struggling to meet customer needs due to a lack of staff. Self-Service	1

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	machines do not replace staff. I don't want a library run by unskilled volunteers replacing paid staff, or staffed by a security guard and a self-service machine	
	Difficult to comment without firm proposals - but libraries are an investment in both the present and the future. Services should not be reduced or undermined.	1
	Don't touch the libraries!	1
	Elderly and young need to read	1
	having an elderly housebound relative who uses the at home service I am very concerned at just what the council will replace this with? The branch libraries have limited supplies of large print books, and no longer supply spoken word cassettes. When the mobile library was stopped the at home service became a lifeline for many Bristolians unable to attend libraries and to have equality with able bodied readers. Voluntary deliveries still have to be collected from a base. will this be a local library if so will there be more staff to deal with the extra work load..	1
	Huge cuts in the library service will affect the public's access to education, leisure and also to public use computers in a time when so much of the Councils services, job seeking and information is digital. Many people do not have access at home to a computer	1
	I am concerned that a cut of 20% will lead to the decimation of the library service, not only do they provide us with a book lending service but they also offer computers use for anybody who need them. The universal job match site is needed to enable me to update my job seeking and applying for Jobs. The staff are always on hand to help with their use and I would not be able to do half the form filling i do without the help recieved. The staff are always there to help people with needs. Probably not what they are expected to do- I have heard them contact support workers on behalf of people and sort out their problems that they need help with to carry on with their lives- without this help people will be in real crisis and it will cost the council loads more	1
	I cannot believe that 20% can be saved from the library budget without having a detrimental effect on people living in less affluent areas. A small library like Marksbury Rd provides so many activities for the local people in an area where there is nothing else going on. 6 classes visit the library every week from the local Primary School. There is a weekly Pre school Story time for under 5's, a weekly Baby bounce and Rhyme session. Every Saturday there are craft activities on offer for the local children and all through the school holidays as well. There is an adult Reading Group that meets monthly and a Friends of the Library group who organise activities to promote the library and enrich the lives of local residents. The two Bedminster City Councillors also use the library for their monthly Surgery and Local groups hire the library for their meetings. Many of these activities do not show up when the "Statistics" are looked at and compared, but they nonetheless provide life enhancing experiences for the local people at a time of austerity. More and more people are using the library to look and apply for jobs and most need an extraordinary amount of help. Some people just want somewhere to come for some company and many just want somewhere to come in out of the cold. When considering which, if any, libraries should close, please consider the local area and bear in mind that people in Henleaze & Clifton, for example, are very much more able to provide extra curricular activities for their families than people in less well off areas. People who shout the loudest are usually not the people in greatest need and it is very likely that the people who respond to this survey will be the more privileged articulate and less needy ones.	1
	I disagree with selling off the library's lower floor on a 125-year lease.	1
	I think this level of cuts to library service will be harmful to a number of communities and particularly to vulnerable residents and the youngest and oldest members of local communities. It is a false economy to deeply cut library services which cost relatively little to run but which add immeasurable value	1

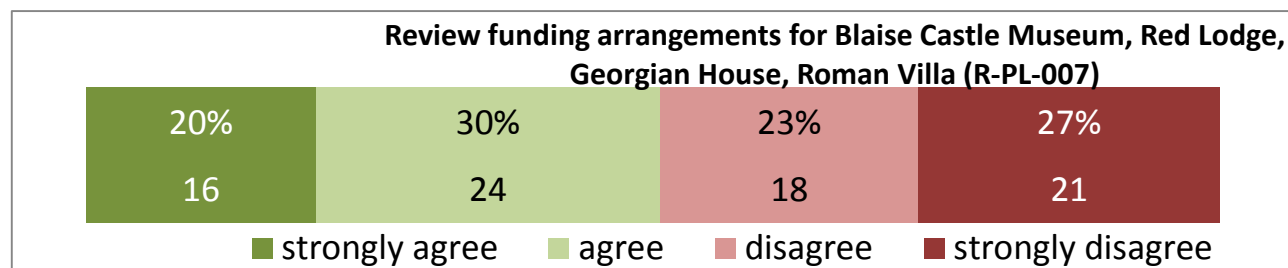
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	<p>If the required 1.1 million is to be lost from the Library service where 80% expenditure is staffing it will inevitably mean a cut in Libraries as they are already run on minimum staffing levels. Libraries are used by the whole community, they are a community resource for information ironically where , George Fergusson put all the consultation details for the Budget for people to read . In times of austerity people need these resources more. People with no internet access at home can come to apply for jobs or benefits on line or pay bills as well as loan books and other Library materials. Blind service users come to borrow talking books, children learn how to resource information as well as read books. There are sessions for baby bounce bringing babies and carers together to sing, a place where young mums can talk to each other at a time when they may feel isolated. Storytime helps older children enjoy listening to stories being read to them, carers are encouraged to read to their children at home. Libraries are a community resource which Bristol cannot afford to lose. There are opportunities for Libraries to be incorporated within a shared building to reduce running costs. Bishopston library would have opportunities to get funding from the PCT for the 2 doctors surgeries to use Library facilities. Community groups could also use the building and as this new library will be open more days and longer hours than the older Library at Cheltenham Road, Horfield Library its partner could close an extra day. Charges could be made for the public use of Library computers not a prohibitive amount but a small fee, often people are surprised that this service is free.</p>	1
	<p>It is important to preserve the community library services which have already been stripped to a barely functional staffing level. Libraries serve as a sanctuary (being maybe the last free public space available to all) to many vulnerable members of society, as well as a haven of learning to many children whose parents may not currently be able to afford the books they'll need to support their learning. If the Mayor treats the Library service as a whole with the contempt he's shown it during the sham Cathedral Primary School subterranean classroom proposal, there could very well soon be no library service at all.</p>	1
	<p>Leave the libraries alone. Please. They've been beaten enough in recent years.</p>	1
	<p>Libraries are a cornerstone of civil society.</p>	1
	<p>Libraries are essential to the well being of a civilised and cultured society. Contrary to the current political belief that libraries are simply rooms full of books libraries work at many levels. In the current economic climate they may simply be used as a place to go that is warm for families who can't afford to put the heating on in their homes and there is no cost involved. For the unemployed , many of whom do not have computers or even the ability to use one the library offers free access to computers and if better staffed could also help people sign on and find jobs - the criteria for job seekers allowance demands a person apply for 15 jobs a week most of which need to be done online.</p>	1
	<p>Libraries are hugely important within any civilised society, enabling cohesion and equality.</p>	1
	<p>Libraries are the backbone of individual communities by cutting library services BCC are directly affecting the most vulnerable and in need sectors of our city. As schools and job centres made it a statutory requirement to use both the internet for research and registration processes good quality local access in a supported environment with knowledgeable, trained staff is paramount to investing in the children and therefore future of the city and the unemployed returning to jobs and thus enabling them to contribute to the city's economy. A book provides a wealth of different services compared to the elderly, books on prescription offer assistance to doctors decreasing the need for NHS spending, knowledge to those who need to increase knowledge and skills and joy and expansion of mind to others. Libraries save BBC spending in areas of schools libraries, health, employment, skills assistance and elderly care they do not increase it.</p>	1
	<p>Libraries make learning and literature available to all, not just those who can afford to buy books. Cutting the funding is another shift towards the rich winning out.</p>	1
	<p>Library services are vital to the community and should be expanded not reduced</p>	1
	<p>Moving the unique Central Library archives and selling off parts of the building should NOT be</p>	1

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	part of the plan.	
	need to keep libraries open-as other public services closing	1
	People who cannot leave their homes need this service most do not see anyone in weeks social services have enough to do these are vulnerable people who need trustworthy library staff as resent news social services do not provide trustworthy staff think again these people are treasure's and need respect	1
	The libraries as they are currently are lovely, and VERY VERY IMPORTANT. Cutting library funding, or in a worse case scenario, closing libraries, will reduce literacy rates and make people very sad and angry.	1
	The library is even more important in these difficult times. Especially our branch librabry at St George.	1
	The library service seems to be suffering excessively in this budget - in this instance it seems to be about what BCC can get away with rather than what its citizens want or need, aided by notoriously woolly legislation. Libraries deliver very good value for money and benifit citizens in a myriad of ways not always readily apparent. They are also very often the last Council facility in the location the serve.	1
	This service provides an invaluable source of interaction for the older generation especially for vulnerable and isolated individuals.	1
	To take 20% from the libraries budget will result in a huge diminution in service. Libraries provide for everyone across the community and underpin educational and cultural life in Bristol. They also provide a lifeline to the disadvantaged, and are needed more and more when other services are denied to them. There are huge opportunities to work with job centres and benefit and advice groups, especially in view of Universal Credit proposals where people will have to use online services - not everyone has access to a computer, or indeed knows how to use one, and libraries can play a vital role here, being a neutral public space with trained staff. To think about cutting the libraries budget is short-sighted - we live in times when more money should go into them.	1

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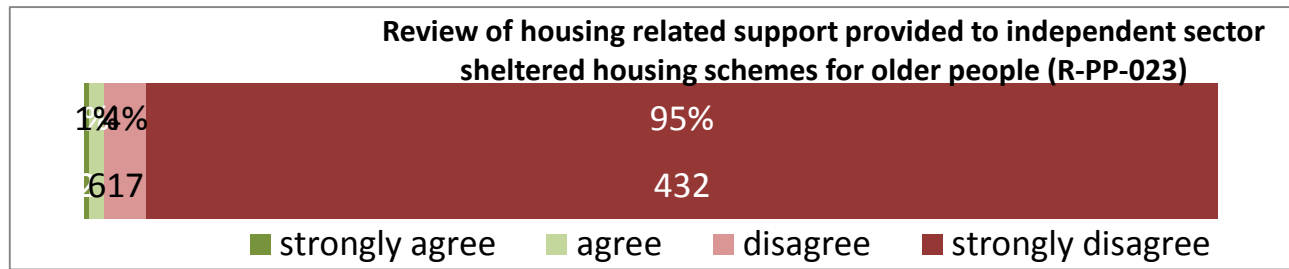


Review funding arrangements for Blaise Castle Museum, Red Lodge, Georgian House, Roman Villa (R-PL-007)	Review funding arrangements for Blaise Castle Museum, Red Lodge, Georgian House, Roman Villa (R-PL-007)	
	80 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-007)	(R-PL-007)comment	Total
Strongly agree	Don't fund as these are not essential. Charge on entry instead.	1
	Visitors should pay (more) to enter towards the costs	1
Agree	Agree with reviewing, however not too much as they are vital to Bristol's past.	1
	I agree with part of this proposal. I can see a case for Red Lodge, Georgian House and Roman Villa being managed in a different way - for example, in partnership with National Trust. Blaise Castle is different, as it also includes a children's playground which is currently free to access and used by both local children, children attending schools in the neighbourhood (including the SEN school, Woodstock), and children across Bristol. I'd support a small charge for use of parking in this establishment (as there is in Ashton Court Estate) if it would help keep this resource freely available for people in Bristol.	1
	People could be charged to use these facilities- those who are interested wouldn't mind paying for their use	1
	Should be extended to museum and art gallery - do not need a municipal art collection (particularly when most is not displayed) consider selling collections to other organisations.	1
	These elements of the museum service are important and should be marketed better and charge a small fee for entry. In Europe most cities have more and better presented / marketed museum venues than Bristol. Essential to entertain and engage tourists.	1
	These services could locally fundraise within their own company	1
Disagree	Ashton Court funding should also be included in this proposal as it is a huge money drain and situated in North Somerset	1
	Blaise Castle Museum is a magnet for the area and its closure would be a great loss	1
	I disagree with closure. Could saving be achieved through (1) using volunteers & (2) making entry charges?	1
	It would not be appropriate to cut funding which attracts tourists to the City nor impair its cultural history.	1
	Proposals would have an undue effect on communities in Lawrence Weston and Henbury-- appears to be another case of cutting services in the most economically deprived areas of the city	1
	Reasonable entry charges	1
	Should be made profitable by entry fees	1

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	The houses are part of Bristol's heritage and should be kept and managed by and for the city.	1
	These museums and their collections belong to the citizens of Bristol and should not be closed permanently, sold off or operated by an outside contractor.	1
Strongly disagree	== Bristol Museum & Art Gallery is effectively a heritage hub for the area, which includes the RWA, and the university's Theatre Collection, as well as the Georgian House and the Red Lodge. Closing either of the latter would impact on the overall offer	1
	An alternative is to open these learning facilities on a limited basis at a lower cost. Museums and art galleries are essential places of learning and the funding could be reduced by fewer opening hours.	1
	Better use could be made of the museums. There should be more temporary exhibitions to attract visitors. Red Lodge should have better signage. Better / relevant publications should be available to raise revenue.	1
	Blaise Castle Museum, Georgian House and Red Lodge are jewels in Bristol's crown; they must remain open to the public (although opening times could be reviewed). They are far more valuable and important than the M-shed which is just an old shed and should receive no public subsidy; it is little used by the ordinary public although it is clear that the Council is trying to make it look more used by scheduling lots of meetings there. The Council should also get rid of Ashton Court Mansion and associated costs; its current state of repair is a disgrace and the Council cannot afford to restore it - and it is not even in Bristol!	1
	I have worked in three of the above properties as a BCC employee in the past so have first hand knowledge of the issues involved. Yes these properties cost a lot of maintain but they are jewels belonging to the City and I don't feel that they have always been treated as such. Years of mismanagement have meant that our stunning Georgian House gets no where near the footfall or publicity that it deserves and the Red Lodge and it's garden have likewise suffered from underfunding for so long that I have serious concerns about the fabric of the Red Lodge in particular. Whatever you decide to do in terms of funding for these buildings you must make it so that they are protected for the people of Bristol because anything else would be tragic.	1
	if they end up having to charge to survive you will remove this important part of our heritage from the poorest yet again.	1
	It's a small saving and a massive cultural loss. We should market them to encourage more visitors	1
	Reducing access to cultural sites owned by the people of the city is terrible	1
	The proposal amounts to closing these wonderful places, unacceptably depriving the public of a free public good. This is the exact opposite of what should be done in times of austerity.	1
	These are all part of the city's history and culture and should be supported	1
	these are vital places of interest for visitors, this could stop more visitors, thus money to Bristol	1
	This is a necessary tourist & Community attraction	1

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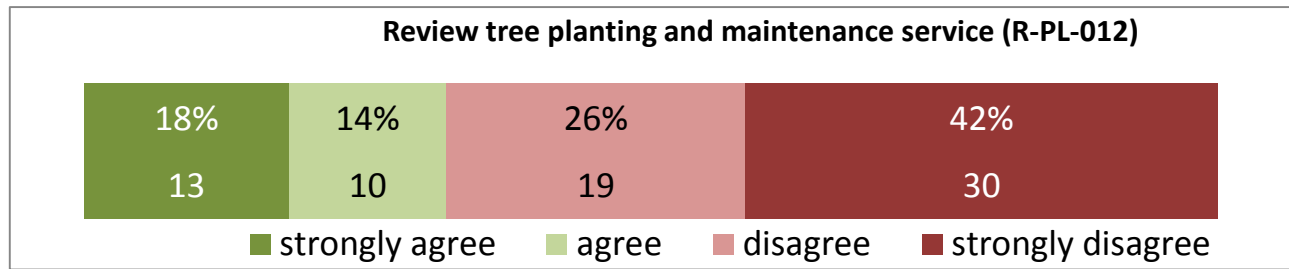


Review of housing related support provided to independent sector sheltered housing schemes for older people (R-PP-023)	Review of housing related support provided to independent sector sheltered housing schemes for older people (R-PP-023)	
	457 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PP-023)	(R-PP-023)comment	Total
Agree	<p>Ceasing older people warden and alarm service. Fundamentally disagree with making cuts to this service. Low level support at only £6.00 pw pp is keeping many older people independent and avoiding the need for higher costs in adult social care/health services. For knightstone sheltered services, the Council is proposing removing funding of £11,000 when one broken hip costs the Country £28,000. Can you also clarify whether cuts are for some sheltered schemes and not all. Knightstone have just invested considerable sums in making the schemes fit for future to help people maintain their independence. By removing the low level support service, they task will be undermined and made far more difficult. Vital that full consultation is undertaken with service users and an assessment on each individual if the service was cut. We do not consider that a floating support service meets all the needs of older people living in sheltered housing as the presence and reassurance of the staff help to give some older people the confidence in living independently.</p>	1
Disagree	Cannot expect older people to live independently if there isn't the provision to allow this.	1
	If Serco, G4S, Capita or Atos supplies any of our services, then the whole thing needs looking at. These companies make enormous profits at the citizens expense. The country used to supply these services much better before outsourcing	1
	Please ask the residents how they would feel about this - see if they are willing to lose their warden.	1
	Regular warden contact probably reduces isolation and pre-empts emergencies that end up costing the public purse more. Regular wardens provide continuity that is very important to older people's sense of safety and wellbeing.	1
	The proposals to cut warden services for older people (R-PP-018, R-PP-019, R-PP-023) depend on and refer to older-person-specific floating support but there is a separate proposal to cut that too (R-PP-022), which would place a massive strain on the generic floating support which already supports 250 service users at any one time and 600 per year, i.e. 5 months average length of service per person, and is already expected to meet the needs of people with physical and sensory impairments whose existing supported living and housing support services are being cut by another proposal. The Equality Impact Assessments for these cuts to services for older people do not adequately reflect the risks and the mitigating factors are unlikely to have	1

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	the stated effect “ therefore they will critically affect support for vulnerable older people.	
	There is no substitute for daily contact. Find the money by further reduction on R-PL-013 subsidy for leisure and sports contracts and from R-PP-020 home improvement agency	1
	Vulnerable people should be protected as much as is possible	1
	We3 should be looking after the Elderly ,	1
Strongly disagree	Budget in general discriminates against older people. This proposal in particular discriminates against independent sector tenants as council tenants will be able to benefit from low level floating services.	1
	IT will lead to demand on other services increasing	1
	Not necessary, cost of implementing it is too expensive	1
	Older people are perpetually victimised by cuts in the hope that they cannot defend themselves. In this case, with internet-based consultation - older people are among the groups most excluded from commenting on cuts which will adversely affect them	1
	Older people are the most vulnerable. Please DO NOT cut any support for elderly.	1
	Older people over the years have earned - a little help	1
	This should not be happening at all.	1

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Review tree planting and maintenance service (R-PL-012)	Review tree planting and maintenance service (R-PL-012)	
	73 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-012)	(R-PL-012)comment	Total
0	Should planting tress really be a consideration when we have a budget deficit the size that we have???	1
Strongly agree	Bring in more NGOs and other organizations, set target for corporates to plant certain number of trees in a particular year	1
	could be voluntary	1
	the the air is so bad in BRISTOL we have to plant more i have to use oxygen its so bad some days	1
	Tree planting should be deferred for a couple of years. Focus on vulnerable people first	1
	We have enough trees already	1
Agree	Trees are vital to our air quality and we need to review this and get better sources of funding	1
Disagree	Bristol have good parks, and we're the European Green Capital 2015. We really will lose something fundamental to Bristol if we lose our trees.	1
	Bristol's green space is what makes the city and wonderful place to live. Trees are also vital for the environment.	1
	I think that there is a lack of long term planning for the maintenance of existing tress, and those to be planted in the PIPS scheme. planning to avoid losing existing trees should be prioritised over planting new ones.	1
	Money could be better spent elsewhere	1
	Not sure how primary school children are going to be able to provide a maintenance programme for the trees that they have planted. It's good to get children involved, but I think some professional expertise is needed.	1
	Reducing resources for maintaining newly planted trees is a nonsense - trees will die so it will be a waste of planting them in the first place. Bristol needs to increase the tree canopy - reducing LA staff and resources is very short-termist. There is a limit to how much local volunteers can manage.	1
	Reduction in some tree maintenance works will have some significant H & S implications. Epicormic Growth removal if not managed particularly on highway trees can present major restrictions to pedestrians, in particular both mobility/wheelchair users and buggy users, especially in built up residential areas and where there high volumes of on street parking. If unmanaged, this can further H & S issues such as poor visibility for drivers at road junctions and along the highways. Residents have reported concerns with regards to major access issues. Any further reduction of tree maintenance may increase this problem.	1

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	this proposal shows no forward thinking and puts all tree maintenance on an existing project that was already looking for funding. Little maintenance is done on trees in parks and is at a bare minimum this risks no works been done on trees when much more management is needed not less	1
	this will mean no mature tree planting and a huge funding gap when the pips project finishes which will ultimately hit the rest of the parks budget in 3 years time long term maintenance funding for trees should be addressed	1
	Tree planting and community maintenance is very important for everyone. Trees is good to reduce pollution and improve the health of the population .	1
	We cannot endanger the trees in our city or stop replacing old ones so must exercise caution on reducing funds to this.	1
	Whilst a review may be useful I do not believe the council should reduce budget for tree planting and maintenance. The environment is a key factor in people's health and wellbeing.	1
Strongly disagree	A lot of excellent work has been done by BCC on trees in Bristol in the last 5-8 years. At last we are seeing the benefits with some stunning projects having reached fruition. To retreat to statutory work only, just keeping bus routes unobstructed and trees "safe" by felling them is so short sighted it makes my blood boil. The more so because the money that should be being spent on tree management and continuing to plant decent sized trees has been purloined by the Mayor for political purposes as a pet project called Tree Pips just to get him a good name. All the good work done will deteriorate and we shall be back to where we were in the early 2000s and the previous money spent will have been wasted. What has been achieved should be maintained before new projects are embarked upon which put in jeopardy previous good outcomes.	1
	Given the Mayor's support for the Bristol 'Pips' tree planting project for schoolchildren and its key linkage with Bristol European Green Capital 2015, any reduction in the already modest budget figure for this category of £748,000 would be misguided and would impact significantly on the wider health & wellbeing for Bristol to be derived from planting more trees.	1
	Money needs to be made available to water in and generally provide aftercare for the trees planted under the PiPS scheme. The PiPS trees are generally going to be small species which is fine but these will have little overall effect in adding to the additional canopy cooling required to mitigate global warming. Where is the money for any tree planting after the PiPS scheme comes to a close in 2016/17?	1

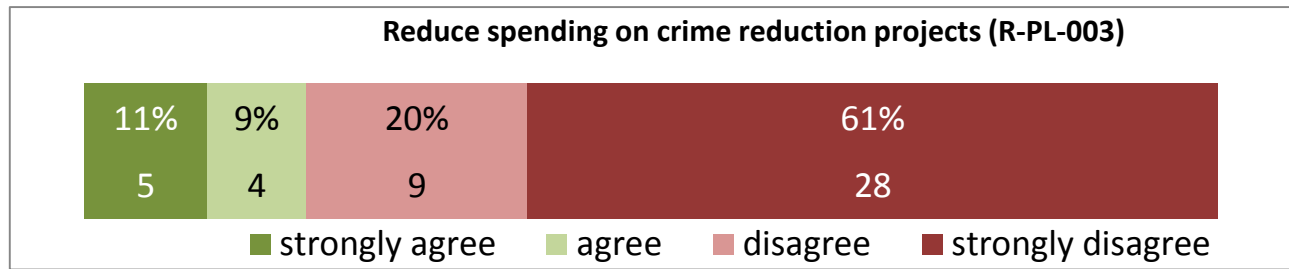
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	The case for maintaining and increasing the tree canopy in Bristol is accepted by most (including the Mayor) as irrefutable. The social, economic, environmental and health benefits of trees are well documented and recognised by all, and need not be repeated here. This being the case the argument moves on to how best to achieve this. There is an enormous support and good will shared by communities in Bristol to increasing tree numbers, and this manifests in a willingness to engage with BCC in tree management (through attendance at Tree Forum meetings), sponsorship of trees (both individually and via Neighbourhood Partnerships) and tree planting events. The Council is in danger of losing this good will and support through their very short sighted policy on tree replacement and maintenance. The public see tree stumps appearing all over the city with no sign of replacement, and feel that their commitment to trees is not being matched by their elected representatives of council officers. This will inevitably lead to cynicism and a loss of support within local communities for tree related activities. It will then be very difficult to tap into this important financial and practical resource. A fundamental rethink on the economics of tree management is needed. When considered in isolation, the cheapest option for any problem tree is usually felling. However, this does not take into consideration the cost of replacement. Just as when a car develops a fault, the minimum cost action is to scrap it. This is the difference between cost and cost effective. I believe that funding for tree management should not be reduced (over and above the "additional" Tree Pips initiative), but also as the most cost effective tree management procedure, felling should be the very last option, and only ever carried out with immediate replacement. Furthermore, local communities should be properly engaged in this process, and representative members of the Tree Forum involved in consultation in advance of any felling decision, to explore more "cost effective" options.	1
	The latest research links trees and GI with local economic success. New trees are very popular and good for economic and human health. Maintenance of existing assests needs to be done well and not loads of stumps left in the streets. The current proposal to cut by Â£300k is badly thought through and a negative point against the mayor, it implies his vision for Bristol is one of buildings and roads without the balancing effect of green infrastructure. The PiPS project could be good and bring trees to a new generation of Bristolians but it mustn't get hijacked by the loacl food lobby who have ill thought through proposals.	1
	The ongoing tree planting and maintenance in Bristol must continue. Due to climate change, the city must increase its canopy cover to provide resilience to its citizens and wildlife in the coming years. Trees also need to be a part of addressing the health inequalities in Bristol, particularly South Bristol (Bedminster, etc), which has been much neglected in regard to tree planting. The health benefits of trees include reducing pollution, providing urban sanctuaries, promoting well being and sustaining healthy ecosystems are well documented. Trees are a long term asset that needs to have continued and sustained investment. Funding cannot be cut off to this valuable part of Bristol life and a feature that brings tourism to our beautiful city. The retun on investment for funding this asset is the health of us, our children, their children's children and beyond as well as increasing tourist revenue streams for visitors wanting to visit a truly green capital.	1
	There must be long term assurance that trees planted under the Pips programme will be maintained, and that trees that die or have to be felled will be replaced if we are to ensure the dioubling of canopy cover to which we are com mitted.	1
	This seems essential for a green city	1
	Tree maintenance can certainly be reduced, but to abandon tree planting is misguided.	1
	Tree maintenance has already been cut to the minimum. This is a Health and Safety issue and therefore a statutory requirement. It must not be cut any further.	1
	Trees are essential to the city and it is appalling that new planting and maintenance are to be abandoned just as happened with Maggie Thatcher's poll tax cuts -history repeats itself	1

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	Up to now the Council have had a good record for tree planting and maintaining trees in the City and this must continue. Trees are beneficial in so many ways including; the health and well being of the citizens of Bristol and the future generations.	1
	We desperately need more trees planted and the existing ones looked after properly in order to mitigate climate change effects. They shade us, they give out oxygen, they make us happy to see them they are home to whole ecosystems they give us food they give us blossom and they help regulate micro and macro climate . South Bristol has very few trees an needs more to make it a more pleasant healthier and happier place. Money spent on trees will be saved in the long term health and tourism benefits.	1
	We need more trees not less.	1
	We should continue with our cultural heritage on this vital community requirement	1

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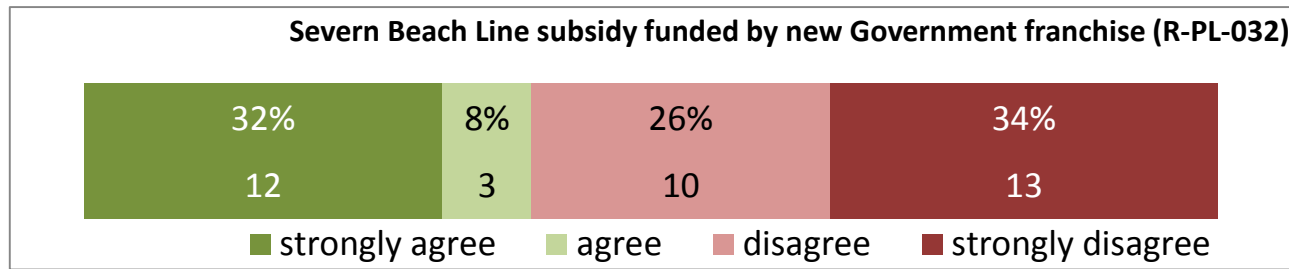


Reduce spending on crime reduction projects (R-PL-003)	Reduce spending on crime reduction projects (R-PL-003)	
	46 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-003)	(R-PL-003)comment	Total
Strongly agree	That should come out of the police budget.	1
Agree	make these historic properties self funding, by making them profitable taurist attractions	1
	not sure how effective this is	1
Disagree	crime reduction is very important comunity issue for everyone. So reduction in support is very short sight view of the issue.	1
	Depends how successful they have been!	1
	Have a think we need safe Bristol	1
	If this proposal impacts on services for domestic violence and other violence services this will have a significant further impact on the help available to women and children who are at risk of violence. Already 150 women a day are being turned away from refuge in England due to LA cuts.	1
	Reducing spending on crime prevention is likely to increase overall costs to the council, e.g. repairing vandalism damage.	1
	These projects have a massive impact on those most vulnerable in our community, it seems ludicrous to reduce this budget - the costs of dealing with actual crime are far more than preventing crime	1
Strongly disagree	A vital service, already under funded. Incidence of domestic violence are likely to rise in response to cuts and job losses.	1
	Bristol is becoming a dangerous city, with now areas like Redland, Clifton and Cotham seeing lots of anti-social behaviour and even cases of rape. Security is not an area where you cut investments, dear mayor.	1
	crime has fallen, lets keep it that way.	1
	Domestic and sexual violence is already poorly addressed - cutting this area in particular seems like a very bad choice that will disproportionately affect the most vulnerable and have a gender-specific impact	1
	Domestic and sexual violence services are getting hit, meaning the cuts affect women disproportionately. Women desperately need these services, it should be a priority for improvements rather than cuts.	1
	Essential for a safer city	1

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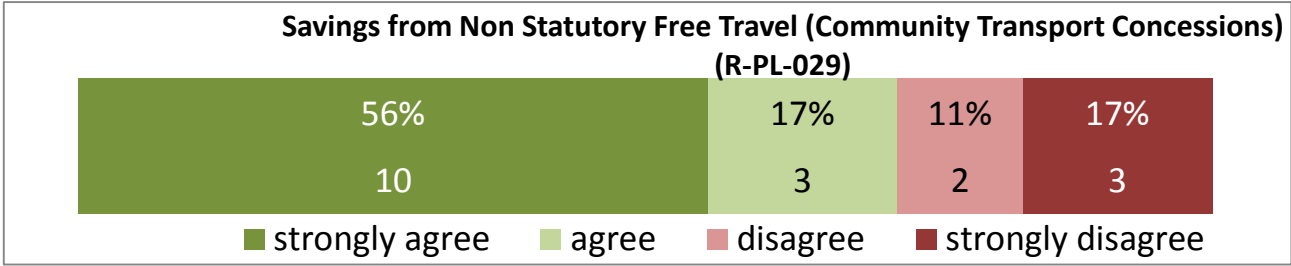
	I would like to comment on the withdrawal of funding from domestic violence perpetrator work which is the sole funding reduction for reducing spending on crime in Safer Bristol. Stopping this service is already having an enormous impact on women and children who are victims of domestic violence. To retain perpetrator work was a high priority for victims who were consulted on the budget proposals. This is because this is the only domestic violence service which holds the perpetrator to account; that men who commit domestic violence are wrong and must change. Without this service, every service who deals with domestic violence will have nowhere to refer the perpetrator. Children and Young People's services (who have a huge caseload of domestic violence cases), family courts etc will now only be able to hold the victims to account for their partner's behaviour; i.e. women will be told they are the ones who have to leave home or give up their children when they cannot control their abusive partner's behaviour; thus re-victimizing the victim. It has been deemed that perpetrator work is too expensive. This judgment was based on old figures taken from the developmental stage of the project. The project has since doubled its output. Change work with perpetrators is expensive but it is cost-effective. It is long term work which stops men repeat offending; common to male perpetrators. It stops child protection procedures and it keeps families together; it stops hospitals having to treat physical damage from domestic violence; it stops victims seeking emergency housing; it stops absences from work; it teaches the children of every man who changes that domestic violence is wrong; it is the only service which stops the cycle of abuse. For every man who changes several women and child victims, friends and relatives can be affected. Most men who complete, recommend the service to men they know who abuse their partners and children. The expense of the project has been mis-judged: how can you compare long term change work with short term phone interventions with victims, for instance? For every £4 spent on tackling domestic abuse, £10.50 is saved if a community domestic violence perpetrator programme is available. To take away this one service, rather than make cuts to all, is a mistake with far reaching consequences that decision makers have not fully considered.	1
	Rape is still a risk for young women if police are not patrolling streets at night also break ins and robbery. Crime prevention a necessary priority, not traffic offences.	1
	Seeing the comments from certain groups about this type of work, the removal of it is frightening.	1
	The council should not be reducing funding to projects which aim to reduce domestic and sexual violence.	1
	This seems insane.	1
	this will result in increased costs elsewhere	1
	To reduce spending on domestic and sexual violence support services will result in further costs in other areas	1
	Very short term saving. Massive long term cost for the next Mayor to pick up, and community to live with.	1
	We should spend money on anything that reduces crime	1

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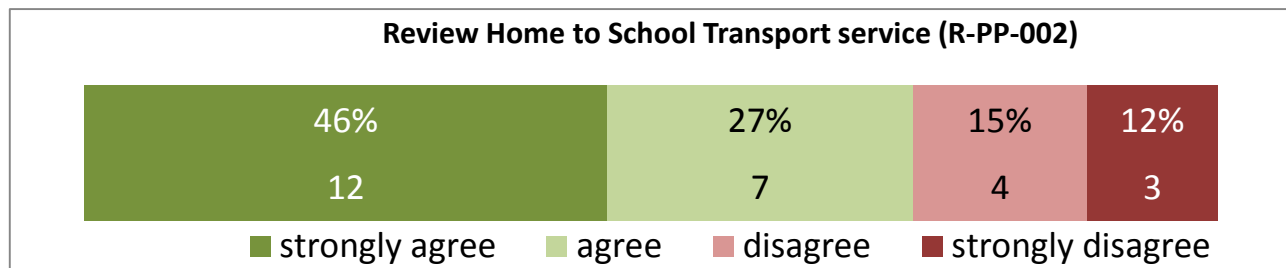
Severn Beach Line subsidy funded by new Government franchise (R-PL-032)	Severn Beach Line subsidy funded by new Government franchise (R-PL-032)	
	40 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-032)	(R-PL-032)comment	Total
Strongly agree	By installing a Request Stop Platform at the Portway Park and Ride, better use would be made of the Park. [Attached sheet was provided - digital copy included in results folder.]	1
	would improve transport choice for commuters	1
Agree	FGW or whoever must take on this responsibility. We need an ITA in Bristol for transport though, paid for by and extra charge on the CCouncil Tax if needed	1
Disagree	Again this goes against the Mayor's vision of creating a highly performing transport network	1
	As with most franchising, simply private contract by the back door. Inevitably requires some public subsidy and funding at some point, usually far more than initially forecast.	1
	Essential to relieve traffic problems	1
	Only if this matches the the current support and allows for necessary service improvements	1
	There is a big problem with revenue protection on this line. At peak times it is effectively a free service.	1
	We are trying to reduce the number of cars on our roads yet you are pulling public transport funding, Avonmouth and Sea Mills are areas of lower social deprivation, the train service provides a quick and cheap method (cheaper than the bus) for people to get to the city centre	1
Strongly disagree	Again, removing subsidies for public transport seems very short sighted for the long term viability of transport in Bristol	1
	Avonmouth could be a potential revenue generating dock, so Seven beach subsidy should not be cut.	1
	I fear that if funding is stopped to this line, the hard won extensions to the timetable will contract again. This rail service provides an extremely valuable link between different areas of Bristol that cannot easily be made by bus. I fear that entirely commercialising it will result in raised prices and reduced service.	1
	We havw more important issues to be funding right now!	1

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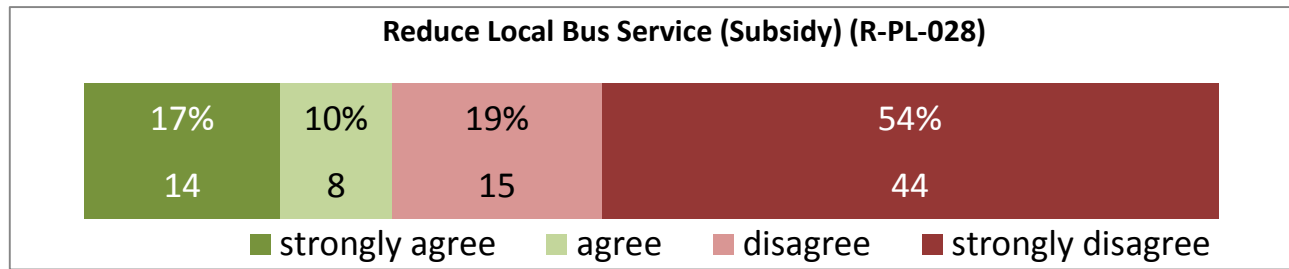
Savings from Non Statutory Free Travel (Community Transport Concessions) (R-PL-029)	Savings from Non Statutory Free Travel (Community Transport Concessions) (R-PL-029)	
	13 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-029)	(R-PL-029)comment	Total
Strongly agree	If these are non statutory a contribution from users should be sought.	1
	This has strong potential to unfairly discriminate most vulnerable disabled people. It seems extremely wrong to me.	1

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Review Home to School Transport service (R-PP-002)	Review Home to School Transport service (R-PP-002)	
	28 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PP-002)	(R-PP-002)comment	Total
Strongly agree	This does need to be looked at, I walk my disabled daughter to school in her wheelchair further than other parents at the same school who have transport provided for their children. I see it as my job, other parents who have disabled children manage to walk or use public transport if they don't have a car. It should only be given to the families with the greatest need and not necessarily those who live far away from school if they have an alternative means of transport.	1
	This should be cut completely. With an adequate public transport system this should not be needed	1
	Use 1 taxi or bus to its full potential not 1person per taxi etc	1
Disagree	Increasing this doesn't seem efficient, when public transport routes are set to see decreased timetables under other proposals.	1
Strongly disagree	The children in need of this service are vulnerable and at risk of losing out on their education without this service. Do not touch anything to do with young people. Find another saving. Try cutting the salaries of the top 5% council employees by 10%. That should do it.	1

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Reduce Local Bus Service (Subsidy) (R-PL-028)	Reduce Local Bus Service (Subsidy) (R-PL-028)	
	83 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PL-028)	(R-PL-028)comment	Total
Strongly agree	First bus quite frankly run an abysmal service and allowing them to profit from bus subsidies is ridiculous	1
	Most of the Wessex Bus Services in North Bristol often run without anyone on board	1
	Public transport is still too expensive. I assume this makes it even more expensive.	1
	Remove subsidy entirely. If services cannot be self-sustaining through demand then they should not run	1
	restrict it to less hours and days, say after 11:00 till 5:00 and Monday to Thursday including Saturday excluding Sunday	1
	With First and Wessex taking on more commercial services I think the support for non-P&R services could be reduced further with relatively low impact.	1
	You must ensure that the bus company continue to offer a public service. Bristol is not a cash cow for them	1
Agree	Believe that further cuts could be made by reduced fares in the private sector and doubling up on school journeys	1
	First Bus needs to carry the cost of this with reduced profit margins	1
	Tendered service 515 runs between Stockwood and Imperial Park, via the South Bristol Community Hospital as a few residents said they wanted a direct service, ignoring the fact they can change between services 2 & 50 / 51 at Knowle Broadwalk for SBCH and 2 & 36 at Knowle Broadwalk for Imperial Park. Scrapping this service would free resource for services where there is no alternate provision. An example of this is the proposal to close the three public toilets on The Downs, which is shortsighted given that one of the Public Health objectives is to get more people exercising in the fresh air, and one of economic objectives is to encourage visitors and tourism.	1
	this can be done via community transport	1
Disagree	Bristol has a disastrous transport system and anything reducing public transport is a bad idea	1
	Hengrove/Whitchurch bus services (50, 2, 90) are already suffering from route changes made earlier this year, without stopping the night, Sunday and early morning services these provide - how will shift workers & hospital staff be able to get to and from work?, how will elderly people get out and about, and teenagers who use these services in the evenings be able to manage if these services are cut? Not everyone works 9-5 Monday - Friday!!	1
	Public transport should be self-funding, not paid for by taxpayers.	1
	reduce further	1
	Some elderly people will lose services which could lead to problems and an increase in social	1

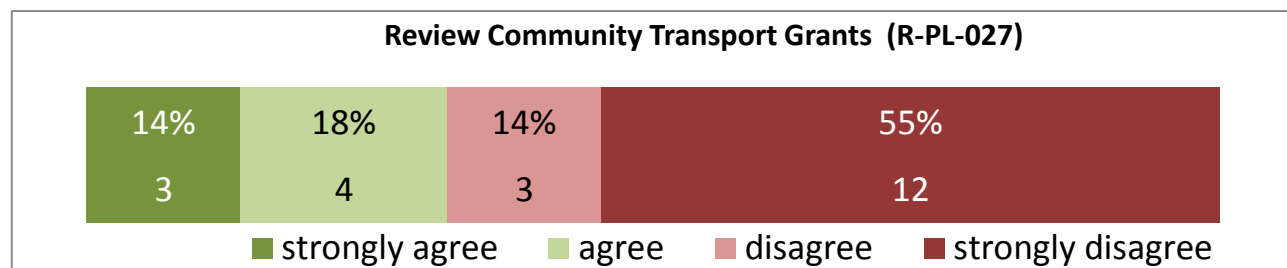
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	The bus service is presently expensive and seemingly 'disjointed' with park and ride busses not taking anything other than park and ride travelers though passing along routs others would use! There are meaningful school children or accompanying adult discounts to encourage greater use of the bus.	1
	This goes completely against the Mayor's vision of creating a highly performing transport network	1
	This proposal will disadvantage older,poorer people unfairly	1
	We are trying to reduce the number of cars on our roads yet you are pulling public transport funding, Avonmouth and Sea Mills are areas of lower social deprivation, the train service provides a quick and cheap method (cheaper than the bus) for people to get to the city centre	1
Strongly disagree	Bring back night busses	1
	Bristol bus service is poor at best compared with other cities. This would make it worse. Not everyone drives a car	1
	Bristol should follow Newcastle's example and take the bus service back in-house. First bus are profit driven (obviously) and therefore have no interest in the people of Bristol except in as much as it can maximise its profits from them. Taking away subsidies will mean only profitable (commuter) routes will be run, meaning reduced mobility for thousands of people for all kinds of trips. By taking the bus service in-house, the council can make a surplus of funds and more importantly provide a fairly priced service that runs for the benefit of Bristol residents rather than remote shareholders.	1
	Bristol's bus service needs support to make it effective and then demand will grow.	1
	Bus service is already unreliable enough that many people are driving just so they can get where they need to be on time. Money saved here will need to be spent again on dealing with congestion.	1
	bus service is vital to ease congestion in the city not to mention providing cheap transport to people who are on lower salaries already struggling to get to work, reducing the subsidy with either increase the costs or limit the service	1
	Buses help people to get to work- if they cant get to work they end up at the job center unemployed and taking benefits. This idea is ludicrous.	1
	Don't take away our bus passes!	1
	Having just negotiated to get bus fares simplified, I find it ridiculous that the Council is proposing to tear up that work so soon.	1
	How can Bristol claim to have a decent bus service if local non profitable services cannot afford to run. Another cut which would penalise elderly and non-car owning families.	1
	I have two reasons for disagreeing with this proposal - A incentive to reduce car useage is required and the main factors that will stop people using cars is a cheap and reliable bus service. The second is because those who rely on the bus service are those who cannot afford an alternative	1
	Local bus service subsidy is important and essential for poorer residents and to combat traffic congestion	1
	Local buses provide only alternative to car usage and should be encouraged	1
	Not everyone can ride a bike and we shouldn't be forced to. Lack of buses will isolate many people.	1
	Reducing avaiable frequency of bus services reduces the relative attractiveness of this method of transport. Even if it's a handful of 'under used' services that are cut, the PERCEPTION of this to the public is that the serives aren't as frequent. The council should be doing everything to	1

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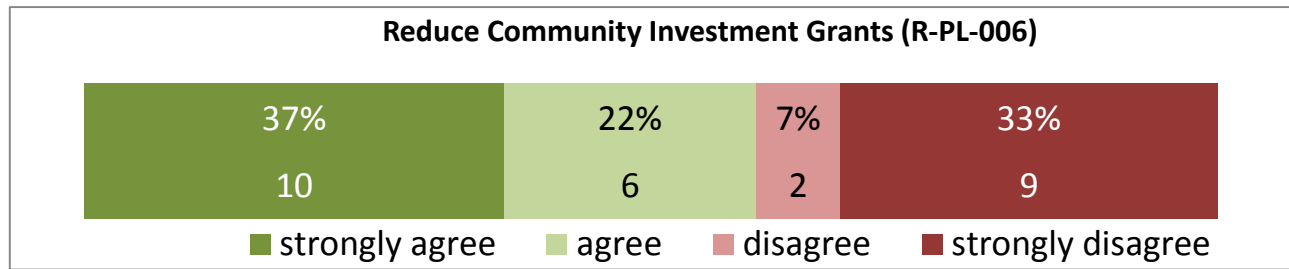
	maintain (and improve) bus frequency/reliability in Bristol.	
	Thatcher hated public transport and new cuts will go against environmental and equality improvements made in the city and impoverish further people on low incomes	1
	The bus services as they are, are terrible enough. People without the choice of a car are directly affected, and would be more so if the services are further reduced.	1
	The only cure for excessive use of private cars and air pollution in the city is to encourage bus use by all means possible. Where car owners would consider using local buses - need car not bus provision reduction.	1
	These buses are very important and shouldn't be lost. Bristol should be supporting these services.	1
	this seems to contradict everything you want to do to make bristol greener	1
	This service is essential for older people	1
	Transport and traffic is an issue in the city and the removal of subsidies for local transport will make public transport a less economically viable option to cars. less frequent more expensive public transport cannot improve the economic growth of the city, it will push people to work, shop and spend leisure time outside the city in neighbouring authorities.	1
	Transportation in bristol is shocking! Need to think ahead and seek for investors for a Â£1bn underground ...	1
	You cannot champion a greener city and then reduce bus subsidy therefore increasing the cost of the service	1

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Review Community Transport Grants (R-PL-027)	Review Community Transport Grants (R-PL-027)	
	23 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-027)	(R-PL-027)comment	Total
Agree	I suspect, from word-of-mouth comments, that some people are using this service who could well travel by other means. Difficult to avoid blanket coverage without penalizing the genuinely needy. But how about asking for a donation (eg £1) for each ride?	1
Disagree	Most vulnerable need access to transport	1
	this is an essential service	1
Strongly disagree	Community transport needs to be significantly expanded if other social policies are to be successful, e.g reducing isolation, increasing social capital, increasing engagement in local communities, increasing access to employment	1
	Cutting these grants is dangerous as you automatically affect the most vulnerable groups - disabled and elderly people who use these services and risk leaving many housebound with no help or access to services - forcing more to rely on family/friends/neighbours who may not be able to offer the same services.	1
	Elderly & disabled people will be prisoners in their homes, but who cares?	1
	helps the elderly, increases economy, encourages bus travel	1
	I entirely depend on the service for shopping Dial-a-Ride is a lifeline for me to keep independent	1
	I keep hearing complaints about car usage and congestion; reducing transport subsidies will make it worse	1
	Older people, frail people, housebound people, disabled people, the majority of whom are women are isolated in their homes unless they can have transport they can afford, that can take a wheelchair or a large walking frame. This is part of the targeted reductions in year one.	1
	Please see comments on last page. Insufficient space here. Thank you	1
	This will make getting older people more mobile more difficult	1

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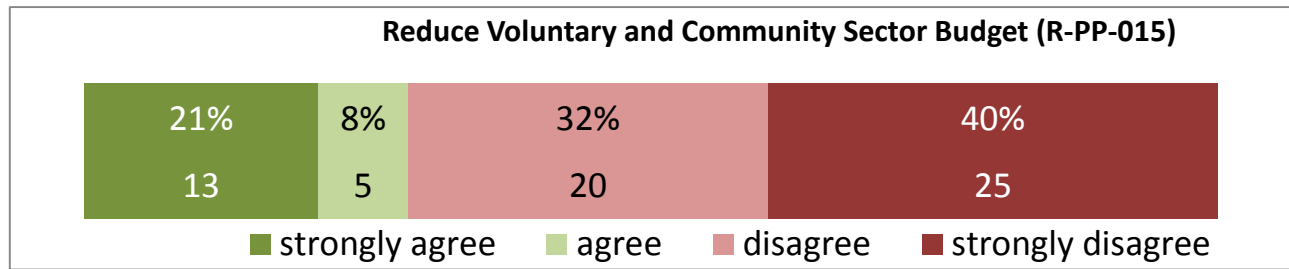


Reduce Community Investment Grants (R-PL-006)	Reduce Community Investment Grants (R-PL-006)	
	27 looked at this proposal	
Num		
(R-PL-006)	(R-PL-006)comment	Total
Strongly agree	Why should minority groups be given money because they think they're more special than the majority?	1
Agree	Community investments should be funded more by local funding raising campaigns	1
Disagree	Grants to voluntary sector organisations enable valuable services to be provided at low cost. The impact of any cut on these services is significant.They should be protected and valued.	1
Strongly disagree	Again, if investment in the community is cut then the people trying to pick up the pieces from lost jobs, etc, will not be able to function.	1
	City Farms play a vital role in their local community offering services to some of Bristol's most disadvantaged residents. They work to the Mayors Vision of 'people, place and prosperity' ensuring that Bristol is an inclusive, resilient and caring place to live, work and play. We appreciate that the economic recession has hit Bristol hard and to ensure that we grow for the future, we need to become strong. We appreciate that this will result in budget cuts and a shift in the way in which government finances are allocated, however, we feel that significant cuts to the 'Centres for Community Action' grant would have a significant blow to our local and wider community.	1
	Not many VCS groups rely solely on Council grants, but often the Council's funding allows VCS bring in additional income, which otherwise will not come them, and to Bristol in general. So a £300k reduction can mean the city loses £1m or more in additional funding that VCS bid for.	1
	This goes against both national and local Government rhetoric of 'the big society'. Many of the budget proposals indicate that the third sector will be asked to 'plug the gap' where council services will be stopped or reduced - how can this happen if the same organisations are also losing funding and potentially will not be there to deliver?	1
	This proposal will have a terrible effect on communities, social enterprises and voluntary sector in Bristol. Talking on behalf of St Werburghs Community Association which currently receives £30,000 grant per year and completed an asset transfer only a three years ago. We had our funding cut 40% two years ago and due to that we lost a key staff member. At the moment the Centre is run 13 hours day weekday and 15 hours weekends on equivalent of under 5 full time staff. We also have responsibility for the Victorian building which only in the next year requires £50,000 capital investment, not mentioning over £10,000 regular maintenance costs. The potential risk of losing the Bristol City Council funding will leave us in a very difficult position. For a community centre which provides services to members of the public and records over 74,000 visits in a year it would be impossible to function in the same way without the support from local authority. Any reduction or cessation of funding within this category will only affect	1

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	the most vulnerable communities in Bristol.	
	VCS organisations like Wellspring Healthy Living Centre bring in £4 of additional income, funding and grants for every £1 given by BCC, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre Proving Our Research results show that our Wellbeing Programme delivers a Social Return on Investment of £2.90. This is based on things like reduction in cost to the NHS, reduction in cost through welfare payments and increased income to the state through tax, Easton and Lawrence Hill is a disadvantaged area where the growing local population continues to experience significant health inequalities, and therefore residents need high quality, accessible, community based health and wellbeing services, Lawrence Hill is the most deprived ward in Bristol, and in the South West region as a whole, and almost all Lower Layer Super Output Areas in the ward rank in the 10% most deprived in the UK, On average, Lawrence Hill residents experience poorer health compared to people in Bristol, and there are almost twice the city average number of residents in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and In October 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board published their city health and wellbeing strategy which has a theme which is "A city where health inequalities are reducing". This cannot be achieved by cutting funding to organisations like Wellspring that were set up for that exact reason	1

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Reduce Voluntary and Community Sector Budget (R-PP-015)	Reduce Voluntary and Community Sector Budget (R-PP-015)	
	67 looked at this proposal	
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(R-PP-015)	(R-PP-015)comment	Total
0	The VCS are often organisations who we rely upon to deliver services which we as a council cannot. Even when the council tries to deliver a particular project work it lacks the informality and community links VCS organisations have. I think we need to continue investing in this area and increase the spending. They can deliver services for more outcomes and less resources. We need to work with more organisations than just Voscur as this is a stiff white middle class organisation. More diversity is needed in VCS planning. The city is very diverse and somehow this is not reflective in service planning and delivery.	1
Strongly agree	Community clubs etc should be self financing. I belong to 3 organisations - all self financing	1
	Consider more voluntary work by council colleagues to give something back to community and improve reputation of council. Consider tendering review for volunteering brokers.	1
	If we dont have the money we cannot spend it on low priority features	1
	these positions should be payed, im unemployed and local government is using volentry workers especially in parks and estates,these jobs need to be payed which would lower the unemployment bill	1
Agree	Charities should raise their own funds as historically - voluntary and community sector should not rely on council grants	1
Disagree	Again many of these organisations help the most vulnerable people and do preventative work	1
	I think all of these proposals should be implemented in very very close consultation and strategic working with the voluntary and community sector - this would enable savings to be made and services to be more localised so it does not make sense to reduce the budget in this area	1
	If the voluntary sector is meant to be picking up slack from government cuts, the Council can't be cutting funding to voluntary services so drastically or the services will not be able to survive.	1
	Reviewing VCS support to ensure it is targetted to those in most need is sensible. Reducing the budget is not As VCS bodies can sometimes provide more focussed and cost effective services	1
	Small neighbourhood charities will close (e.g Nilaari when khat is about to be criminalised) and most deprived areas will suffer	1
	Surely ensuring the VCS sector stays robust and are able to pick up services the city wants to remain after the budget cuts have taken place	1
	The burden on voluntary services will be increased by many other proposals so why handicap them further	1

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	The proposal uses social work jargon (FACS) which some people won't realise means that funding will be withdrawn from people just below the high bar Bristol sets before funding care. The people affected might just come back later with higher needs later.	1
	Volcom sector leverage against the Council's contribution is good, but salami-slicing here in Health and Social Care where need is expanding is not helpful.	1
Strongly disagree	Cannot expect voluntary sector to provide the statutory services effectively that are being cut with a reduced budget	1
	First the government stopped funding voluntary groups, saying local communities could pick up the slack. Now this is also under threat. There is some waste here, but very little compared to corporate entities. Make them pay for the privilege of being here.	1
	How daft is this? The multiplier effect of free resource in the voluntary and community sector has a massive economic benefit.	1
	Many of the budget proposals indicate that the third sector will be expected to 'plug the gap' where council services are reduced. How will this be possible if the voluntary and community sector budgets are also cut?	1
	Refugee Women of Bristol response to budget proposals affecting funding to the Voluntary Sector in Bristol 2014-2017 Introduction: We are pleased to hear that the principles the Mayor has set out to work to include: "Protect vital services for those who need them most" "Help close the city's inequality gaps" "Create resilient communities where more people can help themselves and each other" We also note that in his vision for the future he has indicated the need to help older people to stay in and be part of the community. How Refugee Women of Bristol's services meet these aims: Refugee Women of Bristol is a registered charity funded by Bristol City Council through a "Stronger Communities" Grant. We are positioned to provide services which meet the principles laid out by the Mayor. Our service users are all BME women who are refugees and asylum seekers and are therefore amongst the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in Bristol and all share more than one protected characteristic under the Equalities Act. Our services reach vulnerable and isolated women who have no access to any other service provision and facilitate these women into other services as well as providing skills to transition them into volunteering, training and employment opportunities. We support over 300 BME refugee/asylum seeking women every year in Bristol who speak fifteen different first languages and come from eighteen different countries. 1. We provide English classes for women refugees and asylum seekers with a crèche colleges do not provide a crèche, nor do many other agencies providing English classes. 2. Many refugee women have been here for a number of years, are older, and do not access other services. Coming to our drop- in service aids their integration. 3. We provide support, information, and English classes to women here on spouse visa, or have had refugee status for a long time, or have received refugee status in another European country. No other refugee organisation does this. 4. Culturally for some women accessing a women only service is permissible but accessing a mixed environment is not; especially for Somali older women. Our service provides a women only environment which enables these vulnerable women to access support and training opportunities. 5. We provide interpreting and translation in Kurdish, Arabic, and Somali liaising with other agencies on their behalf enabling access to services and understanding of written communication (e.g. bills, NHS appointments, letters from schools etc.). 6. We provide workshops which enable women to understand their rights and responsibilities, (e.g. Domestic Violence, Measles awareness, TB awareness, FGM) 7. We provide volunteering opportunities for women who have little English. This builds their confidence and provides them with the opportunity to use English in a work place setting. We provide women with training and references. This means that they are more able to go on to find work. 8. We bring women from different nationalities including British together; providing opportunities for greater understanding and breaking down cultural barriers resulting in increased community cohesion. 9. We provide regular information sessions on Female Genital Mutilation reaching isolated women and their families as part of an ongoing	1

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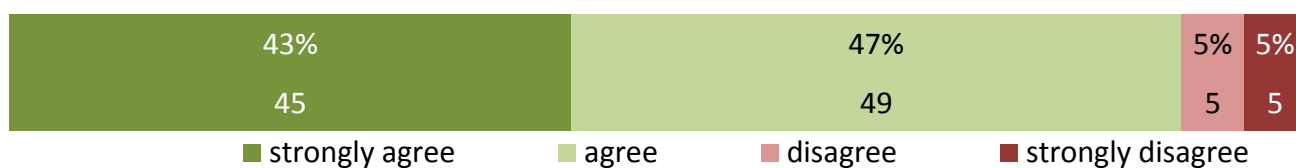
	<p>outreach programme using a Community Health Advocate approach. This supports communities to achieve greater resilience. By the nature of our service provision and network we are nationally recognised by FORWARD (national FGM organisation) as ideally placed for this work.</p> <p>10. We have been recognised nationally as providing an outstanding service for women refugee and asylum seekers; achieving shortlist status for the Guardian Charity of the Year award 2013. The impact of any cuts to our service would include: 1. Women with pre-school children would not be able to gain English skills or other employment related training as we are the only training provision with a crèche. 2. Older refugee/asylum-seeking women 50-70 years old would not be able to access English classes because we are the only all women environment. These women would not attend a mixed gender environment due to cultural and religious beliefs and would therefore remain isolated, not integrated and would also remain more vulnerable as they would have no access to other services. 3. We bridge the gap between refugee/asylum-seeking women and service providers. Without us advocating for them and supporting them in their language our service users would not be able to access mainstream services e.g. NHS, Social Services, Education services etc. 4. The vital FGM prevention message would not reach affected communities. We hope that you will continue to support the provision of our vital services which meet the criteria outlined by the Mayor as part of his vision for Bristol in the coming years. Jacky Humphreys (Development Manager, Linda Joynes (Drop in Co-ordinator) Layla Ismail (Advocacy Worker) 30th December 2013</p>	
	Targeting the Council spending on the most vulnerable sounds fair but it will likely lead to a reduction in early intervention and similar projects - which is more cost effective than any crisis support. Also with less early intervention, the number of vulnerable residents will go up. And VCS already have more, not less clients due to the current economic environment, so please at least maintain the current funding.	1
	the neighbourhood forum team were a great help to me and my family	1
	The VCS both does important direct advice services and advocacy for groups and is an important voice in challenging and informing council. the more it can't afford to deliver services, the less effective it will be in challenging council and informing it. From my contact with various services, my understanding is that they are already challenged to meet demand or need. I thin this should be considered very carefully.	1
	The VCS is vital to future care models and are often vert fragile and will feel minor cuts deeply	1
	The voluntary sector fills so many gaps in service provision and allows for a degree of originality in approach to service.	1
	These services are going to be even more important across Bristol, considering the other cuts which are having to be made. It would be extremely unwise to penalise a sector which already struggles and provides excellent services on a limited budget	1
	This investment is the safety net for the other budget reductions, it is hugely cost effective at providing services for the most vulnerable people in the city, it provides routes to employment through cost effective volunteering schemes, its unit costs for expensive one to one support are lower than the public or private sectors when effectiveness is built into the equaltion - oh, and the reduction in fraud compared to the private sector	1
	This is at odds with the idea of getting the third sector to pick up the cuts	1

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	we must not lose the community centre aspect of local libraries	1
	we should be investing in the voluntary sector not cutting it - this sector often offers us better value for money than delivering ourselves and to cut will be to lose both services and vital infrastructure in communities.	1

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Better value for money from residential and nursing placement contracts (R-PP-010)

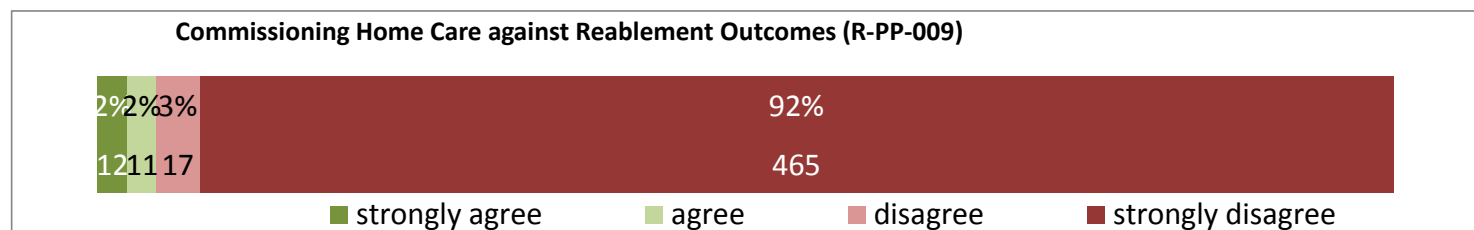


Better value for money from residential and nursing placement contracts (R-PP-010)	Better value for money from residential and nursing placement contracts (R-PP-010)	
	105 looked at this proposal	
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		Total
Strongly agree	If you can do this without cutting services then I'm all for it.	1
	Look at what companies are charging for this as most are over expensive	1
	minimise the amount spent on outsourcing to Atos, G4S, capita and Serco	1
	What on earth has the Council been doing for all these years if you now find that we are paying too much?	1
	you may need this yourself one day	1
Agree	Although as stated previously they should all be run by the Council to safeguard them.	1
	But the "better value" must be assessed by the welfare of the patients, not by spreadsheet economics!	1
	Given that many providers are in the commercial sector across the UK, I hope that Local Authorities group together to get the best value they can by dint of their collective purchasing power	1
	I cautiously agree but getting 'value for money' is often code for 'cutting'.	1
	Keep good standard	1
	more elderly people service needs to be high quality and best value	1
	not just cheapest option as this can do more harm value for money means getting the best from our resources it does not mean spend a little as this may actually cause a waste of our resources.	1
	Nursing services contracts should be scrutinised and market tested for best value.	1
	Provided it doesn't reduce demand and quality	1
	this will increase with time as the population grows	1
Disagree	How do you see providing a better value for money? It quite simply seems to be cost saving at a reduction in quality of service again revealing a council who cannot seem to look beyond a monetary outcome. No vision no creativity no idea	1
	If the savings impact on quality of food, salaries of carers etc it would be disgraceful. Food in elderly life is one of their few pleasures and should be local and fresh which it seldom is at present so reducing the subsidy may further reduce quality.	1
	The cheaper the contract the harder it will be for companies to make profit so those in care will suffer. Winterbourne View is a prime example of what can go wrong	1
Strongly	010 - There is already a problem with low levels of staffing in some places: 'value for money' =	1

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disagree	less quality for vulnerable people.	
	better buying great but there are many ways fir the council to get good value...so not from the above...the tender system should be scrapped and council negotiators should have the hands on experience in the field they are buying	1
	This couldl reduce quality of care, which is already very variable across settings	1
Grand Total		21

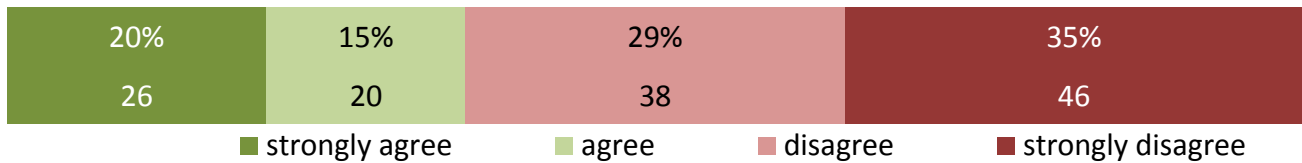
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Commissioning Home Care against Reablement Outcomes (R-PP-009)	Commissioning Home Care against Reablement Outcomes (R-PP-009)	
	505 looked at this proposal	
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		Total
Strongly agree	Provided the care remains as effective, why wouldn't you do so at lower cost?	1
Agree	Review commissioning processes and don't just look at the big providers who can do it for the least money - paying slightly more for a specialist service can save a hige amount in the long run in other support services which are no longer required.	1
	There is a srong risk of driving prices down so much that suppliers will not be paying a "living wage" to the frontline staff. This leads to a greater pool of poor workign families with the usual social consequences.	1
	too large costs of care in nursing homes	1
Disagree	don't understand - is this providing care?	1
	I am not sure what "re-ablement outcol am hoping that this is a mechanism used to good effect by other councils, in terms of making sure service providers don't have an open-ended contract. However, individual service users could feel undue pressure about this way of assessing their "progress" . Is it expected that every service user will be re-abled (what ever that is)?	1
Strongly disagree	Care is better provided with a democratic council.	1
	Care should not be provided by profit-motivated companies. We have seen with the fiascos caused by, for example, Southern Cross that care cannot be reliably provided unless there is political oversight, and that means the NHS.	1
	Homecare should never have been privatised as Private Providers are only interested in making money not caring for people. Not enough time to see to them	1
	If you take away support it will mean an ambulance which will cost more	1
	'Re-ablement?' I am far from convinced	1
	Take away support means supplying ambulances at more cost	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
Grand Total		13

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Reduce cost of residential and nursing placements for older people (R-PP-007)



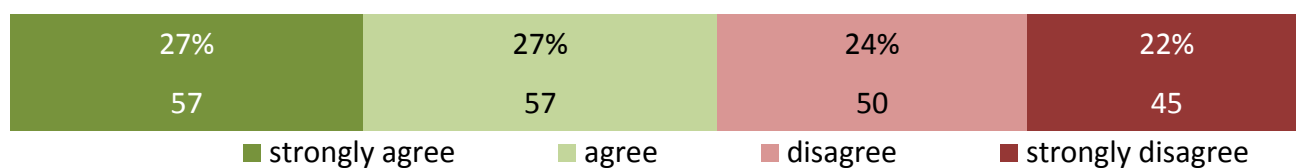
Reduce cost of residential and nursing placements for older people (R-PP-007)	Reduce cost of residential and nursing placements for older people (R-PP-007)	
	133 looked at this proposal	
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0	If costs are being driven down, the private sector operators may seek to drive down their own costs (including staffing), what measures is the Council taking to ensure that sufficient care will be provided for those it will responsible for placing ? Given that the Council has already closed a number of city run EPH's and is proposing to reduce support, wardens and adaptations budgets how will the "Framework" (R PP 010) ensure the safety of service users as it appears to be very much based after the event feedback ?	1
	if this means reducing the cost for the user, whole-heartedly agree; if it means reducing the budget and provision - worst idea I can imagine	1
Strongly agree	Only if the home support is adequate will this work- but right model	1
	Provided the level of care remains the same (or equivalent) for the individual.	1
	While I agree with this, I wonder how this can be achieved without lessening the quality of care. Be careful that your cuts don't land you on a Panorama show exposing poor care for the elderly.	1
Agree	Generally good, but none of the proposals go far enough. Poor council spending on 3rd party IT systems, admin and middle management is a major issue. Focus the spending review there.	1
	It really can't cost as much as these home charge- they shouldnt be allowed to charge as much- but staff should be paid fair wages to cut down on the abuse etc	1
	Must make sure there is no loss of service. Private companies are only there to make a profit. Screw down the price and they will cut the service accordingly	1
	They should all be run by the Council to make sure that they are well looked after. Private ones are too expensive.	1
Disagree	all services for the very elderly and inform should be safe guarded	1
	Driving down costs will compromise quality in care homes.	1
	Great care must be taken to ensure high standards. Contractors have no incentive to treat people well.	1
	Headline cost reductions do not necessarily provide the best value. You may lower immediate costs but longer term mean greater costs are incurred to remedy the below standard service that the cheapest option usually provides.	1
	I think reducing the provision for older people in general is not a good idea.	1
	It is important that older people get the care they deserve. It is difficult for families to cope with not only the trauma of a family member going into care, but these expenses which mount up. The whole system needs rethinking	1

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	Past practice has highlighted fundamental floors in this method - care proposals should focus on increased quality of life and respectful and considerate living	1
	People in these establishment need support and we are judged by the way we support them. We may need this support in the future.	1
	Reducing the cost, if possible, is the right approach but how will the Council ensure service quality? Council should scrutinise how such savings are achieved.	1
	There have already been too many cuts to services for older people	1
	This is likely to lead to a worse quality of care and worse terms and conditions for carers.	1
	This will result in care home failures(remember Southern Cross)	1
	This will simply result in lowered service and potential neglect. Find more money from R-PL-016 (Trading standards service) and R-CC-01 (reduce the running costs of council buildings	1
Strongly disagree	A recipe for more Winterbourne Views, for cutting corners as in the current home care services. Needs a complete system revamp before the budget is decided.	1
	I think you should keep residential homes open	1
	OAP's get a raw deal as it is. To reduce these services further will add a huge risk to their personal well being.	1
	Old people and the meagre services they presently receive should NEVER be targeted in budget cuts.	1
	Older people need more support not less, you should double the amount not decrease it.	1
	Older people need protecting, not thrown on the scrap heap as if they are a nuisance.	1
	Pay peanuts you get monkeys. Do we need more 4GS type fiascos? No. Private tender is often dire.	1
	Perhaps give them just bread and water for one meal a day? If you reduce the cost, you reduce the quality or quantity of the support they needs. ARTICLE 22 applies here: if someone with incontinence pads has to wait hours before they are changed, this is clearly cheaper, but it does not protect dignity (Article 22)	1
	Privatise the residential and nursing placements, this will be cheap for the council	1
	stop picking on the elderly and disabled	1
	The service currently offered is abysmal! Cutting costs/ getting better value for money (yes, I believe they are the same to you!) would only make the service worse. I cannot tell you how disgusted I am in the lack of care offered to the elderly. It seems to me that the people reaching the end of their lives are ignored or mistreated.	1
	They are too expensive. They should all be Council Run to make sure that they are well looked after	1
	This proposal unfairly targets older people	1
	This type of negotiation usually ends with a poorer service for the user to cut costs.	1
	what is the consequence to the older people	1
Grand Total		37

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Remove subsidy for leisure and sports contracts (R-PL-013)



Remove subsidy for leisure and sports contracts (R-PL-013)	Remove subsidy for leisure and sports contracts (R-PL-013)	
	214 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	How will the potential increase in leisure centre fees, withdraw of services & possible closure of non profitable establishments fit in with the City Council's Public Health duties ?	1
Strongly agree	Again voluntary support could be sought (finance and personnel)	1
	if this is the price we must pay then ok with me	1
	Leisure Centres are by itself financialy sound to look after themselves. I guess the membership money will make sure the services are taken care of	1
	People should pay for their own sports if they can't afford it they should do free activities like running and cycling.	1
	Subsidised sports facilities are a luxury that, apparently, we can no longer afford. People's health is important, though, so it is important to promote alternative, cheaper/free forms of exercise such as football in the park	1
	Was there ever a subsidy? I've always found better value services from non-subsidised leisure centres.	1
Agree	I didn't know there was a subsidy - how much is it?	1
	people need to live, enjoyment comes when we are financialy better off	1
	people who use it, would be willing to pay for it	1
	Price needs to stay the same though - we must not price people out of sport. Perhaps this should be run by the council	1
	Some of these services are already contracted out (Swimming Pools for example), and already providing a poor service (I ask on a regular basis for information about holiday swimming schools. My email's go unanswered, phone is rarely picked up). You might as well privatise it. The service can't get any worse. My only concern would be that schools were still able to access this service - but perhaps parents could pay a small annual fee, taking in to account those on low-incomes / benefits?	1
Disagree	Access to sports and exercise is crucial to better health and reducing access because prices are increased will disadvantage the less well off and also reverse the few improvements there have been in Bristol	1
	and make obesity problem even worse!	1
	Concerned that the costs will increase, which will restrict access to leisure facilities for the less well-off.	1
	in a world where childhood obesity is a big problem, how is it even possible to think of removing subsidies? surely the more invested in these services, the fitter young people will be, less likely to turn to crime, less cost to the nhs.....	1
	Lack of sport increases health problems physical and mental	1

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	Leisure and sport facilities are already expensive to families, particularly swimming. Very dangerous move. With youth clubs reduced sports facilities need to be more accessible, not less.	1
	Plz don't close St. Paul's learning centre	1
	Really? when more people need it to cut health costs. so much for the olympics.	1
	Reducing rather than removing subsidies may be an alternative as i feel access for all to sports facilities is crucial when obesity is such a major health problem. As a physiotherapist I advocate prevention and self-management fo long-term conditions for which access to appropriate facilities is vital.	1
	Removal of this subsidy will impact on all citizens but mostly low income families and older people who will not be able to afford increased the inevitable increase in leisure centre charges. This in turn will have a significant impact on people's physicia health.	1
	some funding may be required to support those most in need to be able to access leisure facilities	1
	sports directly affects mental and physical health- false economy	1
	The Council should support action against obesity.	1
	this area of provision has long been in need of review. Please look at the work of Bristol Dance Centre housed in the old swimming baths on Jacob's Wells Road in Hotwells: there you will find a model that has worked without subsidy as such for many years. The relationship of this highly successful community facility to the council should be examined - by George Ferguson himself! Architecture and arts in one fell swoop!	1
	This goes against the Mayor's vision on health and well-being.	1
	This is not the kind of activity the taxpayer should subsidise at all unless there is a clear mandate.	1
	vital health issue for community	1
	we need to encourage healthy lifestyles	1
	We should be promoting health not reducing it.	1
	Why reduce this when you want people to more heathy, surely this helps the most disadvantaged take exercise	1
	your document self explains all the negative impacts this would have on the health and well being of all those groups that amybe benefitting from this support. Surely the non monetary health benefits far outweigh the cost. This reduction should happen slowly overtime allowing the SLM to try and increase their income in other ways rather than a sudden cut that could result in the closure of for example St Pauls community sports centre, being such a small site and limited facility, clearly this site could never become self financing, in hind sight, this should have been looked at when the site was built that it would always require funding. I've used it off peak times and quite often only a few people are using it, at peak times there is not enough parking available, the site needs to be expanded so it can commercialy compete with other sport centres. Similarly last year there was a propopsal for a Â£6 Million pound bristol east swimming pool to be built, only a 1.5 miles from easton swimming pool, another example where you find money to build it but no money to subsidie it, Â£6 million could be better spent providing a bus service to other pools, or now spend here to continue providing funding to keep the current centres open.	1
Strongly disagree	Again provision for this is vital for our community why take the subsidy away??	1
	Again, this is totally against what you preach, isn't it, dear mayor? I just received an email from one of your assistants saying that your priority now is to make Bristol safer, greener and a better place to live. That you want people to have good quality of life. By removing subsidy for leisure and sports contracts? It looks like you say one thing to people, but then you act differently...can	1

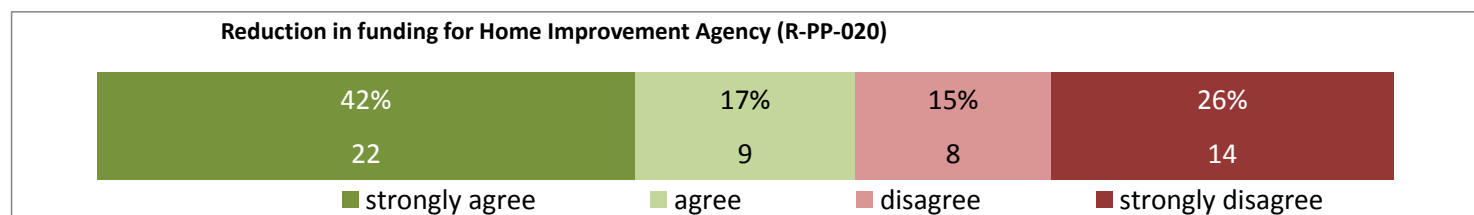
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	we trust you?	
	Don't be absurd- everyone will go to South Glos. I say cut back on Arts and keep our most popular sports centres	1
	Don't cut the providers who are engaging "hard to reach"/ equalities groups, including health inequalities, especially Knowle West Health Park.	1
	Getting Bristol kids into sports clubs and activities is key to helping reduce anti-social behaviour. This is where extra funding should be spent.	1
	Going to sports facilities such as swimming with my little girl is already expensive. I am worried that costs may become prohibitive	1
	I dont want you to stop the money for the sports centres. I use my everone active card every week to go the gym with a support worker to try to lose weight	1
	I take my son swimming once a week at Horfield Leisure Centre. I see how heavily the centre is used by all ages. The swimming lessons are only just affordable for me and many of my friends. If the cost goes up then I will no longer be able to send my son for lessons. Once again, as with library cuts and children's centres cuts this seems to be a cut that will affect the poorest members of communities the most, those who most benefit from access to sport and healthy lifestyle options, free access to books and information and access to appropriate facilities in their communities.	1
	It is money well spent. Wouldn't it cost the council more if it ran these facilities?	1
	It's important to get people active and provide affordable opportunities to join gyms, join classes, etc. The gyms in Bristol, aside from a couple of city-centre locations, are all extremely expensive and price even me out of the market (a young professional with a good job). They're all Â£50+pm. Keeping the subsidy at the sports centres in place allows literally thousands of people to get fit and stay in good health. Please do not get rid of this assistance.	1
	More of the same: remove the subsidy of these facilities so that private companies can charge more, and cut off the worst-off from partaking in leisure activities. Hardly what we should be doing when the cost of living is increasing.	1
	No sport and pfewer publiuc amenities just drains the life-blood from communities. One would hope this goes without saying. Not to our new 'cost-efficient blue-sky forward-thinking language manglers it ain't.	1
	Not if this will increase cost of leisure facilities. This will add to the healthcare cost more than can be saved. Short term view - Bad idea.	1
	People don't exercise enough as it is, the obesity problem in UK is becoming increasingly alarming; if you make it more expensive to access exercise options, it will only deteriorate even more	1
	Sport and leisure is vital for health and needs to be affordable to people on low incomes.	1
	Sport is essential to the health of the population, especially as our lifestyles become unhealthier and the obesity epidemic grows. It is ridiculously short-sighted to cut sports funding, as the costs of increased health care and social care for older people in hte future will far outweigh what you spend now.	1
	The SLM contract is one of the best performing leisure contracts in the country. The cost per head is one of the lowest nationally and has consistently been going down due to increasing attendance at leisure centres. There is no explanation of this with in the budget proposals for people to be fully informed of the facts. The potentially impact of cutting this subsidy includes the closure of leisure centres - this is not listed in the EQIA. The centres have a large variety of concessions for equalities groups that will also be at risk within this proposal - this again is not explained in the proposal. Meanwhile, other sports facility contracts which are not performing	1

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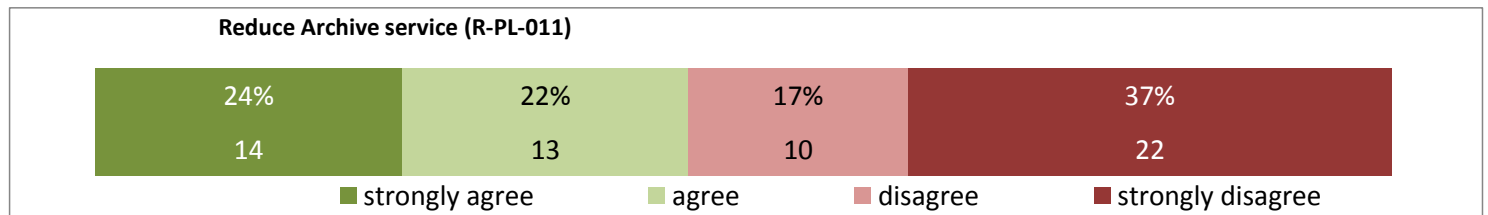
	so well are not proposed to be cut - this includes the BSF school sites run by ALM.	
	There is already a lack of support for disabled people into sport and use of the gym. I for one need to attend gym sessions regularly due to my disability but why should I pay for something I didn't ask for (ie I didnt ask to be congenitally disabled in the first place)? So do not remove any subsidies and add free gym passes to those in need ie in receipt of DLA and a doctor's note.	1
	This can have killing effects to smaller sports clubs	1
	This is disappointing, following the selling off of swimming pools and stopping of free swimming lessons for children.	1
	this will mean higher costs for us	1
	Why are we cutting sports facilities again. Why not cut the junkets instead?	1
Grand Total		55

Free text comments for Reducing or stopping services



Reduction in funding for Home Improvement Agency (R-PP-020)	Reduction in funding for Home Improvement Agency (R-PP-020)	
	55 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	empower social and home responsibilities...many council home improvement assistance are not good value and compared to a private contractor	1
	there should be proposal to make the unit self sustained	1
Disagree	Reducing this fund would not help families come out of poverty	1
Strongly disagree	As someone who has used WE Care & Repair's services and currently volunteers there, I feel strongly that it would be important that the service remains on offer to anyone aged over 60 regardless of income, savings, benefits etc. It is one of the few services available to people who do not have to be in receipt of state benefits and don't have to be disabled. The proposal doesn't explain who the 800 people likely to be affected are. (1.1). WECR is a particularly valuable service for women because often women don't have the confidence to deal with repair issues or they fear being ripped off by cowboy builders.	1
	EQIA states "this proposal will adversely impact disabled people."	1
	Executive Summary	1
	Funding should not be reduced to WE Care and Repair, it is a brilliant service for the elderly and disabled. If people can't afford home improvements then it could affect their health which would cost more in the long run. i.e. they could trip and fall and end up in hospital with broken bones.	1
	I think that by reducing their funding by this amount you will be hitting the most vulnerable people - something that you said you didn't want to do, also the preventative work that is done by , for example care and repair cannot be underestimated , I think that cutting funding here is short sighted, as they will save you more money in the long term by keeping vulnerable people safer and happier in their own homes for longer	1
	This is a massive cut for an organisation which provides an excellent service	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
Grand Total		10

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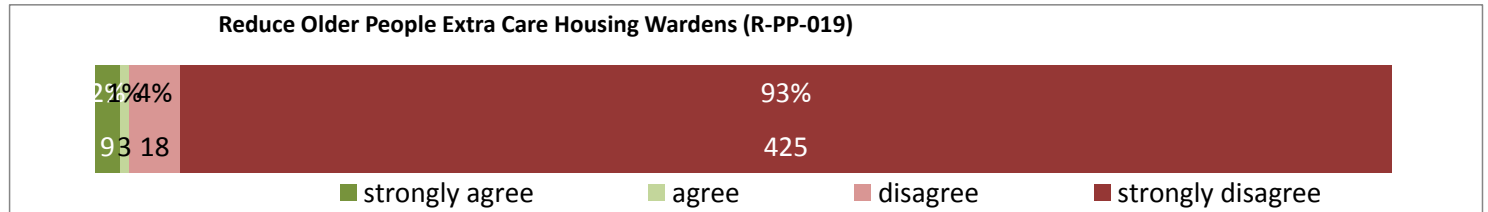


Reduce Archive service (R-PL-011)	Reduce Archive service (R-PL-011)	
	59 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	Need more detail of this. Consider indepth information security training and review/training of document retention schedule. Consider virtual mailroom services to be augmented to existing document scanning, safe destruction contract.	1
	The benefits of a digital archive go far beyond cost savings and this should have already been done. In this day and age everything should be digital.	1
Agree	Only ststutory archives should be supported - the rest should be prioritised to save unnecessary spend	1
	People should pay for this service, it is not essential.	1
Disagree	Concerned about this proposal, in conjunction with the recent controversial proposals to lease the lower-ground floors of Bristol Central Library to free school. One of the suggestions put forward was that the resources could be accessed via Bristol Record Office. This already has fewer opening hours than Bristol Central Library (weekend opening for example), combined with its location, resources will already be difficult to access.	1
	Councils often make the mistake of replacing a hard-copy version of a resource with a subscription to a digital archive or equivalent online service, thinking that it will supercede the original. This is frequently not the case, leaving customers with an inferior substitute, long after the originals have been scrapped or sold for a short-term profit. The current library cataloguing software, Galaxy, compared to the system it replaced; Tallis, is a classic example of this.	1
	If this means less for the Record Office please think again,very valued service	1
	The city archive is much valued and important to our collective identity.	1
	Uk museums are some of the most expensive in Europe. Reducing funding here does not make our museums attractive to tourists bring large revenue to Bristol	1
Strongly disagree	Any reduction in the access to the museums archive service effectively cuts off history from all but the elite. It's a tiny saving--and will probably cost more long-term than it saves.	1
	As stated earlier, the archive sector have already had a serious impact on their services, so no further reduction is necessary here.	1
	Bristol Record Office is a nationally recognised and valued archive for all the people of Bristol, and is widely used as resource for academic, personal and family research. Physical access, and help from staff and volunteers, is open to all, and any reduction in this would have the effect of widening the inequality gap by excluding those who donâ€™t have online access.	1

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	Even in times of austerity, the importance of heritage and culture to quality of life should not be neglected. The unique historic collections held by the archives service are valued and used by a wide range of researchers, from local equalities groups to academics from around the world. Furthermore, they belong not to the city council but to the city and its people and adequate access must be maintained, bearing in mind that the opening hours at BRO are already considerably less than those for the local studies collection at the central library. Digitisation of collections, whilst important, is not a shortcut to providing a cheaper service, for many different reasons, and cannot replace the professional services currently offered.	1
	Less access to archives, although extremely vague - the EQIA states "Until the detail is developed around how the service will be reduced, it is difficult to identify how the impact will be measured going forward"	1
	Online access is not a substitute for researchers (academic and people who just have a passion for history) having access to the real thing. In particular it would be a major blow to the City's Heritage, which would particularly hit BME audiences if there was reduced/removed public access to the former Commonwealth and Empire Museum Collection, much of which is archival material stored in the archive. If the Archive Service is reduced, there needs to be alternative measures made for physical access to this important collections. Census, Births, Marriages and Deaths data may be appropriate to access via online use only, but access needs to be maintained to unique, original documents.	1
	Reducing archive services decreases the information available to an already ill informed populace.	1
	Simply unacceptable to throw away Bristol's history by stopping use of the archives	1
	So many people are now researching their family tree so this is very important. Bristol Central Library should also be kept as a Library and not used as a School. Many people come into Bristol to research their family trees, spending money on food in hotels etc. which benefits Bristol.	1
	The city's archives, libraries and museum service are a vital part of the city's heritage and are largely run on a shoestring as it is. Further reductions to these services cannot be afforded.	1
	we need to maintain our records	1
Grand Total		20

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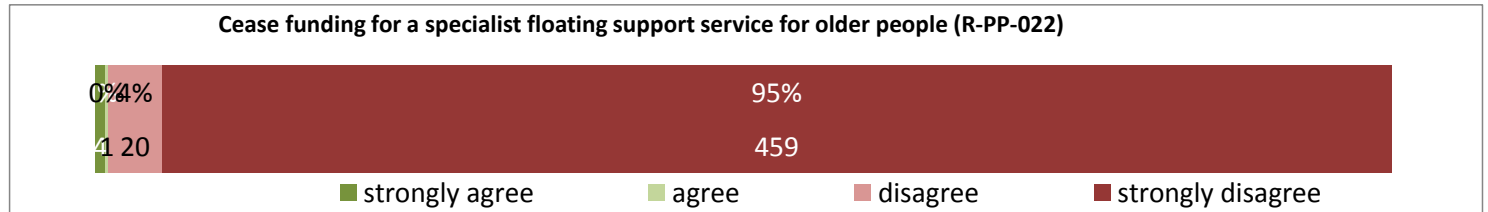


Reduce Older People Extra Care Housing Wardens (R-PP-019)	Reduce Older People Extra Care Housing Wardens (R-PP-019)	
	455 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Agree	Probably superfluous and least important to older people	1
Disagree	Depends, please ask the older people involved.	1
	Elderly vulnerable have restricted lives already, we owe them some support and wardens are a very good way of doing this.	1
	I'm not convinced that this will not lead to a deterioration in service of care to older people.	1
	The proposals to cut warden services for older people (R-PP-018, R-PP-019, R-PP-023) depend on and refer to older-person-specific floating support but there is a separate proposal to cut that too (R-PP-022), which would place a massive strain on the generic floating support which already supports 250 service users at any one time and 600 per year, i.e. 5 months average length of service per person, and is already expected to meet the needs of people with physical and sensory impairments whose existing supported living and housing support services are being cut by another proposal. The Equality Impact Assessments for these cuts to services for older people do not adequately reflect the risks and the mitigating factors are unlikely to have the stated effect "therefore they will critically affect support for vulnerable older people.	1
	These services have already been cut over the years and I feel that, with the older population growing, increasing support should be happening instead	1
	wardens play a key role in avoiding isolation and insecurity in the elderly	1
Strongly disagree	Again, seems to be targeting the most vulnerable in favour of a Neo-Victorian laissez faire attitude.	1
	already very much reduced for what is needed	1
	Human beings are needed: these are frail, mainly women, some very old.	1
	It is not acceptable to cut services for vulnerable people.	1
	Older people are already socially isolated and not to have regular care of a house warden daily could lead to neglect of their physical and mental health cost of them paying for essential alarm service would cause financial hardship on benefit.	1
	Social isolation is a real problem	1
	Some people gave up their homes and went into Warden controlled places so that there would be some one there if they needed help and would feel safe. So this is very wrong to do	1
	Some people gave up their homes and went into Warden controlled places so that there would be some one there if they needed help and would feel safe. So this is very wrong to do. It will cost more in the long run if someone was left on the floor for hours and ended up in hospital.	1
	Surely this is the very reason older people are in extra care housing that they have a warden who they can contact if the need arose.	1

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	This area i vitaly needed with a growing number ofd older residents	1
	This is shameful: the oldest in society need to be looked after, and taking away the housing warden who ensures their security will make people feel less secure.	1
	This is unsafe. These are vulnerable people.	1
Grand Total		19

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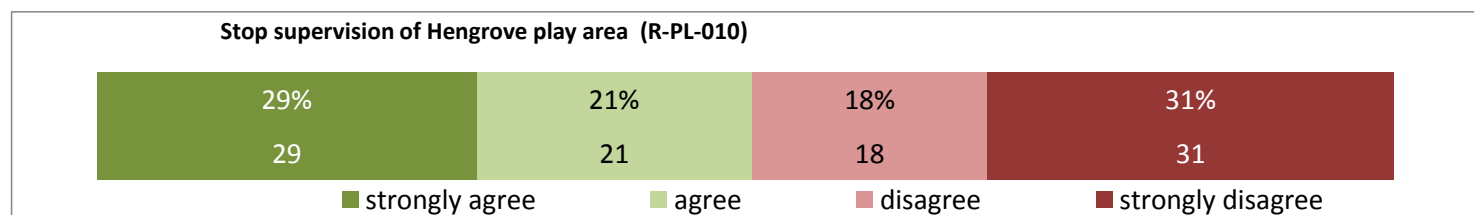


Cease funding for a specialist floating support service for older people (R-PP-022)	Cease funding for a specialist floating support service for older people (R-PP-022)	
	484 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Disagree	If a specialist service is needed now, how will specialised needs be met by generic workers?	1
	If an older person has specialist floating support coming to visit them surely it must be needed. Possibly fund less frequent visits?	1
	seems to me that tis saves money for the UK NHS?	1
	there is specialist support for a reason - moving this into generic support is not the way to go	1
	what is this floating services??	1
Strongly disagree	Â£240k of these cuts is directed at Age UK Bristolâ€™s Housing Support Service. We provide for 120 clients at any one time who have difficulty remaining independent in their own homes without our support. The chaotic nature of their lives is a result of learning difficulties and mental health issues, the latter including early stage dementia; dual diagnosis of drug / alcohol misuse and mental health issues; reduced mental capacity through suffering a stroke; sensory and cognitive impairment leading to severe depression. The cutting of this service will have a knock on effect resulting in Bristol City Council picking up the costs of providing support for this group of clients.	1
	Demand for this service is increasing. The Council has recently been making more referrals to other agencies to support older people. Many older people will not work with the Council as they regard it as too official- they prefer to work with organisations that are not the Council. The existing specialist support organisations, in particular Age Uk Bristol, have built up specilaist knowledge, expertise and a well deserved good reputation. This support keeps older people in their own homes for longer, reduces hospital;admissions, saves money (it costs Â£2000 a day to keep an older person in hospital) and supports an often vulnerable group in the community. Bristol has an aging population- this proposal would make Bristol a more dangerous place for the most vulnerable older people to live in.	1
	EQIA states â€œNot all service users will be mitigated from the impact of this proposal as not all service users will be eligible for a floating support serviceâ€	1
	How can you say that you want a City where citizens can thrive by taking away the very service that so many are reliant upon. Without the floating housing support, those that are served will simply descend into deeper despair, many not being able to cope with everyday life. It is incomprehensible that these most vulnerable of people are being prepared to be left by the wayside. Other services will not be able to cope with those unfortunate enough to be left behind. Please allow common sense to prevail and protect those that need it most.	1

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	I don't think that it was made clear what this floating service actually consists of, but anything which enables older or disabled people to live independently should be maintained. This includes all measures to help maintain their mental well being, e.g. prevention of depression.	1
	No way	1
	Older people are disproportionately affected by this budget and all decisions affecting them should be reviewed. This service stops people who are very vulnerable needed more support and/or care home placements.	1
	Older people will be further marginalised and more vulnerable.	1
	R-PP-020; 022;019;R-PL-019 all impact on older people's lives in ways that diminish the quality of lives	1
	The most vulnerable people in our society across all equalities groups, daft to cut	1
	The proposals to cut warden services for older people (R-PP-018, R-PP-019, R-PP-023) depend on and refer to older-person-specific floating support but there is a separate proposal to cut that too (R-PP-022), which would place a massive strain on the generic floating support which already supports 250 service users at any one time and 600 per year, i.e. 5 months average length of service per person, and is already expected to meet the needs of people with physical and sensory impairments whose existing supported living and housing support services are being cut by another proposal. The Equality Impact Assessments for these cuts to services for older people do not adequately reflect the risks and the mitigating factors are unlikely to have the stated effect "therefore they will critically affect support for vulnerable older people.	1
	The specialist services outlined in these cuts provide vital support to older people leading chaotic lives, many of whom have learning difficulties or mental health issues. Without the ongoing support of organisations these people will find it hard to engage with statutory services, risk losing their tenancies and be more at risk of isolation. When they do need to engage with statutory services it will be at an acute crisis stage that will result in far greater costs to Bristol than the modest sums spent per person through the supporting people budget.	1
	They need this help and more is needed as there are more elderly people. They have been through wars and paid the most in taxes etc. and they now deserve to be well looked after	1
	This is a category not covered elsewhere and covers those who really do need help for a time but aren't eligible for other help. A necessary service especially for the elderly.	1
	This is a vital service for vulnerable people	1
	This service cannot be replaced by the Council's generic floating support service, which is not being expanded. Support will be rationed. Many older people are disabled and need support to prevent their having to move into higher care settings. This proposal discriminates against older disabled people.	1
	This would really damage some of the most vulnerable older people. Halt or phase this.	1
	We are on a reduced service now. If it is reduced any more it will be non-existent	1
	with increasing number of older people floating support provides an opportunity for all older people to access low level support but should not be done at the expense of support funding in sheltered housing	1
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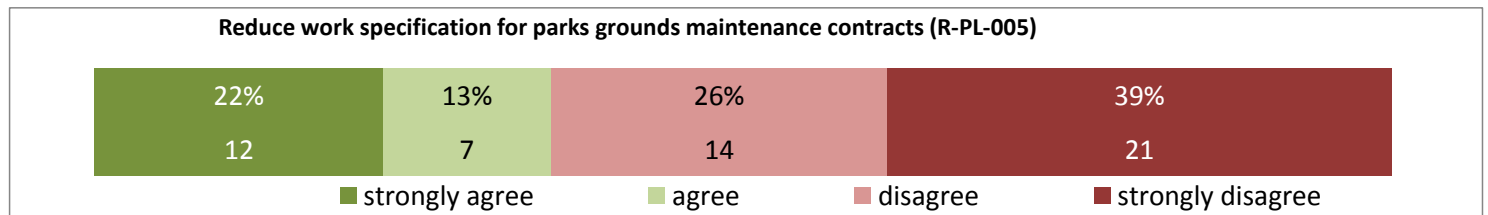


	Stop supervision of Hengrove play area (R-PL-010)	
	99 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	get on with it	1
	Install CCTVs rather than manual supervision	1
	No reason why this should be maintained as the only supervised scheme in the city. I use several other play areas with my grandson, and they function well without supervision.	1
	Parents must take more responsibility	1
	This could be replaced if necessary by community involvement.	1
Agree	However only if you keep the park open!!!	1
	Other play parks aren't supervised so why should this one be, as long as a h&s check is carried out each morning.	1
	parents should be expected to supervise their own children during play- not rely on free child minding- maybe payable sessions could run for those parent who dont want to supervise their youngsters	1
	What is so special about the children in this area as opposed to children in other areas.	1
	When our children were small we looked after our own children in the Park. There is no bus service from a number of areas to the park so it is only mainly families with cars who are able to use the park. Is there any play equipment for disabled children? Is there also any changing place toilets there?	1
	While I agree that this is an expense which seems could be cut I do have concerns about how the park would be without supervision. I do not regularly use the park as it is due to incidences of anti-social behaviour as well as assaults at the park. I do have some concerns that this would occur on a greater scale without any supervisors particularly considering its location.	1
	Whilst I agree with this proposal in general, I do think that some sort of supervision may be necessary e.g. after school or school holidays.	1
Disagree	Children should have the right to be children, and in some places that means supervised play. I don't think this service should be stopped as I'm sure it's one that many parents in the area rely on in order to let their kids have fun.	1
	Consider only having supervision during summer holidays and other peak times. Hengrove was so popular this summer.	1
	further detail is required .. would not support if this means closure	1
	Hengrove Playpark is so good and used by so many visitors because it is maintained, locked at night so it can't get vandalised and a safe environment for children, cutting supervision to the park could result in more accidents, play equipment becoming unsafe if not maintained, and the park getting vandalised/used for drug swaps etc if not locked at night.	1
	hire some one at a cheaper rate	1
	I see this as short term saving which will result in reduced use or closure of the park.	1

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	I would prefer there to be some supervision of this park, even if not full time. It could be supervised during the warmer, busier months with less supervision in the winter. Furthermore, if rumours of Hengrove park's closure are true, then I strongly disagree with that. It is a super park which my children love above all others in Bristol, equalled only by the one at Blaise.	1
	If there is currently supervision required, dont stop it. This will cost more in the long run in maintenance costs.	1
	This is a vital free resource for children in South Bristol which won't feel safe without supervision. Costs can be offset by reducing spending on Neighbourhood Partnerships which doesn't give value for money as only a small proportion of the community (which are usually the least vulnerable and needy) get involved in it.	1
	Why is only this park supervised and not others? Is it because this area has more disadvantaged children who need additional support. I have never seen any supervised play at Hengrove park anyway!	1
Strongly disagree	An absolute disgrace. The busiest play park in the whole of Bristol, used by thousands of people each week. Not just families but childminders, nurseries and local community groups. The park took so long to be built and at a huge cost to Bristol Â£2.5 million. It is a safe place where children can play, locals come together in a secure environment.	1
	As it is, the park toilets are not properly cleaned and usually disgusting. There are frequently teen-aged children that not always abide by the rules. What happens when you completely remove all supervision? Will it still be safe enough???	1
	Children need to be out in the fresh air and getting exercise	1
	Fantastic scheme. Massive knock on impact for youth crime and long term economic impact.	1
	Hengrove is a truly wonderful facility, but it seems difficult to believe that it could run safely without supervision - some of the kids that use it are pretty wild!	1
	Only if it is allied to a comprehensive project for play rangers right across the city to enable children to get out and play and reduce obesity and diabetes, heart disease, etc. This cut contradicts the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Daft.	1
	So gets ruined?	1
	the kids need a safe place to play and supervision makes that happen.	1
	The location of this play park between 2 large areas of extreme deprivation makes comparisons to other play areas around the city irrelevant. The beauty of Hengrove play park is that in an area where parents may be concerned to address inappropriate behaviour due to fear of the reaction from Children and their parents there is currently someone on hand to address that behaviour. Removing the supervision would change the feel of this play area beyond recognition and it could very quickly turn into a no go area.	1
	The mayor likes to wrap this up as making Hengrove equal to other play areas and so it should not be seen as a negative. The play equipment is not safe without supervision and so many, many children will lose this valuable and much loved park.	1
	The supervisors add the human element to the site and losing them is madness. The site will be trashed and taken over by anti-social elements. This is a massive step backwards for Bristol.	1
	There is not enough supervision in play parks.	1
	This is an amazing park and you would be a fool to stop supervision	1
	This play area is of a much larger scale than others in the city and supervision is required to ensure it can be used safely. The provision of ranger services also allows use by children with disabilities, such as autism, that limit their access to unsupervised facilities.	1
	This will result in significant vandalism and anti-social behaviour due to the area this park is located in	1
Grand Total		37

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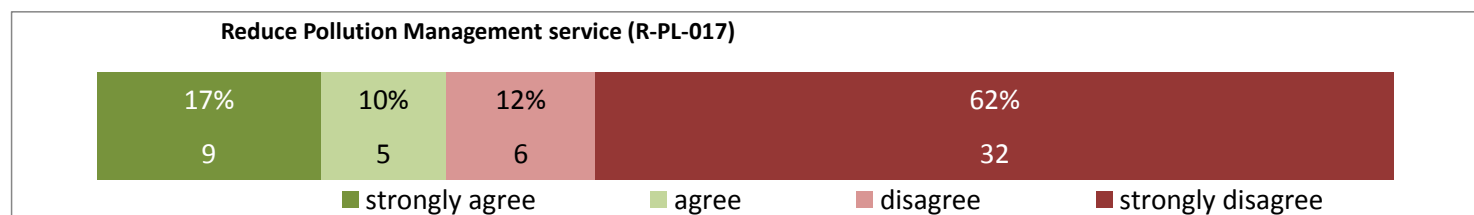


Reduce work specification for parks grounds maintenance contracts (R-PL-005)		
55 looked at this proposal		
Num		
		Total
0	a review to identify what needs doing. at competitive rate	1
Strongly agree	Council seem to put a lot of money in and to be fair waste land and parks etc should be just maintained but the budget set out for this seem extremely high.	1
	Our parks are lovely, but they are a luxury, and since cuts are unavoidable I would rather they came from here than from services for vulnerable people	1
Agree	Far too many workers at Ashton Court driving around or standing around chatting. Cease all parkeers like they did in London. Contractor to keep lawns cut.	1
	Parks grounds maintenance can be reduced by more meadow assignments and ensuring value for money is being achieved in the remaining areas of spend.	1
	Request corporates to adopt the parks and use the fun to maintain the parks	1
Disagree	Don't know much about this one, but judging by my local park there's not much scope for reducing the spec further - it looks great, but that's because the little that does get done (a couple of flowerbeds and some general tidying as far as I can see, and I walk through it every day) have a lot of impact. To reduce that further could leave the place looking uncared for.	1
	How such parks look and flourish is a very important part of a city's general look and reputation	1
	I would like to see an evaluation of whether parks can exist with lower maintenance by for example low maintenance planting including perennial shrubs etc in place of annual, high maintenance schemes.	1
	Must be carefully managed to make sure quality of parks does not suffer too much	1
	Our parks are such an important part of our city any reductions should be kept to an absolute minimum	1
	Parks are already dirty so I don't agree with this. It's important to maintain and invest in park facilities, esp for children.	1
	Reduce but do not eradicate. If the service remains and is not decimated completely I would support this idea.	1
	Snuff Mills action group is very concerned by this proposal, we fully support our grounds staff and the help they have given us and these proposals can only be met by direct front line cuts in the proposed timescales. We as a community groups are prevented from doing much of the work of the frontline staff due to health and safety restriction , equipment (mowers etc) and enough competent volunteers. We fully realise savings need to be made and would echo the Parks Forum response that these should be looked at over the next year with a view to making savings in 2015 not 2014.	1
	We must maintain the quality of of our parks.	1

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Strongly disagree	As the secretary of Friends of Brandon Hill, I feel that over the past 5 years we have put an enormous amount of effort into improving the hill only to find that the very minimal level of provision through the contract is to be reduced even further. As it is there is not provision for maintenance of the infrastructure and we have had to obtain the funding to renovate the derelict bowling green and get the railings painted - last done more than 20 years ago.	1
	Bristol in Bloom currently receives in the region of £30k funding. This initiative can and should be delivered and driven at community level, through the NP's, Parks Forum Groups with officer support provided from within Neighbourhoods/NET. Restructure, with equal representation from across the city. Criticism has been made by some community groups as to the fact that the current structure does not recognise the efforts and potential of the city as a whole and concentrates on the central area of the city. Any agreed funding should be used to support "In Bloom" initiatives across the city and at local level. Greater Fishponds NP entered In Bloom regionals this year and achieved "Urban Communities" award they will now be representing South West in Nationals for 2015, this is an excellent example of how "In Bloom" can be delivered at local level and at minimal costs - £1,200 through NP. In Bloom recognises Community Participation and Environmental Responsibility, horticultural plays just a small part. Any savings from the current In Bloom funding programme could be put towards other services that are earmarked for cuts ie tree maintenance, supervision at Hengrove etc. Currently there are a number of parks that have Green Flag Status, preparation ahead of the judging can incur officer costs, additional maintenance costs etc. Suggest disband the current Green Flag Status - Friends of Parks Groups can enter in their own right by way of Community Green Flag Status. Snuff Mills Action Group were the first and only group in Bristol to achieve Community Green Flag status, at no cost to the council, they have achieved this for the last two years. Other Green Flag Status parks such as Friends of Troopers Hill, Redcatch Park, Greville Smythe, Canford all have successfully established Friends of Groups who should be able to achieve this status in their own right.	1
	bristol's parks are great and boost the health, wellbeing and economy of the whole city. If they aren't maintained they won't be safe.	1
	cannot be achieved in year one but is possible in year 2 to make some savings but the process needs to be open and transparent, and have full involvement of park user groups. Cuts immediately will undo the hard work of BCC and community groups in one fell swoop	1
	If the great majority of people living in BRistol use public parks this is not an area which should be reduced in spending. The parks provide green spaces much needed in our city. They need to be clean, well maintained and safe. All generations use them. Even more important in difficult times for people if they can't go out of the city looking for some fresh air and green space.	1
	Parks are poorly maintained. any cut would make this worse, unless it was in queens square where they seem to waste money reseeding patches that never last.	1
	Parks maintenance standards have already been cut to the bone; further cuts will result in parks returning towards the tatty state that they were in 10 years ago. If the cuts go ahead, the first thing to be cut should be Green Flag and Entente Florale applications; these have little relevance to parks users and are basically to make politicians and officers feel good! The standards set out in the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy would also have to be formally abandoned and we should probably withdraw from Green Capital 2015. The last area to suffer from cuts should be small local parks.	1
	RPP020/22/019 RPL017/020/015/026 SAVE or subsidise somehow. (Next time, don't invest council money in Iceland!)	1
	So children do what instead?	1
	Would the Council let the green spaces of the city turn into unkempt wastelands?	1
Grand Total		25

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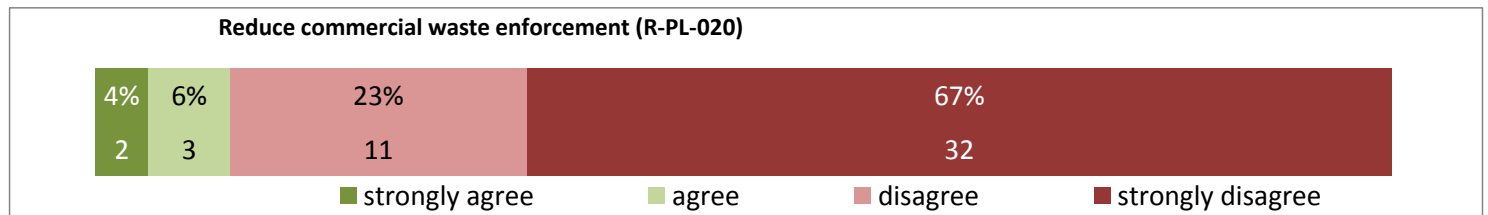


Reduce Pollution Management service (R-PL-017)	Reduce Pollution Management service (R-PL-017)	
	53 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	Noise Pollution Team is a waste of tax payers money. there are better services + organisations who help us	1
Agree	This propose is short sighted especially bristol will be the green capital in ?2015. Bad air affect everyone.	1
Disagree	bye bye green city status.	1
	Not a good idea for a Green Capital City! We soon have EU standards to meet and we need to work on a proper plan for the City.	1
	Please don't allow pollution to build up!	1
	we are the grean capital, and a very industrial city, to cut this service would be a mistake	1
Strongly disagree	Applicants for planning consent should fund the cost of the expertise required to determine the application (e.g. environmental health officer)	1
	Bad idea! Pollution will cost more in future than this measure will save now.	1
	Bristol is one of the dirtiest cities I have ever encountered. Further reduction in pollution management is ludicrous	1
	Comments will be added at the end of the survey	1
	I am very concerned that any reduction in this area will affect the ability of individuals to respond properly to planning applications which have a potential impact by way of pollution, including noise. It is open to applicants to use their own expert evidence which may or may not be accurate. If this service is cut or disappears, individuals will be effectively powerless against applicants who themselves are powerful and rich. Rather than reducing Pollution Control staff, there should be a system whereby applicants themselves are required to fund the service, so that planning officers/committees will continue to be given a balanced and informed view about the effect a proposed/existing development has/will have on pollution, rather than one based on bias or ignorance, and those affected by a development will continue to have their interests represented when a planning decision is made.	1
	I believe that this service is predominantly statutory and reducing the service will lead o an increase in pollution across Bristol	1
	Public need independent expertise of BCC environmental health officers to protect them from planning applications (inc. retrospective) ones submitted with phony data by the uncaring and unscrupulous. Essential need for likes of Dylan Davies especially now there is a presumption in favour of sustainability	1
	separate letter sent to Council voicing concerns	1

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	The information presented on the website pdf does not correlate with the issue!!! [http://www.bristol.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/community_and_safety/equality_and_diversity/R-PL-017%20Reduce%20Pollution%20management%20service%20Final_0.pdf]. The high cost of living in Bristol (compared nationally) should afford a good measure of pollution control. Also, there is no risk assessment for the proposed reductions to this service!!	1
	This rather seems to go against the Mayor's environmental focus.	1
	This service is already minimal but the number of houses in multiple occupation continues to rise particularly in the Clifton and Redland area. At least at the moment when the noise from parties becomes unbearable there is a number to ring. If this is reduced there will be nothing to stop this anti social behaviour from the increasing numbers of students in the area.	1
	We already have a problem with fly tipping this will increase if policing is pulled back costing us more	1
Grand Total		18

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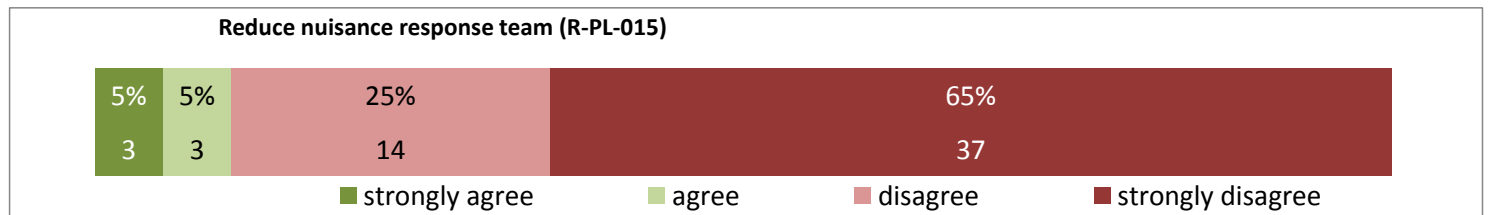


Reduce commercial waste enforcement (R-PL-020)	Reduce commercial waste enforcement (R-PL-020)	
	49 looked at this proposal	
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		Total
Disagree	I believe that during the summer months the bins need to be collected once a week	1
	If commercial waste violation is a problem then this should still remain a priority	1
	Illegal tipping and dumping is barely enforced at the moment,surely you cant do less?	1
	There are large incentives for commercial waste to be disposed of 'on the cheap'. This results in both significant costs from fly tipping/removal, and pollution etc to the environment. I would support smarter ways of enforcement but not a general reduction with no changes to strategies to deal effectively with this issue.	1
	There is far too much waste dumped around Bristol so please don't help that to get worse.	1
	This is a mistake- we don't want to live in a tip. However, I accept this idea if the service is not completely decimated.	1
	This is already a significant problem and needs enforcement - fine businesses illegally dumping to fund the posts?	1
	yes to awareness but no to enforcement which is essential in tackling this crime alongside the Environment agency	1
Strongly disagree	A recipe for litter and vermin risk	1
	again - unless Bristol is to become a dustbin we need this service	1
	Ah, here's the section I was looking for. Do not approve this.	1
	commercial waste accounts for most of the unhygienic ,unpleasant and messy state of our streets	1
	Enforcement re waste needs boosting (or at least maintaining). It's a huge problem.	1
	It looks like this could be very damaging for the environment.	1
	Reducing this service will lead to an increase in waste in the streets	1

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	There is a fairly new team within Safer Bristol, called Neighbourhood Coordinators, headed by Gemma Dando. For the most part this team is an expensive white elephant that merely duplicates work already done by other teams, but they have one use in this case: Have a look at any or every list of 'Neighbourhood Priorities' they have come up with (note they are on a very, very good salary for essentially asking people what they don't like about their area - I will come back to this), and you will see that environmental issues like fly-tipping and littering are high on each list, suggesting that cleanliness of the streets is important. It does not then take a huge leap of the imagination to picture what the streets of Bristol will look like if you reduce Commercial Waste Enforcement. The Streetscene Enforcement Team has spent years getting on top of commercial waste producers to ensure both tidier streets and reduced fly-tipping, through enforcing waste contracts and making sure only licenced waste carriers pick up commercial waste. If this function is taken away, businesses will have carte blanche to a) dump waste in the street b) give their waste (cheaply) to unlicensed waste carriers who in turn will fly-tip the waste elsewhere c) keep their bin where they want on the pavement d) have no sanctions against them for having overflowing, untidy bins with side waste etc. Clearly, you will be aware of the 'broken window syndrome' theory, and will understand that by allowing commercial waste producers to make a mess of the city streets is only going to make urban problems such as littering, graffiti, domestic fly-tipping and petty crime much, much worse. If you are serious about cutting the council budget, then you would be much better served by looking at the duplicated functions within the council and trimming these, rather than ending a necessary service to the city and public.	1
	This gives the green light for companies to dispose of waste anyway they like	1
	Waste producers should be left in no doubt whose responsibility their waste removal or reduction is. They will not do it willingly so the Council (tax payers) will be left to bear the financial and pollution cost	1
	we have a huge problem with fly tipping and the like, and you want to reduce the ability and resources to stop it. i'm guessing it doesn't happen where councillors live then.	1
	We have considerable problems with some businesses in Church Road Redfield area not complying to council regulations. The employee of the council that deals with our area is absolutely fantastic and deals with our problems immediately, without him our area could look like a tip. I feel these cuts could bring serious problems to Bristol	1
Grand Total		20

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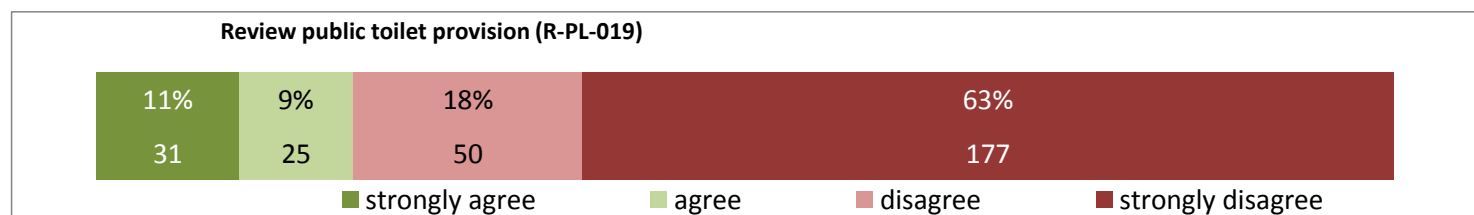


Reduce nuisance response team (R-PL-015)	Reduce nuisance response team (R-PL-015)	
	59 looked at this proposal	
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		Total
Strongly agree	I don't believe that this team adds anything meaningful to the city and agree with reducing its services	1
	the noise pollution team are a waste of money. more funding should be given to making safer Bristol	1
Agree	Reduce their service, encourage police to ask people to talk to neighbours about issues	1
	Working with PCSOs on this will save duplication and money.	1
Disagree	Nuisances can have a very adverse effect on quality of life, will the council still be able to respond adequately after this reduction?	1
	Public toilets should stay open, private business are not that welcoming and are mostly inaccessible	1
	This is becoming more of a problem and needs to be addressed, not reduced	1
Strongly disagree	Anti-social behaviour blights our society. Help should be available when needed.	1
	Any reduction in visible response to community problems is usually a bad thing. A further erosion of a sense of civic, and therefore community, duty.	1
	As a homeowner who lives next to extreme nuisance neighbours, this service is vital	1
	come and live in hartcliffe.	1
	I have serious concerns regarding the reduction in the service as they provide an essential and statutory service to the city of bristol. The service is stretched and has been reduced due to natural wastage over the last 5 years. If these cuts go ahead and the night service also reduces the city council will make the team ineffective in delivering their 100% statutory function. The Police do not have the capacity to deal with any of these issues as well. This service provide an essential function to vulnerable groups in the city and in most cases are the first on site protecting the vulnerable groups here in bristol. The Teams ability to deal with Nuisance Noise was a major factor in gaining the city's status of European Green Capital. With the impending new power under community protection orders and restorative justice the teams work loads are likely to increase so any cuts to severely affect the city's ability to cope. During busy periods the teams ability to respond as per their statutory obligations is already being severely tested, any cuts to this service will make complying with their statutory obligations impossible!	1
	It should be strengthened in order to act quickly against noise nuisance.	1
	Noise is the scourge of the age! The nuisance response team must be maintained. It is vital to the noise-beleaguered citizens of Bristol.	1
	Noise nuisance can be a very disturbing form of anti social behaviour. A reduction in the nuisance response team would have an adverse affect on many people's lives.	1
	nuisance impacts on lives, often very negatively, we need to continue to support this work	1

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	Nuisance response already iffy. Can't maintain a high quality of life without some provision for this.	1
	sent under separate letter	1
	Terrible idea. This should be increased. Nuisance neighbors destroy lives and by reducing this service you are merely giving the problem to the police.	1
	The nuisance response team, which is already very poor, needs some additional investment from the city council in order to cope with the problems we have in Bristol. This team's responses are almost nil.	1
	The Pollution Control Team is already over stretched. The night noise service has already been reduced to 5 nights a week and it is unable to operate every week of the year. Cutting this service will undoubtedly make it harder for the Pollution Control Team to deal with nuisance complaints which could potentially have a detrimental affect to many residents of Bristol	1
	There is nothing more annoying, and sometimes intimidating, than 'nuisance neighbours' - redcing this service will mainly affect vulnerable groups who may have to live in fear.	1
	This is absolutely necessary in the present society	1
	We have massive anti social behaviour problems already. Adding new migrants from January into the mix we will see problems including waste, overcrowding, anti social behaviour as experienced by places including sheffield	1
	we need this as lots of noise now from bad famileys from hell we have 3 behind us and noise control cant cope in BRISTOL	1
Grand Total		25

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Review public toilet provision (R-PL-019)	Review public toilet provision (R-PL-019)	
	291 looked at this proposal	
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		Total
0	As a man, our dear Mayor probably doesn't appreciate the problems of being a woman. Women have periods, which sometimes occasionally leak, and a public toilet nearby is required to avoid very embarrassing accidents. (As one who suffered extremely heavy periods, I know!!) and sudden flooding is common amongst middle aged women) There is also the question of incontinence, suffered by many. Heard of a scheme elsewhere where cafes allowed their toilets to be used when the public ones were closed.	1
	BRISTOL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION 2014-2017 Submitted by Dr Suzanne Audrey and Marcus Grant, SHINE health integration team Bristol Health Partners is a collaboration of six NHS organisations, the city's two universities and its local authority, and has established a number of health integration teams (HITs) to address public health imperatives and disease areas in the city. The Supporting Healthy Inclusive Neighbourhood Environments (SHINE) HIT is led by Suzanne Audrey, Research Fellow at the University of Bristol, and Marcus Grant, Deputy Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Collaborating Centre for Healthy Urban Environments at the University of the West of England. As co-leads of SHINE we wish to comment on the closure of public toilets. In acknowledging the serious situation with regard to public finding, we end this document with some "possible solutions". PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE CLOSURE OF PUBLIC TOILETS While closing public toilets may be seen as reducing costs to the local authority, it must be considered in the wider context including public health, quality of life, inclusion and economic wellbeing. Visitors and tourism Good quality public toilet facilities contribute to a range of amenities that help to attract visitors, encouraging them to stay longer, and to visit again. The UK visitor economy is worth billions of pounds and a significant proportion of tourists, particularly from other countries, enjoy "city breaks". Being able to access a toilet is a fundamental need for any visitor. Sustainable Transport People are more likely to use public transport, or to walk or cycle, if they are confident that they will be able to use accessible and clean toilets throughout their journey. Elderly people In the UK, between 3 and 6 million people suffer from urinary incontinence, which affects more women than men and becomes more common with age. For many older people, the lack of toilet facilities stops them going out which has the potential to increase physical and mental health problems. The cost of health and social care falls on local authorities as well as the national health services. Physical activity, especially in later life, reduces the demands on local health services and helps older people maintain their independence. The issue of toilet provision is so important for the health and wellbeing of the global ageing population that the WHO has cited it as a major factor in their Age Friendly Cities Guide. Health Many activities that support health and wellbeing take place outside of the home. Public toilets in places such as parks, public squares and promenades help to support people who need regular toilet access to take exercise and stay physically active. Whilst urinary function reduces with age, it can also be diminished by medication taken for the management of chronic health conditions such as heart failure, some forms of cancer, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. Women Urinary incontinence	1

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	<p>affects more women than men. Women who are pregnant or at the menopause need to use the toilet more often, as do those with other conditions such as diabetes. At any one time, about a quarter of all women of childbearing age will be menstruating and require access to clean toilets. Women often take on the role of carer, whether of older people or children. In these situations they need toilets in accessible locations with facilities to accommodate the needs of those for whom they are caring as well as their own. At night, while additional urinals are strategically provided for men, there is no equivalent provision for women. Children and young people The closure of a public toilet means that those with babies to change have to find alternative, less sanitary means e.g. on a park bench. Some people in this situation leave the soiled nappy behind incurring additional cleaning costs for the local authority. Small children have less control over their bladders and outings can be abruptly curtailed if a child needs to use a toilet. If there is no public toilet available, the choice for the carer is either to go home or find a less hygienic place. Older children and young people can suffer from embarrassment and anxiety about toilet related issues and their need for publicly available toilets should also be recognized, for example, young women learning to manage menstruation. Disability and chronic illness There are over 11 million people with a limiting long term illness, impairment or disability in Great Britain. These conditions often include problems with mobility or stamina which require consideration with regard to accessing public toilets. Conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome, ulcerative colitis, and Crohn's disease cause many people to reduce their outdoor activities and stay at home because of concerns about toilet facilities. Hygiene A lack of available and appropriate facilities at the right time during the day and night encourages street fouling. Cleaning up the mess is a significant and costly task for local authorities. In some areas at the weekends there are temporary urinals for use at night time. While this may reduce street fouling, public urinating can be offensive and cause some people to avoid these areas. The needs of the homeless are seldom mentioned in connection with public toilets, but their toileting requirements do need to be addressed if street fouling is to be reduced. Mobile workers Delivery personnel, taxi drivers, lorry drivers, police officers and other mobile workers need access to public toilets as they carry out their duties. Summary The closure of public toilets has the potential to: reduce independence; cause embarrassment, indignity and distress; cause particular problems for children, women, disabled people and people with chronic illnesses; contribute to physical and mental health problems; cause problems for mobile workers; reduce opportunities for physical activity; incur additional costs related to medical and social services; affect the perception of visitors and tourists; encourage street fouling and unhygienic practices. SOME POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS • Priority should be given to retaining public toilets in areas where no other provision is available. • Consideration should be given to establishing a "working party", supported with funds through savings from public toilet closures, to develop and promote a public toilet strategy in Bristol. This should include representatives from a range of stakeholders including policy makers, specific interest groups (including the elderly, disabled, carers and women), public health researchers and practitioners. SHINE would be willing to contribute expertise to such a group. • Community toilet schemes should be strengthened and publicised. These schemes provide a means by which local authorities, working in partnership with local businesses, enhance public access to toilets. The schemes allow the public to use toilet facilities in private premises such as pubs, cafes, shops and offices without having to make a purchase. The Local Authority supports or pays the owner of the premises for providing the facility. The following measures can enhance such schemes: o Signs announcing the community toilet scheme placed at "entrance points" to an area, such as car parks, town centres and transport hubs, so that visitors know what to look out for o Premises displaying stickers prominently in their window, to inform passers-by that their toilets are available, and the types of facilities they provide o Directional signs and paper maps indicating community toilets with details of available toilet facilities, the distance, and the opening hours o Council buildings, such as libraries and leisure centres, are included •</p>	
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	<p>Consideration should be given to mobile phone apps and texting facilities that supply details of the nearest toilet facilities and opening times. It may be possible to work with the city's universities to develop a "Bristol public toilet app" - Bristol City Council should review and, if appropriate, improve its contribution to online The Great British Public Toilet Map. http://greatbritishpublictoiletmap.rca.ac.uk/ USEFUL REFERENCES AND WEBSITES SHINE health integration team. http://www.bristolhealthpartners.org.uk/health-integration-teams/supporting-healthy-inclusive-neighbourhood-environments-hit/ Bladder and Bowel Foundation. http://www.bladderandbowelfoundation.org/ Department for Communities and Local Government. Improving Public Access to Better Quality Toilets. A Strategic Guide, March 2008. Gail Knight and Jo-Anne Bichard. Publicly Accessible Toilets An Inclusive Design Guide. http://www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/CMS/files/Toilet_LoRes.pdf Clara Greed. Inclusive Urban Design: Public Toilets. Routledge, 2003 Help the Aged. Nowhere to go, 2007. British Toilet Association. Written evidence provided to the Health and Social Care Committee, National Assembly for Wales. Public health implications of inadequate public toilet facilities. December 2011. World health Organisation. Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide, 2007. http://www.who.int/ageing/publications/Global_age_friendly_cities_Guide_English.pdf NHS choices http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Incontinence-urinary/Pages/Introduction.aspx Office for Disability Issues, Department of Work and Pensions. http://odi.dwp.gov.uk/disability-statistics-and-research/disability-facts-and-figures.php#gd</p>	
	I am very concerned with cutting out public lavatories, anywhere but especially on the downs. People need to be able to go to the loo while they are enjoying our facilities, otherwise they will choose to go elsewhere where their toileting needs are catered for. in fact we could do with more public loos on the downs!	1
	The Stoke Road toilets deserve special treatment as they are remote from alternative (community) provision. Overall, I feel the proposals violate the Equality principles. If closures are needed, can the toilets just be locked rather than removed, to allow for future re-opening?	1
Strongly agree	Close all but keep the ones on the downs open	1
	I am totally against any proposals to close public toilet facilities as this restricts the mobility of elderly, disabled and financially disadvantaged people , all of whom are trying to improve their lot by walking to keep fit and reduce their dependancy on the state.	1
	I think this is a good saving - most people should be able to control their needs, and prefer not to use public toilets anyway. They should be prepared to pay the cost to use a private cafe toilet where ncessary.	1
	It would be good to promote toilets in cafes/shops for use by the public as most people would prefer to use these anyway!	1
	Most people would rather use a toilet in a pub / shop rather than a public toilet, I did a poll of friends and none of us use public toilets now so won't miss them	1
	Some public toilets are awful, it does not reflect Bristol as a great city - recently voted as the best place to live - with those toilets?!!	1

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	The only people who use these toilets are junkies and drunks. Close them.	1
	This is always a controversial issue but it needs to be tackled. Even if the outcome is lower savings than planned the scale of expenditure on this warrants a full and critical review, not based on emotion and hearsay. The majority of people are perfectly capable of surviving without public loos, and probably already do, so the challenge is to provide for those who have specific and justifiable needs.	1
	Though the council should engage with local businesses to ensure there are other toilets available. This is particularly important for the disabled, young and anyone with bladder problems.	1
Agree	Consider options for putting public toilets out on lease to private management	1
	I agree that closing public toilets is an easy place to save money as nobody is directly affected but perhaps leave one or two others that are near to places that families would go.	1
	I agree with reviewing provision but not with widespread closures; could options for charging for use be considered instead? (with a pre-pay option, to avoid people being caught short!). More publicity should also be given for the scheme that allows to the public to use toilet facilities in public buildings/business etc.	1
	It's a shame to close public toilets, but they are very expensive, and there are lots of privately funded options. So I agree with this cut.	1
	Not a priority	1
	people can always use cafe's etc when out and about.	1
	Suggest these closures can be fully mitigated by use of existing facilities in both public and private ownership - however there needs to be a process to promote the community toilet scheme and to encourage more organisations to participate	1
	Thses need to be looked at , although i would not get rid of those that are in area of tourism	1
	whilst some facilities are near to cafes/stores and could be redirected there are areas where this is not the case. If we are to encourage people to get out and walk we need to provide toilet facilities which are signposted. Sea Walls/Suspension bridge toilets are a point in case. Tourism is a big earner and we need to ensure facilities at key attractions. Wherever possible Community toilets should be encouraged as this will help offset costs.	1
Disagree	Can we keep the ones in Westbury-on-Trym?	1
	Cannot believe that it is intended to close public toilets on the Downs. There are no other options available for the thousands of Bristol residents and visitors available here. This can only have been thought up by some-one who never uses this wonderful area of the city.	1
	Closure of the public toilet on Suspension Bridge Road. I write on behalf of the trustees of the Clifton Suspension Bridge, which is visited by 500,000 visitors a year. The toilets on Suspension Bridge Road were erected in 1926 and succeeded a cast iron urinal erected for the benefit of visitors to the Downs in the 1880s near the junction of Suspension Bridge Road and Observatory Hill Road. They are used by both visitors to the bridge, Bristol's best known building and monument, and by visitors to the Downs, Bristol's largest and most popular park - by far. Francis Greenacre	1
	Community toilets not acceptable substitute unless much improved. Impact on tourism?	1
	I agree that public toilets in urban areas can be closed as there are shops, cafes etc HOWEVER closing those in parks is a BAD idea. People spend considerable time in parks and often there are no other facilities near by, so closing these toilets will just increase filth especially in summer.	1
	I am not aware of a toilet scheme and there would need to be a huge culture change for me to feel comfortable using the facilities in cafes etc without making a purchase, so I don't think this is going to work.	1

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	I am the Chairman of Avon IA, a local member organisation of the national charity, IA (the ileostomy and internal pouch Support Group). Our aims are to provide support and advice to those who have had, or are about to have, their colon (large bowel) removed and the formation of either an ileostomy or internal pouch. As a result, we require ready access to toilet facilities as our bowel function is very different from a healthy colon, and we need to empty our bags or pouches at frequent intervals throughout the day. I have been alerted to the Council's plans to reduce the number of public toilets (including disabled toilets) in the area and I wish to make a representation on behalf of the members of Avon IA. Ease of access to public toilet facilities gives our members, especially the elderly, the confidence to get out and get on with their lives. We feel sure that withdrawal of this essential facility will have a detrimental effect on our members' ability to do that. Our members are entitled to use RADAR keys, and while most of us use 'able-bodied' facilities wherever possible, the option to use disabled toilet facilities is a major benefit, both for privacy and if we should need to change a stoma bag. For others, especially the elderly or those with other medical conditions, disabled toilets are essential. For us, the fact of having to visit a toilet more frequently throughout the day is a small price to pay for regaining an active, healthy life. However, having to hunt round for a few remaining public conveniences is a stress that many of our members could do without. I therefore urge The Council to reconsider these proposals and to maintain the number of toilet facilities in the Bristol Area for the use of residents and tourists alike.	1
	I think that the three public toilets on the Downs should remain open, ie Sea Walls, Stoke Road, & Suspension Bridge.	1
	I think this needs to be reconsidered particularly for the elderly or disabled - and these people communicated with directly - i.e the suspension bridge toilets - there is a long distance from here to any cafe etc that offers free toilet use.	1
	If you are going to shut toilets do it gradually so you can make sure people know about the new alternative to that one that has been closed. Need signs on the cafe's where you are allowed to use the loo.	1
	I'm most concerned about those toilets which are close to parks and play facilities. As the mother of a child with special needs, with urinary problems this will have an impact on our ability to get out of the house and use play facilities. Many shops/cafe's have a clear policy which only allows customers of the establishment to use their toilets. Weston Super Mare charges beach users 20p a visit. Could we not pay a small amount to use public toilets where there are no other nearby alternatives? This scheme proposes something which will have an impact on parents with children, older people in the community and people with bladder problems.	1
	It is not clear if this includes facilities in our parks, which are usually a long way from businesses and public buildings with alternative facilities. Not helpful to close public toilets if we are trying to get children, older and disabled people with potentially weaker bladders out in parks to keep fit	1
	It seems shortsighted to close public toilets on The Downs when a public health objective is to get more people out and about in the open air and one of the Council's economic priorities is to encourage visitors. Perhaps a small charge might be appropriate.	1
	It will be very difficult for older people and those with small children if public toilets are shut. They have less bladder control and it can be very inconvenient and embarrassing to be 'caught short'.	1

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	Many sites will not benefit from the 'community toilets scheme'. This is particularly true of the Downs. While I applaud the Mayor and Cabinet's determination to protect the vulnerable, and not to duplicate services, I consider that the closure of the toilets by the Water Tower on the Downs will (a) sharply diminish amenity in an area specifically gifted to the people of Bristol for their health and enjoyment (b) actively encourage misuse of the Downs (c) show a cavalier disregard for the right to basic human dignity which we should be supporting in less fortunate countries rather than failing to observe it here. Of course there are difficult choices to be made, but if money is expended on preserving the Downs, then surely it is bad business practice simultaneously to undermine the good use of that site?	1
	Most public toilets should be retained. There are not many toilets anyway.	1
	Please do not close the Downs toilets, it will impact on important education and environmental as well as recreational provision.	1
	Public hygiene is a core service. Needed for older people, children and tourists. By all means charge, or arrange for the public sector to provide, but arrange.	1
	Public toilets are a necessity.	1
	Public toilets are essential for many workers (eg taxi drivers, bus drivers, etc) and many ordinary people (eg those with continence problems). Cafés/ restaurants/ etc may well be willing to allow people to use their toilet facilities, but this does/ would impose additional costs for them. Both in this instance and for public toilets I would recommend a charge for use be levied (as I found in London recently, but at least the toilets were staffed, supervised and clean). This would require investment in the first instance (I liked the idea of a franchise suggested at last night's meeting, but with strict conditions about the charge levels. I would NOT favour privatisation, as this would probably end in exorbitant overcharging.)	1
	Public toilets are important for maintaining the dignity of disabled people, removing them will make their lives harder and discourage them from leaving home.	1
	Retain the public toilets next to the Downs Water Tower and those next to the Suspension Bridge - for the benefit of walkers and tourists, who might otherwise use the trees!	1
	Some areas are underserved by alternative locations - viz Wapping Wharf. Public urination already an issue	1
	Some toilets need to be maintained by council for groups that use them most especially older people and people with disability and people with children	1
	Suggest charging for public toilets so that disabled people who need access to public toilets can still have them e.g on the Downs	1
	The alternatives must be clearly signed. Maybe pubs and cafes could have a reduction in Business Rates in return for providing toilets	1
	The closure of public toilets in areas where there are toilets already available (e.g. department stores) is a reasonable idea. However the three public toilets on the downs are not near any alternative toilets (it would not be reasonable to expect the Water Tower Cafe to meet the demand there). This is an important area for leisure and tourism and toilet provision is essential, even if it means paying.	1
	the present provision is very poor. I would strongly agree if you increased the provision of toilets.	1
	The public toilets in the centre on the harbour should remain in use.	1
	This is probably the Council service I use the most! If you aim to make the city cleaner and better-smelling, closing these toilets is not the best way forward. Used by old people, walkers, those who cannot afford to go to a cafe/restaurant just to use a loo...	1
	This will cause problems for the many people with medical conditions in the city	1

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	To to make a small charge for useage is one thing to close services means the city with smell, be unattractive to visitors and have a detremental overall effect	1
	Would need clear signage to nearest toilets. Bit drastic to remove all but 1, maybe 50% in low use areas.	1
Strongly disagree	all visitors I feel very strongly that the public toilets on the Downs should remain open. They are an invaluable facility for to this fantastic Bristol amenity and are essential for children, older people, keep fit groups and walkers (I walk from Stoke Bishop to Bristol almost everyday and the toilets by the water tower are extremely welcome!). Only a man could think it sensible to close toilets!! Why does the council provide pissoirs in town at night?? These should be paid for by the bars. I think that the Mayor must be taking the piss if he thinks that closing these toilets is a wise move. We must set an example to our children. They must not be brought up to believe that it is polite, safe, healthy to pee in public !!	1
	Along with many other disabled people, access to toilets is critical. It can be hugely dicomforting and humiliating not to find such facilities available. Indeed, some activities, such as spending time on the Downs for example, would be denied to me and persons with similar conditions. Thus we would be discriminated against in a society and city where respect of all citizens should be paramount. Whilst understanding the opportunity for savings, this truly is an ill considered proposal. Even if the toilets were subject to a charge, they should surely continue to operate.	1
	An uncivilised and unworthy proposal which affects the most vulnerable the most. Presumably the proposal includes loos in Bristol's wonderful parks, thus rendering them much less desirable places to spend any length of time and also less suited to events etc hosted by community groups. I'm hoping this proposal is simply the red herring that I suspect it is, the "look, we listened!" good news story to bury all the bad in...	1
	Are you mad? Its true men piss everywhere but women tend not to as they are more vunerable. Where will people go to the toilet? A substantial number of Bristols citizens cannot afford to go into a cafe and buy a drink in order to use the toilet, department stores and supermarkets do provode an alternative but in the former the toilets are often on the top floor. What about the homeless - where will they be able to get a wash, use a toilet etc?	1
	as a mother of young children public toilets are a necessity as they cant 'hold it" long enough to either find another toilet ,or get permission as many owners dont like you just usingn the facilities. also, do we really wan t to be know as the city with no public toilets? if i were going to visit a city i would go to one knowing that we can goto the toilet as and when needed!	1
	Be more creative with the service, shared public toilets could be a bonus to a private business, not a problem/burden?	1
	Bristol needs more public toilets, not fewer. I am strongly opposed to this proposal.	1
	charge for usage like other big cities	1
	Charge money for the usage of public toilet service rather than closing down the services. Toilets are essential with bristol being green capital and tourists , woman , old people and children will feel difficulty if the toilet services are closed.	1

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	<p>Closing all but one of the public toilets in Bristol, will have an extremely negative impact on a significant number of citizens, and on the environment. Failure to provide easily accessible public toilet facilities would reduce the confidence to remain active outside their own homes of vulnerable people who are already at risk of social isolation - especially the elderly, pregnant women, parents of young children, and those with certain disabilities or medical conditions. From an environmental and health & safety perspective, there is no doubt that if there are no readily available public toilets some people will resort to using public spaces to relieve themselves, especially on The Downs where there are no "community alternatives" within easy reach for walkers, playschemes, educational sessions, team sports players or people enjoying other outdoor leisure activities in this large open space. There are many more potential "community alternative" businesses with toilet facilities in the city centre than on The Downs, so it seems illogical to propose retention of the public toilets at Colston Avenue rather than those by the Water Tower, which are not only well placed to serve users of The Downs but also historically significant - marked with a Bristol City Council blue plaque honouring former lavatory attendant Victoria Hughes, whose story is included in the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.</p>	1
	<p>Closure of the three Downs toilets No other city in Britain has such a spectacular landscape so close to its centre. The Downs form by far Bristol's largest and most popular park. It seems extraordinary to maintain toilets in smaller public parks that are principally used by nearby residents and workers, but to propose the closure of toilets in a park that serves the city as a whole and which is also a major tourist attraction. A recent and conservative estimate of the number of visitors to the Clifton Suspension Bridge was 500,000 a year. The Water Tower toilets were erected in the 1890s, coincidentally very soon after the trams reached the top of Whiteladies Road and the formation of the Downs (football) League. They were built to serve the general public of Bristol, not the local residents. A decade ago the separate Gents toilets were moved into the Ladies and the Gents building became a cafe. Savings have already been made and an income from the cafe achieved. There is no room for any further alteration to the combined toilet building. The combined toilets on Suspension Bridge Road were erected in 1926 and succeeded a cast iron urinal erected in the 1880s near the junction of Observatory Hill Road and Suspension Bridge Road. Its closure would surely make nonsense of the stated role and mission of Destination Bristol whose emblem, rightly, is the Clifton Suspension Bridge. It would also threaten the nearby playground, one of whose beneficial features, at present, is the scrub that surrounds it and in which the children enjoy playing. The Sea Walls toilets were built for a different purpose during WWII. They are much used and vital to educational tour groups. They are, however, in a poor state, and the Suspension Bridge Road and Water Tower toilets are of greater importance. Francis Greenacre; member of the Downs Committee</p>	1
	<p>Closure of the toilets on the Downs is ludicrous. People spending the day on the Downs will use the bushes with resultant pollution and health hazard.</p>	1
	<p>closure of the womens toilets in Bristol will impact those whos need it the greatest, older women, pregnant women and women with children. on street urinals for men cannot be kept if women's toilets are taken away. This could limit the activities of some parents and older people.</p>	1
	<p>Closure of public toilets will be hugely impactful upon both residents and visitors to the city. In particular, young children and older people for whom the distress of being unable to identify a WC when out in the city is meaningful and real. Numerous initiatives exist to encourage children, young people and older people to increase their physical activity closure of toilets is counter to this. The individuals ability to access a toilet whilst out on a walk or bike ride will determine whether some people chose to go out and exercise or not.</p>	1
	<p>Coin entrance to toilets</p>	1

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	council workers who spent day time in offices working have a toilet facility, but what about for example taxi drivers, couriers etc, they don't have such a facility. During the weekends there are thousands of party goers in bristol and hundreds of taxi drivers working the night shift, clearly you have no idea which facility they use, well let me enlighten you, they mostly use the urinals at blackboy hill, this facility is used more than all other toilets across the city put together, yet you propose to close it, how will you save any money when its so smelly that it never appears to get cleans and the other water that runs through it is rain water. unless your going to provide a new purpose built facility for taxi drivers who pay the council tens of thousands of pounds in annual licence fees, this site should remain open, approx 10 yrs ago a petition was set up and successfully in keeping this site open. Additionally if you in eastville park with the kids, where do you expect them to go to the toilet, other than a 10 minute walk to tesco in which case you have to pack up go and come back and unpack your picnic stuff, use of parks will decline, I am strongly against closure of most of the public toilets, they should instead be transferred to neighbourhood partnership teams recently set up and given funding to run and maintain, or tender out to voluntary or community groups to take care of, for example there are party in the park events happening in lots of parks, the organisers can take over this task, maybe local residents might be prepared to volunteer during summer months to keep them open.	1
	Develop pay-on-entry loos. Get business to manage them. Don't make life hard for elderly (semi-continent!) visitors	1
	Educational opportunities, Tourist Services as well as the enjoyment of our city's landscape will be stifled if Toilet provision away from large shopping stores is reduced in any way. We are a Tourist & Leisure destination. How can we be a Green City and invite people to enjoy our green spaces with no Loos? Consider a payment system if necessary.	1
	Elderly people and children need toilets as cafes would not allow theirs for public use. The present toilets needs modernising with steel pans and hand wash dry wall units.	1
	Even the Romans provided public toilets! If you want the residents and visitors to the city to defecate and pee in the streets then you should tell the police of this change of policy.	1
	Having just potty trained my daughter this year, I don't know how we would have ever gone out without public toilets. When my 2 year old needs to use the toilet she needs to do it now and trying to find somewhere for her to go can often be tricky. I agree that more could be made of facilities that already exist within establishments such as cafes but this would need to be in place before shutting the public toilets so that those in need (or with small children in need) know where they can go quickly.	1
	Homeless people will be crowding out cafes if public toilets are closed. Cafe toilets will then all be locks & keys.	1
	how can going back to pre-victorian times be ok? or shall we urinate in the streets.	1
	How can we wish to promote tourism to our city and take away the public loos. When I visit any city I always expect to be able to find a loo facility and would not be impressed if this was not available. I also frequently bring my grandchildren in to our city and I can guarantee one of the first things they need is a Loo. Once done we can then enjoy ourselves.	1
	how ridiculous where are visitors to bristol, those with medical conditions, pregnant women etc meant to go to the toilet? especially on locations with limited other facilities eg the downs?	1
	How will we cope without them - How will vulnerable and disabled people cope. How will tourists cope. We are meant to be a green city!	1
	I am a parent of four young children. It would be have a devastating effect on our ability to go explore wild places such as the Downs. Please keep our public toilets open. I see that there are urinals for the 'night-time economy'. How can this, together with other costs associated with drunken behaviour continue, whilst family provision of toilets in our 'green spaces' be discontinued?	1

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	I believe this will have a negative effect on young people in school groups and older people and those with illness in being able to access some of the lovely attractions in Bristol such as the Suspension Bridge and the Downs. There are no other obvious toilets in Clifton apart from those by the bridge and Clifton is very poorly served by any other free toilet provision. Any other toilets are in expensive cafes which wouldn't take kindly to school parties and members of the public using their facilities. As an older regular shopper in Clifton I would have to stop shopping in that area as there is nowhere obviously showing the public use sign. The local library makes it very clear that there are no public facilities there even for children. I voted for George Ferguson as Mayor but this proposal I feel is going back to the dark ages !	1
	I can't believe that at a time when we are trying to get more people to visit Bristol we are reducing public toilet access. For the disabled, pregnant women or young children this is a real cut in their ability to use the city properly. A public health issue as well	1
	I deplore the proposed closing of the two toilets on the Downs, in particular the one next to the Water Tower	1
	I feel that these facilities should be retained and cost savings made elsewhere instead. They are used, and their closure will affect everyone to a lesser or greater extent. When they are needed, it's not by choice of the person involved. Whether it's a mother with children, an older person, a disabled person, or a visitor to Bristol, they will have difficulty in finding an alternative solution. In principle, I would prefer for there to be a charge for usage rather than to lose the facilities.	1
	I have extremely strong objections to stopping providing toilet facilities on the Downs. The Downs is a large area and used by people from all over the city for sports, running and jogging, walking, kite flying picnics etc. It is absolutely inconceivable that the Downs can be enjoyed by all if there is no toilet provision. What would be the consequence? In my mind, there would be health and safety issues as people use trees and woodlands to relieve themselves. Faeces and tissues would be left around harbouring disease - unless of course you are advocating that this is satisfactory. Also, it is likely to prohibit the use of the Downs by people who come by public transport since their time to enjoy the Downs would be limited if they feel unable to relieve themselves behind bushes or are disabled and are not physically able to do that. Of course it also may be the case that you are trying to encourage only the locals to use the Downs because they could slip home if they are caught short. If you really must reduce toilet facilities, may I suggest those toilets that are in areas of shops and cafes like the Gloucester Road or Westbury on Trym. Please, please do not target the Downs! I for one would prefer to increase my council tax if that helped.	1
	I have serious objections to closing public toilets. As a gp I am concerned that for my elderly population and anyone with bladder or bowel problems will have their lives seriously affected by the closure of public loos. Worrying about where they can use facilities will prevent many people from getting out and about and enjoying Bristol's lovely public spaces. When we are trying to promote exercise for all, this will have a contradictory effect. On a personal level, as a keen runner (now pregnant!) I utilise several public loos on a regular basis and would be concerned that many others would be forced to use the available bushes on the Downs to relieve ourselves! Surely not an ideal situation! Please please please reconsider this proposal. Thank you	1

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	<p>I have read the budget proposals and strongly disagree with the suggestion that 22 of the city's 23 public toilets should be closed. In particular, I wish to make reference to the proposal that two toilets situated on the Downs, Bristol's greatest natural asset, should be closed. It is incorrect to say that these toilets, particularly the one at Sea Walls, are used only by women, children and the elderly (although that is surely enough people with "protected characteristics" to warrant a stay of execution). They're also used daily by dozens of runners, male and female, many of whom are young and in fine fettle. Furthermore, the toilets, the cleanliness of each stands as a credit to the city " they're invariably spotless " are also used by hundreds of tourists who visit the Downs throughout the year. Coachloads of visitors can usually be seen disembarking at Sea Walls most days (numbers increase markedly in July and August), many of whom make a beeline for the toilets. In addition, of course, are the thousands of Bristolians who visit the Downs, one of the city's last vestiges of peace and quiet, every day. Where are they to go if the toilets are closed? In the bushes? Knock on the door of local businesses? There are none of the latter within almost two miles of Sea Walls. Indeed, it could be argued that closing the Downs's two public toilets would effectively condone (if not, encourage) illegal activity, namely urinating in a public place, with all of the repercussions this would bring. Moreover, the suggestion that the council would embark on the: "Increased promotion of the "toilets scheme" where cafes and other businesses allow customers to use their toilets and the use of other public buildings in those areas" is flawed. There is a cost associated with such promotion (until this matter came to the fore, I had never heard of the "toilet scheme" which would be eliminated entirely if the toilets were kept open. Nor can businesses be expected to open their in-house lavatories to the general public without receiving something in return. This would either be the patronage of a person needing to use the toilet, as a publican or restaurateur might reasonably expect, or a reduction in business rates as a retailer may suggest. As a means of paying to use the loo, this could become very expensive. Rather than denude the city's most majestic natural asset of its toilets, then, it might be better to levy a small charge (say 10p) on visitors. It might also be worth pointing out a rather large "rounding error" in the budgetary arithmetic. We're advised that the discretionary budget is set at £60 million, from which £12 million has already been saved, leaving a balance of £48 million. However, the value of proposed savings totals £46.2 million, a difference of £1.8 million: if this is accurate, every toilet could be kept open for almost four years. Bristol has built a reputation as a cultured, accommodating city that welcomes visitors, many of whom would love to live here. In 2013 do we really want to become so mean-spirited that we must close well-used public conveniences? Most Bristolians think not and I would urge the council to reconsider its proposals, particularly in respect of the two toilets on the Downs, because there is no alternative facility for the thousands of people, citizens of the city as well as tourists and day-trippers, who visit every day.</p>	1
	<p>I think public toilets are vital and there should be more of them. The savings are not high enough to justify the cuts.</p>	1
	<p>I think that adequate public toilet provision is essential, especially on the Downs as students and many schoolchildren play football and explore and learn about nature on the Downs and these facilities are essential.</p>	1
	<p>I think that the provision of public toilets is an indication of a civilised society. In most French villages there is always a public lavatory, spotlessly clean as well. If the French can do it, why can't we.</p>	1

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	I understand the plan is to close all three toilet blocks on the Downs and I am in complete disagreement with this plan. This is a huge area with no shops, restaurants or pubs to provide alternative facilities so people would have to use the bushes which is highly unsatisfactory both from a health point of view and in terms of people's dignity. As someone who needs frequent access to loos, walking on the Downs is already stressful for me and this would be an impossibility were there no loos available at all. I suggest introducing an entrance fee to use the loos, Weston-s-Mare has introduced a 20p charge in one block on the seafront. I would be happy to pay this or even 50p for the facility. Surely in a civilised society, the provision of adequate toilet facilities is essential and not a luxury.	1
	I would imagine that it is not just the elderly, infirm, or child-caring community who need public toilets. I would also assume that should cuts in this area go ahead, then the toilet facilities will be made freely available at all Council buildings including City Hall and public libraries, and also that agreements will be made with local businesses who provided food and drink, e.g. cafes, bars and supermarkets, that the public will be able to visit their toilet facilities without necessarily making a purchase. A further consideration is to charge for access to public conveniences.	1
	I write on behalf of Clifton and Hotwells Improvement Society (CHIS) to protest at the above proposal (R-PL-019). Currently Bristol is a popular city and has a thriving domestic and overseas tourist industry. It is likely that visitor numbers will increase as a result of Bristol having won the European Green Capital Award for 2015. Such increase in visitors will cause a greater demand for public conveniences. Many visitors will not be aware of the availability of facilities in some cafes and pubs and some may not wish to enter a pub. We have no objection to the closure of public lavatories which are little used or that have similar facilities within close proximity. We have seen the statement made by FODAG (Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge) and fully endorse the contents and endorse their reasons for maintaining the two public toilets that serve those using the Downs. With regard to the public toilets by the Suspension Bridge, we would argue that these are a special case. In March 2013, the Sunday Times stated that Clifton was one of the best places to live in England due to its Georgian architecture, the magnificent Suspension Bridge and the greenery of the Downs. In April 2013, Bristol's Mayor, George Ferguson, suggested that the Avon Gorge could be put forward to UNESCO as a proposed World Heritage Site, on cultural grounds, because of the presence of the Clifton Suspension Bridge. We appreciate that the new Bridge Visitor Centre, on the far side of the river, will have toilets but it is not clear whether these will be open to the public generally as well as to those visiting the Centre. However, the Centre has not been completed yet and we urge that at the very least the present toilets remain open until it is. Indeed visitor numbers are such that we would go further and request that they remain open permanently. They are in good condition, have rendered excellent service since they were built in 1928 and have been beautifully maintained ever since. There are no other public toilet facilities in Clifton, so these are well used especially by tourists and people using the nearby children's playground, which is about to be refurbished. It is a popular spot. People walk around the area, cross the bridge, play on the Downs, admire the Gorge, walk round Clifton Down Camp and visit the Observatory. Over 500,000 people visit the Suspension Bridge every year. It may be that sponsorship for these particularly important toilets could be sought. For example the Merchant Venturers might be approached. We feel strongly that closure of all 22 public toilets would be detrimental to the comfort of both residents and visitors and the complete absence of such facilities would be a detrimental to tourism.	1
	If the intention is to encourage visitors to Bristol and to encourage citizens to be out and about keeping healthy and away from using local health services, providing toilet facilities is essential. How can we expect to make use of open spaces such as The Downs without toilet facilities. How can we take young children to visit sites such as the Suspension Bridge without toilet facilities? It would make more sense to impose a charge for use which would be acceptable to the majority and provide free access only to specific groups.	1

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	If Westbury toilets are closed I shall have to stop shopping in the village and be restricted to the Mall or supermarkets	1
	If you close public toilets, more people will pee in the bushes and do other disgusting things, so environmental quality will fall. Also, people will be annoyed.	1
	I'm only middle aged, but I make regular use of public toilets - without them my ability to walk around the city would be seriously impaired.	1
	In a great city, thronged with people, including the visitors essential for its prosperity, needs public toilets. The alternative voluntary schemes are ineffective and embarrassing, and the demand on them at busy times would be unsupportable.	1
	In my opinion, there aren't even enough public toilets available throughout the city, and you want to cut back on the ones there are? How does this encourage people to make more use of the public transportation? You should be focusing on solving the traffic problem in Bristol, and I am sure some major savings could be achieved there if properly addressed.	1
	It is outrageous to even consider closing public toilets. Their provision is the mark of a civilised society. Providing attendants in public toilets creates jobs. Public toilets are especially necessary on the downs and by the suspension bridge as basic facilities for tourists and anyone walking , running or cycling. If necessary a small charge could be made to alleviate costs.	1
	It will be most unpleasant on the Downs to have people urinating behind trees etc. Elsewhere you can't increase business rates and expect cafe owners to allow people to use their toilets.	1
	Keep them open, reopen others but don't staff them. A cleaner to clean them either once a day or on call.	1
	Madness : Bristol has so very few public toilets in any case	1
	Many areas of Bristol are not near the city centre cafes and bars and most of the proprietors prefer provision of sufficient good quality public toilets with closing hours around 11pm. toilets already in existence only need renovation and staffing.	1
	Many, many people have difficulties with bowel or bladder urgency. This particularly so for people with disabilities and the elderly. I feel it is very unlikely that businesses will be able to fill the gap left by the closure of public toilets in all cases, though I can see that it may be possible in some areas. Parents of small children will also be affected by this and baby change facilities are not always available in businesses, nor are all businesses suitable for children. As a disabled mother of young children, the closure of public toilets would definitely restrict my movements and reduce the time I spent out and about in the city.	1
	Not a sensible move unless alternative arrangements can be made.	1
	Of the most basic needs for our community, these facilities should remain. Affects all ages and activities; particularly retain those cited on Downs, Seawalls and Suspension Bridge. Very obvious requirement for those enjoying our most important open spaces.	1
	Only one public toilet in Bristol will have a very negative effect on the experience of visitors to the city	1
	Please DO NOT close any public toilets I would prefer to pay to use any of the public toilets if this helps	1
	Please please please do not close the Sea Walls, Clifton Suspension Bridge or Stoke Lane (Water Tower) public toilets! These provide an essential service for tourists, families, educational groups etc... without which, visits to the beautiful open space of the Downs will have to be short or non-existent! There are no/only a very small number of local businesses that you can encourage to provide toilet facilities in this area (especially at the Sea Wall)! I fear that the plan to close these facilities has not been thought through!!	1

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	Please reconsider this! Might there be a possibility of having council toilets 'adopted' by local people to ensure that they are kept open? If you decide to go ahead, the toilets available in local stores etc need to be publicised very widely with signs. I can foresee a lot of people having to wee behind a tree if not! You said in one of your talks that the toilets in Eastville Park are open, along with those in the bowls club, but they have never been open when I have been running there in the very early evening - so trees have been my only (undignified and embarrassing) option.	1
	Public lavatories are essential. The downs will become a well used tree area for people relieving themselves.	1
	Public loos may not be glamorous, but they are important to the elderly, those with children and disabilities: provision also affects how visitors view our city - Torbay cut provision and found people were using their ornamental gardens as toilets.	1
	Public toilet provision is already poor compared with continental major cities. We have to think about the impression the city makes on visitors, as well as our own needs. The use of toilets in shops, pubs and cafes does not seem to be able to substitute for public toilets. Particularly in parks toilets should be retained, so that families can enjoy longer stays in the outdoors. If necessary, charge a moderate amount for toilet use.	1
	Public toilet provision is essential to allow visitors to spend time in the city. The provision of parking and toilets are significant elements in the attractiveness of shopping centres and one that the council can support to make high streets more prosperous. They are also a key facility to encourage walking and cycling to local shops and schools. With no loos on route, the risk of being caught short makes jumping in the car safer, especially as it is easier to hold on if sitting still!	1
	Public toilet provision is essential, especially for women. I am a 62 yr old fit woman. I walk, run and cycle. The toilet on the Downs is the most important to me and far more useful than the one on the centre. A huge number of people use the Downs for running, walking, and other fitness related activities. The cafe has only one toilet and is not open long enough. The customers will not want to wait behind crowds of very hot runners. I am doing my best to lead a healthy life, saving the health service money. I started running age 60, the scarcity of toilets is already a challenge. Please dont make it worse. I enjoy running, I dont enjoy running into a crowded pub in my running shorts even if there is one around. I would like to see more public toilets and see them open for longer hours. I have already had to cut a run short on several occasions because the toilets are closed. I work full time so cannot run during the day on weekdays. I realise cuts have to be made and many services are important but toilet closures is the item that would affect me most at the moment and many other like me. Sorry if this is a bit of a ramble but it is the best I can manage in this format.	1
	Public toilets are a critical service to residents. I think all current toilets, particularly in areas of recreation should be retained.	1
	Public toilets are a health essential. To stop the public fouling the streets and public areas especially important to elderly and disabled members of the public (do we want things like the middle ages when foul matter and sewage was running down the streets!)	1
	Public toilets are actually one of thoe little things in life that are easily overlooked. Like libraries, and various other basic tenets of public service. They even, on occasion, allow people with natty red trousers to use them.	1
	Public toilets are essential	1
	Public toilets are essential facilities for people of all ages, especially those who experience difficulty controlling their bladder and bowels. No toilet should be closed without an arrangement being in place for the public to freely access toilet facilities in other premises in the immediate locality.	1
	public toilets are essential for women and small children....has any gendered analysis been done here?	1

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	public toilets are essential, a basic amenity. Cafes etc will not appreciate people using their facilities without spending in their establishment and people can't afford to keep paying to have a wee. The cost of securing the loos to prevent squatters will be expensive, much better to keep loos open and charge 10p each rather than close.	1
	Public toilets are the most basic and essential need, and, if not available, may prevent some people from being out and about in society, and lead to isolation.	1
	Public toilets should remain open	1
	Public toilets should stay open - they are necessary for the comfort of people. Enough people urinate in the streets without encouraging more. Why not not appoint an expensive (very) green guru? Toilets make the place green	1
	Reducing toilets in a growing city is possibly one of the stupidest ideas I have ever heard. Reliance on private business to become business and rest stops is crazy. The "hope" that private enterprise will open their doors "toilet" for people to use is misguided. One cannot hope for something as basic as ablutions, a register of businesses that have and will do this should be obtained first to see whether it is viable. Residents of Bristol not having access is one issue but tourists not being able to find and use a toilet would be nationally and internationally embarrassing.	1
	Seems barmy. Hits at childer and old people and works against idea of Bristol as tourist destination.	1
	Short sighted, will increase costs	1
	should be retained, as a vital need for elderly people	1
	Shutting toilets is a terrible idea. In st. Georges park shutting them for just one day led to public defecation which has to be cleared up by another service.	1
	Some of these facilities can be lost without issue but some of the proposed closures are going to, lead to problems for older people and children, and people urinating in inappropriate places. The Westbury on Trym toilets are much used as are the Downs facilities. Some can be axed but please not all - visitors to Bristol will be amazed!	1
	Stoke Road, Blackboy Hill and Sea Walls toilets are very important for Downs users, especially the elderly, educational groups of all ages and sports players	1
	The closure of the three toilets on the downs would destroy the use of the downs for very many purposes. Some activities would cease to be legal if toilet provision was ended. What about privitisation?	1
	The community toilet scheme may help ameliorate the problems caused by this proposal in commercial areas of the city but not where the Downs (specifically Sea Walls, Suspension Bridge and Stoke Road) are concerned. Many sports people, walkers and picnickers will be affected with no alternative toilet facilities within any reasonable distance. It is likely that some will be forced to defecate in wooded areas of the Downs with unsightly results and a potential hazard to health.	1
	The downs toilets are vital, the whole area plus the city will become one big toilet. People will wee everywhere	1
	The mayor likes the idea of more cafes etc offering up their toilets to public use. This simply won't happen, so many people: the elderly, pregnant women, disabled people, transsexuals (who may feel embarrassed about entering a toilet within a shop, observed by staff), those with children, those with illness/conditions will be losing out.	1
	The proposal would plunge us into a third world country situation	1

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	The provision of public toilets are an essential amenity to enable the ongoing independence of older people and those with disabilities and additional needs. They are essential for pregnant mothers and those who need to access toilet facilities frequently such as parents with young children or those with medical conditions. Those who need to access toilet facilities frequently will not be able to travel across the city to reach the remaining facility every time they need to access a toilet. High quality and easily accessible public toilets are important for the tourists visiting the city.	1
	The significant removal of such a fundamental public amenity is not befitting of a great city. This proposal will unfairly disadvantage the elderly, parents with children and the infirm - many of whom are not able or inclined to use restaurants and similar venues. The proposed cost saving is disproportionately low compared to the likely adverse impact.	1
	The three toilets on the Downs which are on the list for closure, are essential on the grounds of health and safety. The Downs are widely used for sport and recreation by all age groups and there are no nearby private toilet facilities. Are we to use the woods and bushes? In a civilised city this shouldn't even be on the agenda. It contravenes all the mayor is saying about being a healthier city on the grounds of exercise (discourages people from using the Downs) litter (no comment about what might be left in the woods) healthy eating (no option to take small children for a run around and home made snack)etc. The Downs is a precious asset for all the people of Bristol. Does the major wish the area to just be used by those who live in the huge surrounding houses, who have access to their own toilets?	1
	The toilets on the Downs serve a very important service for children and old people and others, encourage fitness and tourism as well as recreation to keep us all healthy. There are no codes to provide an alternative service at sea walls and Clifton suspension bridge and the number of people using this facility generally requires toilets to be available. Also the educational service provided by the Avon gorge and doesn't wildlife provide require these toilets for their work.	1
	The toilet on the Downs is an essential part of visitor experience : it will damage the reputation of the City as a whole and encourage visitors to go elsewhere	1
	There are areas such as the downs where there is simply no alternative to the public toilet facilities which it is proposed to close. The loos at the suspension bridge are a vital facility for tourists, joggers, families, walkers, and there is no alternative provision accessible nearby. Similarly for the toilets at Sea Mills and the water tower. Sports facilities, educational activities and useage by the general public of the wonderful city owned public spaces will be severely impacted by the loss of public toilets. I deplore the potential loss of opportunity for outdoor activities if these toilets close.	1
	This amounts to nothing less than discrimination against older people, the less abled, and women. What a nightmare it will be for mums taking young children to the park, only to be unable to take them to a toilet. Please please reconsider.	1
	This idea is crazy. It will affect visitors - just look at the lot the Suspension Bridge - a major visitor target. Closing the toilets will make Bristol become like a "Third World " country	1
	This is a terrible proposal. Have you tried going out with small children?	1
	This is an inconceivable suggestion for a so called civilised society. If the Romans could provide public toilets why on earth can't 21st century Bristol? No continental European city has closed all its public toilets - will we be the first to gain the European toiletless Capital Award? What will tourists visiting the Suspension Bridge do (the mind boggles) or those catching the Open top bus on the Downs. What a welcome for those we am to attract to our city. Are walking groups supposed to detour to Tesco's in muddy boots?? Are those with urinary health problems supposed to stay at home? How will cafes cope with an influx of incontinent or disabled "guests" who do not pay for the service. Will the council have to pay commercial premises? If money needs raising, why not a small charge for toilets where there are no alternative locations (eg Downs). Many people have to plan their lives round visits to the toilets - unless you have	1

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	suffered from this it is impossible to conceive how important such facilities are.	
	This is hitting the elderly, the young and the vulnerable and is totally unnecessary. It is a wholly impractical suggestion to ask shops and business in Bristol to allow and monitor access to their toilets. It would effectively force the elderly, the infirm that the parents with children to buy an item in a shop before using the shop's toilet.	1
	this is not decision based on equality. it affects the disabled badly, women who can't use urinals. it will also affect cafes etc who are expected to allow their facilities to be used, there will be an increase in their prices to cover the use of water toilet roll soap etc	1
	This is ridiculous and will create problems in places for children, older people, disabled people and families. The council will end up spending money cleaning up wee/ poo from parks, walls etc.. It affects everybody's well-being in the whole city	1
	This is stupidity. The 'weekend tempory toilets' (aka the plastic urinals) are only suitable for male users and are not suitable for female users. In addition many of the most desperate users of public toilets (e.g. pregnant women, diabetics etc) will be poorly served by the virtual elimination of public toilets.	1
	This is the most unacceptable proposal of the entire budget. It severely impacts older people, special needs, and especially parents with young children.	1
	This is the wrong way to go to ave 500,000 Imagine all the visitors to the Downs and the Suspension Bridge all NOT having public lavatories. This flies in the face of equalities policies for young, older, disabled and is in fact a destabilising element leading to more and more public urination. Increased visitor numbers following Green Capital Status will be shocked by the lack of provision.	1
	This proposal will affect the youngest and the oldest, since they would use toilet facilities most. I am aware that the Mayor has suggested that the 23 toilets listed for closure could be taken over by commercial enterprises. I think this to be an impractical idea. I very much hope that toilet provision will be kept as it is at present until any of these proposed commercial takeovers are put into practice, assuming that they are of course.	1
	This proposal will have a direct impact on both disabled users and parents with young children, as not all alternative resources will have adequate provision for these user groups. There will also be a negative impact on users who have medical conditions that require them to have quick and easy access to toilet provision. Also key contract workers such as street cleaners, refuse crews etc cannot be expected to source alternative provision such as public houses, cafes etc. Closure of the toilets adjacent to St George Park will have a significant impact on park users, so will the toilets adjacent to Fishponds Park these are well used by park users and Highstreet users. Sea Walls toilets are well used by visitors to the Downs, there is no alternative toilet provision nearby. You cannot expect alternative providers to pick up the cost of additional usage by the general public who are just accessing their premises to make use of their toilet provision only. I would suggest seriously considering looking at implementing a charge for toilet provision, other LA's have been doing this for a number of years. Genuine users would not mind having to fund say 20p, to use this resource. Number of other alternative options, BATHNES, are putting on hold some of their proposed closures for a year, invitations open to other groups organisations with view to turning some key toilets into cafe etc where toilet provision is kept for use by general public. Maybe community asset transfer - friends of Eastville Park have expressed an interest as to whether current public toilet can be converted into community cafe. Great example of Totterdown public toilets - sold and is now small barbers shop - there are many options available. Suggest hold off for a year to explore other options.	1

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	<p>This will be seriously disruptive to people's daily lives especially the homeless, elderly, disabled, pregnant women, parents with small children. There is no guarantee that cafe's etc will allow non patrons to use their facilities and some public toilets ie in parks are a long way from any other premises with toilets. Lack of toilets reduces people's dignity if they have to go round asking to use business's toilets. Also, not all premises' toilets are accessible so this discriminates against disabled people. Costs to keep public toilets open can be offset by reducing spending on Neighbourhood Partnerships which don't give value for money and are ineffective as only a small proportion of the community (which are usually the least vulnerable and needy and don't see where the greatest needs are) get involved in it and influence priorities.</p>	1
	<p>This will discriminate against disabled people. in parks, it will also affect wider range of visitors, including children, tourists. it will end proud history of public toilets on the downs. In St. Andrews park, will increase existing tensions between different users re anti social behaviour of urinating in public by young people, which is part of a wider ongoing saga. the costs of this are in ways that are probably hard to value in £ terms but will reduce opportunities for people to make the most of bristol. It seems perverse and ironic that those who drink to excess and could presumably use pub toilets are not to lose out, but those engaged in activities for well being such as sport and leisure on the downs are to lose out.</p>	1
	<p>Those in built up areas where there may be private facilities as alternatives are fine to close, things like Albion Marina, the Suspension Bridge, the Downs, there are no alternatives is just daft.</p>	1
	<p>Three toilet blocks on the Downs (Seawalls, Stoke Road and Suspension Bridge Road) have been identified as part of the proposal. The closure of these toilets will have a devastating effect on the education programme run by the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project as well as visitors to the Downs generally, especially those from equalities groups. The Avon Gorge and Downs are one of Bristol's most important wildlife sites. They're internationally, nationally and locally important for their wildlife, drawing visitors from all over the world as well as being a favourite green space for Bristolians. Since the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project's education programme began in 2001, 64,485 people of all ages and backgrounds have taken part in one of our education sessions, events or activities. Tens of thousands of others have picked up one of our "Discover the wildlife of the Avon Gorge and Downs" leaflets, or one of our four nature trail leaflets, and explored the site for themselves. The ways in which this proposal will affect the education programme are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We run a popular range of education sessions for schools and playschemes. Groups visit for a half or whole day. We can't expect young children to go for a half, let alone a whole day, without a trip to the loo. Many groups also bring children who have disabilities or conditions where they absolutely have to visit a toilet during their trip. Groups always check toilet arrangements before booking a visit and I don't think they'll come any more if we can't provide access to toilets. • Throughout the year we run guided walks as part of the Avon Gorge and Downs events programme. They all start at various points on the Downs, each near one of the three loo blocks. We also run courses and 2-hour guided tours starting from and ending at Seawalls. One of the reasons we start the tours here is that many groups come from across the city and even further afield, so access to the Seawalls toilets is crucial. • During the school holidays we run children's events and also run events aimed specifically at toddlers and their parents. The availability of loos is critical for these groups. • In partnership with the Downs Ranger and Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge, we began a new initiative in 2013 called "Your Downs". The project is working to widen the audience visiting the Downs by offering tailored guided walks to equalities groups (older people, those with disabilities etc). Closing the loos will kill this initiative as groups such as these won't visit without toilets being available to them. • We're promoting the Downs as a great place for everyone to visit. I would have thought that during the Green Capital year we'll be encouraging more people than ever to visit. Without loos this will surely lead to a rise in "anti-social" litter left by those "caught 	1

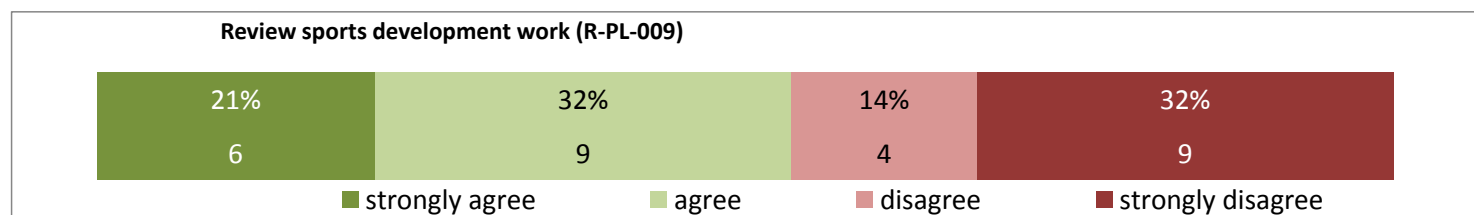
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	shortâ€™™ on the Downs â€“ not much fun for Friends of the Downs and Avon Gorge and the Downs team who carry out litter picks. It is stated in the proposal that â€œYou can also use toilets in shops, cafes, restaurants and other public and community buildings, that are part of the community toilet schemeâ€. Caf� Retreat, by the Water Tower, has been approached to see if they would take part in this scheme. They have said that their single toilet is only for use by customers, so this will not be a viable alternative if the toilets on the Downs are closed.	
	to close 22/23 toilets is madness, it is still maintained by businesses that their facilities are for customers only and mixed sex toilets propose risk to vulnerable people and children. the lack of changing places for PMLD/PSI groups is also disgraceful given the number of people needing the facility	1
	Toilets are a provision we all need and should be improved and expanded and the current disgraceful ones completely renewed	1
	Too many toilets closing that are busy	1
	Very few cafes have as many individual toilets as the public ones. This will lead to more urine in the streets, not only on Saturday nights.	1
	We are particularly concerned about the closure of the three Downs toilets. This area is heavily used by Bristolians and tourists for leisure and sport. Toilet facilities are essential. Do you expect people to use the bushes?	1
	We have noted the proposal to close the three public toilet blocks on the Downs. We are residents in Stoke Bishop who visit the Downs with our young grandsons and on other occasions. We would urge you to retain these three blocks as they provide an invaluable service for the hundreds of users of the Downs. In particular the proposed closure would have a devastating effect on the various sessions and events run by the Avon Gorge & Downs Wildlife Project for people of all ages and abilities. Please reconsider this proposal as a matter of urgency.	1
	We need public toilets, it is ridiculous to close them down. Lots of older people go out with walking groups regularly and use public toilets. If these close, many older people will not feel confident to go walking. Cafes would not be able cope with large groups of people using their toilets. As we age, we use toilets more, not less! It's all very well for people with a privileged lifestyle, but poorer folk cannot afford to spend money in cafes just to use the toilets. So think again, Mr Ferguson!	1
	We object to the proposal to close the 3 public toilets on the Downs, most strongly the ones at Sea Walls. Here there are no alternative toilets;this is an accute hygiene issue. If you wish people to use the Downs for exercise and well-being and attact visitors you must provide facilities. Although there are pubs and cafes near the Water Tower and the Suspension Bridge those with families and lower incomes may not be able to afford them	1
	We should have more public toilet provision, not less. As an older man, it is increasingly difficult to retain urine, n this city with very few toilets anyway. Urinating is not an optional activity: we cannot cut down to reflect the hard times. I would be very surprised if the scheme to permit use of toilets in private buildings ever gets off the ground effectively. Surely there must be some low-maintenance urinals etc available, as men seem to have the greatest demand. Please don't cut the toilet provision George.	1
	We suggest doing a census of much they are used particularly the ones on the downs and near the suspension bridge which are needed for tourists. Also for those with bowel or bladder complaints. Closing them would only safe a tiny part of the necessary cuts so hardly worth it.	1

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	Women, especially older people and disabled people, families with children, tourists, need access to clean decent public toilets. The mayor's proposal to encourage businesses to allow the public to use their toilets failed in the past, and I do not think the mayor has fresh ideas to make it work next year. Again, making a drastic cut with no lead in is unacceptable. Do what cities such as Blackpool did some years ago: have a company take over responsibility, and make a sensible charge (20p). Just to close 22 in Year one with no realistic action plan is untenable.	1
	You must be joking! There are relatively few public toilets. I believe that those placed in public parks are vital to the community wellbeing.	1
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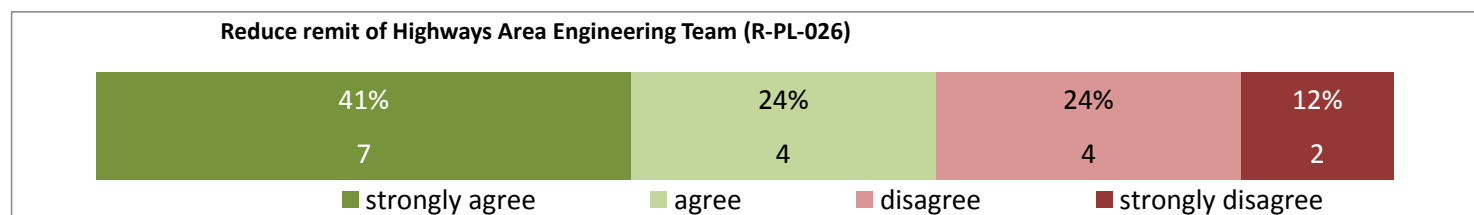


Review sports development work (R-PL-009)	Review sports development work (R-PL-009)	
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0	VCS organisations like Wellspring Healthy Living Centre bring in Â£4 of additional income, funding and grants for every Â£1 given by BCC, Wellspring Healthy Living Centre Proving Our Research results show that our Wellbeing Programme delivers a Social Return on Investment of Â£2.90. This is based on things like reduction in cost to the NHS, reduction in cost through welfare payments and increased income to the state through tax, Easton and Lawrence Hill is a disadvantaged area where the growing local population continues to experience significant health inequalities, and therefore residents need high quality, accessible, community based health and wellbeing services, Lawrence Hill is the most deprived ward in Bristol, and in the South West region as a whole, and almost all Lower Layer Super Output Areas in the ward rank in the 10% most deprived in the UK, On average, Lawrence Hill residents experience poorer health compared to people in Bristol, and there are almost twice the city average number of residents in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and In October 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board published their city health and wellbeing strategy which has a theme which is "A city where health inequalities are reducing". This cannot be achieved by cutting funding to organisations like Wellspring that were set up for that exact reason	1
Strongly agree	There are several local and national organisations capable of delivering the same if not more effective outputs than the current service	1
Agree	Sport in Bristol needs help. Kids, our future have nothing to do as sports clubs and facilities cannot thrive in Bristol. Too much emphasis is given to allowing public use of facilities and not given to organised clubs that can develop the benefits of competitive sports and the discipline this brings to our young people. Example, Hengrove swimming pool - a world class sports venue, used as a community centre for people to swim while the movable bottom is at it's minimum depth. Surely this could be done as an actual community pool such as Jubilee? Allowing elite sports clubs to use the elite facility. We have the best synchronised swimmers and water polo players and an elite club for each that are struggling despite national level funding for excellence because they cannot access the elite facility in their own city depriving a future career in sport for all the young people they work with throughout the city. Mismanagement of our existing facilities is stopping young people develop sports careers. Another example is the large basketball court at Hengrove being used for OAP table tennis, surely this could be done at any village hall and not deprive our Basketball athletes from training. We need to invest in Sport to gain social benefits and feel proud of our city.	1
Disagree	All leisure and sports centres should be retained. Bristol does not have many sports centres anyway.	1
	Stop ALL spending on football on the Downs immediately. Or make them pay like people organising events have to.	1

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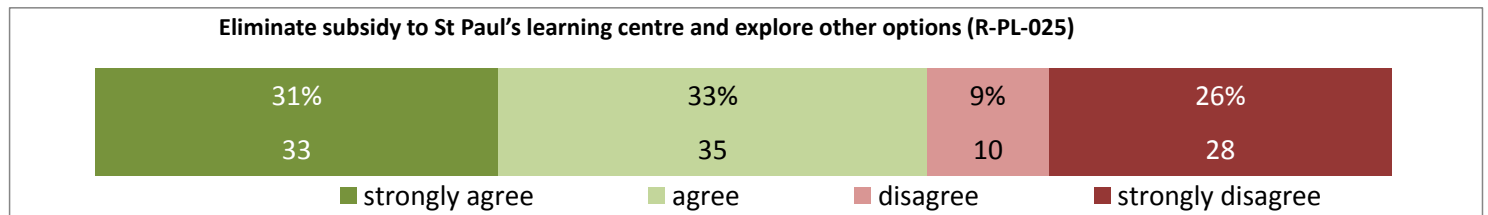
Strongly disagree	As a local resident I am deeply concerned about the core funding that could be cut from the Wellspring Healthy Living Centre. The Wellspring is in the heart of one of the city's worst area's for unemployment and mental health issues. The Wellspring has built up a good reputation for good intervention work within its diverse community. The core funding helps greatly towards enabling the Wellspring to offer a variety of activities to support local residents back into the community, saving costs for services within the Council such as health care. The knock on effect to the community by cutting the core funding would affect so many people, and reduce the amount of excellent work the Wellspring offers through seeking other funding. The core funding has helped the Wellspring to grow and develop a reputation for creative activities to stimulate residents with low self esteem and lack of confidence so they can again be part of the community and not isolated. I hope the Mayor will reconsider cutting funding to the Wellspring to ensure the Council continues to receive a good return for its money in the way of less reliant and more confident local residents.	1
	Sports is vital to health in the area.	1
	The impact of reducing this work, or to what extent, has not been explained in the proposals. What percentage of the service will be cut? What service delivery will be cut? The services ability to impact on many areas of the council's priorities has not been taken in to account. The EQIA implies that third sector organisations will be able to plug the gap. Many of these rely on the council sport development service to support them to deliver in the community - from help with funding to training and workforce development and partnership projects. The team also heavily support the leisure centres and dual use school facilities to deliver their services inline with their contracts and ensuring that equalities groups and community access are achieved.	1
	This is short sighted and will result in long term costs as people require more care and provision of health services to address unfitness and obesity.	1
	Waste of money, people will exercise themselves if they want to. Development work makes little difference.	1
	With the growing health and obesity problem, you should be focused on developing new sports and exercise options and programs to encourage people to lead a healthier life (thus reducing NHS costs long-term), not cutting back!	1
Grand Total		11

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Reduce remit of Highways Area Engineering Team (R-PL-026)	Reduce remit of Highways Area Engineering Team (R-PL-026)	
	18 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	The roads need more work and lead to a direct economic impact	1
	Too much time and money wasted on bad planning. Abandon proposed dedicated bus lanes/new roads.	1
Disagree	Public toilets are found in northern european countries and closure seems to be a retrograde step towards uncivilisation. This needs to be re-considered in each case. Publicity needs to be done to ensure that local communities know which shops, restaurants, churches, pubs etc are happy for people to use their facilities without purchase or accessing a service. Parks contracts_ do we really want our parks to go back to how they looked in the 1980s ? These z\re really important facilities especially for reas where many people live in accommodation with little or no garden. Reduce remit of Highways team (R-PL-026): any reduction in this and R-PL-020 is likely to impact negatively on neighbourhood Partnerships' ability to improve the local built environment. Not much to be having NPs if resources are taken away from them!	1
Strongly disagree	Our roads and drains are under maintained	1
Grand Total		4

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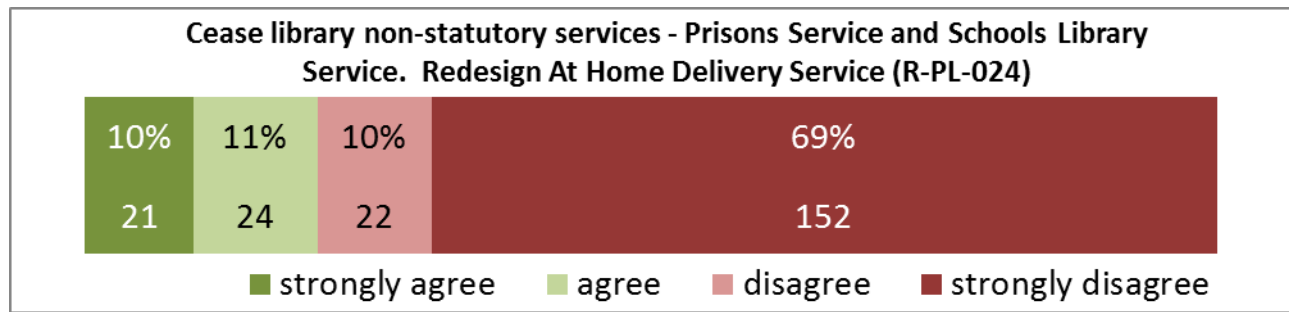


Eliminate subsidy to St Paul's learning centre and explore other options (R-PL-025)	Eliminate subsidy to St Paul's learning centre and explore other options (R-PL-025)	
	65 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	This is an excellent building and options for different management etc should be explored to make it the community resource it has the potential to be.	1
Strongly agree	All parts of the city should have proportionately equal funding for learning centres	1
	Centre has been under-used for years, therefore a waste of public money.	1
	If a resource is not being used then it make no sense to fund it.	1
	It is time for projects such as this to become sustainable. However, funding of this nature is better spend in early years provision.	1
	New use and alternative funding needed if this building does not have support of the local community.	1
	why are they so special	1
	Why have we been subsidising St. Paul's remedial classes?	1
Agree	again you find money to build facilities like this but no money to run it, before it was built many people were asking what it will be used for and who will fund it, but at the time it was more important to have a facility available then worry about how to run it. if the subsidy ends this site will eventually close! it will get taken over by squatters, drug addicts etc and will cost double to evict them and then eventually demolish it in lets say 10 yrs time. thats how long things take.	1
	I would suggest that this building is used to house home tutor services and offer further educational services for excluded, disaffected and minority children who are unable to be educated within the current schools provision as the building that is used at the moment is no conducive to learning	1
	If it's underused and better services can be provided.	1
	If the site is not used, take the money elsewhere	1
	Probably the only thing I do agree on, the libraries didn't really want SPLC under Kate Davenport	1
	Relocate all to Stoke Lodge and consider seven day operation.	1
	Should be funded by government education finance	1
	This should be reviewed but ensuring the right organisation takes over is a must, due to the deprivation in the area	1
Disagree	Close Stoke Lodge as it is not served with more than one bus service. St Pauls has many - move courses there and sell Stoke Lodge.	1
	Improve the service and help it to secure its own sustainable sources of funding before elimination the subsidy	1

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	the council spent years getting this off the ground and now seem to happy to walk away and leave a whole community	1
	The ESOL and Adult Literacy classes that take place in the St Pauls centre are essential - stopping them will adversely affect already disadvantaged people and it seems like there is no suitable place for relocation.	1
Strongly disagree	Another example of cutting provision where it is most needed--support for recent migrants through the ESOL classes provided at this facility. I would like to see an alternative venue proposed by the council for this and other classes offered. I also strongly appose the threat to the Community Darkrooms, which is one of the most important wet processing facilities in the UK. Training provided at this facility has arguably supported the local creative economy as it has contributed to the skilling up and establishment of local freelance photographers.	1
	Cutting all subsidy to the St Paul's centre is very counter-productive. It hosts a very large number of organisation who combat inequality and provides services to some of the most disenfranchised communities in Bristol. Closing it would highlight the council's indifference to those people whom it should be supporting.	1
	Don't reduce any of these. Reduce councillors' pay	1
	I would like St pauls learning centre kept open because I go to Black members group there which is a group for people with learning disabilities	1
	Leave this intact.	1
	Local services, especially for the poorer in the community, are one of the key elements of social responsibility. Learning and education are the means to social mobility and empowerment and their value should never be underestimated.	1
	Really good facilities and only place with darkrooms for photography. I learnt using the hese facilities and the courses are excellent found no where else.	1
	See my answer to the main Library Review. Communities need free local access to a save, professional source of information and advice. This is more important now than ever with our society becoming more and more divided in terms of social mobility and digital inequality.	1
	STOP MAKING US MISERABLE...WHY DO U HAVE TO STOP OUR FUN	1
	This is a much valued community asset only underused because the Library Service are running it and do not understand how to make it work. St Pauls Unlimited should drive choosing the right mix of use and tenants to make it viable which it could be. Potential tenant expressions of interest are growing. Library Service could remain as a Tenant. Needs a committed project team, led by SPU, to bring a solution about with BCC on board to guide and support the process of transition and needs BCC to provide time for setting this up properly in response to the budget cuts.	1
	This is a valuable resource which has transformed the community in St Paul's and its users are passionate about its benefit.	1
	This is a vital resource in St Pauls. It serves a great need in the community. It is a safe meeting place for members of the Somali community and they run a homework club there. There are many ESOL courses running there for which there is a very high demand. It houses an excellent public access darkroom. It is the base for St Pauls Carnival. It is a fully accessible building and therefore an important venue for courses and meetings. Costs to keep the centre open can be offset by reducing spending on Neighbourhood Partnerships which don't give value for money and are ineffective as only a small proportion of the community (which are usually the least vulnerable and needy and don't see where the greatest needs are) get involved in it and influence priorities.	1
	yet another service that st. Paul's loses. morale in the area is now very low. it seems the learning centre has been run into the ground for just this reason. it is an asset to the community	1
Grand Total		33

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	226 looked at this proposal	
-PL-024)22	Cease library non-statutory services - Prisons Service and Schools Library Service. Redesign At Home Delivery Service (R-PL-024)	Total
0	I can't get out and if I couldn't carry books I don't know what I would do without my books. Please don't stop this service.	1
	I'm confined to home, this service is essential	1
	This service has been very important and useful to our customers	1
0 Total		3
Strongly agree	0Cost of 350 Kindles must surely be less than cost of delivering hard ccopies of books!	1
	commission must be made more robust organisation prepared to take public money must also be prepared to step up to the plat and be made fully responsibly when things go bad no collective respectability where no one can be identified	1
	For what you would save you are taking away a tremendous service. I was very grateful for the books to read	1
	Please do ot stop our library service. I am 91 years old and don't leave my flat except by having help so I depend on this service as I (am) fond of reading most kind of books	1
	Prisons could have use of old library books	1
Strongly agree Total		5
Agree	If you must then this is ok with me.	1
	reduce the prison library service, or charge prisonors, for many their crimes were not money related, therefore some are financially well off, and can afford to pay for services from their savings etc, some rent out their properties while serving a prison service, which means they have plenty of disposalable income. Being unable to spend it, we can charge for our services.	1
Agree Total		2
Disagree	Books to prisons is important. Can you combine this service with some other service to prisons or find a charity to fund the service. Save more money on the safer bristol Budget.	1
	Do not stop prison and school library services	1
	I agree with ceasing the service for prisons but not for schools. I don't agree that libraries should limit their material. Instead I think they should accept public donations. I get through lots of books and tried to donate some to a library recently and was refused which is silly if you are then talking about decreasing supplies?	1
	Is it possible to ask voluntary agency to help to run in prisons .. also get prisoners to train/help?	1
	Library service should be kept - essential for people with limited means	1

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	library services to prisons have proved to be essential. The way in which they are delivered/inmates are encouraged to take advantage of them might be the key to extending their use and efficiency.	1
	OK as long as the service is provided: not clear how it's going to be from the brief account above	1
	Prison is supposed to not only punish, but rehabilitate the prisoner, so that they won't reoffend when they are released. This country has an appalling record of rehabilitating prisoners. How are prisoners supposed to better themselves and become more rounded people if they can't even read because you've stopped their book service?	1
	Prison library service sd only cease if MoJ start to fund it themselves	1
	The At Home Library Service, although non-statutory, is an essential service for the vulnerable and isolated people they service, and should be made statutory. The figures of 350 people who use the service is also under-representative of the number of residential homes the service visits, and the capacity to expand this service if it was promoted and marketed properly, something that hasn't happened since it was reviewed last year with the loss of the mobile library.	1
	This proposal does not actually mention prisons services. Whilst I believe school services could be ceased, I'd like to see provision for prison libraries retained.	1
	Wife's blind and can't see TV. She relies on SPW CD's. We can't get to the library so it's an important service.	1
Disagree Total		12
Strongly disagree	2 buses to all the libraries around my area. I'm 81 so books will be out.	1
	A despicable proposal; picking on the vulnerable due to their inability to fight back; isolating the elderly, some of who will now not only no longer have access to reading material but, in many cases, will be left isolated and devoid of much needed company. A fine way to reward people who have been paying taxes their entire life!	1
	A weekly lifeline for manyhousebound people. my father is 95 and he needs it.	1
	All tenants here are elderly - use library daily - some of us are housebound - have no family to collect books from library and would feel very isolated if this services was not available	1
	An excellent service. We have used the library since 1947. We don't have transport to get out.	1
	As a volunteer for the library's At Home DELivery Service rather than cut the service I think more use could be made of volunteers like myself	1
	Being housebound, thgis service is so valuable, even if the quantity of books and frequency is lessened	1
	Books are essential and I can't get to a library. I am 96 and have been reading books ever sonce I can remember, Think again	1
	Carrying books and visiting a library would be very, very difficult for me	1
	Cutting delivery of books to the most vulnerable is ridiculous, people who cannot access libraries need access to books too!	1
	Cutting this service is a disaster, it is a lifeline. I like large print books.	1
	Disabled cannot walk without chair, cannot get to library. The only books I receive, these books are my life. Please don't take it away.	1
	Do not stop visiting library for older people	1
	Education in prisons is essential, plus children need to learn to love reading	1
	How are the people most affected by these proposals being consulted with. Do the Prisoners have any say? How are residents in care homes being included?	1

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	I am 85 and arthritic and depend on the at home service. If it were to go I would find life very difficult without all the lovely books they provide.	1
	I am a Carer. We are both not able to get out to a Library	1
	I am blind and crippled and unable to get out. How will I get my tapes?	1
	I am completely isolated and housebound in a top flat. I never go out, except in an ambulance, no TV, just my cassette tapes. I don't want to lose my tapes.	1
	I am disabled, housebound. You are the only books I get, it's my lifeline. It's such a lovely service.	1
	I am housebound and bedbound. I have not been out of the house for 8 years. I rely on the delivery of books esp. large print. I wouldn't be able to do without it.	1
	I am Housebound would not be able to read again. I have eyesight problem and need large print which is hard to get	1
	I am housebound, and rely on the services that the library provide. It's a godsend.	1
	I am unable to walk. This service is invaluable	1
	I deliver books to the housebound from the outreach service. This is a real lifeline to those people who not only read books but appreciate the human contact as they may not see any other people all day. Our readers like to tell us their stories, their problems, for instance one reader was nearly gassed because she had a leak and couldn't smell it. Another reader lived in a high rise flat in St Paul's and hardly got any human contact the stairs and lift were too much for her to walk out. We provide books large print and ordinary print, talking books, CD's Jigsaws. Also the outreach library has a very large stock, much larger than an ordinary branch so there is a bigger and better choice. Also of course it would be hard on the paid staff if they were made redundant. I am a volunteer myself.	1
	I depend entirely on the service and cannot walk to the bus stop or carry books. 87 years of age and live alone	1
	I don't like changes - I want it to go on the same - I get confidence from people I know. I like the large print.	1
	I don't think it is fair that it is shut down. I would not be able to read again, which at my time of life is all I have	1
	I find reading very relaxing so rely on the service. I cannot get to a local library - I am housebound.	1
	I have very poor sight and my audio books keep me entertained all day. I am housebound and very much look forward to each visit.	1
	I need this service because I am stuck in my flat all day and would be staring at 4 walls otherwise.	1
	I really love my books & would find it impossible to get to a library as I am housebound	1
	I really don't know what I would do without my books. Please don't stop this service	1
	I think the service is valuable to the care home I live in. I read a lot so the service is essential to me as I can't get out to the library.	1
	I think it is a wonderful service. Just got used to it. I hope it continues. I would miss it very much.	1
	I think it is disgusting as it is a lifeline to housebound people	1
	I would be at a dead loss without this service, it is a lifeline for us.	1
	I would be completely lost if the home library service closed. I am housebound and can't get out of the house easily, especially in the winter. I am an avid reader of large print books.	1
	I would really miss this service	1

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	If libraries are not used then they deserve to come under scrutiny, however to close well used libraries or reduce hours would be short sighted and affect some of the most vulnerable and isolated in our communities. Libraries are a democratic place of learning and enlightenment and are a vital facility for those who cannot afford their own computers, internet access, CDs, newspapers, and of course, books.	1
	If they shut down it would be the end of the world. Being housebound I cannot get to a library. I can't imagine life with(out) my books to read.	1
	If this service were to go I'd never have any books or tapes	1
	I'm 94 and can't get to the library and carry books. I don't know how I'd manage.	1
	I'm an elderly lady of 83 and I rely on the library service for the help and knowledge it gives me.	1
	In line with many other proposals, this seems to be a case of hitting the most vulnerable in society, and those who could benefit most from the service. Those who use the At Home service--as far as I can tell there is no credible alternative proposed at the moment for this service--low numbers using this service is not an excuse for its abolition.	1
	It is of great help to less abled residents	1
	It makes the world of difference to me as I am disabled and would not be able to get to a library. How I am going to manage. I think this is a dreadful proposal.	1
	It's a godsend. I would have to rely on other people getting my books. I am housebound. It's a vital service. I look forward to them coming, they are more like friends.	1
	Libraries are essential to prisoners. Access to books lowers chances of reoffending, saving money in the long run.	1
	Libraries are important. I would miss the pleasure of having a library book	1
	Mother disabled, 2 small children. Cannot get to a Library. Housebound. Really need this service	1
	My husband and I are housebound (disabled) and cannot go to a library and rely on these good people to bring us books.	1
	My son is disabled and I was diagnosed with cancer 3 years ago and have difficulty walking myself. We would not be able to access the library if it was not for this service	1
	My tapes stop me from going mad. Totally blind. I cannot do without this service	1
	Once again the elderly and disabled are targeted. It has made a huge difference to my life to have this delivery service	1
	Our residents enjoy this service	1
	Our residents use this service all the time and would be very sad to see it end. It gets people in the common room talking to each other discussing the books	1
	People in this council facility use this service frequently	1
	Personally libraries should not be allowed to go out of service they are educational. Contact with human beings. people need to read. Lots of people don't go on line.	1
	Prison library services provide many extremely important roles. Ceasing them does not even seem to make much in the way of savings; I would much rather see those savings made as part of those planned for public libraries. While public libraries are important, they are taking a comparatively much smaller cut, and prison libraries are vital.	1
	Reading and Library service in prison is one of the few mind-expanding outlets the inmates have!!! Don't cut it.	1
	Reading is my favourite pastime. I do a lot of reading. It would mean a tremendous amount to me if this service were to go and I'm sure it would to thousands in Bristol	1
	Really miss the service. Cannot travel by bus (giddiness) eye problems. Need large print.	1

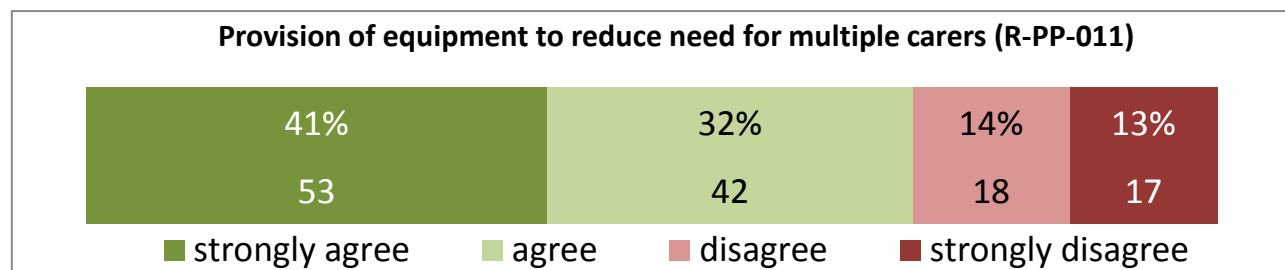
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	Removing the prisons library service is incredibly counter-productive. It penalises those in prison, but also those in the community who will suffer when a greater rate of reoffending occurs if this proposal goes forward.	1
	Residents greatly enjoy the books that are delivered. There would be no way they could get to a library	1
	See previous comment	1
	Since the disbanding of the Mobile Library, I depend on the delivery of books. I cannot get too alibrary or carry heavy books. I need this service	1
	The At Home service delivers library items to already disadvantaged people. They build up a relationship which is about more than just books. To take this away, and think about replacing it with a service from already hard-pressed health and social care workers shows a disregard for those in need and shows a lack of understanding of how this vital service works.	1
	The elderly and disabled rely hugely on this service as it's often their only access to books / videos	1
	The service is excellent for people who can't visit normal libraries. Absolutely wonderful service. I read a lot so depend on this.	1
	The visiting library service is essential for the wellbeing of elderly people.	1
	This is a lifeline	1
	This is a much needed service the housebound people.	1
	This is a very good service. I would be quite lost without this service	1
	This is a very neccessary service. For someone who is not only houseboundbut alos has poor vision. A lifeline for someone who is or was an avid reader and takes pleasure in listening to interesting and intriguing stories.	1
	This is the worst decision you could make. The tapes give me a lot of pleasure. I listen to them more than the television. I am partially blind; I can't read or write.	1
	This redesign would mean I don't read books. I would e lost.	1
	This service is a very important to our residents as they are all housebound and cannot get to a library, PLEASE DO NOT STOP THIS SERVICE.	1
	This service is essential for us elderly and mostly handicapped residents at St Monica's as we cannot get to a library ourselves and look forward to our books! I cannot describe the worry at the news here in St Monica's that we may not receive the splendid service that we have come to rely on every two months. most of us are well over eighty and some handicapped but all of a generation who are great readers and need new unknown book to keep us from declining mental health. How we all wish we could come to our local library to choose books but we cannot walk there anymore, even to go to a book shop! We all depend on this service. Especially those who need large print books.	1
	This service is invaluable to the elderly residents here and I cannot get to the libray in St George because of mobility problems	1
	This service is most important to my husband as he is blind and does not leave the house at all.	1
	This services is a godsend to me and I liik forward to my new books every delivery. All of us blind clients rely heavily on the audio services for our relaxation and entertainment	1
	To have large print books is a bonus to me. I would be very unlikley that I would go to a library	1
	To me it's a lifeline, my husband needs me as a carer and my only pleasure is my books	1
	Totally Blind (Need CDs) Registered Housebound. Totally relied upon Housebound service	1
	Totally blind with blind dog. Cannot get to library. Totally lost without service. Please don't let me down. I will be isolated.	1

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	Very lost without my cassette tapes, i cannot get them anywhere else. I am housebound, cannot read or write very well. I am 90 years old. i love the old family saga stories.	1
	we are 85 and 90. I am my husband's career. I've always used the library.	1
	We are a nursing home and people living here are unable to visit the libraries - therefore the At Home libraries service is a fantastic and valuable service for our residents, who by nature of their illness are not able to enjoy other benefits by BCC	1
	We need books to read	1
	We need books to read and cannot get to the library.	1
Strongly disagree Total		91
Grand Total		113

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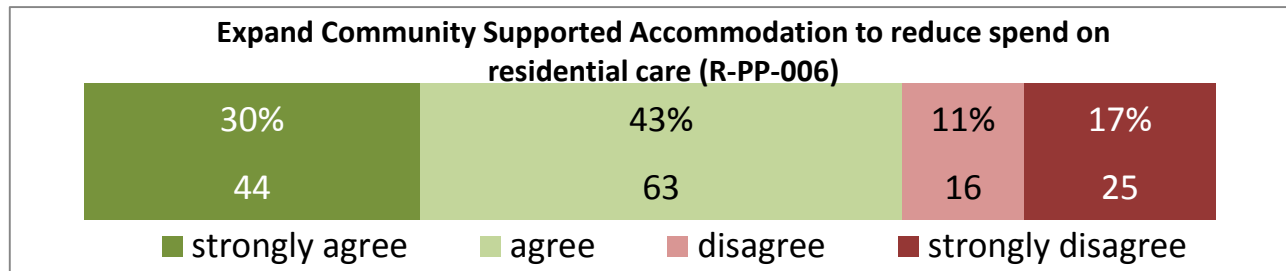


Provision of equipment to reduce need for multiple carers (R-PP-011)	Provision of equipment to reduce need for multiple carers (R-PP-011)	
	137 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	This could be a way of utilising part of the Capital Budget to make the revenue budget more efficient.	1
Strongly agree	All for investment with a good return	1
	Constructive use of investment.	1
	Fully support this	1
	Good idea as long as you collect it and re-use it once someone no longer needs it. Currently there isn't a mechanism to chase up un-used equipment when someone dies or goes into a care home	1
	I need adoptions but my home cannot be adapted due to structure because of this I am using multiple carers where home adaptations would save money in the long term.	1
Agree	Agree as long as this is done appropriately as there is a risk that service users become expected to take more care of themselves than they are able. Also the number of visits should not reduce too much, as the companionship is important too	1
	Investing to save is very sensible; I strongly support it.	1
	investment in technology both reducing paper cost and improving speed, although don't buy apple as there are cheaper alternative	1
	No idea what Shared Lives is or CommunitySupported Accommodation, so how can I choose????????????????????	1
	provided it doesn't take away all human contact for people who often have no other.	1
	So long as it's not to the detriment of the person in need. Also, to ensure the equipment is delivered on time. We have had to make numerous calls to adaptations and chase up every job that's supposed to be done for our disabled child. It adds to the stress and does not show the council to be understanding or caring about young people with disabilities. It took several calls by our daughters OT to sort it out and even then it was not done at the time we were told it would and we are still waiting for many jobs to be done which were booked before the summer as important.	1
	There is very good equipment that not only reduces the need for carers, but can also make the individual more comfortable. Eg bed systems, shower toilets.	1
	This gives independence to people too.	1
Disagree	Equipment should not be a substitute for human carers and human contact.	1
	equipment over people. well thought out - forget about the social aspect	1

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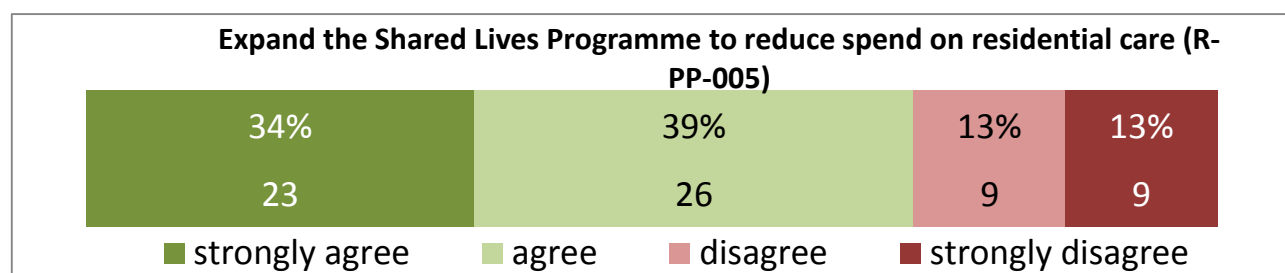
	If a person requires care the stimulation of human contact and interaction has more positive health benefit than a piece of equipment	1
	Surely this is capital expenditure.	1
	This seems at odds with one of the other proposals advocating increasing reablement. In my experience equipment can often help to make people safer - both the carers and the caree - but vulnerable or unpredictable people will still be so despite what equipment is available and this is surely then putting care staff more at risk which seems short-sighted, or reducing the ability of the caree to participate to the extent that they are able. In short, I feel equipment can rarely replace interaction with another human being.	1
	This sounds like a good idea in theory, but care workers are paid a very low salary so I don't think savings would be significant; it would also mean the loss of jobs	1
	This won't help in every case.	1
	This would have to be decided on a case by case basis.	1
Strongly disagree	equipment cannot do that - care is personal not mechanical. People need people.	1
	Equipment cannot replace human beings as carers. Ridiculous suggestion.	1
	Equipment is no replacement for the warmth of human beings. The leading wording of the proposal gives away the inhumanity of the idea. Appalling. Sounds like classic nasty Tory high propaganda. Dreadful, and ultimately self-defeating and silly.	1
	I am not aware of any such equipment. Hoists etc. require 2 carers. Cutting down on the number of carers will just lengthen visits, except it won't, it will mean poorer service for the infirm, and carers who are run ragged.	1
	If it means having a hoist when my mum was alive the home care people needed two people to use a hoist yet I had to do it on my own.	1
	Some equipment used does need two people i.e. when my mum had a hoist she had to have two people for her to use it, yet saying that I had to do it on my own.	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
Grand Total		29

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	Expand Community Supported Accommodation to reduce spend on residential care (R-PP-006)	
	145 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	Don't know - would need more details. Small charges could be made for care in the community - but this vital service would be curtailed	1
Strongly agree	All for investment with a good return and good to keep people in homes	1
	Everyone should be supported in their community rather than be removed to the isolation of residential care just because they have additional needs.	1
	if we look after these areas better it would not be such a problem now	1
	ITS BEST IN YOUR OWN HOME WITH HELP	1
	Most users would prefer an alternative to residential care.	1
	Only if new service is well supported	1
	sensible idea	1
Agree	Most people would say two carers are better than one, but as long as this isn't an excuse just to cut the number of carers and present it as investment, it might be acceptable.	1
	older people do not want to go into homes much better that they get support at home	1
	Only if this will actually work which I have some reservations	1
Disagree	Does the council have a mandate to provide this kind of residential care at all?	1
	People will be left to fend for themselves when they're not safe to do so.	1
	Some people who are physically and mentally challenged want to live in their own communities look at camp hill.	1
Strongly disagree	Don't reduce spending on residential care because it helps support workers and older people to live in them	1
	getting charities to do the council's job for them...	1
	Probably costs more than residential care. Old people like residential care as they have company and security. Isolation is a huge issue for old people: loneliness, depression	1
	Some older people need residential care	1
	too many people are left struggling in communities that cannot support them	1
	We all know this means partial abandonment of needy & vulnerable people	1
	whilst important for some to remain in their home, sometimes residential care is the best option. funding should accommodate both options	1
Grand Total		21

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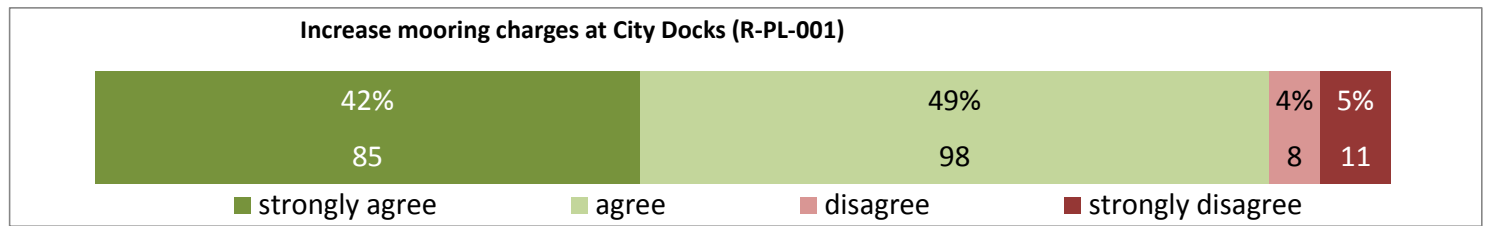


Expand the Shared Lives Programme to reduce spend on residential care (R-PP-005)	Expand the Shared Lives Programme to reduce spend on residential care (R-PP-005)	
	70 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	Again, this proposal appears to be relying on the use of volunteers. There is no clear information available about how much Shared Lives carers are paid, and the number (for the size of a city of Bristol) seems very low. Talk to organisations like NightStop, Bristol. I used to be a volunteer. They had EIGHT households across Bristol who were willing and able to provide bed and breakfast to young, vulnerable people in Bristol. With the introduction of the 'bedroom tax', the number of people with a 'spare room' is likely to be reduced. What do we do if the scheme to increase the number of volunteers fails? Volunteers to keep libraries open, run essential care service, run our schools, look after our own families - when are we supposed to actually do PAID work?	1
Strongly agree	All these in this category are a good idea	1
	Legennndd! We have family who have been Shared Live carers in other areas of the country and have found it very rewarding. It would be great to see this expanded in Bristol.	1
	This is an amazingly good strategy, hope it grows.	1
Agree	My concern with expanding to 30 additional placements is the potential to lose then quality that you have, the ability to maintain regular checks/trianing etc	1
	Shared lives provision will only work if the carers are properly trained and resourced, with appropriate respite service available.	1
Strongly disagree	I think if cut costs if care homes care homes were run economically and not so expensive those who needed to go in could without the worrys of cost their for creating more jobs for care homes and freeing up more council property's and reducing harm to themself in their homes	1
	not enough people have the choice of residential care	1
	Shared Lives is not good for all people. Some will only be doing it for the money not for caring. Concerned re. what happened with Winterbourne View this could so easily happen in a Shared Lives home. How many downstairs rooms have shared lives people got? Do they have people who stay awake in case there is a problem with the people they care for like they do in residential care? Surely it would be more expensive. People will also be lonely if they are the only people in the home. Where are all the new Shared Lives people going to come from, are they trained in dealing with people with learning difficulties, behaviour problems and dementia?	1

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	Shared Lives Programmes is not good for all people. Some will only be doing it for the money not for caring. Concerned re. what happened with Winterbourne View this could so easily happen in a Shared Lives home. How many downstairs rooms have shared lives people got. Do they have people who stay awake in case there is a problem with the people they care for like they do in residential care? Surely it would be more expensive. People will also be lonely if they are the only people in the home.	1
	stop reducing anything which affect people's lives. Reduce council tax	1
	The Shared Lives programme will struggle to recruit enough carers to fulfil this proposal. The cost of the service is very high when you consider the cost of the Council staffing team involved in making each placement.	1
	Throw all the old folks together? Brilliant. Except it isn't. A horribly demeaning thing for those who have no wish, yet have it foisted upon them, and the least able to resist. A shameful and shocking proposal dressed up in modern efficiency speak. Why not just round them up and....	1
Grand Total		13

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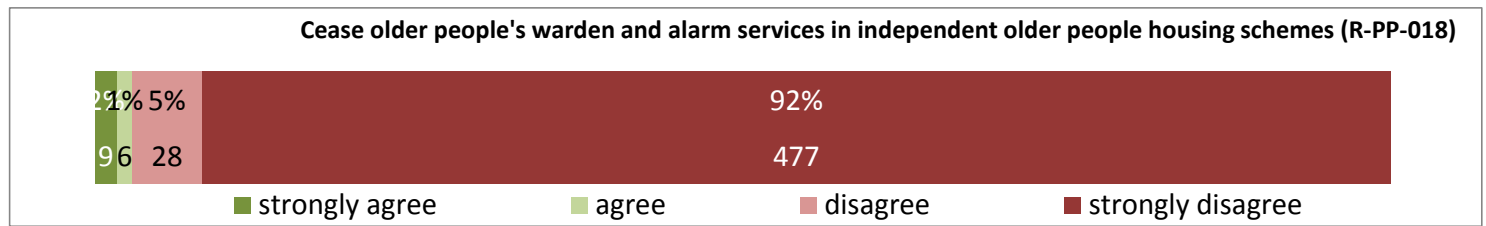


Increase mooring charges at City Docks (R-PL-001)	Increase mooring charges at City Docks (R-PL-001)	
	204 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	Generally, I'd like to see BCC inceease its income	1
Strongly agree	Absolutely agree.	1
	Especially for house boats who I imagine do not pay council tax	1
	Good idea. The cost has been too low for too long. This is a luxury that people should pay for	1
	If you can afford to own/run a boat, then you can afford to pay more charges.	1
	Revise the mooring charges, i guess this idea is good	1
Agree	and sort out the organisation of the docks to make it generally more efficient	1
	But seems a trivial amount?	1
	Consider putting docks out to tender for 25 year lease for private management - protect existing uses of the docks but encourage innovation and increase uses	1
	If people can afford a boat for their leisure activity, they should be able to affrd increased mooring charges	1
	If people can afford boats for leisure, they can pay for it.	1
	If the harbourside can continue at a high level of mooring with increases to morring charges, this should probably be done as it is a case of supply and demand where we need additional income streams. There should be some provision made for those who live in canal boats as low cost housing, however.	1
	In additional look at generating additional income could be generated by increasing/implementing mooring charges for boat owners visiting Bristol. This could open up avenues for tourists visiting the city by boat, in particular inbound via the River Avon - which can be accessed by boat via the Kennet & Avon, via Bath, Keynsham etc. Exploring our countryside via the inland waterways networks are becoming more common, cuts down on traffic congestion and may also tick the green capital status as well.	1
	IT IS STARTING TO LOOK A MESS WITH ALL THE MOORING NOW	1
	Seems fair.	1
	sounds good way to gain income	1
	Sounds sensible as long the increase is not so large that it drive customers away and results in less revenue	1
	They should pay what it costs. But danger of pricing boats out of docks and its the active harbour that attracts people to visit.	1
	This is an equitable application against council tax etc, but dont increase so much that we loose the appeal for moorings and lose that identity	1
	This might discourage poorly maintained boats from mooring and causing eye-sores	1

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	With the proviso that there are fair concessions for equalities groups	1
Disagree	At the city docks we need vistors who in turn will spend money in Bristol by putting this up is will discourage people to come.	1
	I have no idea what the current cost is but having boats in our harbour is paramount to our identity, please protect this so that we still have boats in the harbour all year round.	1
	price out the poor	1
Strongly disagree	The people who live on houseboats in bristol do so because many of them have a very small income and wouldnt be able to afford increased fees. You will also lose the vibrant harbourside atmosphere if the lesure boats more else where and you wouldnt save money at all, there would simply be fewer boats. It would be better to increase council tax in high income areas and charge households that have more than one car. This would be in line with your green and ethical policies.	1
	This sounds like jealousy.	1
	Very few facilities available. Access to boats with equipment is poor often due to other events having priority.	1
	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
	Will mean less tourists	1
Grand Total		29

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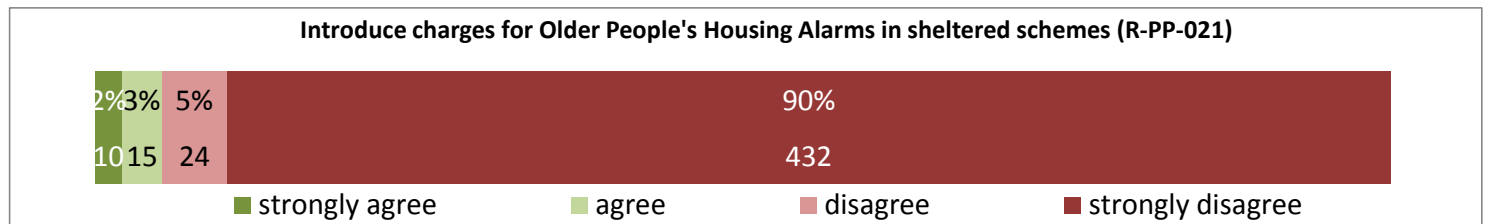


	Cease older people's warden and alarm services in independent older people housing schemes (R-PP-018)	
	520 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	EQIA states "There will be an impact on the wider community as there is an increased likelihood that a proportion of service users will need to afford to fund the service by themselves. This may impact on service users support networks and other related services, organisations and/or agencies." How many of these other organisations agencies might be dependant on council funding that is also at risk ?	1
Strongly agree	Again this is the reason why older people are in this type of accommodation in the first place.	1
Disagree	As stated this isn't raising charges but withdrawing a service.	1
	I don't need one, but I know lots of people that rely on it.	1
	is the implication that the service remains but is funded privately, disappears altogether, what? a warden facility is desired and usually needed	1
	Older people are hit hard enough already	1
	The proposals to cut warden services for older people (R-PP-019, R-PP-023) depend on and refer to older-person-specific floating support but there is a separate proposal to cut that too (R-PP-022), which would place a massive strain on the generic floating support which already supports 250 service users at any one time and 600 per year, i.e. 5 months average length of service per person, and is already expected to meet the needs of people with physical and sensory impairments whose existing supported living and housing support services are being cut by another proposal. The Equality Impact Assessments for these cuts to services for older people do not adequately reflect the risks and the mitigating factors are unlikely to have the stated effect " therefore they will critically affect support for vulnerable older people.	1
	These group of people need help and should not be affected by budget cut.	1
	they should be held to live independent	1
	Unclear how this increases income	1
	Will mean that more elderly people will need residential care sooner	1
Strongly disagree	A full review of all the proposals that affect older people should be undertaken and their cumulative effect considered.	1
	An unacceptable attack on the elderly who are being abandoned to their fate and which makes nonsense of any other so-called health proposals	1
	As stated before, anything which impairs the ability of older or disabled people to live independently or feel protected should be preserved. This also applies to the other two proposals in this category which affect predominantly vulnerable groups. If charges are introduced means testing should be applied. However, this would be costly in itself.	1
	Does the mayor have any elderly family living in these places. They need these things to be safe.	1
	Elderly unable to raise alarm themselves, as a qualified ambulance technician 'Life and Death' situations, Peace of mind with a pull cord.	1

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	it would leave vulnerable older people at the mercy of the negative element in their communities. Also what about health risks if no one's responsibility to check on them.	1
	It's used for everything	1
	Old people need care. Removing these would mean more people end up in homes or die	1
	Older people are getting a very raw deal, disgusting	1
	Older people are reliant on the alarm system	1
	Putting old people at risk should NEVER be considered as a legitimate part of these proposals.	1
	Remember, elder people have paid tax all their life and it is not moral to cease their benefits, draft a scheme of combining few homes together in an area rather than ceasing it permanently	1
	Ridiculous proposal. See previous comment. Support our older population. We are all living much longer and this generation will be top heavy in a decade with many of us requiring support.	1
	see earlier comments	1
	The savings are not worth lives	1
	They are important to older people and should be kept for their safety. It will cost more in the long run if someone is on the floor for ages if they can't get help if they then need to stay in hospital	1
	This is a horrible idea. Vulnerable older people should not be expected to pay out of their own pocket for this service.	1
	This is a really disrespectful and shameful proposal. Older people should not be victimised for the age, lack of mobility or reduced contribution to the economy. I don't believe those that formulate these budgets exercise a modicum of empathy.	1
	This is a vital service	1
	This is an agreed service for people on very tight budgets. Your proposals are targetting those who are already disadvantaged	1
	this is crazy and may result in more accidents & deaths	1
	This is vital for older people who do not have family to support them daily.	1
	This service is essential for people living on their own.	1
	We already pay on a sliding charge	1
	why is this even being considered?	1
	Why not just turn off their heating altogether ? (This would have the same effects).	1
	Why? Is this the best saving you could find???	1
	will cause tradgedies	1
	you are attacking the most vunerable people why not stop spending money on people who come here and take ourhousing and benifits without having contributed single	1
	You might need this service one day!	1
	You will succeed in making older people feel less safe and more vulnerable.	1
Grand Total		42

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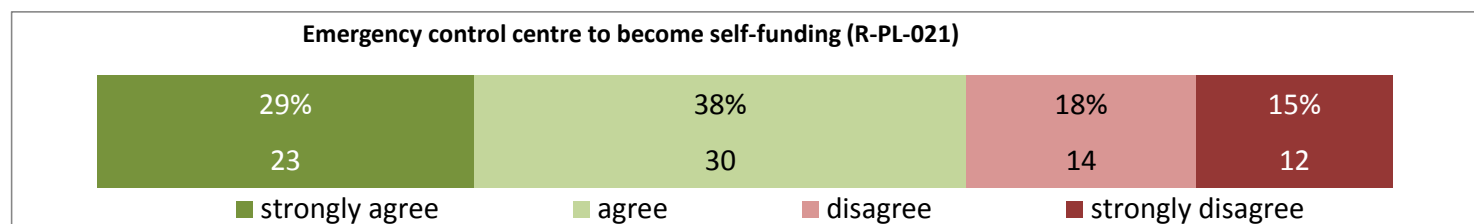


Introduce charges for Older People's Housing Alarms in sheltered schemes (R-PP-021)	Introduce charges for Older People's Housing Alarms in sheltered schemes (R-PP-021)	
	481 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	A small charge may be acceptable - but the service should also receive funding as it provides a vital lifeline for our most vulnerable residents	1
	What evidence to you have that people can afford these necessary alarms? Many older people in sheltered schemes are also poor. Again, this is targetting the same vulnerable group: 15% of the total cuts in `year 1	1
Strongly agree	Are you saying that the resident's don't pay for this already in their service charge?	1
	disability and carers benefits are available to help individuals fund this themselves	1
Agree	fair	1
	If it is a nominal charge then okay, but they must be kept safe and secure.	1
Disagree	Can't afford to pay any extra	1
	If this could be implemented so that the wealthier older people would bear the cost, that would not be an unreasonable proposal, as there are many older people who can afford to pay more for the services they receive; however, charges for any service often disproportionately affect the poor	1
	Older people are hit hard enough already	1
	Seems likely to lead to more costs through delayed response and increased A&E time?	1
	This could leave them at risk	1
	This is surely hitting the elderly to save a few thousand and putting poorer people in danger	1
	We need this service	1
Strongly disagree	A full review of all proposals affecting older people should be undertaken and their cumulative effect considered.	1
	Alarms are essentail. I already pay for central control and will pay more to make it self funding!	1
	An example of complete disrespect for the ill and infirm elderly who should be receiving extra help when needed not this which is going to frighten and worry many people	1
	EQIA states "There will be an impact in the wider community as there is an increased likeliness that a proportion of older people will live independently without an alarm service" would make more logical sense to retain as is then ? Strongly disagree.	1
	how much more do you want to rob from the older generation	1
	It's used for everything	1
	Need staff to attend	1

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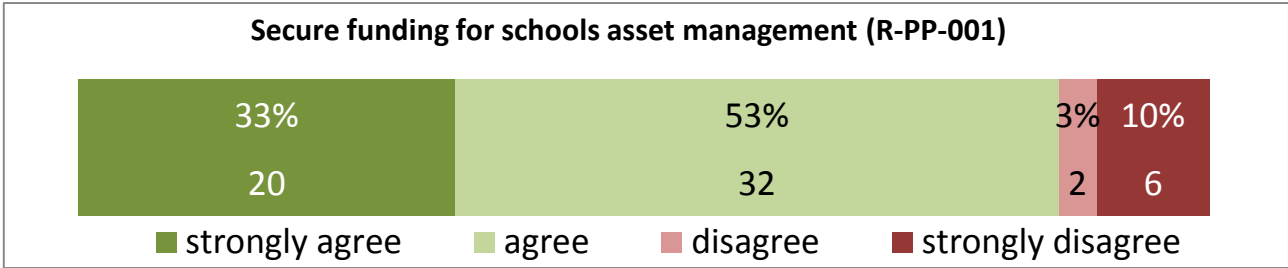
	No they are needed for the elderly peoples safety	1
	Should be entitled to have the service as part of their rent	1
	Some older people are on a very low income and might not pay for an alarm to save money, increasing their vulnerability	1
	Thats a joke. some of these people can't even afford to heat their home.	1
	These are essential for the safety of older people, it will cost more in the long run if people won't pay for the alarms as they could fall and end up in hospital with broken bones etc.	1
	This is an agreed service for people on very tight budgets, your proposal targets those already disadvantaged.	1
	This is just plain mean. People entered the homes thinking they would be protected and safe	1
	This is ludicrous. If the tenants are paying to live in sheltered accommodation then they should feel safe in the knowledge that if anything should happen to them in their room/flat there would always be at least one warden or carer on site at all times to help them. They shouldn't need to pay to have an alarm fitted in their room/flat.	1
	this will leave older people very vulnerable if they can't afford the alarm or leave them poorer if they do buy it.	1
	What will happen will be tenants cannot afford to pay so more people falling ect. so more blocked beds in hospitals and more having to go into residential care. MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE	1
	Why are you putting a price on feeling secure? We should be providing reassurance for our older adults, not making them feel like they have to pay for it.	1
	Why is there a bias in this category against older people? and realistically how much income would be generated?	1
	Why would you even propose this?!	1
	will lead to people forgoing this need.	1
	you do not have a conscience by denying the elderly a lifeline to emergency help they wouldnt be in sheltered housing if they didnt need it	1
Grand Total		35

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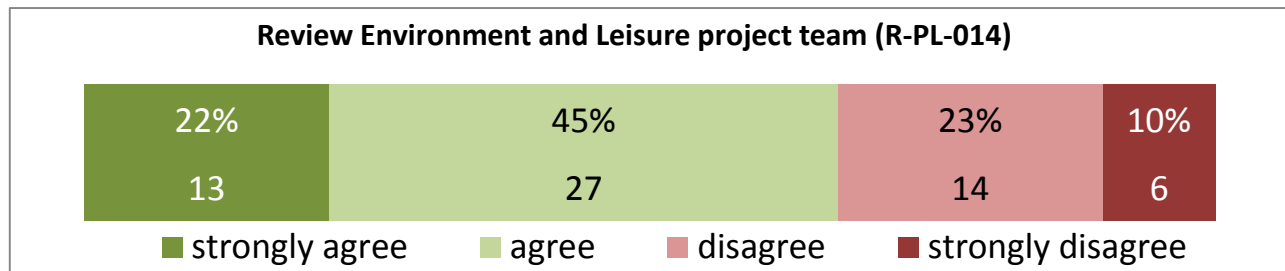
Emergency control centre to become self-funding (R-PL-021)	Emergency control centre to become self-funding (R-PL-021)	
	83 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	certain disability or care benefits are available to help individuals fund these systems	1
	Understand better actual spend from management accounts/spend. Separate out BNET from repairs provider spend, (IT take ownership of BNET across group), separate out equipment infrastructure spend from repairs/maint, separate out income generation, set up each and every budget account similar to merchandising accounts in retail, with sales, cost of sales, showing profit and loss. Consideration of outsourcing of services to specialists who are subject matter experts up to date with current legislation operating practices.	1
	why not	1
Agree	How would they become self funding? And what job do they do exactly. Are you really basing the budget upon my comments?	1
	This proposal could work when done in hand with increased support for local people and police to deal with criminality face to face. CCTV is not normally the answer in such situations as it may only help catch offenders, not integrate them and prevent offending.	1
Disagree	Am concerned about this idea as am worried that the service would become become profit driven.	1
	they might not make fair decisions	1
	this will mean fewer staff and therefore less availability.	1
Strongly disagree	...should the council rent out its nuclear bunkers	1
	And how exactly do you propose control-centres to become self-funding? By magic?	1
	Need, not cost, should be the criteria. Pendant alarms are a lifeline. Contributions to their cost could be increased, but not to cover all costs.	1
	Safety is main concern	1
	Vulnerable people could be affected by this and also more crime could be undetected without CCTV	1
Grand Total		13

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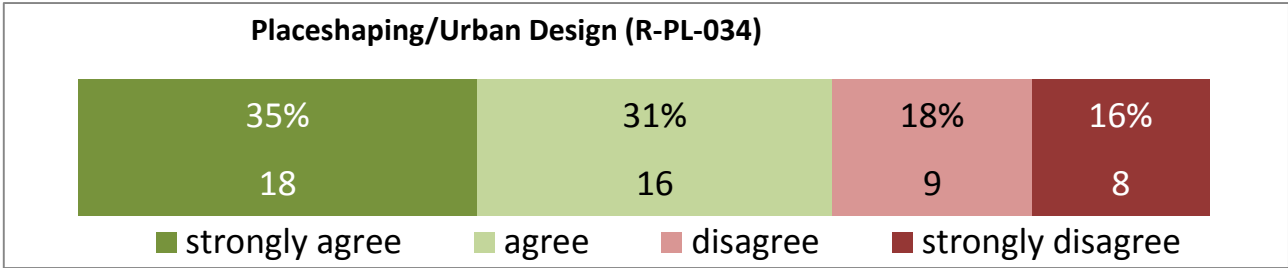
Secure funding for schools asset management (R-PP-001)	Secure funding for schools asset management (R-PP-001)	
	61 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	get waste of space and money they dont know how school runs one school had a ex bank manegar had the nick name as wan--- banker and move round school s doing hell	1
	you need to as most schools are falling apart	1
Agree	Presume all this is acceptable to funders of the capital projects; am surprised it did not happen before	1
Disagree	this doesn't save money, it simply shifts it to another pot - silly!	1
Strongly disagree	Why should the Citizens of Bristol subsidise the mistakes made by Banks supported by the Government?	1
Grand Total		5

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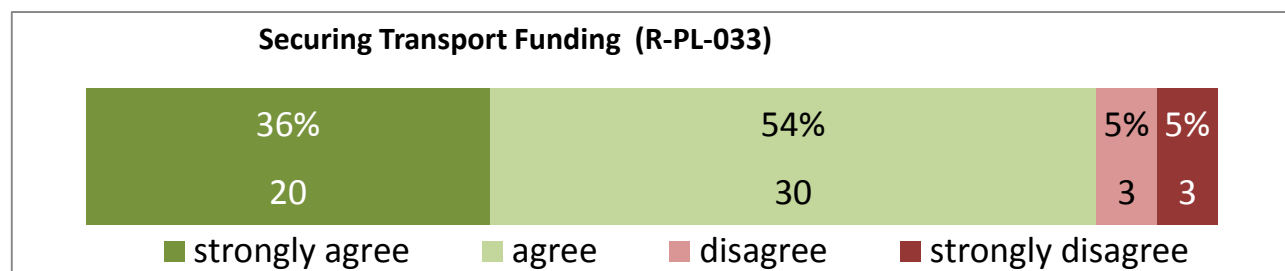
	Review Environment and Leisure project team (R-PL-014)	
	63 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	whilst leisure is important, not at the expense of every day living and moving around the city. closing streets for leisure causing me to drive an extra couple of miles to achieve tasks does not sit well	1
Strongly agree	internal delivery costs more than outsourcing in this service - just look at the parks capital programme	1
	much of the work within this team can be done within the service areas - parks and sports in particular	1
Agree	agree, but dont cut services. These are very important for our future.	1
	as long as this does not affect the ability of communities to realise s106 monies and that the monies currently held are not reduced any further to provide support costs	1
	Whatever it does a review to make sure its doing it's job and if not it mustn't be needed . If so get rid of it	1
	Where funding has been sourced from National Lottery etc, where possible staffing costs should be included in intial funding applications.	1
Disagree	Anything to do with environment and leisure ie sports centres- do not reduce your funding. We need something for our young	1
	Council employees who improve parks should not be paid out of the capital budget. Leisure activities such as parks should not be the first to feel cuts, as the poorest can access these activities for free.	1
	If the jobs of staff are safeguarded this proposal might be acceptable	1
	lack of detail in this proposal.. all future capital projects should be adequately resourced and costed up front..no impact on S106 spend in community which is not clear in this proposal..	1
	This will mean that we have to increase our S106 demands because we won't get as much public infrastucture for our money.	1
Strongly disagree	the council should not be looking to fund itself from caotial investment...its too fat...employs too many managers...	1
	These people are essential in helping to get playground equipment, park benches etc. When new playgournd equipment is put in parks then there should be at least one piece of equipment for diasabled children.	1
Grand Total		14

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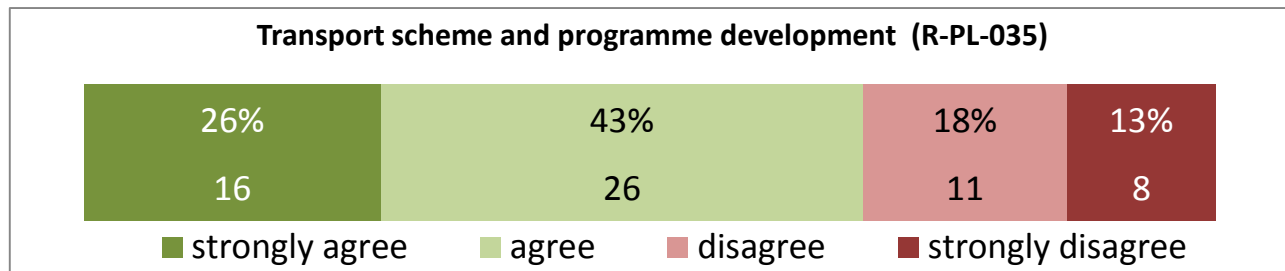
Placeshaping/Urban Design (R-PL-034)	Placeshaping/Urban Design (R-PL-034)	
	56 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
0	Secure transport leads to a safer place to live i.e. rape of women at night	1
Strongly agree	All elements of a capital programme should be funded from its budget rather than from the city revenue, after all they are developmental, not maintenance.	1
	need a new team on this look at the mes in horfield wordsworth road to beatrice place even the blind said not safe	1
	This is an obvious way of increasing funds	1
Disagree	Dump the lot of them. 'Urban planning' in Bristol is an oxymoron	1
	I think this activity should be cut	1
	What are the qualifications and excatitudes required in such a role, if any? Accountability? Or trendy word-shaping?	1
Grand Total		7

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Securing Transport Funding (R-PL-033)	Securing Transport Funding (R-PL-033)	
	58 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Strongly agree	This is a major thing we need to secure	1
	We have long needed a super tram in Bristol, talk of this and that, but no action. Please can we have one!!	1
Agree	Before this can be done the council should challenge central government about First bus, they are untrustworthy never run on time and should not be allowed to operate in this city. If I failed to do my job like first bus I would be unemployed a very long time ago	1
	I would start by asking whether you need to employ these people to start with. Don't ask "What do you do?"; ask "What wouldn't happen if you weren't here?"	1
	The Mayor is a meglamaniac,	1
	Transport in our City is a huge 'must do' so we need to get as much funding as possible to get solutions.	1
	Yes it should be kept and not reduced. I.e how are people going to get to the New Hengrove Hospital without the Community bus? Community transport is essential for disabled people who are unable to catch a bus.	1
Strongly disagree	Good transport funding is essential to cure the traffic congestion in the city. We want better public transport in the city.	1
	Stop over the top traffic penalties and sneaky cameras, little camera cars preying on school drop offs / pick ups	1
Grand Total		9

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Transport scheme and programme development (R-PL-035)	Transport scheme and programme development (R-PL-035)	
	68 looked at this proposal	
Num		
		Total
Agree	Agree with all sections,	1
	Not sure if I understand this but Bristol urgently needs an integrated transport system.	1
	Stop the BRT proposals which will bring Bristol transport costs into meltdown	1
	This seems reasonable.	1
	this should come out of higher formation budget not local	1
	We seem to have spent an inordinate amount of money on far too many traffic light junctions and expensive bus furniture yet traffic control is deteriorating. More attention needs to be paid to the various utility disruptions happening all over the City. Firms wishing to do such work should fund traffic attendants to adapt the flow controls to real time circumstances and tailbacks.	1
Disagree	Not sure what is going on in Bristol with the transport system. I've been in Australia for two years and returned to mayhem on the roads. The Whiteladies Road is complicated. Parking prices is astronomical. Cyclists need to look at paying an insurance as they do not generally adhere to rules of the road and cause accidents. A creation of aggression on the streets by motorists. A review required. Bus drivers drive too fast and they can't get around easily eg South St in Redland.	1
	too much time and money spent changing road use, one-way systems, proposed closing of bridges for vehicles, too much spent on cycle routes -especially contraflow to normal traffic flow. open roads, reduce one-way systems, VASTLY improve public transport and reduce cost, before any new scheme	1
Strongly disagree	BRT2 is a waste of resource and money	1
	Cancel the mis-guided busway project to save revenue and capital costs	1
	we need a more joined up approach. all modes of transport should have equal weight	1
Grand Total		11

Appendix 8

Comments about alternative areas of discretionary spend

Supporting vulnerable people

Bristol Youth Links Activities and services for children & young people
Bring services back to the council and actually have youth workers doing youth work!
cut down on other such unnecessary frivolous unimportant consumer areas...why did Cabot Circus have to be built...for example ?
encourage commercial and self-help projects
Get the schools to do more after school activities
Make the work more focussed - target the most vulnerable at an earlier age e.g. primary school and work with parents more
make this a chargeable activity to those who use it
Much is already done by schools and voluntary organisations. They should take on all responsibility and costs.
Not even sure what this means. Onus should be on parents, who get support in other ways.
prove money to those who live in poor areas in bristol and save money from those who don't
Reduce budget by 50%, younger people have more opportunity to get around and have more, older and disabled people need more support, help and advice and need help from wardens in their housing and need more home care not less.
Reduce this activity
Scrap it
This money is better spent supporting children's centre provision. I don't believe those who are targeted by the service require support of this nature.
(blank)
Get rid of the non existant service provided by LPW
Open this up to voluntary sector
Community transport grants
...is this essential...?
ABOLISH
Continue to make all transport more affordable and it becomes accessible. Work to the goal of creating self-contained and well -designed neighbourhoods with vibrant centres and accessible services so that local people are supported within their community and have less need to travel far for services
End free bus passes for the retired (overall economic commentators argue that today's pensioners are the most wealthy of any generation)
issue subsidised bus passes
make them use public transport
maybe reduce the availability
Reduce amounts funded

Reduce it - people can use their bus passes
Reduce support - organise volunteers
reducing or stopping financial support
Reducing the grants
stffing costs
Stop them
this can be replaced within another sector of protecting vulnerable people
unless people 'needing' these grants live in areas far away from ammenities what else do they need these grants for? nothing.
(blank)
If the mayor says we have a good public transtport system then use it
reduce the amount of grants and make users to make realistic charges where appropriate
Can't see the option but don't shut public toilets. Even with the proposed community toilet programme, the notion of a civilised society having no toilets provided publicly is so draconian, particularly when we are trying to make ourselves an attractive tourist destination. To shut public toilets for a whole city for the cost of about a months wages of a top premiership footballer - this is not the sort of society I want to live in.
charge rate covers costs of service
Reduce the grants.
Abolish this
Reduce the service
utilise the volunteer/private charity sector.
Early help for vulnerable children, young people & their families
By expanding provision to families who can and wish to pay for early years places, not preventing them from doing so.
Examine if this duplicates spend that the troubled families service is working on.
Invest in
investing in this area is saving money in others!
work with schools
you should link centres up more productively so they can share costs
(blank)
stop limiting the places that resources/equipment can be purchased from, rather than just whoever is on the preferred list, be able to buy from the one that offers the best value for money
Continue with local community group ask the centres to charge a small amount for groups e.g. Peeps group Â£2 per session
Home repair and adaptation services for people with disabilities
And community transport grants
assess peoples need and then priorities who should have improvements and who can contribute towards them
by cutting the amount given- habding over to voluntry sector
by getrting proffessionals in whoi know what theu are doing to fully assess the situation
Compared with the other proposals this is a luxury, and therefore could be cut
cuts in stationary, use different cheaper parcel/delivery companies

ensure correct level of housing allocated to correct need. needs change - move people when possible. if a family is in specialist property and need changes, should move to lower need property
Get a better service no jobs for the boys
Home improvements should be paid for by the owners of the properties. Continue if you want but you should charge the home owner for the work you do.
Home improvements should only be what is essential while cuts to budgets are being made.
HRA to take on full cost (if not already) for support for council tenants homes.
I think a tighter grasp should be put on the money spent on this.
look how needs this as to see who is in a home that is for disabled and they are not i know of a lot in horfield (and they are new homes)
Make some people responsible for the houses they live in
means testing
not needed
reduce service
reduce the amount of money spent on this program.
Stop it
Support more applications for social enterprise in order for the needs of older/frail/disabled people to be addressed until we are out of the crisis
There is already a disability allowance, therefore spending council money on repairs feels like double counting. I'm not disabled so I don't know how hard it is, but I know that I have to scrimp and save to do home repairs. I think it's fair enough to have to tighten one's belt for repairs - whether disabled or not.
Yes
(blank)
Single contract to a local company at fixed prices. Providing employment as well as service at a fixed price.
support the services that prevent things which would then cost more
I think some people may be able to make a contribution here as some disability payments are quite generous
Long term residential support for people with learning difficulty & mental health needs to maintain independence.
because the council pays money towards rent and service charges in housing sector look into ways of challenging corporate increases
Don't, refuse to remit to Government Tax & NI for employees.
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
INVEST IN LEARNING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT TO OFFER INDEPENDENCE AND REDUCE DEPENDENCY
Make more use of volunteers.
No
No Bristol arena. That's 80 million saved already.
People in this category already receive support. Maintaining independence may be more costly than other ways of providing their needs.

people may benefit from living in a smaller supported living environment as opposed to larger homes with higher numbers and less personal opportunity
Reduce numbers accessing this
reduce the term and investigate the need
Stop giving criminals the life of luxury and help the disabled instead who really deserve it
support a personal budget system where clients know when things are going wrong can buy what support that meets their needs this will help put money back into the system
Telecare in the residential care homes. Homeless people rehabilitated and trained to be live in companions. Train the residents to cook and clean for themselves and help each other.
TO MANY SMALL ORGANISATIONS DOING THE SAME ROLE, WOULD BE BETTER IF THERE WAS A MERGER
You shouldn't, necessarily. It becomes a silly mantra after a while.
(blank)
Review of service
This should be council run to save money as Private providers cost more money. By keeping School Road open as carers whose loved ones go there for respite save the council vast amounts of money by having their loved ones living at home with them, without School Road then more people will be in Residential Care.
Some learning difficulties and MH support providers charge higher hourly rates by virtue of being "specialist" providers. However, it's clear from dealing with staff and management structures that there is little that is specialised in the service they provide other than the client group they provide it too. This may not fit correctly into this section, but requiring support providers to justify why they are charging higher hourly rates when their staff have not been specially trained to manage complex needs seems like a good start. It seems at times that we pay extra for "specialised" services when the service people actually receive is unsightful, risk-averse, and poorly managed. I recommend if support providers cannot justify higher hourly rates then we pay them the standard hourly rate set by commissioning OR commission a provider who does provide at that rate. Health & Social Care practitioners are being encouraged to work in a multi-skilled environment, why not support and care workers? This could give up to £5-£10 per hour saving on some packages of care. Consider how many hours in how many packages of care there are out there and multiply it over a year, then what are the potential savings? This could help the Mayor's pledge to create inclusive communities by ensuring care and support staff work with people with differing needs, rather than just elderly or LD or MH, for example.
Preventing homelessness
Allow homelessness
by cutting admin cost, less paperwork more direct approach one to one.
Commission charitable bodies
Don't bother
Get other charities to assist
good links to schools from an early age could help prevent young people once they have left school from finding themselves in this position. Mentors whilst still at school - these should be people who are or have been employed in a variety of jobs/professions: particularly strong male role models for young men. (A project in New York met with much success in such a venture).

House our own British nationals first and not foreigners
Insist upon empty homes (owned by private landlords) being used to house families/people who are in need of housing.
investment in affordable and local authority housing will stop astronomic emergency housing bills payed to some quite substandard accomodation
It seems a lot of people that come from a different country seems to get housing and when I have spoken to people a lot of them are just being pushed to one side who want housing.
No-one can 'prevent' homelessness'
Partner with local churches to aid in the purchase of a building(s) that can then be run by a few members of paid staff who may be church/charity workers and run the homes largely supported by trained volunteers (this is a MASSIVE problem in Bristol, which there is so little emergency provision for - only 17 beds @ Julian Trust)
Provide cheaper housing/reduce council tax to make affordable. We currently pay similar to those in posh London suburbs
reduce the amount of house blocking of social housing of people living in homes that are too big for them, reduce the use of b&b provison
Reduce the amount of money committed to this area
Scale back the cost of this service. The service users need to take more responsibility for themsevles.
See if Shelter/Home less charities will take more of the cost.
Some of these areas should be taken care of by charities
Stop council tax. It's unjust
Support the shelters and homeless cafes (wild goose) and ask them and their teams to provide ideas etc - they are the experts
surely this comes under welfare advise. if not, why not.
The Council should provide acommodation services directly, rather than pay extortionate rents via HB for run-down houses to dubious landlords. Perhaps some of the Council's surplus buildings could be used for supported housing?
There is a vast amount of money spent on this and I believe that this could be dramatically scaled back. As could the Home Improvements Agency Service.
This seemed to have more money than other areas and there are multiple voluntary sector homelessness charities
We can't and shouldn't
(blank)
Local Gov't has no policy for those who refuse to live in salvation army hostel because of mentally ill and drug addicts are housed there when need specialist accomodation and staff.
Focus better, level up staff performance, cut management and supervisor costs.
Improved management and staff performance
Short breaks for disabled children
Adopt NGOs and volunteer organizatios to sponsor the short breaks for disabled children
Cut this.
dont fund it. disability benefits can be used for this. this is part of the reason they exist
Emphasise single day trips over multi-day breaks.
I think funding for this should be decreased as this should be the part of the role of

charitable organisations, not the council.
it would be fairer to offer FREE SCHOOL DINNER to ALL children!
Less trips away.
Means testing of parenting.
Remove the service
Short breaks for disabled children are valued, but more effort should be made for the independent charity sector to take up the provision of this from the council. Council could still act as umbrella organisation to co-ordinate the activity of charitable organisations, but should not be funding these and other services long term.
Stop providing free holidays for disabled kids. Given a choice between cutting essential services for vulnerable people or these trips, I would rather see these go. I know that you probably think this will lose you votes, but please remember that some people care as much about services for the elderly/disabled/homeless as others do about services for kids.
stop them, people who are not disabled do not get given a short break.
stop this service.
This service needs to be removed. Although noble of the community, it is not critical.
Why should disabled children have access to short breaks more than non disabled children? It is discriminatory
Why should the tax payer pay for this?
Work with neighbouring authorities such as BANES and SG
(blank)
Many charities already provide this service and should be persuaded to expand it.
when i was a kid we could not afford 'short breaks'
Look at what is already offered via trusts, charities, etc
Short term home support for people with learning difficulty & mental health needs.
Short term support for mental health often does little. Incorporate into the long term help
Surely long term support is what's required here not short term support, plus isn't this covered under 'short term support for all people with care needs' already as this should include those with learning difficulty and mental health needs?
(blank)
Short term support for all people with care needs to help maintain independence at home
Charge GPs for errors they make, charge care homes for inadequate care
don't do it
More use of these people' friends and relatives and also interested groups.
not supporting older people at home will in fact cost the council money in homelessness and unpaid council tax and homecare bills, what will happen to these people do you expect friends and family to step in this is not realistic, most have no mental health issues stop them from forming relationships with the introduction of uc they won't be able to manage their rent result will be homelessness then you will have to deal with this loss of household possessions hospitalisation etc and and probably death
Reduce unnecessary Mayor's travel and salary...
Surely this should be up to members of the family to provide this service, as it was in my family when my step mother was sent home from hospital, she wasn't offered any outside help

(blank)
You could make a smaller cut across all services instead of making all cuts to older people's services.
Support in older people's extra care housing
Employ more efficient and caring staff
Introduce a maximum weekly cap on funding thereby bringing into line all providers' charges, which currently have a wide variety of costs.
It isn't down to citizens to tell you how to fix these problems. Increase council tax as per the norm, or alternatively seek outside funding or invest in projects that make money. Acting like this is a business and that we need to save money is abominable - we know that's not how economics works. This is a city, not a business. The proposals suggested regarding the elderly are utterly abominable, disgraceful, and should they go ahead expect to find severe protests from people of faith as well as secularists who do not believe that money is worth more than our elderly.
provide more purpose built housing for the elderly
Reduce care home fees
you shouldnt
(blank)
Only way to help is use lots of empty building fix them rent them out or build on some lands vacated
run by council rather than outsource
Welfare advice service
All of this information is available online, teaching people basic computer literacy would mean less need for people to talk though this and having all welfare possibilities on one web page would make it easier and cheaper for people to access the welfare they deserve.
Better leaflets with more information on them therefore reducing the need for user contact
Cease the service altogether - welfare advice is available from many different sources
City advice center & others provide this
Close some centres but have online access at libraries or low cost phone number to call.
Combined services
crack down on benift fraud and makeit easier to report
Cut the staffing and put more info online
Don't tell them what they can claim and they won't claim it and thus saving money
Employ volunteers with experience of welfare (retired ?)
give people access to the internet and have an efficient online advice network
Help CAB take up the role.
Integrated into other services
Let charitable/voluntary sector deal with this advice
more online services
More volunteers
outsource
Over staffed, Get rid of the welfare rights services. People have plenty of access to advice now that benefits are changing to universal credit.
Provide better online advice

reduce
Reduce it. Offer fewer translations for new documents so no need to pay over the odds for translators.
Reduce staff at centres and make sure those left are useful
Review each case, stricter control on housing benefits.
Scrap funding for arts and grants. Same for museum supports funding. Combined supports worth millions to people who need help.
self funding
Switch to online support and print in less languages as if money in translations
There are other agencies providing this service. The council does not need to do it
this could be given online
We can save money by introducing a more appropriate advice service - online services, integrate the service within the other areas
Why have both short and long term support - unify the service. This type of support won't change from time to time.
yes...
(blank)
Check to see if there is a duplication of services in respect of the voluntary service organisations.
The welfare advice service is already cared for by family and neighbours and advice bureau. Do not know how else they can help
- Welfare advice service - 280,000
Money shouldn't be spent on translating information etc.

Transport and travel

Lighting energy
change all
consider reducing the lighting in areas that are built up but also to consider turning lighting off between certain hours in summer
Convert where possible to solar or wind energy to power lighting. All businesses & office building should be made to switch off lighting etc at Midnight or when the building is not in use.
Could we not reduce the length of time street lighting is on in certain areas of the city?
cut light pollution
Cut street lighting, improve efficiency of park and ride, it shouldn't cost us money, it should generate it!
Decrease night time lighting on major roads
Energy saving bulbs, turn lights off between the hours of midnight and 0500, in council properties schools etc make sure all bulbs are energy saving and all lights are turned off at night
every third light out early.

Example- Motion detector lights rather than leaving outdoor lights on all the time at night as in Temple Quays except where public safety is at risk. Small measure.
Invest in low energy lighting where possible, consider reducing amount of hours when lights are operational.
Lower energy lighting
More efficient lightning technology and schemes
Much reduced lighting in all areas between say, midnight and 7.00am
My comments don't require extra savings but suggest further savings should be possible from this proposal.
Negotiate with Cabot Circus - all lights in every shop go off twice a month / once a week? Money saved is given to council for community projects
New EU regs
reduce
Reduce late night lighting in safe areas / areas with other ambient light.
Reduce lighting during night time hours
Reduce lighting times
Reduce lighting where safe to do so
reduce street lamps
Reduce the displays
Reduce unnecessary streetlights
reduce voltage to all lighting by 10 or 20 percent
save money on traffic schemes
solar panels
solar?
some street lights could be turned off for short periods late night/early hours
Some traffic lights can be turned off at night. Surely this could amount to something?
Sorry - not sure what this is - using more energy saving street lighting or something else?
South Glos council is saving money by switching off lights for several hours each night.
switch more off at night
switch off every other street light, and persuade shops/offices to switch off lighting after end of business
Switch off every second street light after 11 p.m.
Switch off lighting 12md-5am - maybe every 3rd light cd be kept on in busier areas
Switch off street lighting after midnight.
switch off street lighting or reduce late at night
switch off the traffic lights and make them give ways. Unless they are enforced traffic lights are just ignored
Switch off when not needed
switch raffic lights off
switch them off
switch to solar LED lightbulbs
Turn more lights off.
turn of every other light

Turn off all council building lights off at night. Totally waste of money
Turn off half the street lights.
Turn off lights!
Turn off some lights (every other?particular routes?) between certain hours.
Turn off some lights after midnight
turn off some traffic lights at night
Turn off street lights in some areas between midnight and 5.00 am
Turn off the light when very few people are benefiting from them, say after 1am. There could be additional environmental benefits if this idea were pursued though a reduction in light pollution and in emissions resulting from electricity generation.
Turn off the lights or half the lights in quite periods (3-5.30 am)
Turn street lights off at night
Turn street lights off between 4am and 6am in the winter when most people are asleep.
u don't need half the lighting u already have...reduce glare on roads car lights do this for u...and really we shouldnt be paying for electricity in the first place...didn't Tesla teach u anything ? that's a great way of cutting yr expenses...Bristol has got it back to front again...sigh
Use low energy bulbs
Use low energy LED lighting. Reduce the density of lighting (switch off 50%)
Use lower watt lighting, turn of lights in council buildings
Use more low energy lighting
Use more solar energy for lighting of council facilities. Install more solar panels on public buildings and earn income from surplus
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Lighting maintenance (residential roads)
1. Have street lighting on for fewer hours. 2. Invest in led (office, street and traffic) lighting and reduce maintenance costs.
And lighting energy. Reduce street lighting by either reducing the number of street lights used or turning them off after midnight.
As many case stidues have shown, turn off earlier, and start later.
Devolve budgets
every 2 light turned off esp in summer poss winter as well.
Far too many street lights on when it is not necessary.
How much evidence is there that lighting improves safety? I would be comfortable reducing lighting response times and performance indicators.
Keeping street lights on overnight is not necessary
Lighting is generally good and I would hope we can save money in this area
look towards moving off grid and towards more sustainable energy
make electricity companys pay for street lighting cost and maintenance (they have enough profits)
No Bristol arena. That's 80 million saved already.
Only replacing bulbs when they no longer work,
Reduce funding.

Reduce staff/resources available to respond to broken lighting (I would prefer this to cuts in enforcing commercial waste regulation, as fly-tipping will probably increase if people know they are less likely to be prosecuted).
reduce street lighting (and it will help the wildlife too)
Some lighting may be able to be reduced, but the streets need to adequately lighted for safety reasons
switch half the number of lights off in the early hours when fewer people are out and about
Switch off some lights overnight 0100 - 0500
Switching off alternate street lights.. Introducing silent hours at mid nights by turning off majority street lights
Turn lights of certain times of the night, maintain lights more efficiently. Turn off motorway lights during certain hours of the night
turn lights off between 2 & 6 am
turn off non essential street lighting from midnight to 5.00am why are all the traffic islands constantly light up surely these could be switched off in the day time around the city. Remove unnecessary traffic lights
turn off some lights
Turn the lights off after midnight
turn them off at night
We don't need so many lights on
Would be happy for lighting to be turned off in residential areas. Decreases light pollution, energy use. Residents can add individual solar powered lights in gardens, paths, etc.
(blank)
Park and Ride
bring in byelaw that says all cars used in central Bristol must contain two or more people. This would reduce congestion, pollution .
By integrating bus services with rail stations providing a cheap effective and reliable bus service we would not need park and ride
Cancel them, they are a loser
charge a small parking fee
Charge more
charge more for this
charge more to use service
even cheaper bus fares
Fewer trips, fewer vehicles, fewer drivers, reduced fuel and maintenance costs
Forget it and stop penalising motorists
Further increase charges weekdays as residential parking is extended
Get rid of it- always empty
I do not see this used very much maybe reduce the frequency.
I don't no
I wouldn't see this as a priority, I would rather cut money to park and ride than children's centres!!
increase charge for park & ride. City centre car parking costs have gone up significantly, the differential in cost between that and use of park & ride could reduce

Increase charges
Increase charges particularly for visitors
Increase charges where possible.
Increase charges?
increase cost of service and get rid of park & ride location in Portway
Increase costs for the use of the service
increase cycling opportunities
Increase fares
Increase fares, these buses run too frequently. They're never full!
Increase fees - but offer a quarterly, 6 monthly, annual payment in advance with a discount
Increase the prices.
Introduction of more park and ride schemes from all around Bristol and make it more cost effective.
It's hard to say without figures but from reviews I have read about the park and ride, I think discontinuing the service would be a good idea (when the money spent on it has been made back).
Make it cheaper so more use it
MAKE IT FREE PARK AND RIDE MOOR WILL USE IT LESS CARS IN THE CITY THIS SAVE ON HEALTH AND DAMAGE
Make money by selling advertisements on the inside and outside of the buses
Make more available in centre of Bristol
Make the busses free so more people use them. open car boot on weekends when the sites are closed for income.
make them self funding, and realise that most people want to use their cars, and work on sorting things for car drivers out instead. It is not practical for everyone to park and ride, some, such as myself need their cars to do their job.
Not sure what the issues is, surely it is funded by people using it.
Pand R users should pay what it costs, they would have to pay the commercial rate if they parked in the central multi storey car parks which are not subsidised
Park and ride schemes subsidise car owners, who should pay a reasonable fee for their provision.
providing smaller more economical buses at off peak times
Put up fares
Reduce budget by 50% there are enough buses to get people around and other forms of transport.
Reduce park and ride services, in order to encourage more people to use general public transport, making use of concessionary fares.
reduce space of car parking, they are often underused, many use some of it for other parking services or retail
reducing or stopping financial support
Reducing the costs - charge more for privalige
remove funding
Remove the subsidy from P+R, once a rail station has been established by the Avonmouth P+R site that would allow the council to charge for parking there (not the train operating

company).
Review of this service: do people actually use it? It doesn't seem to be making a difference to City Centre congestion
review the amount of useage and tailor accordingly .
scrap it, it never worked
Scrap park and ride. It appears to me that not many people use it
Should make a profit.
the companies should not be subsidises they should be self funding
The park and ride sites are not well placed for people to use them. Plus you can argue they benefit non Bristol residents (and hence those not paying council tax to bristol) the most.
These should be open on Sundays and used for football matches, special events in Bristol, this would bring more money into Bristol and save so many cars in the city
This isn't about saving money, I suggest you have a better bus service in Bristol & more park & ride options (north) so that revenue can be increased.
Use the park and ride facilities more: for example open the Long Ashton one as a pay and display car park for events at Ashton Court
useless since the bus service is not great, wrong investment!
yes
(blank)
Remaining Local Bus Service Subsidy (67%)
Abolish all bus subsidy
Abolish. If you use the service, pay for it.
Again, I'm afraid we can't
Allow seniors with bus concession cards to make a contribution if they can afford it.
As an OAP with a bus pass I would be prepared to pay something towards the cost of my bus ticket
by charging over 60's small flat fee for bus service (instead of free bus pass)
By re-routing some services to connect with others more easily to reach essential destinations i.e. hospitals.
By taking money from another area, they didnt ask to be disabled
contest to introduce new public transport company
Could a social enterprise or a co-op run the buses instead of a private company?
cut all funding
Cut it by a fixed amount each year. Require bus operator to provide the services or change the provider - First are massively profitable and Bristol bus prices are amongst the highest in the country.
cut the subsidy
cut this area totally
Don't give it to Firsts competitors!
Don't just have first bus running the majority of the service they are overcharging us as they have no competition. I lived in Sheffield where first had competition and it was 60p student single!

Don't let First Bus have a monopoly. RPS will ensure more people use the bus system therefore BCC shouldn't have to subsidise / line bus companies pockets.
Don't, refuse to remit to Government Tax & NI for employees.
Encourage more people to use the bus service which will lead to greater investment. Make it easier to use the bus and the bicycle in Bristol.
feel free to cut this!
first and wessex have not service the city well - look at new ways to do this better once contracts are up.
first bus make a good profit
First have just reduced fares in response to public consultation so it really doesn't make sense to have such a big subsidy...
First make enough money, cut subsidy and welcome potential competitors
for many on low or no disposable income this is a life line to the community must be supported
Further reduce the subsidy
Further reduction in subsidy
Get a better deal from First Group or award the contract elsewhere
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
Halt the BRT scheme which will inevitably cost more than forecast and will therefore have negative revenue implications for the Council
I would like to see a reduction in this.
Ideally take over the bus service. Public services should be run for the public and not profit
if busses were more reliable and affordable, more use, less traffic. London works very well, why can't Bristol?
I'm not sure if this is the correct area, but free bus travel for seniors should not be universal. Only those solely reliant on a state pension should be eligible.
Increase fares
increase the age for free travel for older people, do not supply immigrants with free or reduced travel passes
Insist on an integrated affordable public transport system funded by the bus and train companies
Introduce congestion zone in the city centre. This should boost the uptake of bus services so they become self-funded. Working with First to improve services as there's plenty to do there.
Introduce performance related grants to First bus Service as currently their service is not providing value for money
It is wrong for early morning and late evening and Sunday services to be taken off. Instead the money from the Night Flyer buses could pay for this. I think it is wrong that some people have night flyer buses in their area and others don't and they have to pay for taxis.
I've given up home for our bus service, I would rather have roads lit up for cycling - my road 'Clarendon Road' in Redland is especially dark and as a female I don't feel safe walking on my road at night
Limit to a number of rides a month/week
Lose the subsidy but keep the bus frequency.

make bus companies support themselves, make them run better with more competition
Make the free bus pass means tested
MEANS TEST
Means test bus passes for older people so wealthier older people don't qualify/ have to pay for them.
Means test free bus passes for the over-60s
No need to put an answer on this
Not all pensioners should automatically receive free bus passes. Many pensioners are better off than most working people!
Only give free bus passes to those people not in employment rather than by retirement age
open to smaller operators
paying more ourselves for buses
People should only have bus passes in cases of genuine need
reduce bus subsidy
reduce so that operators pay to run service
reduce subsidy
Reduce subsidy much further or eliminate entirely to routes which do not have enough demand to run without subsidy
Reduce the subsidy.
Reduce under used services...
Reducing the subsidy
Remove concessionary fares for the over 60s. I have to pay so should they
Remove subsidy
remove this
Require First Bus to reduce fares for the subsidised routes
Re-tender service, maybe use a cooperative and get a better deal.
Review provision of free bus pass to ALL Senior Citizens
revise concessionary fares for wealthy pensioners
Scrap service 515.
Simplifying charges and improving timetables will bring more income.
Some reduction may be needed if the service is not being used frequently.
Stop subsidising an inefficient and badly run bus service.
Stop the subsidy and ensure the provider gives a decent service which is worth paying for.
Stop the subsidy to the large shareholder operators invest it in CT budget
Stop them
Strike a better deal with First Bus (as the Mayor said he would when a candidate).
suggest subsidy is decreased as passenger nos. increase and set targets for the bus companies
Survey actual usage and reduce support where necessary. Look to retail centres to provide financial support for some services.
Take the bus service back in house

The bus service is a joke, sorry. I see huge numbers of large and bendy buses traveling empty. Don't go for bigger buses, get even minibus sized vehicles and more of them, it must be cheaper in the long run and will massively improve the use of public transport
The free bus pass should be for over 70's only, a lot of over 60's still work
The subsidy could be cut and riders asked to contribute to the cost of fares in some way.
We can reduce the number of buses and introduce more cycling routes and schemes.
We need to get rid of the old people's bus passes. When are we going to start fighting the generational fight. We cannot keep providing the level of support we do to all the older people. Hopefully this will refocus bus companies resources to providing a service that actually works for working people!
Work with bus companies (especially First Bus Bristol) to ensure that public services come before profit
yes first bus has driven out small competitors like the minibuses running the 70 route in the mid-late ninties...allow competitors to run alternative bus services without first taken a huge subsidy and driving large mostly empty non green buses outside of rush hour...

Supporting communities

Community investment and grants to the voluntary and community sector to support disadvantaged and equalities communities.
A massive emphasis and huge spending , e.g. in Hengrove, should be reassessed
Abolish all grants of this type
Are these grants monitored? Many of the community associations consist of the same few people - there is a very low community turnout for all these meetings - consider scrapping them.
ASSIST ALL INSPIRING AND VALUED ORGANISATIONS TO ATTRACT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDRAISING AND INCOME GENERATING INITIATIVES.
'Bristol in Bloom' currently receives substantial financial support from Bristol Council as the Secretary receives an 'unofficial salary' of £18,000 per year from Bristol council funds, but travels from Salisbury & the Isle of Wight in order to engage with B.I B projects and meetings. This is a huge, ineffective and unnecessary waste of public funds, and this financial support should now cease. The work of the secretary could be delegated to a member of the councils engagement team. Bristol in Bloom as an organisation does not truly reflect or fully represent the diversity of Bristol's communities, and they do not hold an Annual General Meeting so that they are fully accountable to the public and minimal and actual support is given to community groups by this organisation, so all the money could now be devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships so they can decide on how to enhance their areas of the city. Many communities in Bristol have achieved great success this year through their own independent 'in bloom' projects and have worked via the RHS 'Its your neighbourhood' scheme and gained major awards. They have received the greatest support from Neighbourhood Partnerships and council officers with their projects. Bristol in bloom is one of the few national organisations that receives so much financial support from the local council and it cannot deliver the levels of support to communities that is currently being

delivered by the neighbourhood partnerships and Bristol Councils engagement team. The relatively large amount of money that is currently being donated by the council to Bristol in Bloom for secretarial fees should be more effectively spent by local communities and groups who have a first hand knowledge of the needs within the community.
by investing in local centres (like Malcolm X in St Pauls)
Charity begins at home. If and when Bristol has spare funds available to support such communities, then the question of funding becomes academic. Until that time, we cannot afford to support lifestyles and communities which contribute nothing.
cut all funding
Cut equality-wash projects and focus on needs rather than box ticking for political reasons.
Cut funding to this area
Cut grant spending to things that will genuinely make a difference and not be funded anyway by the organisation. Restructure as corporate sponsorship/volunteering programme.
Cut grants but keep officers in post to enable projects and support volunteering.
Cut out anything with "equalities" or "diversity" in the title, and "let go" anyone with these words in their job description.
Cut out these grants.
Cut the funding
Cut-it.
Discontinue. This is gobildy gook. Discrimination is illegal and already covered under statute law
does very little, so cut.
don't do it
equality is for all...99.9% of bristolians are not racist...but equality is also the responsibility of the individual...in how she or he accepts cultural differences and behaves in a manner to wish to integrate
Everyone should be treated the same no matter what race creed colour etc. so there is no need to have special groups.
Everyone should be treated the same so there shouldn't be special meetings for ethnic people etc. this would save a lot of money
Excess money given to anti slavery exhibitions and poorly organised community music festivals in Queen's square, millenium square etc.
for community groups to come together in one venue to avoid duplication of advice and support
Fund the organisations that contribute good outcomes, instead of indiscriminately cutting all. If you cut good and bad alike, where is the incentive to work hard and do well.
I don't think immigrants should get extra support, they should be treated like everyone else.
I feel everyone can make a contribution as far as possible - it will help support the idea that 'we are all in this together' and money should be spent wisely
I think immigrants should not be given extra support.

Let people look after their own communities - part of Cameron's Big Society. Why keep paying into areas where residents have no interest in doing things for themselves and each other. Some areas are absolute tips and people can't be motivated to look after their homes why should we have to pay. I pick up litter around where i live! Some groups are looking for constant handouts - well work together to sort it out for yourselves.
Let them use the disused council buildings...
Look at funding from the Lottery and, sponsorship from major companies
look at grant levels
Many of these facilities are not well used; increase provision in schools and general neighbourhood awareness
money largely wasted
Organisations that get consistent funding should be asked to take less. Some organisations have relied on the Council for a decade or more. While they do provide good service, are we sure they shouldn't be up to this challenge themselves?
PUT ALL SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF eg the vassall centre
reduce
Reduce funding and let people find their own way to each other through informal networks / internet
Reduce help
reduce if possible
Reduce the funding limit
reducing or stopping financial support
reluctant to suggest cuts here, but has VOSCAR's involvement been maximised to provide sufficient help in making grant applications?
rely on more donations
remove all funding
Remove grants
Review all grants to community VCS and ensure that you are getting value for money and that the city council money is used to bring in additional funding. Where it does not bring in additional funding use this as marker to consider reducing funding.
Scrap it
Secure massive matched funding to ensure this sector is as well funded as possible going forward.
So many different groups. Could they be combined with common goals and larger more efficient projects?
Stop all funding for segregated groups they should expect to move along on their own funding for specifics which the majority manage on
Stop the grants to equalities groups
Temporarily reduce grant funding for initiatives.
The council should be concentrating on services which are available to the community as a whole.
There seems to be a disproportionate amount of money spent on minority groups which has the effect of marginalising all those tax paying residents who do not fit any minority groups and therefore end up being disadvantaged themselves.
These proposals would have a disproportionate effect on older people. The cuts should be

shared more evenly
they should become charities and so can maintain themselves better
This could be reduced in the short term in order to protect Council services which benefit these and wider communities, e.g libraries, museums, parks.
This is an area of funding that could be postponed until the council finances are in a better state, it is not an essential
Tie funding to desirable targets- such as avoiding care home admissions
Use open spaces not used and build more affordable housing and business premises
You should not reduce funding in this area! VCS groups provide services at reasonable cost and provide projects at better value
(blank)
Crime reduction activities
Cease funding PCSOs
Closer working with the police. Also reducing inequality is the key to crime reduction really.
cut service
Cutting on crime reduction programs
Don't
Dont the police do this? Isn;t this about education.. people need to take responsibility for their own security.
Encourage people to subscribe to a on and Somerset police e-mails or tweets. They are far more useful in informing citizens than crime activities
fine and charge criminals more.
Get rid of the plastic police and get the real police off their backsides
Goods ceased from criminals / drug money / spent back where crime was committed on community projects
invest in community structures and encourage citizens to organise themselves with direct links to community police officers.
Leave to the POLICE,
manage it better
More community service in jobs that generally cost a lot of money
More support for the local police
most crimes are committed by the police. Sack em
No
No Bristol arena. That's 80 million saved already.
Open more places for young people to go, those that are involved in crime should pay into a fund to be put back in public purse
reduce police activities on crime that cannot be foreseen
Reduce the number of ideologically led councillors and plutocrats.
Reduce them
Spread the cuts across services rather than take away all perpetrator work
stop closing down youth centres, crime will go up if young people have nothing to do and get bored.

Taking money away from such initiatives is going to COST Bristol and the government lots of money in the long run (because if they're effective then they will reduce offending/reoffending) - don't cut these budgets!
Voluntary sectors should cover this
(blank)
Household waste and recycling centres (tips)
Anything that can be sent for recycling, eg scrap metal should be sold and the money put back into the councils pot
by charging less/ no charge for commercial users so they use this service rather than fly tipping
charge people for not recycling or putting their waste on the pavements inappropriately.
charge a small fee
charge a small nominal fee
charge for large volumes
charge for putting household waste in tips instead of recycling
Charge for use
Charge people a small amount for visiting the tips.
charge people a small fee to get rid of waste Â£1 a trip?
charge small fee
Don't open them as often. It will be inconvenient, but not unmanageable.
get in contact with local stores to offer money off for returning waste like that do in Europe
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
have more volunteer collections
I don't think you should touch this area and if you reduce recycling centres that will mean more flytipping especially in the Easton area where it happens on a daily basis.
I think less could be spent on this.
Increase availability of recycling facilities in local supermarkets / communities, rather than central facilities like Days Road.
Instead of reducing the sizes of the bins and causing hassle try thinking of alternatives
Introduce a nominal charge of Â£1 per car.
Less frequent recycling collections
Make recycling compulsory - fine people who are not prepared to get involved
Make them bigger to reduce queues
more focus needs to be on tackling anti social behaviour.
More home composting, reduce collections further, encourage local community facilities, create a Japanese knotweed destruction site
More responsibility on individuals with transport to manage their own recycling.
No this needs addressing
See if Bristol can extract resources such as rare earth and metal from the rubbish tips and sell. Also the compost Bristol council makes should be sold on a larger scale if possible not just the local area
Shorter opening hours
stop printing labels and all related stop design in it etc. people know about recycling
stop sorting focus energy on supporting vulnerable people

stop wasting money on leaflets and advertising. 1 full wheely bin maximum per household and more focus on recycling
these need to be kept open to stop fly tipping
this should be reduced by selling recyclable goods
This work can be done by volunteers.
Use Sita instead of inefficient May Gurney
Use volunteers to staff the centres who represent various charities which could make use of the enormous ammount of perfectly good stuff that people throw away.(e.g Streetbank)
You could make more money buy charging a SMALL fee to self employed company's to tip their waste.
You don't have an option - you have to keep this. Worldwide experience shows that there will be a rubbish on the streets otherwise
(blank)
Increasing citizen influence on local service delivery through Neighbourhood Partnerships
Â£2M is a lot to spend in this area and I would hope you could make some savings here. I would also like to see further information on the Crime Reduction activities as I'm sure there are areas where money could be saved on this.
any reduction in service will be supported and in the long save money.
As the mayor has the final say on everything, it seems like a total waste of money to fund partnerships when he is able to disagree with views and push ahead with plans regardless.
can this not be taken up by the voluntary sector?
Contract with the local VCS to provide some of the NP engagement programme and dismantle the NP edifice
create resident groups to run this
Cut costs to reflect value of what is achieved.
Cut it out totally not why we pay council tax.NOTE: also ticked 'Community investment and grants to the voluntary sector to support disadvantaged and equalities communities'
cut it you do what you want anyway
Devolve more responsibility
Devolve the Â£18000 that is currently paid unofficially to the secreatry of bristol in bloom as the secretary lives on the Isle of Wight and commutes for the meetings to Bristol. This is not cost effective and atransparent use of public funds.. The money can then be used to support community enhancement projects and local in bloom initiatives via Neighbourhood Partnerships. An engagement officer from the council could undertake the secreterial work and have more direct contact with the local communities.
do these work?
Don't merely voluntary local groups do as well?
Don't, refuse to remit to Government Tax & NI for employees.
end or reduce in scope
Expenditure should be increased
Form civil councils, with powers to precept, save money by local purchasing and access funding in their own right
Get rid of 'em. I reckon they only increase the influence of a handful of un-representative self-important do-gooders. We elect the council and they recruit the officers - let 'em get on

with the job.
get rid of unnecessary centralized staff and give power to local partnerships
How effective are these? Have they been evaluated?
I didn't know we did this - so whatever money is being spent is at least partially ineffective!
I don't know
I feel strongly that NPs have failed in our area and just introduced a further layer of bureaucracy - they would not be missed
I have not seen any benefit from the above; the council just needs to stop making changes and cuts without consulting. This 2m is only needed to mitigate council's own failings. " Home improvement agency services
I think, in particular that Neighbourhood Partnerships need more investment rather than less.
If money must be cut to subsidies for places such as St Paul's Learning and Family Centre, then a short term boost in subsidy to promote a longer term citizen input is the only alternative.
In principle Neighbourhood Partnerships are a very good idea, but they may be a luxury in times of financial pressure. Wards are already represented by their councillors, who should be able to identify and champion local issues.
It is just too much money when most people don't care. Maybe consider rather than having a constant presence in every area instead provide support to communities that want to address a particular issue. This means resolving issues isn't tied to an artificial boundary but instead responds to the needs of citizens and links different groups of residents facing similar issues. eg. lots of NPs have put in zebra crossings, this indicates this is a wider issue than just one area.
it was reported at one meeting that a job had been done incorrectly, yet contractor paid (bike racks on NORTH st) - ensure more facts are known, make people accountable
Keep neighbourhood partnerships on hold until we can afford them. In the meantime, Cllrs can continue to meet their communities and report back to the Council. This would save several million pounds. Stop 100 people, George, and ask them who their neighbourhood partnership members are, and what they do, and what the budget is. They will not know! So is this really democracy?
Keep ppl's interests up...more enthusiasm needed less of the boring unnecessary paperwork and ppl will put more energy into areas where it matters most..there's not enough heart around...we need community spirit back...not conquer and divide...get everyone involved
Keep them, they provide a point of contact for local areas but lengthen time between meetings.
Local consultation in the more vulnerable areas...
Local people have a huge knowledge of what works in their area. The savings made by their input will stop bad spending decisions.
Locals know what best supports the community
Locals who have paid their council tax like to see that they are getting something for their money and should have a say
look at the staffing and ask if you need so many managers
make it more voluntary and use more public buildings etc

more of it to be online
Much of the increase in the budget for Neighbourhood Partnerships from Â£700k in 2013-14 to Â£2million is not justified (although about Â£400k of this is due to the NP budget from 2014 including Community Safety and Area Environment Officers). The Mayor has said publicly that NPâ€™s are not democratic and that he wants to shift local decision making towards Councillors who are. This he should do! The NPâ€™s are basically just an extra, totally unnecessary layer of bureaucracy and this aspect of them should be eliminated; we should revert to a structure more like the PACT structure (but still, for political reasons, call them NPâ€™s!)
Neighbourhood Partnership committees are a minority of the community and often do not represent the views of the community e.g. Crews Hole Rd one way system therefore funding should not increase
Neighbourhood partnerships are not effective in all areas and are not representative of local communities. They are simply talking shops and tokenistic. Money could be better spent on actual improvements in communities.
Neighbourhood Partnerships cost too much and are ineffective
Not convinced these deliver value for money
online presence only
Only those confident enough take part in neighbourhood partnerships - Community Organisers is a better way of getting everyone one, from the informed to the isolated to have a say in the development of their community
Probably cease the meetings and replace with a contact that one can talk to or email
Reduce money to Neighbourhood Partnerships. We have Councillors for local issues and people should be encouraged to use them. NP's are duplication of provision.
reduce some of the bureaucracy in np.. rubber stamping by departments!
Reduce spending on, or scrap, Neighbourhood Partnerships which don't give value for money and are ineffective as only a small proportion of the community get involved - which are usually the least vulnerable and needy and so don't see where the greatest needs are and so are ill equipped to decide on priorities for their area.
Reduce the budget across the board
Reduce. - I am not impressed by some of the things my local NP has funded, nor it's composition
Reducing the paperwork. The amount produced is undemocratic anyway as people can't read it all before a meeting. All proposals should go to an NP subgroup first who can modify them and if necessary take them to the Forums for comment before they come to the Partnership. The idea that the Council Officer knows best is patently wrong. The Officer should then listen to the subgroup recommendations and reply to the NP about how he/she will support their needs.
Review value for money and effectiveness of these bodies
Scrap them! So few people use them anyway and they just benefit the middle classes.
Set against some of the cuts to vulnerable people of this city providing decision making opportunities to those more able is unfair, unbalanced, discriminatory, again targets those less able. It is far more important that people have the ability to live a comfortable and equal life.

Some of the smaller library's such as Hillfields, Sea Mills etc could be managed by volunteers, with support from council funded floating manager to overseeing volunteer programme.
Stop it. What a load of nonsense anyway
stop this programme, well meaning but inefficient and unrepresentative
The level of funding for Neighbourhood Partnerships is much higher than participation justifies. The same outcomes could be achieved at greatly reduced costs.
there are lots of duplication in the whole world of neighbourhood partnerships, these are ineffective and have had little or impact on the improvements to the area where i live, Brislington and supporting staff are overpaid for the work they do in coordination of these partnerships, why not look at a more interesting model local democracy of participatory budget setting at a local community level to share how we could improve services whilst reducing costs, there too many people involved in area coordination, area working, neighbourhood delivery officers, reduce the amount of area coordinators by half or turn over service delivery to local people
There are too many staff allocated to this and only the few can influence. Councillors are elected to make decisions for their community.
These doesn't seem to work with local residents and through having four Community Organisers based in Easton, St Pauls and St Agnes, St Werburghs, St Philips we learnt that the residents don't engage with the NPs, don't understand its purose and don't find it useful. All four organisers reported that NPs Forums don't engage with local people, don't have capacity to do so and therefore can not fulfil their function.
This is a very big budget and my impressions from attending various NPs is that while some work well, there are too many 'talking shops' influenced by self-appointed politicians. There must be some opportunity for reducing this budget.
This is an unnecessary waste of money. Neighbourhood officers and enforcement officers already exist, and these partnerships can be strengthened and developed at local level through existing team managers. It cannot be good for Bristol to lose frontline staff enforcing noise nuisance critical in protecting the residents of Bristol communities and at the same time paying large salaries to neighbourhood coordinators. Who will they coordinate?, and how many wasted coordination meetings will they attend? whilst everyone suffers with noise nuisance. Are the neighbourhood coordinators going to sit and talk about what they could have done in the neighbourhood if the council hadn't cut frontline nuisance services beyond capacity. The situation is ridiculous!! Instead strengthen frontline services and reduce beauracracy management coordination levels. It's obvious surely!!!
this isnt working. neighbourhood forum more useful than partnership meetings
This process is not representative of Bristol, and should be reviwed
This sounds as if money is being spent on meetings, rather than action.
Transfer further (reduced) funds from local to neighbourhood areas
waste of money
Waste of time. People don't want to waste their time in acrimonious meetings.
What IS this???? Lose it.
with public involvement their will be a change in mind set from self centred currently to person centred the future

You already have neighbourhood delivery teams and now neighbourhood working groups - each team duplicating what each other do. There should be cuts in this area. The neighbourhood working group is only duplicating the councils 'One council approach' which should be implemented by service managers rather than another layer of duplication in teams.???

Supporting arts and leisure

Arts Grants and support
15% across the board reduction in arts and museums funding spread over the 3 years.
All things are important, but unfortunately this is lower on my priority list.
And subsidising sports clubs and facilities.
And Subsidising sports clubs and facilities. Reduce grants and subsidies. encourage funding appeals and subscription
Art is a luxury we should cut back on or stop
Art is a luxury when times are hard the vulnerable are far more important, particularly those that cannot communicate effectively
Artists will find ways to present their work without the Council subsidy. I speak as an artist.
arts and lottery councils provide a huge resource...should the council fund science, engineering and medicine???
Arts should be able to support itself. Perhaps some of the high paid actors can take a pay cut
BY CUTTING THE AMOUNT THEY RECIEVE
By not closing the city centre for arts projects. Absolutely ridiculous, it stops thousands of people spending money
cut all funding - look for business partnership and funding
Cut back on Arts Grants, Bristol will have to do without 'arty' things for a year or two.
Cut expenditure on art projects until we are better able to afford them.
cut it
Cut the funding
cut the grants substantialy - these are nice to have but not essential to the city
Decrease grants to art projects as not fundamental to health whereas leisure and play are.
don't do it
Elimination - patrons should pay a market price - not subsidised
ensure funding is available to widest available facilities; more minor, quirky projects need to take a back seat when funding is limited
Grants for arts projects should be either suspended for 3 years or cut to maintain funding for vital services
Grants should come from private investors
I dont feel this a necessary- maybe if we had load of money , but this is not essental to life, art is an extra
I propose reducing Arts grants by 10% year on year, allowing time for recipients to seek alternative funding or reassess their priorities.

I suggest that the Council reduces arts grants and support instead of reducing grants for voluntary and community organisations in your community investment.
I think these grants should be decreased.
I think this is a nice but an optimal extra.
if cuts have to be made, this is one I would prefer
Im not sure what is spent in this area but could it be reduced?
Leisure is very much a 'luxury', and in times of financial hardship spending should be curtailed. I have had to do so in my personal life and I don't have vulnerable people depending on me!
Let the Arts support themselves & all the sports facilities
Make fewer grants which only benefit a few people eg play in the streets grants for streets near a park/playground.
Making Sundays Special = massive waste of money. The council should contract out events rather than do in house.
Reduce
Reduce / remove arts grants - benefit only a very small percentage of residents
reduce bureacracy
Reduce grant amounts per award, by focusing support for artists in part-time employment.
Reduce grants
Reduce help
Reduce or cut grants
Reduce the funding limit
Reduction in grants by reducing the pot and diverting the money to protect the most vulnerable people
Reduction in spend
Scrap it
Stoip them, they are only for the pampered elite.
Stop all grants relating to Arts
Stop all subsidies immediately to arts like St Georges. No need for it and they must learn to cut their own costs.
Stop it. Spend on established museums instead
Stop the traffic free sundays in Bristol, this will save Â£500k. Arts, theatres etc are a luxury for a few, other services are essential. Parks & open spaces provide a free, healthy enjoyable places to work and play.
support less
The Arnofini - it is agreed by every art lecturer and artist I have spoken to (I am also an art expert) shows ridiculous psuedo art. If it is funded by the coucil it should be accessible to the people of Bristol. The conceptual art is shows lacks a depth of quality and depth of idea. They should show modern expressionist paintings, local artists paintings, the best of the Bower Ashton students show - a variety of art which reflects modern tastes. No more of this pretentious 'cutting edge' art, which is actually largely in the category of the Fluxus movement. It is far too narrow and normal people, normal artists, lecturers in art hate Fluxus. The only people who seem to like it are people who like to look cool!

The Arnofini could be more self supporting if it stopped showing Fluxus art and conceptual art. Its all in these two dreary categories. It should be for the people of Bristol so that they get more people through the doors. All art lecturers and artists thing the art chosen is awful, depressing actually. Fluxus is chosen because it is cool, but is rubbish to experience. The conceptual art is very very weak in general. Some expressionists, local artists, a show for the Bower Ashton Alumni etc all would help to get people through the door. I am an art expert. The art they show is very shallow and unrewarding.
these are not poor, underpaid people. let them take care of themselves. they usually only provide for those who can afford to pay anyway.
This and "subsidising sports clubs and facilities" look meaty areas. Don't people pay to use/see these things anyway?
this is a luxury item not an essential
This is an area the Mayor would support, and i think that this arera should be self supporting, this would save money
This is not a necessity so grants should be stopped. The graffiti events are a waste of money and makes Bristol look so very tacky
This should be cut dramatically, with more arts support coming from voluntary donations. I'm not sure to what extent sports clubs are subsidised, but this could also possibly be cut
This should be reduced, as it is a luxury in times of need and really there are other places people can apply for arts funding.
This should feel some slight reduction
u tell me ? Money is just paper keep things afloat with love alone ?????? Cut down on frivoulous crap u keep wasting money on ? oh yes that's why i'm here in the first place..we could still be running around in circles for the next 200 years..how about keep the topdogs pay at the same rate as others in the council sector make everything equal ??????
Very limited grants, encouragement to fund raise first
Why do we give money to places like the Bristol Old Vic and Arnofilni both are not accessible by most of Bristol and are out of touch with young people and ethnic minorities
You shouldn't, if anything you should spend more. The arts are as fundamental as breathing - to those who breathe, at any rate.
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Bristol Museum & Art Gallery and Mshed
Again, I'm not sure that i know enough about this, and i do recognise the value of the things in this category, but i was kind of shocked that we spend so much on museums and sports facilities. Is there really not a way that they can generate more revenue themselves via providing event space or charging for specific events etc? at a time of such dramatic budget reductions it seems a bit of a luxury compared to, say, care for older people.
An extra weekday closure
And Support for museums. Take from the lotteries
As a Bristolian we do not need two museums, the M shed is a total waste of money and was mush better before it was rebuilt
At museums give info on costs and ask more clearly for donations of any size
Better use of volunteers and opening hours and also small charges may help.
Bristol Museum, Art Gallery and M Shed should be paid for by public, that way they could make money to help people of Bristol.

By closure for say, one extra day per week.
By turning the Museums service into an independent trust
charge a fee to non bristol residents, or a small fee for entry
Charge a nominal entry fee of Â£1 per person
Charge a small entrance fee.
Charge a small fee for entry And arts grants and support. Cut Arts Grants
Charge an entry fee.
Charge for Museums and art galleries
Charge for Museums. Stop subsidising sports clubs
Charge more too get in
charge nominal entrance fee 50p?
charge non UK residents an entrance fee
Charge non-bristol residents a small fee for entry into our museums
charge one pound
Charge or increase admission
Charge visitors.
Charging more for admission as quite a few local taxpayers do not use these faciltes all of the time
close it - should never have been opened
Close M Shed on Mondays as was originally planned.Opening times should not be extended at weekends
cut the funding entirely in this sector and re-divert to services, once the economy is back on the up then this can be reviewed, do people living on the breadline really need the arts to be well funded when family centres, the elderly and public services such as transport are more urgent.
cut this totally
Don't, refuse to remit to Government Tax & NI for employees.
entrance fee
entrance fee to be moderate however with entrance fee their will be a raffle some one will go home with a smile
Funding should be cut dramatically
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
have a charge for adults to go into these museums - Â£2 per person is less than a cup of coffee which people happily pay
I don't believe enough is done to persuade people to give donations to the museums. At the V&A as you walk in a person is smiling at you offering a useful information leaflet and standing right by a bright donation box.
I think that special exhibits should be charged in the museums. I also think that subsidies should be cut on sports clubs and facilities as well as the arts. These activities will happen without the subsidies if people are passionate enough about them.
Increase external (corporate) partnerships
increase revenue from visitors
Introduce a small charge for entry to museums
Introduce compulsory entry charges.

Introduce small charge for visits to these places.
It is great for people to have free access to these resources but it is not a frontline service. If their budget was cut, they would have to ask for entry fees yet most often, it is not the most disadvantaged that access such facilities anyway.
Less expenditure from the public purse and go to fundraising and charging ditto for other museums and arts - these can be funded in other ways whilst protecting the most vulnerable
Let them rely on charity events and fund raising - ie when the museum did Banksy they could have made an absolute fortune towards costs, even at a £1 per entry...Introduce more things like that to get money into our heritage
Look at introducing entrance fees, however the current donation scheme may bring in more revenue than charging system.
Look at staff numbers in M-Shed
Look to increase income?
look towards self support
M shed was a financial disaster and cost far too much...close it down
Make a small charge
Make Bristol's museums/Art galleries and the MShed more well known nationally/ europe wide as tourist destination to see if they can become self funding reduce extent of council funding
make it a pay to enter not donations.
Make them a commercial venture
M-Shed already has paid-for exhibitions which attract visitors. Whilst local collections of importance should be free, specialist exhibitions could be funded through entry fees. Wildlife Photography Exhibition appears to have made a jump from Bristol Museum to M-Shed with an entry fee without fuss.
Mshed is not good value for money
Museums etc have reduced opening hours.
No Bristol arena. That's 80 million saved already.
No savings desirable
Of all the museums and things to do in Bristol the MSHED has been the white elephant, for all the money spent on it and the annual subsidy this place gets this should be looked at. It is very poor use of space giving the attractions that are there... is it possible to rent out some of the space for events, circus, entertainment, pop up theatre, eco market etc or even sell it off and build some nice affordable housing maybe even a landmark eco development/self sufficient apartments where electricity is generated by solar power and toilets are composting this would put Bristol on the map and be a statement for Green Capital 2015 project also it would generate funds from the sale, some short term employment with building contractors and also adding to the contributions of council tax from the people living there. just as long as they are architecturally more pleasing to the eye than the Crest Nicholson development at the Harbourside .
perhaps they should charge an entrance fee instead of it being free and in need of funding (self sufficient)
Put a charge instead of being free, or a few pence in a bowl
put a small charge in place if it's a good place people will go if not move it to a better place

Put in charges for admission
Reduce budget and push for more donations and increase entry fees by £1 for paid exhibitions
Reduce funding to Bristol and Region Archaeological Service. This service is already mainly covered by private sector
reduce subsidy
Save Bristol Museum but rent out Mshed- it's a boring space. Use savings to subsidise popular sports centres eg Easton
Should be a nominal fee,say £1 per person still value for money
shut it down
Small admission charge
small charge of £1 to visit some of the museums and higher charge for visiting exhibitions
SOME SERVICES NEEDS TO GENERATE INCOME TO SUBSIDISE SERVICES. ANY MAJOR PROJECTS MUST BE SELF SUPPORTING(E.G. M SHED)
Start charging reasonable entrance fees
Supporting Arts - Museums etc could put a charge as most of them are free. That's where we could make money for Bristol.
The service can provide more money by having a much better marketing department and thinking creatively about holding events, hosting filming, the kind of things that other heritage sites that are not public ally funded do a lot better. When I worked there there was a ridiculous situation where the mishandling of budgets meant that there would be money to buy staff uniforms but no money to paint peeling walls inside properties for example. A change of management culture, budgets that are flexible to meet need rather than bureaucratic procedure and and much more vigorous marketing and development department could I think help to fund the services that you are proposing to cut. In terms of library cuts the audit of library services needs to be thorough and should take into account the long term impact of any cuts, especially in terms of cutting staff. Money could be saved, or perhaps raised in other ways, perhaps even in the introduction of a voluntary library membership fee for those of us who would pay extra to have the service preserved for the many.
transfer Mshed to a charity
Transfer to Trust status ASAP, and introduce entry charges for all, except children.
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Grounds maintenance in parks
by getting qualified people who want to do the job and not people who are not interested and take stupid amounts of breaks. i have done work for BCC in grounds maintenance
Can grass cutting in some parks as well as highway verges be reduced in frequency?
Collaborate with charities and volunteers. For Park and Ride simply remove subsidies
Dp not cut or mow all areas of Parks, have a wildflower meadow instead. this will save money, as you can cut it once in july.
Encourage local residents/ schools/ businesses to take ownership for their parks and provide tools and support.
Ensure tendering provides a level playing field for local SMEs to bid; monitor and regulate the services provided more tightly
Essential for keeping Bristol tidy. Get rid of high maintenance fountains in Bristol City

Centre.
Give these jobs to organisations who train ex-offenders in the necessary skills (e.g. Aspire) - thus reducing the staff costs, and reducing the costs of reoffending from those individuals
Have volunteers and community park maintenance projects
HRA to take on full costs of any grounds maintenance associated with their land.
I see staff wasting time by them not working very hard...time and motion study may help influence what is going on
Look at what they are meant to carry out and check on it a lot of the time parks have not been touched but we are paying for it
Look to firms, churches and communities to adopt their local parks via an operating lease
Make greater use of volunteers willing to work in this area, including tree maintenance
More use of community payback people. Benefit claimants should be required to undertake community work whilst they are not working. This would reduce vandalism, crime, costs and provide some work experience for people to use to help them back into employment.
My comments are about alternative planting requiring less maintenance so don't require alternative savings if these can be achieved in different ways.
Parks must be kept safe and not neglected as they are the 'lungs' of the city. Schemes to fine litter droppers and dog foulers have my full support as it leads to awareness that our city needs to be kept clean and beautiful
reduce grass mowing on verges and other public places. Make communities responsible for their own surroundings, including cutting grass.
reduce the flowers and other planting - let it be more natural eg wild flowers etc
Reduce the use of expensive plant material, use more perennial plantings, encourage community involvement in maintenance and planting
Reducing non essential maintenance
Stop employing people to Hoover up leaves.
Stop paying people to blow leaves about! Sell the leaf blowers; a ridiculous waste of fuel and manpower. Either sweep them up or leave them. Cut the grass in parks less often.
The proposal for an overflow car park at Vassalls/Oldbury Court is an unnecessary expenditure. The provision of a gravel area will incur significant costs whilst devaluing the facility. For a much smaller sum, the council could improve awareness of public transport routes and alternative car-parks, encouraging better use of the full green corridor from Eastville to Frenchay.
This area should take its fair share of the cuts. It is not fair that the mayor's pet projects are protected.
this should not be part of a savings programme, it is underfunded
use community pay back teams more effectively, or people long term out of work could help out in the community to get their money
Use sustainable planting schemes based on perennial plants/permaculture type displays/edible lawns etc.
use the unemployed as voluntary help alongside council staff, poor cooperation could result in benefits penalty
We can transfer grounds maintenance to local businesses and groups which are interested in doing that

We could scale back the level of maintenance
we have a fantastic museum which has a lot, no need to fund other projects
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Playgrounds in parks
Don't have grass in childrens play areas so you won't need to cut it
Local community have regular fun days to manage the upkeep of the park.
We should not try to save money in this area - when children and young people are bored they are more likely to engage in vandalism costing more in the long run.
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Subsidising sports clubs and facilities
A small amount could be saved by cutting subsidies by a small amount, but it shouldn't be done completely
Again--become grant maintained- look to the private sectors social responsibility
All sports clubs should be privately funded. Why should citizens pay for other peoples fun & games ?
Ask Nike or Bristol City/Rovers to take this on
better to fund arts, museums, parks etc enjoyed by all, not just club members
by cutting its subsidiaries to sports clubs
by subsidising those in deprived areas only
can these not be run by local community companies?
Charge entrance to museums, art galleries. Ground maintenance of parks make sure they do the job properly, fine when the job is not being done or go for a company that can fulfill the contract Tree management increasing trees in bristol should not be the highest on the agenda, compared to older people, young people, alarms, sheltered housing, careers support, no use the money for those services. Trees are mainly in the most affluent areas, not an equal service. Subsidise sports facilities in areas of bristol most in need. Health statistics provide information on those areas, knowle, southmead, lawrence weston hartcliffe and withywood. Private centres in these areas are too expensive.
Charge for people who use the facilities to increase, let the people who use them pay for them
Clubs should be responsible for their own fundraising
Cut the facilities which fail to meet the outcomes required for their subsidy, e.g. those who do not tackle health inequalities, hard to reach groups etc. Don't subsidise those who can afford to pay or are likely to go to the gym anyway.
cut the subsidy on the grounds, as was said of luncheon clubs, if people want them they will pay.
don't subsidise at all
Further reduction in subsidy
I don't see this as a Council responsibility; should be down to the voluntary sector
I think people who use these facilities would do so anyway. Reduce the subsidies.
If people want sports etc, they should be prepared to pay for it
increase charges to clubs as some are quite well off
Local consultation in the more vulnerable areas
Maybe charge admission / membership fees or look at the level of fees.

Minimal or no funding should be required for this. This is a luxury that we clearly can't afford. If people have the inclination to take up sports then I'm sure they will be motivated to fund it themselves.
Only subsidise sports facilities for schoolgoers. All others should pay a reasonable charge. If a centre can't exist without a large subsidy - close it.
Perhaps a 50% cut across the board ?
public paying more to use facilities
Put more sports into parks and open up more school sports facilities to public
Reduce
reduce funding
Reduce funding for sports facilities.
Reduce or stop the subsidy
Reduce subsidies
reduce subsidy
Reduce the subsidies given to sports clubs and facilities..
reducing or stopping financial support
Reducing the amount of the subsidies.
Rely on volunteers!
Remove subsidy
Review effectiveness, value for money against against well being, health and social cohesion criteria. Seek possible alternative income streams.
sport clubs should raise their membership fees so they can support themselves better
Sports clubs should be licensed to use the Downs for organised events and pay a small fee for doing so; if this already happens, it should be increased. When sports activities are taking place whole areas are off limits to the general public thus privileging those taking part. The subsidy could be used for the upkeep of toilet facilities for the use of all visitors to the Downs, to compensate for hogging the turf and because those involved in sporting activities presumably have need of toilets.
Sports clubs should be self financing
Sports clubs should be self-funded.
Sports is important as an early intervention for other health issues including diabetes, mental health and reducing carbon emissions therefore I do not think funding should be cut. However if there need to be cuts focus them on what services get least Social Return on Investment. Look at the triple bottom line!
stop subsidies
Stop subsidising the SLM run leisure centres as privately run gyms are much cheaper.
Stop supporting sports clubs and facilities - let them raise any required funds through their own efforts
Stop the subsidy and allow clubs etc to raise their own funds. If it's a valued service, it will survive.
Stop this
The government is cutting tax on bars allowing clubs to be more self sufficient - so why fund them, they are completely voluntary.
There are plenty of places for people to play, let communities raise money themselves.

These are leisure activities that people should pay for. My son is a recreational climber; nobody subsidises this, why should other sports and pastimes be subsidised
This is a hobby, it should therefore be paid by its users. I don't have my gym membership subsidised!
This is not clear as to what this means? BUT suggestions would be - (1) reduction in subsidy to ALM (BSF schools) contract as not performing. (2) Reduction in subsidy to Hartcliffe Gymnastics centre - is not value for money, should be supported more by British Gymnastics, (3) Reduction in grants to Healthy Living Centre's - NO sport activity is delivered by these centres therefore payment should either be stopped or HLC's should be asked to deliver specific sport outcomes
This isn't necessary!
Use voluntary agencies when possible for sports and prison library services
Very important to ensure that anti-social behaviour does not happen
Where working people access these facilities can they contribute more?
Would be interesting to know who is actually benefitting from these subsidised facilities?
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Support for Museums
Admission charges for museums and galleries
As much as I hate to say it, maybe charge a nominal fee? 50p per person?
By seeing the bigger picture - museums (and archives and the arts) support the local economy by encourage both Bristolians and tourists to spend money on travel, food, accomodation and more.
Charge admission
Charge entry to all museums and galleries
Charge non Bristol residents for entry.
Consider introduction of charges. Use volunteer staff for some services eg retired people.
Give priority to museums and libraries with cuts elsewhere (central council admin for example)
If better organised, the money could be better spent.
If there was a nominal charge to enter museums etc. this could help towards the upkeep etc. of them. They should stay Council run
Introduce entrance charges, even a nominal amount would mount up.
introduce nominal charge exhibitions like banksy get high revenue in
Look at runnibg cost staff ratios
Lower Wages For Managers & or Fewer Managers.
Make more use of volunteer staff
Museums are being protected at the price of libraries. Libraries provide for all members of society, in particular the disadvantaged. Museums, though obviously vital, cater for a smaller range of people, and so it would seem fair that they take a share of cuts to minimise the massive impact that taking 20% of the libraries' budget will make.
Museums should start charging entrance fees
no its wonderful for children to go around the mesumns
Open them up for festivals - like the concerts that are given at Dyrham Park (Blaise Castle). Rent them out for TV work. Ask for voluteers to help out with maintenance. Raise Council

Tax in richer areas of the city.
people are more important have some compassion this is about life and death
Reduce support and ask for entry fees.
remove funding
Where do public conveniences come under? If you shut them: 1. People will pee in the streets (on medical grounds) or... 2. People will avoid Bristol. This idea is stupid!
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Tree management
by not planting more trees, but to manage existing, reduce cover and save on clearing less leaves
charge householders (owners of residences not tenants) to maintain the trees
cuts
Cutting on tree planting
Introduce schemes to adopt a tree & Corporate industry in Bristol to mandatorily adopt the neighbourhood park areas
Involve private individuals and firms in supporting schemes. There is a huge frustration about this
Loosen controls on tree planting in parks to let them submit a plan, get a yes or no and then organise their own planting, linked with PiPS if they wish.
Make cuts where needed, this is not a big issue especially when compared to other areas in this category!
Plant trees and get businesses to invest in them for carbon capture as form of corporate responsibility relative to their emissions
Save money and Leave the trees alone, let them grow,
Stop chopping them down and pruning them to within a twig of their life.
stop or delay some of this work.
Stop them from going into parks and cutting down perfectly healthy trees
The councils Tree management policies are robust and fit for purpose, yet officers are continually having to reiterate these policies and undertake site visits to explain these policies to the public. Councillors and even the mayor have intervened on constituents behalf thereby undermining these policies. If all elected members 'signed, up to these policies savings could be made, and officers time put to better use in creating and maintaining a diverse, healthy and resilient urban tree stock.
This could be left unless there is danger.
Use developer contributions from urban infill development
Work better with parks groups who can then apply for the funding,

If you do not wish us to make savings in any of the areas of discretionary spend, how do you propose we make savings.

1) Charge for use of public toilets identified as essential. 2) Reduce household waste collections by 1 per year by rolling collection day forward after each bank holiday.

20 mph Speed limit enforcement costs Â£2M!
Aaaaaaargh!!!! How can we be expected to comment when we know practically nothing about how these services are delivered and the benefits they deliver?!! This is Daily Mail stuff! How about we get rid of the undemocratic "elected" mayor and do away with all the expense related to him?
According to various freedom of information requests the council appears to be very top heavy with senior management, a lot of those appear to be either interim / consultants / agency workers which must increase the cost of those managers by a huge margin. Reduce the number of these managers and simplify the reporting lines. Consultants are presumably being used so that senior managers can blame someone else if a project doesn't deliver the advertised benefits / cost savings.
Adjust council tax rates to better reflect relative affluence of certain areas. Examine possibility of different rates for home-owners and renters.
Agree it is very difficult -good luck
All areas of the Council should consult with each other - there are too many overlapping agencies and services. Thinning these would save money.
Also could the council tax increase be 3%
Also put criminals out cleaning streets with community sentences cleaning streets again Do something with small waste land pockets u own rather than having to keep clearing them or maintaining them.
An improved adult learning service, raising revenue. For example, crazy that St Pauls Centre is under-used.
As a 5% increase in council tax would require a referendum at great expense, would 4% be a more realistic alternative?
As previously said before, would be willing to consider increased council tax in order to provide adequate care for elderly/ill/vulnerable people.
As The Mayor stated we need to increase the council Tax
Better procurement standards
Build the two sports arenas and concert venue and bring I revenue through these
buy the mayor a suit and stop the traffic free sundays!!!!
By demanding that the government provide more funding from the defence budget
By looking at how many council staff members could retire and receive pension benefit compared to those who won't receive this
By making further savings out of the capital and running costs of the Council.
by moving the council from the centre to a poor estate like hengrove. All services in one building.
By not changing the speed limit to 20 mph its costs of 20 million is just not worthwhile
by not subsidising migrant workers or giving them priorities over local residents in housing and other benefits. If this was for uk nationals only, a large fortune would be saved. a huge amount of council and government money goes to migrant claimants, genuine and worryingly very bogus claims, all of which have priority over uk people.
By reducing the number of council employees at the managerial level of council provision
Can we transfer the ownership of all Bristol museum projects, including the museum supports to independent trust similar to Colston Hall, they have to seek and balance their funding with limited supports from the council. We also should scrap funding for arts and grants. We should be able to reduce expenditure there by 5/6/7 millions and use those

monies to minimise the impacts on disabled and older people such as Equalities team, welfare advice, housing support teams etc.
Cancel BRT2, too much money has already been wasted on this.
cap salaries at £40,000. Freeze pay for 3 years. Remove the necessity for a paid mayor, Bristol has a good ceremonial mayor. Reduce night-time lighting and heating in unoccupied BCC buildings.
carry out more group procurement tender reviews with the marketplace, take advantage of group leverage and standardised specifications
Cease funding all non-statutory services
Change the model of social care to one in which local partnerships take a proactive lead
Charge for museums and art galleries
Charge for public toilet use instead of closing them. Charge people who do not live in Bristol for museum use.
Charge for use of the public toilets.
Charge higher council tax. Charge double council tax on unoccupied homes.
Charging for public toilets as previously mentioned.
Clearly these savings are in the main well thought out and we will find ways of replacing them from within the community if necessary.
Closer working with other Councils in areas. Not to merge, but to share some services.
Concentrate more on safeguarding leisure and cultural services. Downplay focus on environmental measures until council is in better financial position. Review of cost effectiveness of post of elected mayor/mayoral salary.
Confront Central Government and the lie that there is no alternative to austerity
Council pay, Mayors wages to decrease, less top beurocracy.....Higher council tax for houses over 1million. Should solve the short fall
Council pension reforms. An end to final salary pensions and pension age at least 65.
Councillors should pay for their own tea and coffee and they should not have meals supplied to them. Re. Street Party's if people want these then they should pay for it themselves i.e to close the street etc. it shouldn't come out of council funding. The same re. the closure of Streets on a Sunday, if this costs the council money then it should be stopped especially if buses are being cut on a Sunday.
cull about 10% of office based council staff
Cut budgets for special Sundays, green capital and shared PAs for senior managers (not one each). Save money where it is being wasted in statutory services.
Cut bureaucracy/red tape activities. Get rid of expensive initiatives like the shutting roads in the city centre once a month. Tell David Cameron that you don't accept the cuts he proposes, as cuts do not encourage growth.
Cut Council management salaries by 5% or 10%. They earn too much!
Cut expenses to a minimum, have a centralised contact centre for the council who can deal with multiple services rather than different contact centres for every sector
Cut out all this 'green' rubbish and the £100,000 salary for the ne 'job' created by Ferguson
Cut salaries of the highest earners in the council
Cut staff levels and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy

Cut the fat cat wages given to the higer ups so that the grass roots people can pay for heating in their houses instead of paying for money they haven't spent.
Cut the number of councilers by half. After all if the services are cut we dont need so mnay to run them. This also applies to the mayor maybe he should cut himself out. I have done without him all my life and he dosen't seem any benefit
Cut the wages of the Chief Executive at the Council, make their salary and bonus's explicit
cut waste with things like purchasing, stop using preferred suppliers, use the cheapest ones.
cut welfare benefits
Cut your Councillors and their expenses budget by 50%
Cutting budgets for minor savings in the areas of discretionary spend that many vulnerable people will benefit from, while insisting on the enormous outlay for an arena given the current economic climate is offensive.
Daft initiatives like closing Baldwin street. Is this really more important than Children's centre funding? The bedding plants were changed twice in college green over the summer, what a waste!
Develop (or get business to develop) pay-on-entry loos: esp. Sea Walls, Blackboy urinal, Sus bridge, Water Tower...
Do library review earlier, most of my other areas of disagreement are small ticket items with a potentially high impact if removed; keep tackling poor performance and benchmarking your vfm against other authorities; work more closely with other LA's to get savings with
Do not build an arena
Do Not Close or Take Council services from the St Pauls Learning Centre
Don't have Making Sundays Special days which cost us Â£2,500 each time they happen and we've had 4!! thats 1 million pounds !!!
Don't, refuse to remit to Government Tax & NI for employees.
Encourage the setting up of more Free Schools, followed by a commensurate winding down of the Education department which has proved itself to be totally incompetent over many years
end final salary pensions
Ensure the criteria for funding is tighter and they enagge more with deprived and young communities, it feels like these places are left to their own devices and get to do what they like (with tax payers money). It doesn't help that one of the deputy mayors in the city seem to sit on boards of nearly all of these organistions.
Farm all services out to the private sector who are more efficient and can deliver more cheaply... the council then becomes simply an regulatory body ensuring these services are delivered to standard.
few ideas: by introducing congestion charge like in London
fight the govt against the cuts - stop wars - tax the rich - stop tax avoidance by large companies etc
Fine all cars that park on the pavements
Fine people for dog fouling, litter dropping - it's disheartening to see the city turning into am eyesore. If people were taught to take responsibility for behaviour we would engender a spirit of pride and citizenship in our city and reduce the need for street cleaners.
Fine the millions of littering events that occur every year. Fines for not recycling. Fines for breach of traffic laws.
For me to realistically answer a question such as this I would need to see budget plans for

the council as a whole, not just area's which have been acceptable to force a no win question from the participant.
get rid of cap on profit from speeding and parking offenses, reduce budget on elderly care at home
Get rid of either mayor or council - as only one party can make decisions.
Get rid of Mayor & Police sinecures
Get rid of surplus staff, make the remainder work as hard as they would have to do in the real world, there is far too much lax management that can be witnessed on a daily basis. Demote current management bring real managers from the commercial world.
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
Get rid of the mayor - his salary and budget for overseas travel could pay for some of the services that are being stopped
Get rid of too many office staff in the Bristol City Council, sell off old council buildings, BCC to take over bus services, instead of First Bus making all the profit, stop leaving empty homes, when so many are homeless.
Giving funds to international exchange festivals in Queen's Square with mainly West Indian input and political activists (Mapuche) instead of Bristol-Bordeaux, Oporto, Hannover exchanges where no cultural exchanges of consequence.
Have referendum before making decisions e.g. bus stops should not be flush with the pavements. Now the traffic is held up whilst passengers get on and off the bus.
HELP THESE ORGANISATIONS TO ATTRACT FUNDS VIA SPONSORSHIPS, CORPORATE AND EU AND OTHER SIMILAR FUNDING AND MAKE THEM MORE SELF FINANCING THAN DEPENDENT ON HAND OUT.
How about reducing the costs to the ceremonial Lord Mayor position, the running and staffing costs of the mansion house, at a time we have an elected mayor confuses people in Bristol. Fine some of cyclist who flout the law riding through traffic lights or no lights on their bikes at night, or on the pavements where there are bike lanes on the road for them to use.
how much does the mayor cost?
I acknowledge that these decisions are extremely difficult to make and I feel sorry for the Council having to do so. However, I feel that it is important that vulnerable people and people on low incomes should be protected at all costs and that wealthier people should be required to pay more (for example, just because someone is older, it doesn't mean that they are on a low income and should automatically have access to free services). Although I have said 2% for the increase in Council Tax, I think 3% would be reasonable (although 5% too high) and I would be prepared to pay that
I am sure that a great deal of savings could be made by ceasing unnecessary road alterations, many of which in the recent past have created increased traffic hold ups. Some alterations have been money wasted, not spent. The idea of traffic free Sundays in the Centre area each month may be a boon to pedestrians, but surely there must be an extra cost in policing diversions and producing diversionary road signs.
I believe that the amount of money needed to be saved is over estimated.
I do have the figures in front of me. I just wanted to express my upset at cutting children's centres
I do not feel the Council has looked at all the possible revenue opportunities- attract businesses and jobs to the City by investing. The Council and Mayor should have targets for

the amount of business they bring to the city.
I do not propose alternative cuts. The budget consultation is a sham. Where is the detail of the whole council spend, the council reserves and full list of statutory and discretionary services ? Why have the selected offerings been presented, when, for example, spending on Arts projects is neither stated or explained ?
I do propose getting rid of the position of mayor.
I don't have any ideas as I am not a politician or council worker. But don't squeeze essential life-saving services affecting victims of violence.
I find the trees in Victoria park really over managed - really pollarded to death almost - please stop this ridiculous process. Only dead or dying trees should be chopped.
I go to my neighbourhood forum & here about neighbourhood partnerships, neighbourhood working but its always the same few community busy bodies that get their say not the other 10k people that live in the ward. So many different co-ordinators for this & that come along but makes you wonder if there is anyone in the council actually doing anything! I'm sure there is & I don't expect to see them all the meetings, just that there is someone who can actually do something about my issue
I have made no specific proposals which differentiate between discretionary and mandatory services, as the latter involve judgements over what service expenditure is required, in the same way as discretionary services. So I think that all services should be scrutinised, and you should not let off those provided with a mandatory 'tag' where efficiencies can be achieved without loss of service.
I honestly don't know. We could get rid of a lot of the politicians
I know it can be demoralising not to have them but how much do things like Christmas lights and Make Sundays Special events cost which impact only on people who come into the city centre?
I know it was unpopular, but I thought the idea of charging for car parks (like at Blaise estate) was a good one. Something like 20p per car would make a big difference and no-one would mind that amount.
I propose that savings made do not affect the most vulnerable in Bristol, which is what I am seeing; this in the medium to long term will actually cost the city more. If money has to be saved I propose it comes from a council tax increase by those that can afford this. As much as I am excited by a new arena myself I would prefer to know that the elderly for example are being appropriately cared for.
I propose that we have a business parking levy in central Bristol, that we increase council tax and that we reduce spending on the Lord Mayor.
I propose the mayor challenge the Chancellor's economic assumptions with regard to austerity
I proposed you increased council tax by 5% a year to protect more essential services - libraries, public toilets and so on
I support raising the Council Tax by 5% and think that a considerable amount could be saved by cutting money spent on consultants and on some posts - in parks for example I think that there are some project officers who don't appear to carry out any useful function other than to make difficulties about various proposals
I think the council does need to save money by instilling an entrepreneurial culture of ownership for employees...much less managers...rolling over budgets (lobbying the treasury or investing or redirecting excess budgets)

I understand the logic behind Residents' Parking Schemes. No idea what its introduction will cost, may I suggest an alternative? To prevent commuter parking, it would be sufficient to put up signs next to a yellow line saying simply: NO PARKING EXCEPT RESIDENTS FROM 10:30 TO 11:00 AND 14:30 TO 15:00. Would this not be less expensive and just as effective in the long run? It would also avoid conflict with residents who do not want a residents' parking zone where they live.
I would also suggest the council looks at its legal bills, at architects fees for large new capital projects, at some of the more showy things we are doing (eg 'special Sundays') which actually cost a lot. There may also be savings on sports activities which could be sponsored by corporates rather than subsidised. Schemes regarding traffic control and parking should only be implemented if they make money for the council rather than costing money and making life harder for motorists. There should be council-wide policies on economising regarding energy, recycling office and other equipment, and so on. Departments with numerous managers could be looked at, to see if some could be merged. Care home managers of small homes should look after 2-3 homes each.
I would like to pay more tax so that instead of going on 3 skiing holidays a year, I can sleep at night.
I would rather pay more council tax than see playgrounds or toilets suffer. Toilets specifically really impact on older people's mobility.
I'm not an accountant- you do the maths
Improve efficiency, refresh the council, get rid of the public sector attitude, hire younger and dynamic people. I work in the public sector and know how inefficient it is.
In order to fund the Â£500,000 spent on public toilets for a population of 428,234 (2011 according to the 2011 Bristol census), increase council tax by an amount equivalent to 1p per person, so everyone can 'spend a penny' when they need to use a public toilet.
In the case of libraries and library services, we should look at ways to attract commercial support, or ask local communities to sponsor in some way. I would be happy to 'subscribe' to my local library for Â£30-Â£50 a year and as part of that be part of a members club. Look at any arts organisation membership model - museums, galleries etc
Income should be generated by introducing charges for superstore parking. This could accrue significant extra revenue to fund the maintenance of services proposed for reduction or cessation.
increase council tax or charge for the service for those that can afford it dont forget our older folk they deserve that much if they dont meet the FACS does not mean they dont need suppooy t and without it would become critical and die or end up in hospital or homeless or being vicimised and financily
Increase council tax. If Mayor Ferguson is to make a real impact on Bristol he needs money to provide the services the city needs to thrive.
Increase mooring charges.
Increase rates to cover cost of maintaining public toilets
Increase the tax take by 5%
Introduce Civil Enforcement Officers or rebrand and utilise current Parking Enforcement Officers, they could also issue FPN's for littering, dog fouling non compliant of commercial waste - Parking Enforcement Officers are already patrolling many parts of the city. Any revenue can be utilised to relevant services.

its is best to simplify the teams/dept. most of the council services I didnt even know existed. also having lots of team can contradict one another. teams need to be managed better, some teams like Noise Pollution are a waste. a review is needed but we need to get rid of the least effective teams. if teams are not supporting the public, that team should be reviewed/cut

I've already made some suggestins when responding the other items int he survery but I also would like to add the following, stop pet project like sundays special, when you close corn street at a cost of Â£200,000 - residents have parks to go and play in, the harbourside is all already pedestrinised, so why give them another road, if business have benefited by increase trade then those business should take over this scheme, pay to run it and reep the financial rewards, why is the council spending money so they can increase their income, do they pay a percentage of that back to the council as a thank you? - The city has a growing population but this will also mean increased revenue from council tax from the increase in new housing stock, have you fully accounted for this additional income, if you don;t receive the business rates income directly then why increase the figure resulting in an increased burden or small independant business, introduce a cycling licensing scheme, cyclist have to pass a test to prove their cycling ability before being let loose onto the road, they should be fined for reckless cycling, this income can be used to fund 'cycle car parks' or pay for new cycle lanes, perhaps set up a public cycle fund for cycle lanes. I do not want to pay more council tax so that you can then afford to pay redundancy to your staff, you should spread the 1000 departure of jobs over 3 or more yrs and not front load them in year one. perhaps reduce the council to a 4 days week for part of the year, if you don't need nearly 800 full time jobs then you dont need the remaining staff to work over 5 days. trial and test it to see the results. Recude the number of councillors to just one per ward, the council tax increase should NOT be every year, but every other year, giving peoples income a chance to catch up. with rents, household bills, food and fuel going up and wages static, i'm getting poorer each year and do not have another 2% availble year on year. Charge disabled people for the same service as you charge able people.

Keep sunday special and green capital budget, and cut waste in protected statutory services.

Keep the At Home Library service and add services to it, for example attching the deliveries for the childrens team saving the money of hiring vehicles. Lease the AT Home van for longer periods. Ask managers who earn over 50,000 to take a pay cut of 10 percent. Put energy efficient lighting and heating in all council offices. Institute a congestion charge not residents parking. Buy more efficiently in the council, bulk buying for all departments. Dont spend money on unneccessary training.

less pointless and unhelpful council staff

Lobby government to rebrand council tax so high value houses in bristol pay higher council tax

Lobby the government to reduce ARMS SPENDING!!!!!!!!!!!!!! If you recouped 0.0005 of the military GDP you wouldn't have to cut ANY services. Grow a conscience and take a stand. Why do bullets take precedence over children, old people and the disadvantaged.

Look Â£1500 council tax to collect bins and other services. You must be joking when you are asking for more money, cut back on your structures, review what is really required and cut back on people filling record systems, where possible automate. You need to declare an emergency to understand where council is spending its money.

Look at education service - currently no savings recommended - size needs to be dramatically reduced because have fewer schools to look after with creation of academies

and free schools
Look at the cost of Bristol having a Mayor. Hardly anyone voted for it. It is a waste of money.
look hard at all council spending especially staff spending and expenses
Lose the Mayor
Make big businesses pay their taxes and use that money
make more savings in the other discretionary areas
Make more use of volunteer staff similar to the National Trust
Make people at the top of the tree redundant . The council has more managers than workers . No need
Make savings by lowering the wage of BCC employees who earn more than 35000 pounds a year
Making savings in ridiculous things like special sunday and other transport hobby horses. A review of the Mayors foreign travel bill would probably cover the costs of the museum cuts alone..
Move council offices out of town to somewhere cheaper. Sell off all council staff car parks and provide park and ride for council staff
My family are cyclists and I would just like to say, that the cycle paths that already exist are in a bad way, and instead of building new ones maintain the ones we already have
My suggestions do not necessarily imply budgetary increases. Rather, if adopted there may actually be cost reductions, though over a slightly longer time scale... something which a fiscally responsible government should consider. However, I support the principle that what we want we should pay for. If BCC adopts a more conservative policy towards tree management, the improved public engagement that this would promote would possible pay for itself. Therefore this may actually be a cost neutral proposal. If we consider stump replacement as a stand alone cost item, this would only amount to around Â£260,000 overall (800 stumps x Â£325 per replacement), which would be around one half of one percent of the discretionary spend.
No Bristol arena. That's 80 million saved already.
No problem with toiles being closed as long as those opened are accessible and well maintained. Contracts given are up held ie parks maintenance. Youth services are provided in line with need.
Nobody at the Council earns more than Â£60,000 a year. That is plenty for anyone/family to live on. A maximum wage.
Not building an arena for Bristol. It is not needed as there are loads of brilliant venues in Bristol already. It is a luxury that can't be afforded. It is much more important to spend the money on services.
on your own and staff incomes and less vital areas. Police, Fire and Health care are essential services
Open-Ended Response
Other suggestions made in body of survey

Other ways to save money 1. cap local government salaries from Apr 2016. Say a top salary of 80K for example. The argument that you have to pay a huge salary to get the best people has been blown out of the water by the bankers fiasco. To save money up to the time the cap comes in people earning more than the cap could drop to a four day week thus saving more money. 2. We get rid of the mayor. There is no mandate for a mayor - only 24% of voters voted for or against and the gap between yes and no was only about 5000. Not a mandate. This would save the mayors salary for the city. Further implications are too much power in the hands of one man and the possibility of apparent corruption as demonstrated in the case of the central library and the cathedral school. An added bonus to this is that it was the tory government who wanted cities to have mayors so it would make a significant political point to Westminster to say that Bristol can't afford a mayor. 3. Abandon the arena idea we cannot afford it and it appears to be a 'vanity' idea for the mayor. 4. have another look at the big projects - Metrobus, MetroWest, European Green Capitol and Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone. Maybe drop 2 of them for the time being - if we cant afford to keep public toilets and libraries open for example can we actually afford big projects which will only improve things for a few people and help the already rich to get even richer at the expense of the social well being of the majority of Bristols citizens. 5. As a cyclist I support all road stuff but again is really something we can afford at the time being - residents parking zones, closing off the centre on Sunday a month etc. All this costs money and money that we don't have so again put on the back burner for time being. 6. Instead of charging 'mates rates' for the wealthy cathedral school to set up a primary school in the reference, music and art stacks of the central library charge a proper amount. 60K a year is probably less than half what the headteacher pays himself. How about 500K a year this money could then go into the library service reducing the cuts by half.

Pay Mayor less money

Please see proposal in note above.

Put up council tax. Everyone would complain, but they also want the services. If we want a functioning city that protects its most vulnerable citizens then we have to fund it.

put up the council tax to a sensible level to fund essential services

Putting together a budget for a city is not precisely my area of expertise, and I have no certain idea of how it all works. But I think if more money would go into prevention (for example, promoting a healthy life style through a good diet and exercise) rather than treating symptoms, then we could do some serious saving in NHS expenses. If something could be done about the traffic, improving the transport service to encourage people to use it more rather than driving their car for only one person, a lot could be saved on roads and such. When the major was running his campaign, he promised to improve transport services in Bristol. So far, no improvements are to be seen, but the services and the traffic seem to be getting even worse.

Raise Council Tax 10% to 15%. Get rid of CEO Staff Level and return to pre 1973 style, City Council Staff: Which did us well for 600 years. Manual pre computers. 'Tablets' due to replace existing from April 2015. Reduce computer costs by using them as an aid. e.g. 'Terries section' City valuers had a two minute card index system for 2d telephone calls.

Raise more money from Council Tax - particulyrlar from wealthier areas/residents.

re 'Tips'. What about charging as eg is done in New Zealand. But only if the cost of collecting the money can be done cheaply.

Recommend 'the polluter pays' for independent senior environmental health officers to assess planning applications when noise/air/water etc. pollution is called into question

re-direct public money away from the arts and put this into service areas, I would say public transport, family centres, care for the elderly are far more important than having free access to the museum/art galleries etc, once the economy is back on the up then by all means re-invest, but at the moment this should be the area to suffer cuts, not policing, transport, care for families and elderly, and people who need housing more than they need free access to a museum or gallery.
Reduce "vanity projects" such as closing roads on Sundays for provision of play areas. Roads are for the efficient passage of pedestrians, cars and public transport. Hold such events in one or other of the numerous parks that Bristol has at its disposal.
Reduce Councillor's salaries, or make redundancies if needed - far too much of our money is spent looking after these people!
Reduce fancy colour printing of reports- send everything by e-mail. Insist that all projects report on one side only
Reduce spending in the more affluent areas of the City...
reduce the number of senior executives in the council
Reduce the number of Wards to 25 and therefore Councillors to 50 as we now have a new consultation and management structure in place.
Reduce the salaries of staff in top jobs - they are paid more than the Prime Minister!
Reduce the spending on publicity, unnecessary surveys, endless, endless 'consultations', and while you're at it, remove much of the silly transport infrastructure changes that have been implemented over the past few years, and currently ongoing.
Refuse to accept government's austerity ideology! Increase council tax to 3%. Make sure council's finance system is fit for purpose, for effective management of budgets.
Relating to the At Home library service - I think that if the service continued that the library van should be leased for a longer period of time e.g. 10 or 7 yrs rather than 1 or buy the van outright which would be a lot cheaper than leasing, even when paying for servicing on top. It would also be economical to integrate some services into the At Home service. This could mean incorporating other delivery services. We have already worked with the Fire Service and other care agencies to provide them with information from our customers which in turn helps our users. There's a lot of light being expensively generated in libraries and other council buildings. Why not change tubes for LEDs? There are also a lot of roofs on council and library buildings which is ideal for solar panels. I also think a good idea for revenue in libraries may be investing in databases and running courses. For example tracing your family tree or IT literacy.
replace teams who provide poor service, who do not have any regards on people's wellbeing, e.g The Noise Team (under environment health)
review the pay of the highest earners
Sack 3/4 of the management in your council departments that are not required as 1 person can do the same as 10 people if correctly trained and updated.
Save the money being wasted in the refurb of the council house, stop funding George's many foreign excursions, stop wasting money on RPZ proposals
Savings can be made in reducing public transport and to curfew public transport. Emphasis is then made on improving the Public Health of the people in Bristol that can then concentrate on walking and cycling. The reduction in early morning traffic will lower carbon emissions and will support build the mental health of the Bristol people who can look to car sharing and walking/cycling groups to aid their ability to get to work.
Savings are not necessarily cuts - more efficiency and promotion of what we have is better

Scrap any idea of appointing a Director of Green initiatives, especially on such a high salary
scrap the council
See above comment; I would rather see the proposed library savings go from public libraries that prison library services.
See comments about how substantial savings can be made from Bristol in Bloom under 'supporting communities'
small items but stop providing coffee biscuits etc for all visitors at every meeting.
Some other suggestions! (1) Reduce travel expenses rates for council officers (I am one and think it is too high!) Non essential car users should not be allowed to claim travel or parking but instead use pool cars - these are currently massively underused. (2) Look at selling building assets - such as Lord Mayors Mansion House. Such opulence does not sit well in current climate! (3) Review the CAT process so that community groups are more able to take on communtiy facilities that cost us money - e.g. youth centres, leisure facilities, sports pavillions. (3) Invest in energy saving - solar panels on all LA housing, buildings, Rain water harvesting etc. (Surely this can be part of the Green Capital?)
Spend less on expensive travel abroad and on the Green City project. Scrap the RPZ proposals which were not wanted and are costly to introduce. Charge utility companies for digging up the same roads repeatedly and causing traffic chaos and loss of revenue for local businesses.
Staffing salary cap of Â£65,000 per year for any individual council employee temporary, fixed or permanant contract
Stop closing streets on Sundays when the money spent on that could be better spent on the things that are getting cut - like the Adult Learning Service.
Stop creating jobs for senior/strategic staff and concentrate on your front line staff who desperately need the support
Stop cutting grass verges so often. The verge outside my house gets regular mowing and does not need it.
Stop donations to Syria, Africa and cut immigration. Drug dealers in Clifton Village their HQ are making a fortune and pay no taxes. They swan around in large cars. 1 tab of coke at Â£30 each crystal meths. Get rid of or tax these people.
stop giving money to lawyers and consultants looking into planning and appeals
Stop making unnecessarry changes to road layouts. Stop wasting money moving managers who are useless sideways and offer them early redunancies. Stop traffic free Sundays.
Stop offering every leaflet in multiple languages. Each language community will assist others. You could generate money by selling brownfield land and withdrawing your provincial town mentality height restrictions on building height.
stop offering huge salaries in the director type posts you are creating, and limit redundancy hand outs to top management to 36k, not give them 'golden handshakes'. Also employ more Bristolians in management in the council as they care about their city.
Stop pay rises. Stop MP pay rises. Councillors are overpaid.
Stop planting endlessly on College Green, yes it looks nice but is it necessary? NO! It's infuriating when I see that happen every few weeks but my grandmothers care assistant doesn't turn up!
stop promoting cycle travel, by putting in part cycle lanes on roads, and abolition of bus lanes that are empty of most oof the time.
Stop spending money on moving into new office blocks!

stop spending so much money on cycle lanes that dont get used eg hartcliff way and parking schemes tgat drive revenue out of the city and keep services thst communities need like children centres and support for the elderly who have paid council tax all their lives
stop using grants to help people that dont need it! alot of people make claims for disabilities etc, without needing them. investigations should be taken ie ohysical examinations with doctors prior to having these benefits and grants handed out.
Stop wasting money changing roads for cyclist and charge them road tax. Repair roads once instead of makeshift repairs.
Stop wasting money on cycle lanes and RPZ. Reduce salaries of senior management
Stop wasting money on endless reorganisations - Those are all my suggestions, but I've already suggested cutting money from the reorganisation. Major reorganisations of Systems, and IT almost never work; E.g. NHS IT, Universal Credit. They must be done slowly, gradually, and bottom up, not top down, with full Consultation!. Reform and adaptation of existing systems gradually is inexpensive and successful. I have 10 years research experience and a PhD that was focussed on Systems Engineering and Computing. I see the same mistakes being made by Bristol City Council as I have seen many times before by others. N.B " Improve your understanding of mental health - "Long term support for people with learning difficulty and mental health needs to maintain independence."- learning difficulty and mental health are DIFFERENT, you should not be lumping these together.
Stop wasting money on street entertainment and closing the city centre on Sundays and go back to having a council elected Mayor this would at least save some of the money.
Stop with your crazy ideas and try sorting out the current problems first before you start putting us into even more debt
Such large savings are not necessary as a rise in council tax would cover most if not all of the areas I proposed not cutting. Council tax should increase at just under inflation, and council tax relief should be maintained for those on the lowest incomes. We should also abolish the mayor and return to the previous system, probably saving a good deal of money.
Suggest a better deal should have been negotiated by the mayor. If he is unable to do so I suggest a cut is made in the budget of the mayors office. Cut spending on Special Sundays and put it into the museums to offset costs. Scrap Harbourside festival. Stop subsidising non-council owned cultural venues such as watershed and arnolfini.
Take it from the politicians and raise retirement age to 100.
That's your problem. I wanted to identify the effects of the 15% cuts in year 1 being aimed at the same group: older people, especially women, the vulnerable, the ill, the frail and the disabled.
The council spend a massive amount on travel to unecessaey meetings in London. Travelling at peak times. Many meetings aee unnecessary and many times moee than one person attend. Instwad use skype video conferencing or calk the person.
The council wastes and loses enought money within there own office look here firstand get rid of the bad apples
The mayor should stand up to central government and deliver a budget which preserves services for vulnerable groups. The budget cut proposals reads like a list of things we should be fighting to save, not cutting. Savings could be made in the mayor's other ventures for the city, such as 'making Sundays special' which improve the quality of life for middle class children who already have a decent quality of life and are inaccessible to vulnerable children in poor communities who cannot afford to get the bus into town to participate because the mayor cannot sort out the transport issues.

There is too much fragmentation in some of these services. Some amalgamation would help because it would lead to greater community cohesion and remove duplication. ie. look at which things work the best and drop the other stuff so you can expand the good stuff to cover it. eg. more could happen at the children's centres. cluster bus times and routes to where they are needed and drop others.
These questions are too hard for a person with learning disabilities to understand. The service user doesn't want his bus pass to go.
This cannot surely be beneficial to the council and the people living here. It is a waste of money inputted into this area of the past three years, and is critical to the safety and well-being of children and young people. This would place increased pressure on Social Services who already are overloaded.
Those receiving their state pension should take retirement from their workplace. NB women born after 05/12/53 are not able to claim state pension until 65+
Three year pay freeze with no incremental progression for all council staff paid more than the average wage (before overtime). Whilst intended to be a nurturing place, children in care under achieve in education. Minimise the use of care placements in favour of adoption and fostering by having a target to complete adoptions within an average of 3 months. Remove priority housing for single young people to avoid well meaning provision creating a perverse incentive to teenage pregnancy. Charge full economic cost of home services to the elderly with a high bar for means testing. Look to local businesses and communities to take over running of all libraries, parks, leisure facilities, and museums.
To start with, you could cut many unnecessary jobs within the Bristol City Council. Why pay a salary for a person to investigate what time the bins are being collected back to the houses? Why don't you start doing the housekeeping in your house before you pass the bill on to the tax payer, dear mayor? Have you cut on your salary? Have you cut on your trips? Have you cut unnecessary jobs (there are lots of them!) in the Bristol City Council? Have you made Bristol City Council more efficient in the first instance? It is easy to pass on the bill to the tax payers, but not so easy to stop over spending in your own house, isn't it? Why is the council tax so high? For us to have roads in appalling condition? For us to have no traffic management at all? For us to have one of the poorest teams of engineers I have ever seen in my life working for your city council? And by increasing the council tax, what benefits are we going to have? Or are we supposed just to share the burden of your budget problem?
Too many layers of management. Too much money spent implementing systems which don't work, ie new finance system.
Tree planting is not a necessity it costs money to put the trees in and also to maintain them. In some areas the pavements are breaking up because of the roots. We are getting lots more windy weather than we used to and it affects the trees by being blown down hence another reason for not putting trees in pavements or near roads.
Un Known
use unemployed as voluntary labour alongside council workers according to abilities and circumstances. poor performance could incur benefit penalties

<p>We can't as such, but for example cutting jobs means less money being spent by individuals and more being paid out in dole money. Outsourcing means more people on minimum wage and relying on benefit top ups which is an additional cost to LA and Government not shown on budget statements. If you truly want to represent this City, you need to tell Cameron where he can shove his cuts. Our Government needs to take action for the good of this country as a whole and not just pamper to a few individuals who fund the party. We need to start manufacturing goods again, renationalise all those industries that were denationalised and the Government needs to start building houses like they did in the 40's or whenever it was. No good having cheap foreign imports as eventually no one will have any money to buy them if we're all out of work because of it. We used to have a factory in Kingswood making underwear for M&S, now it's made by people slaving away in the black hole of Calcutta for 50 pence a week with no Health and Safety measures. If we made stuff here yes it would be more expensive but people could afford to spend more on British made goods if they had more money. Sorry if I lack education and apologies for it not being that well put but I think you get my meaning. In short tell the Government we're not going to stick to their ridiculous budget as there should be money there, it's up to them to sort it out!!!</p>
<p>we should be looking at how we can get money to secure services not at how to make cuts-again the inequality in society is becoming so unfair and this is going to lead to sever social problems</p>
<p>We should defy Central Government - make only essential savings and work for a change in the Government in 2015</p>
<p>Wearted paying membership fees this year. A reasonable increase would be OK.</p>
<p>What I don't understand is why the council is continuing with the proposed 20mph scheme throughout Bristol, when very few people want it, and in fact the surveys done have been very biased. It would make sense to abandon the scheme now, before it costs any more money and use the savings towards the budget deficit. A similar thing could be done with residents' parking zones, some of which are not in the least popular.</p>
<p>When the Mayor's post was created the government said this would bring benefits to Bristol and I want to see cash therefore from central government or the admission that the promises about the Mayor's post were simply lies. Local MPs should be held to account for their failure to support the city.</p>
<p>Where I have disagreed with proposals it is due to concerns about how these might be implemented rather than opposing changes to the area in question.</p>
<p>why do we need to house immigrants and jobless? surely people with jobs who can pay rent would be a good start</p>
<p>Why haven't you mentioned Residents Parking which is a discretionary spend? This is a complete waste of money and, overall, has a negative effect on the quality of life in Bristol. Also, improve efficiency of council workings by sticking to policies and not chopping and changing and wasting council staff time by working on projects which then get abandoned or changed</p>
<p>why should the disadvantaged have to go without</p>
<p>with all discretionary spend we can look at how to get better value for money can explore applying the raffle ideal in many ways</p>
<p>Withdraw from WEP</p>

Without the detail on these proposals (I do not have an entire day to spend googling each one on it's own to find the details), it is not possible to give a proper response. I am very disappointed with the way this consultation has been put together - it makes it very difficult to see what an individual proposal is in order to comment on it in a meaningful way. The full vision document and the majors 'proposal' page do not contain this information so where do I find it?? It's things like this which make the public believe the council only consults to tick a box and not to actually listen to the citizens of the city it supports.
Would rather pay more council tax than have cuts to arts and culture. Libraries and toilets are of high priority in society.
would reducing rates and parking charges in city centre bring more businesses to bristol instead of cribs?
You could introduce a small charge for the use of the toilets if really need as in London of twenty pence. That is still cheaper than having to spend over two pounds for a cup of coffee in one of the cafes in Clifton.
You could stop people entering museum etc for free. You could charge a free for ment of above.
You do not need to 'make savings'. You need to stop the cuts. How about being a forward thinking council that vocally opposes the governments cuts, encouraging other councils to do the same, that challenges the governments false narrative of austerity and vigorously fights for the implementation of clear alternatives such as closing the loopholes on tax avoidance, to recoup Â£25 billion annually. In the meantime, use Bristols reserves.
You guys have GOT to start renegotiating PENSIONS soon - how much of our council tax goes to pay pensions or pension contributions?? We HAVE to start supporting our younger people more.
You know, that's a really loaded question, isn't it? I mean, the whole tone of it is just screams "you're not good enough to make decisions about money, so just go away". Have you ever considered the principal of 'short term outlay, long term saving'? We use it in our house all the time. For example, there's no point buying a rubbish Â£10 kettle if you're going to have to replace it in six months. Sure, you save money initially, but it's a false economy over the long term. Better to buy a nice quality one that lasts for years. Every thing I can think of to save you money involves spending a little more initially to make sure you reap the reward later on. So, if you spend more on education, you end up with productive, tax paying adults. Spend more on elderly care instead of just someone chucking a ready meal at them once a day, and you reduce costs from elderly people being in hospital. Spend more on public transport (not cycling, proper public transport), and it means less cars and the costs associated with them. Look at how the scandinavian countries run things, for example. But you don't want to hear any of this, do you. All you're interested in is penny pinching so that little numbers line up on a sheet somewhere. Well you may have saved a few pounds, but all you are doing is causing problems further down the road by not investing in your city or its people (and no, making noises about a poxy sports stadium does not count).
You say you have made saving on the top level management but that is not true - you are 'spinning' this info
You should consider reducing the temperature in libraries - leisure centres - council offices etc. Save energy. Save Bristol money.

Appendix 9

All other comments on the budget from the online survey

If you would like to say anything else about the council's budget for 2014/15

- 2016/17 please write here.

(1) Noise pollution may be better dealt with via local bye-laws which the police can enforce. Do current bye-laws permit on the spot ticketing for noise pollution? If not, why not? Could this be administered via the existing parking ticket system? (2) Fostering / Cared for Children's services are expensive. The Council has a duty to (i) enable as many Children/Young Persons to remain living in their family home as possible; and (ii) provide support services for them to do so. Ever since the Baby P case, there has been an increase in the taking of Children into care due to subjective opinion rather than actual proven risk. For Bristol to be considered truly Green, that MUST include looking at reducing costs paid for children unnecessarily taken into care, when appropriate support enabling them to live in their family homes can be provided at lower cost! The follow on costs for Children taken into care / removed from their families, is far greater than of those children enabled to remain in their family homes. That does not mean that no child should ever be taken into care, BUT the Council has a responsibility to those children, their families and the community to stop wasting money on unnecessarily taking children into care. Let's make Bristol a really Green place to live where the focus is upon Children being enabled to remain with their families, rather than public money being wasted on taking them into care. I hereby challenge the mayor to prove that taking children into care is more cost effective than providing them with support in the community!

...does the council waste money..?

[illegible]

1. This tool to complete the survey is extremely bad and difficult to use. You cannot provide enough information efficiently and navigation to change your statements is impossible. Survey Monkey is fine for small simple surveys but in this case I believe a better tool MUST be chosen. The questions you have asked are also not well written. I don't believe you can attribute credibility to your responses through this tool. I became frustrated and gave up after spending 30 minutes of my time on something I should have been able to do in 10. Hire a LOCAL web design company to create something in hours far better than this. Such an important survey deserves respect.

2. I had to comment specifically and not generally on the issue until this point. Basically I can understand cuts are needed. I just want the council to be careful about following the national trend of cutting and not generating. If we start to cut back too much then the predicted budgets in the next years will actually be worse due to the negative affects of the cuts. Bristol is a place where we are proud of our museums, art, heritage, community services and opportunities. I believe raising council tax is also not a positive move considering the current difficulties for families. However, if this money is being well spent then this is worth it. We should be looking for places to save and move forwards with technology. Libraries are now out-dated. You could optimise libraries far better saving budget there. Focus on using modern technologies.

1] can a review be held on the extent of the PUBLIC ART initiatives some of which are a waste of money and I imagine would offer a saving of substantial value. 2] can the review consider charging for entry into the very successful summer events, accepting that they are widespread across the city it could be in the form of donations points across the event ? one suggestion may be a see through gorilla or gromit or model of some sort where people can see the example set by others across the city [I appreciate they will need to be secure] 3] can you levy a charge against the greedy train / bus operations which pass through this amazing city to raise some funds 4] ditto number 3 but related to greedy supermarkets / university 9k per term indeed / banks good luck

3% increase in council tax seems more palatable than 5

5% council tax rise would help in keeping some of the crucial support that the council gives.

50p a week may not seem a lot of money to some of us but to others it will mean the difference between eating keeping warm or paying their council tax. As there was an increase in council tax this year then I think every effort must be made to keep this cost the same as this year and not to increase it. I think extra savings could be made to the arts and leisure budget that could ease other restraints on other funding in the council. Arts & Leisure costs are a luxury that in this time of budgetary squeeze can be put on hold and looked to increase in future years

6 week consultation & the mayor runs off to china is very poor for a 3yr budget proposal

A 2% increase may be below inflation but it is well above my increase in salary and any likely increase in salary. If the city can save Â£49m by increasing business efficiency, shouldn't they have done this years ago?

A culture of "get it right first time" together with some positive supervision of outside contractors would save money. In my experience only the road repairs department had a positive attitude & response, most others have to be prodded several times.

A digest version of proposals should be available, so that respondents do not have to trawl through dozens of policy documents.

A fair budget, great work.

a good way to save money would be to get rid of the mayor! Bristol was the only city stupid enough to vote for a mayor in the first place.

â€œIncreasing our income around Â£0.6 million. 4 proposals. I strongly disagree with this proposal (not in the list). I have agreed that a 2% increase in our council tax maybe necessary in order to cut costs, but do not want this to pay higher council wages. I have not seen a payrise with inflation, so do not want to fund an increase in others wages.

â€R-PL-017 Reduce Pollution Management service My section of the team (Environmental Permitting, Petroleum Licencing, Environmental Information Reports and Contaminated Land) is facing cuts of approximately Â£100000. The teamâ€™s duties are all statutory â€ mistakes were made by management higher up in the organisation during the discretionary/statutory process â€ the staff who undertake the work were simply ignored during the past year when this was pointed out to those making the decisions. Staff in this work area are currently working at full capacity due to previous staff reductions e.g. historically there were 2.5 full time equivalents working on contaminated land now there is 1. Since the publication of Bristol City Council budget DEFRA have announced there will be no future funding for Part2A projects. It is the councilâ€™s statutory duty to inspect and remediate contaminated land under the Part 2A regime. The letter received from Lord de Mauley, Parliamentary Under Secretary at DEFRA states the following â€As currently, funding for local authorities to fulfil their statutory obligations under Part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act will continue to be provided through the Revenue Support Grant provided by DCLGâ€ Clearly there is the intention from the government that local authorities will have to allocate money from the revenue support grant to facilitate this statutory duty. Losing Â£100000 from our budget will inhibit our ability to protect the health of our citizens and the quality of the environment. This is because we will simply not have the funds to undertake basic level desk studies let alone intrusive site investigations and remediation works. The letter from DEFRA also makes the following presumption â€The vast majority of contaminated land will continue to be remediated through redevelopment under planning guidance as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework.â€ This is also of concern when part of the Equalities Impact Statement submitted with the budget consultation states we should â€no longer provide advice to developersâ€ Failure to provide our requirements early in the planning or site decommissioning process is very short sighted and can be a major issue in inhibiting development and leave contaminated sites with long term human health and environmental risks. The sooner we liaise with developers and consultants the more economic and swiftly the development occurs and risks to human health and the environment are reduced. This is important because of the status we have as Bristol Green Captial and also the responsibility of developing the Enterprise zone, an area with a significant industrial heritage. Contaminated land often has long term health implications which are not instantly visible to the human eye. Examples of the implications of not undertaking this duty are the case against Corby Borough Council and Local Residents (<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2009/jul/29/corby-council-steelworks-disabilities>) and the Love Canal Tragedy in Niagara, New York (<http://www2.epa.gov/aboutepa/love-canal-tragedy>). Locally we have had issues during developments in Avonmouth with workers suffering health effects on contaminated sites. I implore you to reconsider this proposed cut as it will potentially put the lives of the citizens and the health of the environment at risk. I fail to see why smaller cuts cannot be made across all council departments.

Absolute Crap. Do Not Close St Pauls Learning Centre.

Aim to reduce overall staffing levels in the Council

All I can say is that I can see mostly cuts in the budget, but no proposals to make Bristol grow economically and thus generate more income, rather than cut back. In a business, you try to cut back as much as possible on expenses while still being effective, but you also look towards growing your income and generating more revenue.

Although 2% rise in council tax is below inflation it is above pay rises so therefore in real terms would make a huge difference to disposable income having an effect on the local economy whilst also causing bad feeling amongst the population of bristol.

Although I can see that cuts have to be made. Cutting small things like the toilets is just evading the issue for the longer term. Deeper cuts will have to be made in the future unless you can an increase in the reindustrialization of Bristol to ensure mass employment opportunities for youngsters.

Although I agree with the 2% rise please remember that There are many people in this city working in the public sector who have had their pay frozen for a number of years now leaving them well behind inflation so do not laud this as a great thing being below inflation as it is still well above the total lack of increase in income that many people are living with.
although not strictly a budget issue, reducing the traffic speed to 20mph would save lives and indirectly help raise the standard of living.
Although savings do need to be made, a knee-jerk reaction is ineffective. A budget is only an educated guess - focus on increasing income by expanding business across the board.
An old boy once told me that when his ship was torpedoed he stood on people's heads to get up the ladder - I do not wish to hit one group to pay another. The Mayor's job is to resist attacks on public services not to act as Pickles' agent having shared Cameron's Rich Tea biscuits and 30 pieces of silver
An option to agree with 'some' of the proposals would be nice, rather than just 'all', or 'most'
And how does the mayor propose to set an example? What cuts is he making to his own budget? Less trips? Reduce his pay? Would be nice to know
any improvement in the millions still outstanding in unpaid council tax ?
Anything related to the strategy to grind Bristol to a halt should be revised downwards; 1. 20mph zone 2. Bus lanes 3. Park and Ride facilities
Appalling measures, as all others that the mayor and the Bristol City Council have been taking in the past few years.
Are there some radical ideas that have been considered, if so what? Increase of any value in today's climate is unpalatable.
Are you seriously basing this budget upon my comments. This should be the decision of Unions, the Council and not the views of one man and his cronies. I did not vote for you George (less than 30% did). Our legacy to the next generation should be a positive one and we are not doing that. Cut out the middle man ie. Central Gov and distribute council tax directly to meet the needs of those paying for it. Yes, there needs to be efficiency in the council provision of services, but why has this not been done before. It should be ongoing. Instead we have a knee jerk reaction, where the vulnerable suffer. Let's not go the way of America please, where some communities live in dire poverty without running water and drugs and crime is rife. And medical care and support is not given to you if you are not in a job. We cannot afford not to support our communities. This is not the big society I had in mind. We need to continue to educate ourselves through the power of learning communities ie. libraries (plural) to help us think our way out of this catastrophic melt down as we see the fabric of our communities disintegrate and we compete with each other to meet our own needs and our families, forgetting to show compassion for the invisible within our society ie. the elderly, the mentally and emotionally ill, the physically impaired, the asylum seekers... By making us, the council tax payer decide who to save like Schindler's List, then you George- puppet of Central Government- have adopted the inhumane values of the Nazis.
Arts funding does appear to have been protected at the expense of other cuts (in particular to public sports/leisure facilities). While I support the principle of subsidizing the arts, this subsidization should not be disproportionate. With a thriving arts scene brought about in part by public subsidy thus far, Bristol ought to now be able to attract more private sector and philanthropic backing of arts activity, to offset a reduced public subsidy in this area.
As a council employee, we have suffered many years without pay increase when everything around us has gone up. If Council tax goes up so should our wage to meet the costs of living. Most BCC employees are under huge stresses with unsure jobs and losses, this is a very difficult time and we pay the price of powers above who have created such mess.

As a council tax payer I find this all rather poor. The vast majority of people did not want another Mayor. There were extra costs in this, and the additional staff to support him. Vague promises were made by central government to impose this upon Bristol, it is no surprise that they have not been honoured. I have to say that many of the things proposed by the Mayor eg: those large big budget traffic projects and stadia etc are simply not affordable, but appear to have been ringfenced. Dare I suggest those ringfenced monies be used in the normal fashion of caring for the less fortunate people in Bristol of whom there are many, due to previous government imposition of influx of immigrants - Bristol being one of the 5 cities electively chosen by Mr Blair's government, rather than the Mayors cherished projects. Scrap the idea of those new projects and I daresay you might just about manage to maintain existing services. During the course of the past year the anti motorist stance has been risible. If this continues it will without question drive employees and firms out of Bristol thereby again reducing overall revenue to the council itself. Somewhat self defeating and damaging I think. The programme recently aired on television was viewed by many in dismay, and made this city look ridiculous. The comments by ordinary people after transmission were priceless. May we ask all the councillors to take back control fast and address the urgent needs this lovely city has. May I also point out perhaps Bristol could look to Liverpool on the issue of bus lanes - frankly the layout in St Augustines parade has created absolute havoc and is positively dangerous. Far from speeding traffic flow it has the exact opposite effect, even a child can see this. This is a very black and white financial situation, Bristol cannot afford big budget projects, even so far as being European Green city to be honest. Do this and the budget can be met. Simple.

As a pensioner on benefits it is hard to make ends meet. I am concerned that I may have to pay council tax in future which would make it harder to manage.

As a Police Officer working within a neighbourhood team in Cotham I value the work of the noise pollution team enormously and know that reducing their operating ability will result in complaints of noise being redirected to the Police who essentially do not have the legislative power to deal with such complaints. The overall quality of service to the public from the council and the Police will suffer as a result. This is an area which has long needed additional funding rather than reduction.

As I personally don't get much back from the facilities that the council provides I do not feel that I should pay anymore council tax.

As usual it will probably increase the councilors wages and certainly increase their pensions, all at the expense of their electorate.

At a time when salaries are still not going up and people are still struggling, a 2% rise is just not fair. Especially when those paying the higher bands get the least out of council.

At this stage I've not supported an increase in Council Tax of 2%. This is on the basis that I am not convinced of the rigour of, and challenge to, the proposed savings. Councils have demonstrated an ability to make substantial savings without the world falling in. For this they (including you) should be congratulated. I look forward to seeing evidence of a proper, objective, unemotional, assessment of these further savings which should be expected from a large Council such as yours.

BCC will be investing millions in MetroBus (BRT2) in order to bring North Somerset residents into Bristol. These same residents will be paying their council tax to North Somerset, and Bristol residents will not benefit. If the MetroBus project was cancelled and the 903 bus service retained, BCC would save a significant amount of money (including a greater annual subsidy than is currently paid for the 903 service). This would mean more money is freed up to spend in areas which are facing cuts. One further thought: there is an enormous amount of student accommodation in the City Centre, which is extremely convenient for students. Although students are not liable for council tax, could a small contribution be asked from these students simply for the convenience of living in the centre of Bristol and enjoying the facilities on offer?

Believe in early years, it does make a difference.
Best of a bad job...
best of luck
Better recycling.
Big investment into city (e.g. enterprise zone, supermarkets, arena, green capital, temple meads redevelopment, free schools, housing) - what if there was a % charge that contributed to the running of the city (e.g. waste collection, lighting, road maintenance) - things that make the city attractive and function. Am sure this is an over simplified understanding of complex negotiations but section 106 / community infrastructure levy often isn't paid.
Bring back wardens
Bristol has two mayors at what cost. One large saving here. Budget could be done by resident councillors as previous.
Budget should also be used in training staff. Often there are major mistakes in calculating the council tax costing the council tax payers. I heard this from few of my friends that either they have been charged twice or pro-rata is not calculated correctly or when moving house the council tax bill hasn't been recalculated correctly and many more. There are few who sustain rather than mourn and there are few who do not notice and trust council's calculations. This is not fair on tax payers who pay Â£1500+ On council tax per year.
Budgets are delicate things, as you know, and look both sides of the door, to the past and the future. There is quite a lot of politics behind many of the apparently 'simple' choices being presented, which is disingenuous. The whole drift of the 'we have to make savings here' line is open to question, both generally and specifically. Some things are more important than others. Much of the wording of this survey sounds as if it were ominously draughted by none other than Tory high command. It has that desperately inhuman diluted American-style business-speak about it, and the sheer politics of it are not made clear. Perhaps some of Bristol's sillier cultural and public 'programmes' could be curtailed, and various other fairly juvenile 'branding' exercises. Fundamentally, people's welfare should be safe-guarded and taken as a barometer of where public duty really lies. Especially our attitude to the elderly and more vulnerable. And hence, less attention paid to 'business' and 'branding' exercises. And by-the-by, the highly egotistical 'me' and 'we' nature of this survey, and 'our' George (i.e. the lovable character) produces a rather unsavoury smell. There is a marked difference, or *should* be a marked difference between the mayor of a city, and Wallace and Grommit (sic). If you wish for a true consultation, for example, then you do not lead the questioning. the same happened wit the city's transport overhaul changes, also. Conveniently, public exchanges with shops, for example, tend to take place when those shops are at their busiest. This curtails their ability to engage meaningfully. Which after all, is partly the aim of the exercise?
By and large, I am in support of all of Mayor Ferguson's proposals; I voted for him, I trust him, and I feel he has the best interests of the city at heart.
bye ., bye services
cancel the stadium until council services secured. nice idea but not at the cost of the human suffering caused by the proposed cuts
Cannot cuts be made more so in management as this area seems to be more top heavy than ordinary workers within the council. Also, there does not seem to be any cuts being made in Government! 'We are all in this together'! We are not!!!!
Challenge your spending on consultants. I've heard you hired a communications consultant on Â£850 a day.
Change the council tax bandings, which is well over due to incorporate very high priced properties in Bristol.
charge a small amount for free bus passes

Children being affected is worse idea, supposed to encourage and support not hamper a child's growth.

City Farms play a vital role in their local community offering services to some of Bristol's most disadvantaged residents. They work to the Mayor's Vision of 'people, place and prosperity' ensuring that Bristol is an inclusive, resilient and caring place to live, work and play. We appreciate that the economic recession has hit Bristol hard and to ensure that we grow for the future, we need to become strong. We appreciate that this will result in budget cuts and a shift in the way in which government finances are allocated, however, we feel that significant cuts to the 'Centres for Community Action' grant would have a significant blow to our local and wider community. St Werburghs City Farm is safe, inspiring and supportive place that welcomes over 40,000 visitors a year; all of whom can access our services, free of charge, 7 days a week, regardless of their income, age, ability or ethnicity. In addition the Farm offers a range of frontline, targeted services that engage some of Bristol's most disadvantaged residents; last year alone we worked with 7000 beneficiaries (the majority of whom are economically or socially disadvantaged) through 50,000 hours of opportunities. In our 35 years of operation, the Farm has built a great reputation which results in our work exceeding set targets and our contractual services running at capacity alongside the demand for our services continuing to rise and the need for emerging services more apparent. Our 3 core aims are to better connect people to: the story of their food, from farm gate to plate; to nature, especially their local environment; and each other, within a healthy, active community. As a result, we work towards the same goals as Bristol's Food Policy Council, the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, Bristol Food Network, Transition Bristol, Bristol Wild City, Bristol Sustainable City, Forest Education Initiative, Bristol Natural History Consortium, and Learning outside of the classroom. On top of this, the Farm is ideally positioned to be able to support Bristol within its preparations and delivery of activities for the Bristol 2015 Green Capital year "we already have a venue, an audience, the knowledge and the willingness" we just need a task! Over the past two years, the Farm has undertaken a number of strategic changes to ensure that we are resilient to the effects of the economic downturn. We have had some great successes, including an increase in our unrestricted income by 16% and having attained 49% of our total income (£261586 in 2012-13) generated through services and sales (non-grant based sources). Furthermore, we are currently engaging more people than ever before, enhancing strategies to target audiences considered most in need, are improving our monitoring and evaluation techniques to validate this, and continue to consult with our beneficiary groups to ensure our services develop to best meet their needs. All of this has been made possible through the financial support of a Centres for Community Action grant. As outlined within the Operational Plan 2013-14, the Farm's current agenda is "growing stronger for the future". We want to ensure that our income continues to diversify and we are not over dependant on one or two large grants. We want to ensure that our vision - to be a truly inspirational city-centre farm that supports an informed, healthy and cohesive community to live, learn and play in harmony with its environment "becomes reality. To achieve this, we need to extend and enhance our existing range of activities, develop services that meet emerging needs, participate within local agendas and national strategies, collaborate with other voluntary sector organisations, partner with local businesses and foster an environment that supports social entrepreneurship. The first step in meeting many of these goals is the development of our buildings and facilities, which are currently dilapidated, unsustainable and do not offer sufficient indoor or covered teaching space. Following community consultation and the compilation of the Education and Training Building Business Plan 2013, we are now undertaking an ambitious fundraising campaign to secure £275k by October 2014, to develop fit-for-purpose educational facilities, with 3 classrooms; a training kitchen; a covered outdoor classroom; 3 toilets, including one wheelchair accessible facility; handwashing facilities; and storage. To maximise the educational benefit, we wish to undertake the construction as a "community build" which will entail a Project Manager being employed to support c. 200 volunteers in practical construction opportunities that develop skills, encourage community cohesion and promote ownership. Once constructed, the Education and Training Building will enhance the

experience for our existing visitors and service users (c. 47,000 per year) and will be used to deliver services that engage an additional 4500 direct beneficiaries per year of which we estimate that 75% will be our target audience – people socially and economically disadvantaged as follows:

- Beneficiaries facing economic disadvantage including: Children growing up in low/no income families; Young people and adults facing long-term unemployment; and People living in disadvantaged communities, targeting those that live in areas which fall within the most deprived 20% of communities within the UK.
- Beneficiaries facing social disadvantage including: Children and young people who are NEETs (those not in education, training or employment), young carers, and those that lack access to safe, green spaces; Isolated older people living in the local community; People with additional support needs including those with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and/or mental health concerns; People with multiple and complex needs including those with alcohol/drug issues; those on probation or prison leavers; and those marginalised from their community including asylum seekers, refugees, gypsy travellers and migrant families.

The next two years will be pivotal in this stage of the Farm’s evolution. We appreciate that budget cuts need to be made, but to lose the support we receive through the Centres for Community Action grant could jeopardise our ability to complete this project within the time scale required. Once constructed, the Education and Training Building will be self-financing, offering a surplus of £17.5k per year (from year two), which we will use to reinvest in the Farm’s growth. We can therefore plan for the reduction or loss of these funds in future years but beg you to continue to support us in the next coming year whilst we complete the capital campaign and the completion of the much needed, Education and Training building on the Farm site.

collect monies from arrears outstanding, make people pay for an interpreter or bring a person who speaks English, do not write monies off when people have been working but refused to pay C/T or Rent.

Confront Central Government and the lie that there is no alternative to austerity

Consideration should be given to closing St Nicholas Church

Council tax is high enough and the service the council provides is not up to standard. The streets are a mess, you are putting LEAVES into plastic bags and landfill, and I have no faith in the social services or the police. The residents parking scheme is unfair and expensive, I should not have to pay to park on my street, this should be free for residents and charges should apply to non residents only.

Could a budget saving be made by not turning the Christmas lights on in November and have them start in December I am sure that would save at least one job. Please treat the staff with care and dignity at this very difficult time.

Could have public toilets in public libraries if we can't have them elsewhere. Please protect Adult Learning Services.

Council tax banding should be updated and reflect the current range in house prices. Cheaper houses, despite costing between £100-200k should pay significantly less than houses worth upwards of £500k. The bands should be updated every year. This should not be an excuse to raise council tax across the board, cheaper houses should pay less than they currently do.

Council tax is expensive enough. The council tax could be increased to those who have houses worth 400,000 Â£ and onwards Not to those who live in a lame flat or rent a tiny flat. A rubbish idea
Council tax is high enough, let alone how difficult it is to deal with money I have to pay
Council tax is quite high enough and should be frozen. A rise of 2% pa is simply unaffordable and cuts are preferable to increased taxation.
Council tax is unaffordable as it is. It should increase at the rate of inflation only. Anything higher is ludicrous. How are we supposed to afford to eat?
Council Tax is very high for an average earner..Living alone and not being able to get a discount due to not being able to prove my partner moved out is disgusting..Yet a jobless bum with lots of children gets everything given to them..Needs looking into the system is unfair
Council tax needs to be frozen for a 3 year period rather than increased. Savings are most likely to be made through cuts in public transport, schools, catering establishments and public sporting venues. There is a need to go back to the 'stone age' period where there was no public transport and sporting establishments. People used to exercise in the outdoors and walk from A to B. The mentioned areas in this statement will save the Council more than your proposed budget estimates.
Council tax should never be increased in my view and should stay the same because we are already struggling as it is at the moment and if it does it will be devastating for thousands of low income people in Bristol.
Council tax should not be increased its just another tax on people with income not rising
Council tax should not increase as others did not raise their tax last year and Bristol did people cannot afford this rise as other things are rising this needs to stop as services are not that good
Council Tax should remain the same, unless clear evidence which is easy to understand and view is provided, I cannot see how the proposals are justifiable. Thanks
Council tax should remain the same. It should not be down to working class again to help fund this
Cut back neighbourhood working coordinators and managers which are a waste of money. Instead increase and strengthen existing frontline Pollution Control noise nuisance services to safeguard the residents of Bristol, many of which want to live a peaceful life!! . We do not need more managers, coordinators and fancy neighbourhood roles, just professional officers to get out into the community and do their job properly!!!
cut big wages from top councillors/MP's cut how many MPs we need start looking after the working class most working class people cant afford these tax increases make unemployment not so tempting for people to stay on it and have easy lives with everything paid for them
Cut Bristol city council managers wages and save Hengrove park rangers
cut payments and expenses paid to councillors - being a councillor is a privilege. Stop all catering and refreshments at all council meetings and events with the exception of providing bottled water
Cut the Mayor's salary. Looking at harsh economic realities and stop migrants and give jobs to the younger and check the older men that should not be working.
Cut wastage of resources. Streamline business. Get rid of non-productive projects. Stop the elected council procrastinating so delaying the future development of the city.
Cuts can be very costly. Bristol will not compete if we close or reduce the things that are worth having. People's needs cost, those who can afford must pay more

Cutting Â£90m is difficult but the whole place is riddled with such inefficiency compared with the private sector. Council employees often have their own political agendas and most buy into this bureaucratic culture. Why should tax payers fund this. Many activities should be by charity (monitored for quality by the council) and open to fund raising from the public and business. Maybe start with trees...
Cutting an essential service like the Streetscene Enforcement Team, who actually go out on the streets and tackle environmental crime is a bad idea. Especially if you lose them while maintaining a cadre of pointless mandarins that do not work to any specific tangible outcomes for the people of Bristol.
Cutting services for older people, public nuisance and toilets seems a bad idea
Difficult task, but it is achievable. The council must be exactly clear about what it is legally obliged to provide, and what has been discretionary, with a big appeal to the charitable sector (especially local charities) to step in and step up!
Disgraceful how you are treating our children centres and yet again it's us working class that will lose out again.
Do all that you can to push up the costs for those in the highest council tax bands (like me). Bring forward charging for anything to do with pollution, eg, work place parking, the RPZ's, central congestion charging, parking fees and fines.
Do Not Close St. Pauls Learning Centre Or Take Council Services away Thank You.
Do not cut any services that will affect elderly and disabled people.
Do not cut noise pollution provision, toilet provision and the archive service.
Do not raise council tax or add any more permit parking!
Do not raise council tax. this is the final nail in the coffin & families will suffer because of it
Do NOT raise council taxes at all !!! This economy is difficult enough without adding that extra burden to the taxpayer !
Do not take away the Bus Passes for disabled and older people. They are a lifeline to those people's needs and encourages them to be out and about within Bristol and outside. Without these free bus passes, the majority will become lonely, self-low-esteem, un-interested in life, making health and mental issues worsen over time.
Don't close toilets!
Don't let closed hengrove park
don't shut public toilets please
Don't underestimate the potential in local churches to carry out some of the needed work - we are already uniting to help combat reducing reoffending through mentoring initiatives
ensure the greater metro system becomes a reality, reopening closed stations, electrify lines, reopen Portishead line, and ensure Bristol Arena is built, and that the football sides both achieve their new grounds
Environmental protection, noise pollution are a waste of money. They do not help in anyway. I strongly feel children of ALL ages should receive free school meals and not just primary school pupils. Therefore, by cutting down/removing noise pollution team, the money can go towards meals for ALL pupils in schools
evil people
ew mayor same old ideas for cuts etc that will drag Bristol back to the dark ages not into the 21st century, the only real way to make cuts is to understand exactly how much each service costs and then reduce these costs, you cannot tinker around the edges and expect it to work, you have far too many staff and you have no real idea how much these are costing taxpayers and how inefficient they are spread all over the city
Excellent work to balance the economic difficulties people are experiencing personally and the increasing needs of a city suffering similar economic difficulties

Expenditure should be focussed on supporting residents and businesses within the city. Capital schemes, particularly where the primary benefit is to those from neighbouring areas travelling in to the city, should be delayed and reviewed in the light of other changes.
Fergy was elected by less than 11% of Bristol's registered electors ; yet, like George W. Bush, he pretends that he has a mandate for any whacky scheme he scribbles on the back of an envelope. Can't elected councillors stop him - before he decides to invade Iraq ? Or (say) Keynsham ?
Fight central government harder - ultimately there is plenty of wealth in the world and more importantly this country. It's about redistributing much more fairly and evenly - something only central government can control.
Focus on efficiency!! I spent 10 years working in Local Government and could save Â£45 million in a week. Get rid of the people who won't pull their weight, sort out the red tape that stops staff getting things done. Promote and develop good staff to stop them leaving and going to the private sector as I did. Sort out your procurement of goods, buy your laptops at the cheapest places available and if IT say they won't support it, get rid of them. Get rid of all these policy jobs first, it seems a lot of people spend a lot of time making more work for themselves for little purpose. Above all try and hire good people rather than allowing people to cruise for 40 years.
Focus on retrieving money from Council tax dodgers Introduce a Congestion Charge for Central Bristol Increase Car Parking charges by an escalator over inflation
From the information provided it is practically impossible to create an opinion as there is not sufficient knowledge amongst the general population of the details, issues and challenges involved. I consider myself an intelligent person but trying to work out what the proposals actually mean in reality is very complex and almost impossible when viewing them out of context in this way. I have therefore said I have no opinion on them as I feel unable to formulate a valid and credible view with the information supplied
Frontline staff are best placed to offer alternative methods of saving money as they directly see how it is wasted on a daily basis. By reviewing services from the bottom up rather than top down greater savings can be made
Generally i think that the social funds should always be increased, especially about the children health, school and sport development. Family social support, especially about large family it should also well founded. Spending review should be addressed to the council bureaucratic machine and to all those costs where old contract could be reformulated or redefined. Tax should be increased proportionally considering the net income of the family, so who get more will pay more. in same time a politic to attract the investment should be addressed... for example to let the land in order to build an outlet city like in bicester.
George Ferguson should resign he is out of touch with all but the green lobby!
George Ferguson will not be getting my vote next election. This budget seems mainly about reducing quality of life for most of the people of Bristol rather than looking for real areas of waste. Mainly George's hobby horse areas, which have very little economic or environmental benefit.
get a mayor and council who want to help business in bristol not stop new business coming here due to traffic and planning restrictions whicxh are anti business
Get Mr Ferguson to visit council tenants in our homes, instead of flying half way round the world
Get rid of the Bristol Mayor, he's only out for himself
get rid of the mayor
get rid of the mayor and save his salary
get rid of the mayor and save more money
get rid of the mayor and save on his salary

Get rid of the mayor and use the money that is wasted on him
Get rid of the mayor he is ruining our city!
Get rid of the mayor office, that will save quite a few thousand. He was not wanted and not needed.
get the bankers arrested and stop taking money off people. see Iceland for a model of how to do this.
Getting rid of the superfluous position of mayor would save money that could be better spent elsewhere.
Good decision to set it for 3 years, which must be a saving in itself to reduce debating it each year and introduce longer term planning, well done.
good luck balancing the books. Whatever you do you will not be able to please everybody, however this a great way to help people understand and get their views. Well done
GOOD LUCK NOT AN EASY JOB WITH THIS BUDGET
Good luck!
Good that it will cover 3 years.
Good to see lots of underused services are being cut. Could not more services be cut too?
Good try but theres considerably more that can be achieved through improvement of the council efficiency.
green is expensive ----- do it slower.
Group Procurement should be a mandated control, in addition to an effective and full cost management strategy by means of non-pay panels for all spend. Improvements to back of office and customer facing services is very do-able and can deliver surprisingly better results than initially imagined. Needs 100% procurement advocacy, belief and stricter discipline. Re-training is also worthwhile along with leadership development programmes
Guarantee a 2% pay increase minimum from all employers then fine
happy to pay 2% extra on council tax if council reduced its council running costs
Hasn't council tax already gone up??
Have fewer teams, some of these dept mentioned I have never heard of nor knew of their existence! Council Teams need to take their duties seriously, if they fail the serve the public, like noise pollution team, then that team and management needs to be reviewed urgently, so that we are not wasting money keeping that team. We as a family have been suffering from anti social neighbours, the Police and PCSO have been great, the Council needs to do more! School dinners should be free for ALL children, we should help the children to have a good meal so that they can progress well within School.
Have some guts and go to Central Government and say no
HAve the council asked the employees on how they think this money could be saved? Im sure that employees would rather help with saving money than have the redundancy looming over their heads. I am sure that there are a number of things that could be done to save money that the employees could come up with.
having a forced bus lane installed outside my house, paying for my own dental care, recycling most of my waste myself, cycling to work, have not been to the doctor/hospital for years, single parent paying ridiculous tax and supporting 2 children with no child allowance and basically supporting all those who don't work, have too many children and immigrants who dont work - an increase in council tax is an outrage. I get NOTHING back from all the taxes I pay
He needs to sort out the roads, the traffic is to dangerous there should be more one way roads that will fix the problem ,

<p>Healthy Living Centres contribute a lot towards a number of initiatives, including health promotion, community safety, education, citizenship, volunteering and reducing social isolation. The amount of BCC funding received is small, but outcomes are good. We are well run, cost effective and bring a lot of funding in to more than match what BCC give us. If you lose us you'll create greater problems for future budgeting. Please think not just about the money you invest but the money we bring to our local communities.</p>
<p>hello, my idea is to increase the charge for bulky waste collections. Bristol has stood still with its Â£15 charge while almost all other councils in the country have increased their charge, or brought in new charges for the first time in the last 2 years, Bristol is now 21st from the bottom instead of 33rd from the lowest charge as it was in 2010. I have the research to prove it. It is an obvious gain, without costing the council anything as the contract with Kier will be unaffected. I suggest the new charge is put at Â£20 per collection for 3 items, with a half price charge for those on benefits. Please contact me "bulkyguru" for the background research. I will also be submitting it to Kier.</p>
<p>Help with rent and ct should not change and ct should not go up but be fozon for three years as like most people i am on low wage and if it gos up wher do i find the extra mony to pay for it perhaps i shall denie my childrn heet or hot water</p>
<p>Hengrove park is HUGE asset to our community - please reconsider reducing it's opening/staffing which would most likely led to closure.</p>
<p>hengrove play park is very important to families with disabled children, as when you have a disabled child the whole family becomes disabled so the supervised park and the access of which is allowed enables families to become a normal Family where no disabled family children can play alongside their disabled siblings, with services for young carers limited this is the only outlet for most if not all sibling carers</p>
<p>How are working people who do not get any benefits or goverment aid meant to be able to afford to pay more council tax? Seeing that are wages dont rise n are already finding it hard to pay for gas n ele n food and any other amenties? Like water. me n my husband work n just work just pay bills. is he going to take a cut in his wages a month? Plus i dont think we get a good service from the council anyway eg refuge collectors leaving rubbish on are streets when putting recycling on the van. n hw we gt to pay for r garden waste in glouster they dnt pay so what is happening to the funds from this?</p>
<p>How can an efficiency drive of Â£49m not affect all of Bristol? Surely the increase in the level of unemployment will alone show this is affecting citizens of the city.</p>
<p>How can I say whether I agree or not without seeing the specific things you are doing? Also why not review the council tax increases on a year by year basis? People might be better off financially in 2 years. On band C I cannot afford a 2% increase this year.</p>
<p>How much could be saved by abolishing Mayor's Office? Bristol has lost major income potential by not developing Filton as an international airport and freight destination with its own railway connection.</p>
<p>I accept the need to balance the budget and accept that leaves some hard choices</p>
<p>I agree to disagree. If you raise the council tax the people who struggle to pay now will have even more problems and you won't be helping anyone out tho I can understand why you want to increase it. I don't think the council rely thinks of the working class who struggle to make ends meet. Theirs got to be a better way to look at it than to increase council tax and come to a better way to save and bring cash back into the council.</p>
<p>I agree with closing museums. Every on we go to has 3 or 4 staff standing around chatting. Get rid of the lot of them.</p>
<p>I agree with constantly reviewing all spending as our priorities change based upon how much money we have, expectations have outgrown the purse for to long</p>

I agree with the need to cut expenditure, but it is equally as important to ensure that the Council spends our money prudently. Too much is still being spent on trivialities - e.g. spending £90,000 on remaking a perfectly adequate play area in an affluent suburb close to the Downs. . Also, I would like to think that the Council will not take for granted the cumulative 2% increases, but endeavour to render them unnecessary by seeking other funding sources wherever possible. It should also do a better job of educating residents about the importance of 'planning gain', thereby reducing expenditure on Judicial Reviews whenever a supermarket shows willingness to provide much-needed affordable housing and public amenities or create footfall and jobs in a declining High Street location.

I also think that Bristol women's voice submission is important.

I am a doctor and a nature lover. I am concerned for people's exercise. The Downs is well used by a variety of groups from the city who need to access the Toilet facilities THERE. Consequences of not having the facility are possible use of hedgerows as toilets, decreased use of the Downs as a play sport and recreation area. There are no shops or pubs handy for toilet use. You say "We also recognise that the location of where our service reductions happen can be a key driver of cumulative impact." I feel this IS a case in point. PLEASE keep the Downs Toilets OPEN.

I am confused by the "equalities" quotient. It leaves me to believe there is little room if any for reductions because many reductions can be seen as weighing unfairly on one group or another. I also suspect that some decisions are made out of sentiment rather than outcomes or needs. From the experience I have had contacting the council I think you are doing well with people who know their jobs.

I am disappointed in the way the Mayor has gone about managing cuts and proposals in the last year. It feels as though anything that doesn't meet his interests won't be discussed. He accepted a £10,000 pay rise, is the most travelled mayor of the 15 in England, yet he still stresses the importance of us making cuts. How much does the Mayor's salary and travel expenses equate to? As the owner of the Tobacco factory, I would doubt he needs an extra £10,000. With regards to the residents parking scheme, this seems flawed. I live in a house of 4 young professionals with cars and jobs in various parts of the city. The residents parking scheme would penalise our household, yet it's not our cars causing the parking problems in Southville during the day time. We are already surrounded by yellow lines and parking meters. I also think it makes a mockery of the Council when staff are being employed on consultancy wages of £350 a day. If this person is in post for a year, it equates to around 70,000.

I am not best pleased with having to work on filling in this online form on Boxing Day due to the inadequate length of consultation of 6 weeks ending on December 30th. Consultations should be minimum 6 weeks and the Equality Impact Assessment must be undertaken BEFORE proposals become concrete and almost final.

I am not sure why there is such a cost to business continuity, surely some of this is common sense. Also I hope there was not a big cost in renaming the Council House, with new stationary etc as that is a complete waste of money, and there was no need to change the name.

I am particularly concerned about the proposal to close the public toilets near the Suspension Bridge. Over the last 40 years I have led dozens of trips for schools and the public to see the wonderful rocks and scenery in this area, and this would be much more difficult without any toilet provision. There are of course thousands more who visit to admire the bridge and the wildlife on the Downs, and who still need a loo. Why not make a small charge for their use to mitigate the expense of keeping them available? Bath Council closed several toilets in the city and as a consequence I simply had to give up working there with school groups. Please don't make the same mistake in Bristol!

I am really enraged about the idea of putting up the price of Poll tax yet again. I have lived in Bristol for nearly 20 years now and for all of that time Bristol has had close to the highest poll tax in the country. I really cannot afford any more tax. Having had my job cut by Â£5k per annum and then changed my job to a less well paid one after the government decided it doesn't like paying for any services for average people. I still call it Poll tax because I am the only one in my house paying for it. My teenage daughter is working part time and has not enough money to pay for it so it falls to me or receive angry demanding and threatening mail from Bristol city Council. I do not believe for one minute that with a rise in the cost of the tax the services will remain the same. This govt has a mission towards getting rid of public services and paying more won't satisfy them at all. We will have more people unemployed and unable to pay their poll tax!! I feel really let down by years of inefficient spending at the council but know that the local govt cannot escape the wrath of the national govt agenda. There is no escape until we rid ourselves of these selfish people who treat the national coffers as though it is their own personal income which they are too tight to spend on anyone else. I say wait until they are gone and discuss it then.

I am really shocked at the types of services that are being targetted to be cut. sport and art and other such matters should not come before the disabled, young, elderly and vulnerable in society.

I am sure that what the residents of Bristol have to say about the budget will not change what the council decides to do about the budget. For example, how much extra does it cost the Bristol tax payer to have a Mayor? And if we suggest getting rid of the mayorial system (which was not voted for by the majority of Bristol voters), it will be completely ignored. I think it's a great idea being able to comment on the budget online, but at the same time; it's depressing that it won't make the slightest difference what voters say as we now have an autocratic local government..

I am the co-chair of the Victoria park action group in South Bristol, and I would like to urge the council not to reduce spending on parks, which are a very important resource for local communities

I am unemployed and get basic job seekers allowance nothing extra and it hasn't increased for two years the suggestion of having to be able to pay towards council tax shortfall is frightening especially as most including myself have nearly been pushed towards food banks to survive in my area of Bristol

I am unemployed. When I was working I was paid Â£6.50 a hour. It is easy to overspend money that is not yours and I am fed up with the way that the public has to pay for decisions made by people who are after political gain and money. No one deserves the silly money we hear about so much in the news for the higher paid. We pay more and more and the special few get all TOO much money to sign on in the recession the high payouts and salaries ought to stop and be reduced - that will save more than the Â£12 million if the Council Tax did not increase over the next few years.

i am very pleased that social care has escaped most of the cutbacks

I am very supportive of George Ferguson's general proposals to make the city a greener place, supporting cyclists, reducing needless car use and improving local food systems

I am very unhappy with every part of the council I have had the displeasure of dealing with.

I am wary about the idea to cut back on spending covering grass cutting in parks.

I appreciate the constraints of tight budget control, all I can say about Bristol is the road infrastructure needs major investment, with poor road surfaces and terrible congestion. Bristol water have also caused so much disruption this year for which they should be penalised. To boost business / shops parking costs should be minimal, parking schemes should not be enforced, but there is a need to widen roads and encourage residents to have driveways for the cars, since front yards are small are rarely used as gardens. If the council resurface a street they could simply lower the curbs while they are at it allowing residents to create their own drives.

I appreciate the councils struggles, and am impressed by the level of detail in the proposal, particularly the reference to protected characteristics - this is very civilized. Thanks.

I appreciate the difficult decisions that have to be made and am thankful that I do not have to make them myself. Overall, I agree with most of the proposals. I think they are long overdue in many cases.
I appreciate the opportunity the Mayor has given us to make a comment on these future budgets.
I believe a great deal of money could be saved through better management at the 'coal' face. The overall perception is one of management of politics rather than management of function.
I believe that money is wasted on not properly checking contractor's work. There should be full accountability in contracts and officers should be trained to ensure that all work is completed correctly. A period of accountability for contractors should be built in to contracts so they have a responsibility too.
i believe the council is being responsible in reducing its budget in a time of financial restraint to which we all should do
I believe the Mayor is cutting services too quick and most of us who pay high Council tax and yet recieve appaulling services from the Council will suffer as a result. Real sad state of affairs
I believe the money spent on culture and art should be reconsidered and reduced.
I came out of the two meetings I have attended feeling energised and glad that George Ferguson is in charge. He makes me realise how vibrant and attractive Bristol is.
I can see t's really hard to balance the budget, but don't make decisions that will cost us more later. DV services reduce costs to other services in the long run... eg police, social services etc..
I CAN SEE WHAT YOU ARE TRING TO DO BUT IN THE END YOU ARE DOING THE SAME AS THE PM CAMAMORON HIT TO OLD DISABLED THAT BUILT THIS CITY YOU LIVE IN AND ENJOY AND HITTING THE CHILDREN THAT HOPE TO BUILD ON THE GOOD THINGS IN THIS CITY TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE PEOPLE THAT SIT WITH YOU CUT THEM DOWN TO SIZE AND SAVE THEN LOOK AT THE ONES THAT DONT GET THE JOB RIGHT GET RID AND STOP GIVING OUT CONTRACTS THAT SAVE WILL CHARGE THIS THEN PUT THE PRICE UP LATER SAY ON PRICE THIS IS ALL YOU WILL GET BUT FIRS SORT OUT YOUR STAFF AND SHOW THE PEOPLE THAT YOU START AT THE TOP I KNOW A FEW I WILL GET RID OFF
I cannot believe that the council can save £49m by increasing your business efficiency without it having an impact on services residents receive and therefore it should have been included in the consultation. Also why does the Mayor get to chose what discretionary services are protected (£48 million) which he thinks are most important what if residents disagree but have had no chance to comment!
I cannot find any details about the budget on the council website other than the proposal to rise council tax by 2% and having to make £30m of savings each year for the next three years. Where is the rest of the information?? Very difficult to navigate.
I can't believe that we appointed a paid mayor on top of the usual council in an economic atmosphere in which we have to cut costs from everything. This is terribly ironic. Council taxes in Bristol are already sky-high, even in the lower bands. I am sure there are more ways to reduce expenditure or incresase revenue that do not mean that actually working households have to suffer. Unfortunately, the average earners are, as usual, the hardest hit.
I cant believe you are more then happy to increase everyones outgoings, when everyone is strapped fior cash. We are all poor and cannot afford our bills. No one wages are going up and if they ever do go up, it will just be an unsulting amount like a few pence. I cannot afford too live anywhere as it is and by putting up the prices of everything, we will end up homeless.
I commend you on taking a serious approach to this problem. I can thoroughly appreciate that the decisions to be made are not always easy, however, I feel that you're taking this in the right direction and your thought process seems quite logical to me. As an engineer, these are the things that I look for in management, be it a company or a council. I support your proposal.

I concur with the tree forums analysis of how budget cuts will affect the maintenance of trees and the funding 'cliff' they have identified in 2016/17. the mayor needs to relook at these proposals or the long term effects of proposed budget cuts will have a severe impact on our tree stock. it is not enough for the mayor to promise to plant new trees - they need to be watered to survive and maintained to reach maturity

I consider these Proposals serious attempts to balance our Budget, whilst understanding that we, as consumers always want 'more but pay less' The Council members are 'us', doing the best job they can and I thank them very much on my behalf. I feel privileged to live in Bristol and to have our concerns sought and debated in a difficult financial and social climate. Thank you and good luck with the decisions and implementation in the year ahead.

I currently have no issues with the level of service received by the council and wish for the basic services to remain as they are i.e. rubbish collections. I do think that parking is far too expensive, maybe if the charges in and around the centre were reduced this would boost the economy by bringing in additional shoppers and visitors to restaurants.

I disagree totally with the government cutting budgets to local councils to this extent that the decisions to be made are now untenable and force the council to slash ESSENTIAL services.

I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE CLOSING OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS, ESPECIALLY IN THE DOWNS AREA OF BRISTOL. I AM A REGULAR VISITOR & THINK HAVING A PUBLIC TOILET FOR THIS AREA IS ESSENTIAL

i do not agree with the rise in council tax again as everything is going up, (cost of living) people on benefits and well off people are not affected, its the hard working low waged people who it will hit , as always the people who work are always worse off as we have to pay for everyone else. Also turning of street lighting will not bother people who do not work, but I have sons that would have to go to work in the dark, and my husband starts at 4.30 most mornings ,driving, however maybe turning of the traffic lights on roundabouts i.e avonmouth between midnight and 5 am would save some money, as they are not needed then, and im sure ther are other places they are not needed. Also its quite hard after the news being all about the trips abroad being taken by you on behalf of the council, then asking for more council tax when most of us cant afford one trip abroad.

I do not believe that there is a need for any cuts in Public Services, unless you include spending on military hardware (e.g. Trident) and infrastructure (e.g personnel), in which case I believe the savings that could be made by no longer needlessly arming ourselves to the teeth with nuclear and other weapons and sending troops to parts of the world that we have no business being in would be sufficient that no other cuts would be necessary. Especially if taxes were also levied on individuals and corporations currently avoiding them (e.g. Philip Green, Vodafone etc.).

I do not know enough to hold a view on the budget at this stage.

i do not think that the consultation has been meaningful. the council staff have been largely ignored, and they are the ones that actually do the work. money is being wasted on refurbishing the 3rd floor of City Hall, and employing endless consultants. there are major concerns about the council's finances, and these should be addressed before cutting services for the elderly and young. if cuts do need to occur they should be undertaken in a measured way, after we have stopped waste, and tightened up procurement.

I do not want say much about this I have agreed most proposals.

I don't believe the proposal for School Road is cost effective, i recognise that the unit is old fashioned and possibly not fit for purpose in the future as only those who are able can attend for respite, but i am aware that over 70 carers access this service.

I don't know how much money the "make sundays special" cost, but jhaving attended the first one, I was shocked by what was expected. We were presented with junk(and filthy) sofas in the middle of Baldwin Street - which showed up the very poor road surface and a lot of boarded up buildings, not to mention the litter by the gutters from the previous night. Why showcase the gorttiest bits of Bristol? Why not have activities by the Watershed/M Shed, and save money by not closing roads and causing trevel disruption for the countless numbers of people who wanted to travel through Bristol, or actually come into the city centre to shop.

I don't know much about budgets or local government so I can't really say whether this is a good budget or not. I understand there are very difficult constraints to meet. On the whole I'd rather see taxes rise than services cut. However there are one or two points that look potentially worrying I'd like to point out. 1. Renegotiating contracts to get better deals sounds good, but I feel strongly that this should not be done if the result is driving down pay and conditions for employees of service providers, especially where the services are about human contact (especially R-PP-007, R-PP-010, also R-PP-024). For one thing it can be a false economy by providing bad services, for another the employees are citizens whose quality of life must be respected as well as those of the clients. 2. R-PL-024: I don't know how the library prisons service operates, but if stopping it means that prisoners can't get books to read, it sounds like a worrying idea.

I don't think it's an easy job and George Ferguson is probably the best placed person to try to tackle it

I don't think the survey has captured the sections I have commented on, it has been difficult to go back and correct this. My comments directly concern any changes to vulnerable older/frail/disabled people who are already falling through the net of stretched statutory services. I have presented the evidence from the 'Overview of Domicillary Care' 2013 which clearly states that due to cuts in council spending, older/frail/disabled people are not being adequately protected from risk and have a considerable reduction in dignity of care.

I don't want my bus pass taken away. I use the buses to get to Filton College, and to go and see my friends, to my day centre.

I feel as a single person our council tax should be reduced by more than 25%

I feel George Furguson will bring this city to its knees. He has only voted for by 35% of residence and he is not wanted. His ideas are weird and he need to live in the real world. If he wants to save money stop jetting off round the world on our money

I feel that closing ALL the public toilets is rather extreme, maybe cutting (say) 50% and covering the costs with some reductions in street lighting after midnight on straight main roads, and replacing the illuminated "keep left" signs at central islands with reflective ones that are also rather more vandal proof.

i feel you cut services that are needed and fund things that are not.

I find the Council tax very high already for the service provided. I would prefer the tax to stay the same and cut down the level of services covered by the Council tax.

I firmly believe as a full paying tax payer since leaving education, I am disgusted that we seem to be throwing money away, especially when it comes to housing and derelict properties. Surely we need to start looking after our own people above all immigrants that are coming in and being nothing more than a strain on our over stretched resources and give little or nothing back. Surely we can make better use of empty buildings in and around bristol other than more student lets. Introducing a congestion charge will kill the city of bristol and with costs being as high as they are, I just don't know where you think people will get the money from, lots of people have to work and little or no option but to come into the centre which is where the work is, unless there is a better transport alternative other than crappy first bus, you have got no chance and you will seal your fate and kill the city. This is a very hot topic in every area in bristol, please listen to the very people that are paying your wages and giving you faith to help us.

I found this Budget consultation very hard as it wouldn't let you reply to all the consultations. i.e Reduce Local bus service this is disgusting First makes so much profit which should be put back into the service The Council shouldn't be subsidising services First should be doing this. I strongly disagree with R-PL-027 Reduce Local Bus Service (Subsidy) if early morning and late evening and Sunday service are taken off then how are people going to be able to go to work etc. what is the point of closing the Centre to cars if people can't get a bus to go into the centre? If any bus service should be taken off it should be the Night Flyers as it is wrong that some areas get them and not others. If there is no Night Flyer then people have to pay for taxis so it isn't fair if the council is paying for some people not to have taxis to be able to get home. It is also very wrong that people can come into the Country and go straight at the top of the housing list when there are people in this country who can't get on the housing list or have been waiting ages for houses. There are so many cuts being proposed that I think money should not be spent on things which aren't a necessity like St Pauls Carnival if it is to go ahead next year then it should be self funded. It seems like the most vulnerable people are being affected by the cuts. The elderly should be treated fairly as they have been through wars for this country and spent the most in taxes etc. it is so very wrong that they are now being penalized because they are old and yet people can come into this country and be treated better. People coming into this country shouldn't be given allowances etc. It is so very wrong that they get so much free, i.e driving tests, cars etc. this is where all the money is going.

I fully understand that savings have to be made as long as due care and consideration is given for vulnerable people.

I fully understand why savings have to be made as long as decisions are made in a humane & caring fashion.

I fundamentally disagree with central governments cuts program which is being inflicted on local government and because of this I cannot support the budget cuts in any shape or form.

I have a particular interest in the Libraries At Home Service. I understand that you are planning to incorporate the delivery of books in another service to elderly housebound people, but I am worried this will not be possible. Individuals rely on this service not only for contact with a person they have come to know, but to retain their sense of themselves as unique and intelligent beings, who have the urge to read and their own taste in literature. It is hard to keep a sense of oneself as a person, when most services treat one like a package of needs. Books help with this. By all means reduce the funding to the service, and use volunteers and/or other services, but make sure it still treats people as individuals and gives them the books they want - not a standard package. It seems to me the best way to do this is to retain at least an element of the service that has worked so well for so long.

I have concerns about the quality of life for service users who are elderly and a reduction in wardens, who provide a vital welfare service.

I have had trouble finding details!

I have just moved from London and they have frozen their Council Tax payments for the last 3 years. Something you should do, they provide more services AND they are cheaper!

I have my comments on the cuts to Wellspring HLC (Barton Hill): - VCS organisations like Wellspring Healthy Living Centre bring in £4 of additional income, funding and grants for every £1 given by BCC - Therefore a cut in funding from BCC is not just a cut of £1 it is potentially a cut of £5 in services to the local community of Easton and Lawrence Hill - Wellspring Healthy Living Centre Proving Our Research results show that our Wellbeing Programme delivers a Social Return on Investment of £2.90. This is based on things like reduction in cost to the NHS, reduction in cost through welfare payments and increased income to the state through tax - Easton and Lawrence Hill is a disadvantaged area where the growing local population continues to experience significant health inequalities, and therefore residents need high quality, accessible, community based health and wellbeing services - Lawrence Hill is the most deprived ward in Bristol, and in the South West region as a whole, and almost all Lower Layer Super Output Areas in the ward rank in the 10% most deprived in the UK - On average, Lawrence Hill residents experience poorer health compared to people in Bristol, and there are almost twice the city average number of residents in receipt of Disability Living Allowance - In October 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board published their city health and wellbeing strategy which has a theme which is "A city where health inequalities are reducing". This cannot be achieved by cutting funding to organisations like Wellspring that were set up for that exact reason

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT ON, MAYBE SEND SOME CORRESPONDENCE TO RESIDENTS ABOUT IT.

I have no objection to the increase in CTX if it spent correctly - but Senior management team are using our money like it was there own. As someone who works for BCC I see it everyday and its disgraceful that this is happening right under our noses and you think we are stupid and don't anything - hang your heads in shame. I voted for ferguson because I believed as an independant he wouldn't get caught up in politics how wrong we were.

I have only commented on one specific issue as it affects me, personally, and is a step backwards into the century before last, especially for women. I understand that current government policy has forced the council to propose these cuts. I will be writing to my MP on this topic and asking the provision of public toilets should be statutory. Improve the current provision, to include attendants and charges, as necessary.

I have read through this document and I am struck by the enormity of the task facing you. I don't know where I agree / disagree if I am honest but I would urge you to look at the long term impact of changes; as the mother of a toddler I make regular use of many council facilities (children's centres, parks, libraries, pools) and I feel that what my son is experiencing now will pay dividends in years to come in terms of his health and engagement in learning and community spirit - none of which can be 'purchased' later on. I also have a younger sister with disabilities and I have seen that investment at an early stage reduces the impact of her needs later on. I don't envy your task but I hope my thoughts can be considered.

I have submitted an earlier submission. I would like to add that I would like to see an increase in Council Tax (between 2-4%) in order to offset some of the cuts in services

I have tried looking at the proposals but cannot really understand them! I am 60 yrs old and disabled and therefore partly reliant on benefits, so I am concerned that these might be cut, but cannot make out whether they might be or not. But basically I do believe your first priority is to make sure everyone has a viable basic standard of living. Then that Healthcare, Education, Transport, etc are of as good a standard as we can afford. Proper redistribution of wealth would solve it all of course, but I don't suppose you can stop people being greedy! Good work so far, Mr Mayor, I am still glad we voted you in.

I have written before about the cost to the council of Climate Change and Diversity Officers of whom I believe there are a number. I am sure a considerable amount of money could be saved in these departments without council tax payers noticing any difference.

I haven't had a chance to read the proposals yet. In principle, I would be prepared to pay more in council tax to safeguard council services. That said, I am strongly in favour of an efficiency drive.
I haven't had a pay rise in 4 years, yet the cost of living is increasing every day. I can't keep up, I want to live in Bristol and have so much pride in this City but I am slowly being pushed into a corner where my quality of life is being impaired by the drastic increase in rent/council tax/transport - please take into consideration these things while you get paid a ridiculous wage to do something about it!
I heard over the radio (Jack FM) that despite the proposed drastic cuts that are to be implemented in our city, the Lord Mayor has been bought a new car....why is this, and how was it paid for? I am most interested to know. Thank you
I hope this is the last time the city gets a lord mayor, this one appears to be drunk on power.
I hope you can get a council in that looks after its residents instead of penalising them for using the city, just because our mayor and council staff have a 10-4 job mon-fri doesn't mean the rest of the city does!
I just want to be reassured that some of this has been costed against what it might save or cost in terms of things like fewer benefits, less outgoings, if people are back in work, in homes, etc.
I know it must be really difficult to balance such a large and reducing budget but I just wish you could find ways that impact the elderly and the young less, I wonder if these are the groups that comprise lower numbers of voters?
I know that the government is reducing what it pays to council - don't know why but at the moment I don't feel I get value for money for what I pay in council tax - my street is never swept for a start
I know you have to make cuts but why should the young and old carry the burden. Up the council tax and save those in most need first. Business need to contribute to their city if they want to have a viable future and the city shouldn't be paying for that. I know the city council has been streamlined but where else can we save money in terms of buildings, wasted contracts and services. People need jobs so don't look to cut them first.
I live in a residential care home and I don't want any of my benefits to be reduced, or my bus pass being taken away, as I use my bus pass to go out and about to see people. It would make me feel sad if I had to pay for the buses.
I must stress that the local council have got to look into rising cost of living for majority and if budgetary increases are made this can lead to reduced purchasing power thus leading to poverty and giving rise to petty crime in our society.
I notice when I received the proposals for residents parking translations into dozens of languages was offered. Having lived in other EEC countries where no translations are offered why do we do it. I did not see these services on the cut list and they should be. All translations and translators should be cut. Why not provide green wheely bins on each street and ask residents living on the street if they would pick up leaves in the winter. I would and I expect others would as well. It might actually be done rather than a rather useless individual spending all day to pick up a couple of leaves.
I object that despite the amount of money I pay in Tax, NI, Council Tax & VAT to Government (Local & National) and the like I am going to receive a worst service in many areas. I do not see a difference between Central Government and Local Government that it manages. I object that a significant number of the proposals affect the most vulnerable people in this City, Do not waste more money going around the houses on residents parking and the new football ground for Bristol City, forget redeveloping Ashton Gate and get world class facilities into Bristol. The Mayor and Councillors were elected to carry out their roles, stop consulting with small groups of 'nimbys' and deflecting that onto vulnerable people who have no voice.
I rather not.

I realise that budget savings present a challenge for the Council. However I believe that cutting the tree planting 'Pips' programme would be a financial mistake as Bristol would lose the benefit to be derived from more trees and woodland, through providing an attractive landscape vision for Bristol 2015 visitors, and also health & wellbeing (eg air pollution) benefits, that will ultimately (a) bring in an increased tourist visitor spend and (b) reduce NHS costs through contributing to preventing ill health.
I really like the fact that we are being given the chance to comment and that the proposals are outlined (I have just returned from 4 years in Switzerland to Bristol) so this is new to me.
I really welcome this consultation and the professional way in which it has been handled. I would, however, have liked the survey to have given me an ability to comment at least by ticking agree/strongly agree etc. on every single one of the proposals. The way it was written did not easily allow for that. As a member of the public it was just impossible to read all the different proposals and comment in detail, but we could have at least given you a flavour of our thoughts on them. I feel very sad that these savings are going to be made which I think will undoubtedly have negative impacts for the community of Bristol as a whole. However, I realise that the Council has its hands tied in this respect. I wish you luck in implementing them and hope that you manage to do so in a way that reduces the impact on the most vulnerable people in our City.
I reject these proposals which come from a central government neo-liberal "austerity" agenda, the case for which has not been made. UK government debt is NOT at any record level nor is it unsustainable, the great majority of debt being held within this country. Local authorities should be collectively resisting the government's attempt to savage publicly-funded public services - one of the great civilising achievements of the past century.
I strongly disagree with stopping the reduction in council tax for people on low income. To save money the salaries of managers and the mayor etc should be reduced by 20%
I strongly disagree with the a proposal to reduce funding for the Welfare Rights and Money Advice Support Services by £150k pa- this is more than half of the funding WRSS currently receive from Supporting People, to fund training, helplines and casework referrals for support workers. I am a tenancy support worker and rely heavily on this excellent service (which I believe provides value for money) to support and advice my clients around welfare benefits. A reduced service would be a disaster for vulnerable people in Bristol.
I strongly disapprove of the proposal concerning the 3 toilets near the Downs. Hundreds of people use the Downs as a recreational facility on a regular basis, as well as for much-needed exercise. In my opinion there would be huge health and hygiene implications if there were no toilet facilities, the areas under the trees would be used instead!
I strongly resent the opening alternatives of +5%, +2% and 0% change to the budget, I would like to see a rates cut - and a substantial one at that to, at least in part, roll back the decades of inflation-busting tax hikes.
I suggest George Ferguson is an egotist and has a hidden agenda
I think a good amount of money is squandered on things local councils do not need to provide, as individuals, families, charities and others can provide them themselves, and provide them better. Moreover, they are usually delivered more efficiently by those groups. We should, therefore, keep discretionary spending under tight control, except of course where we are dealing with the vulnerable and genuinely disadvantaged. Encourage people to be resilient!
I think cyclists should have to pay some sort of road tax, even if it was only £10 per person, as we the taxpayers are fed up with paying towards cycle paths
I think George is great for the City and I trust his judgement

I think it is unfair that we get a increase in council tax our neighbourhood already is suffering we have a limited bus service very limited including no weekend service at all and only two shops a chip shop and a expensive food corner shop why should we pay more we are not actually getting much to begin with other area's might but not highridge. I think we are the invisible part of the city with hardly no services.

I think it is utterly disgraceful that we have to foot the bill for the council, rising council tax again and for what the rubbish service we get eg our bins get emptied once a fortnight its disgusting. Get rid of some of the overpaid jobs worth and the,council might actually save some money instead of dumping all your problems on the tax payers who actually work hard to earn what money they do only for the council to prices up. Its disgraceful and Bristol City Council should be ashamed of yourselves.

i think it's pathetic, you take my rent and you wont fix my very dangerous patio that is also affecting the foundations of my flat and causing damp that is killing me, you've made my life hell the last 3 months, i'm disabled and already tripped and knocked myself out, and tripped and badly damaged my ribs, you keep telling dawn primarolo you will be fixing it for me and you don't, i think you're pathetic, you will need all the savings you save for court cases and paying me compensation

I think its pretty shocking that nothing is being invested into new highways/roads around the city to try and release the constant conjection that plagues Bristol

I think its very easy to make the council more efficient as its been so inefficient for so long.

I think Mr Freguson has not got a clue how normal people live. The sooner he is out of office the better in my opinion and get rid of the mayor post all together.

I think overall Bristol City Council provide poor value for money. Too much of my council tax is spent on things I disagree with or have no interest in. Anything that can be done to reduce council tax gets my vote.

I think preserving services for vulnerable and older people and keeping transport services are important

I think that finding a way for the council to come to decisions on things and then do them, without unnecessary meetings. Having a council where the balance of power is so precarious doesn't help , I know , but maybe try to work together more than has been the case in the past - there as definitely been more evidence of his hapening since we have had an elected mayor - long may this continue. Having longer term plans - like the budget over three years is a good idea - it leads to moresensible way of getting things done and less political point scoring. On a completely different note - what about the idea of encouraging even more money to come in to Bristol in tourism with a magical fountain like the one in Barcelona - it can happen whatever the weather and is like fireworks but without the waste of money - it could become a symbol of Bristol

I think that some of the proposals are a bit obvious - items like passing on the true costs of projects rather than ignoring the staffing costs which we, the tax payer are covering. Local government has spent too long spending money it doesn't have and back filling budgets in March when they have not spent their budgets fully - thus wasting money that could have been spent elsewhere. Part of this is the way budgeting has been done, but it is also due to managers not wanting to lose future money so therefore spending right up to their limits. This has fueled waste and meant that value is not gained. The council needs to rein in the "special jobs" which are created for no reason and stop pushing paper around and start doing things. If the mayor can get this happening people would be more inclined to pay council taxes, as they would see the benefits. At the moment the only thing that I have seen from the mayor is a poorly thought out resident parking scheme, a promise to throw more money at an arena that we don't need and a commitment to sell of green areas like Castle Park because "it raises money for other things". This is just the sort of short term thinking that an overspending council needs like a hole in the head! Get some useful stuff done and maybe we will not resent paying your wages.

I think that the council should charge for services such as graffiti removal especially removing graffiti from business premises. BCC should also charge everyone for large item collections even if someone is on benefit. BCC also rent too many buildings. These rents should end and staff should be in one large building such as the one at temple meads. BCC close sections like the housing office on west town lane and salcombe rd then move another team in. All that is doing is moving a to b, b to c, then c to a. Small offices like these should be closed and these teams moved into larger offices with other BCC staff. We should be filling the buildings we own and centralising teams.

I think that the proposal to close the 3 toilets on the Downs is crazy. This is manifestly the sort of place where toilets are needed - for school sessions, for other education groups, for people with disabilities, for older people, for families on days out, for the hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Downs from outside Bristol. I don't know about the justification for many of the toilet blocks that are proposed for closure across the city, but in my view it is essential to retain these three.

I think that the time scale is way too short for the first wave of council budget. These proposals need a much longer time to consult on and then discussed and not to be rushed in even if it may look "good" to the eyes of the government. They do not know the real impact of hurrying these things.

I think the budget needs revising. Big projects such as the BRT transport scheme, Green capital bids and car free Sundays should be scrapped instead of services for the vulnerable, those on low incomes and the disabled. If needs be I think the council should protest about the budget provided to parliament. Libraries are important for the disadvantaged to access the internet, council services, education, reading as relaxation and government services, they should not be closed. Also I am against the central library being used in part as a primary school there are many empty buildings around Bristol that could be used instead. Bus services should also not be cut many disabled and elderly people have no other form of transport and cannot afford taxis. It is a poor mixed message of the council trying to encourage people to use public transport but buses not actually being available when you need them.

I think the council should work with the other local public service such as Police, Fire, NHS and pooled their resources such as human resources, locality offices, payrolls, procurements and many others.

I think the council tax increase is ridiculous, my wages will not increase but that annually so how am I meant to afford it? I am already paying for the councils incompetence and would still like to have some form of a life. I voted for this man but wish I had not as nothing is any better unless you ride a bike!

I think the mayor is doing a good job in the main, I oppose the imposition of resident parking but accept his right to impose it. My comment on buses is heartfelt, it is criminal at the moment.

I think the mayor needs to talk to the people of the services he wants to cut. He should hear first hand how they will be affected. Not only hear but LISTEN. Also the fact that schools have to pay £8 upwards to watch a play in the tobacco factory he owns. Just goes to show he is nowhere near in touch with the Bristol people he claims to be representing.

I think the Mayor should send the equality impact assessments to the Government and make a strong case for not having the cuts in government grant proposed. Compared with other Cities Bristol has a reasonable record on equalities. Income tax related government grants are a fairer way of funding this than are taxes not based on income. Nevertheless, Council Tax increases are preferable to the severity of the cuts in services to the vulnerable proposed in the budget. The Equalities Impact Assessments are clear that there will be adverse impacts on equality groups and that there are no mitigating actions. This is the result of inadequate impact assessment at national government level and should be challenged by the Mayor - that's why we elected him.

I think the reduction in public toilet facilities is sensible, but I feel that most of the other proposals will have too negative an impact on their communities.

I think the survey monkey that was bought for the consultaion was very badly designed and difficult to use. Why didnt it have a drop down box like almost all other surveys use? lots have people have not realised they need to use the cursur keys.
I think there is a lot councillors get do instead of reducing , resigning and closures , cut management jobs , reducing street lighting at night especially council buildings?
I think this consultation has been very positive and relatively easy to understand - however there are a lot of finer details tucked away - you need to plough through to really get to grips with the changes. It would be good to theme the areas even further so that people can dip in and out of areas they feel passionate that the council should provide through our taxes.
I think this open and democratic approach to budget setting is a positive step forward.
I think what you're doing is tough but you're going about it in the right way, so thank you.
I think you are doing a difficult job, but savings do need to be found. I trust in you that you've found sensible, realistic areas to make savings in. I hope you have the strength to go through with these proposals to get the required savings - rather than everything ending up getting watered down due to public dissatisfaction.
I think you need to consider the young people of Bristol and stop taking away services. We do not need the green council this is taking valuable money from other more needed services. Council tax going up is needed but it's also a nightmare for us ordinary folk who are trying hard to survive whilst working 40hrs per week and having all wages going on bills. It's the middle people that suffer and have to give more.It would be easier to survive on benefits and working these days
I think you should look at the single occupancy discount, a council tenant on average get's a discount of approx Â£125.00, 2 wage earners can earn more than Â£10,000 per annum than 1 wage earner and yet they would only have to find an extra Â£125.00 between 2 people which does not seem fair.
I thought that with our new mayor things were supposed to get better not worse - not impressed
I thought when the Mayor was elected, Bristol would get increased government funding. What has happened?
I trust George Ferguson and the council to make the difficult choices needed. I feel Bristol is in good hands. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed budget. Please continue the public engagement on this matter.
I trust that the council will be able to make savings in certain areas without putting further pressure on the most vulnerable.
I understand about the importance of the proposals but please sort out Bristol. Over the years we have not achieved what other parts of the country have. We have lost valuable schools. warden's in old peoples homes etc. I could go on. And as for paying for green bins, Bristol go on and on about recycling but we have to pay to for the service as well as paying Council Tax.
I understand that as part of the savings you would reduce or eliminate staff in noise pollution control associated with planning applications. I suggest that instead, you retain these staff and pass the costs onto the applicant. I also understand that funding from central government for Sure Start centres is being further cut. I would urge the council to maintain these services as they are so valuable. If further savings are required, I would suggest that areas for saving should be a) libraries - there are other ways people can get access to reading these days, and b) homelessness prevention - it seems strange that this is the largest single category of discretionary spending.
I understand that the Mayor is only carrying out his statutory duty to set a budget and is helpless in the face of government cuts and that I will have to wait to the next general election to hold some people to account for this shameful "Thatcherite" budget.

I understand that the money needs to come from somewhere but it is really tough to make ends meet at the moment with all these cuts. People forget that families have and are continually making cuts to their life styles. I would only have a positive view of a council tax increase if there was a promise set in stone that it would be free future rises for a reasonably lengthy period of time; this should not be a problem if the council is as sure as they say about meeting deficits in the budget. Maybe even a promise to lower c/t rates on a set date when all these wonderful cuts have paid off? Put your money where your mouth is.

I understand that the proposals are complex and in attempting to comment on individual proposals I found the level of detail hard to work out in layman's terms. This is of course a problem for most of us in trying to comment in any useful way. However, there are a great many proposed reductions and cuts in services that could result in a reduced quality of life as citizens of this city. Especially for the elderly, jobless, children, and those in reduced circumstances, ie. the most vulnerable in our community-services that are a lifeline for many and in many ways, often not obvious to the council. These would include, transport, leisure and sport, libraries, housing and welfare and many less obvious but integral. I would ask that money remain invested in these kinds of services, that the council doesn't chase large projects that are not immediately of benefit to the community but superficially advantageous (large arena?). Please protect the most vulnerable and maintain a good level of services for ALL.

I understand the need for cuts to balance the books, however, rather than targeting the most vulnerable in society as with the CT cut, there are suitable alternatives elsewhere

I understand the need to reduce spending and believe that a 2% increase in Council Tax to be acceptable. Regarding reduction in bus service assistance I wonder why it is necessary for the Council to have to subsidize a service that should be provided by the bus companies who operate as commercial entities.

I very much hope that public toilet provision will be maintained the the above budgets at its current level.

I voted for 2 per cent increase because I understand that any higher would need an expensive referendum, but actually I think 3 per cent per year would be better. I also think that there should be some Council Tax revenue from the massive numbers of students in Bristol.

I welcome this opportunity to review the proposals. It is a sad indictment of the quality of officers who have been running the City in the past that it takes a crisis for us to look critically at costs. The first responsibility of all elected officers, of whatever political creed, should be to maintain strict control over spending even during good economic times. Some find this impossible and should not be allowed anywhere near a council chamber.

I went to the meeting at Henbury but the lack of specific items and the exact cost means that there is not enough information to make a judgement on the good and the bad. There was too much of "We are looking at....", "We will probably...." "There will be a shortfall...." etc etc. i.e. It was all generalities. I can see why the lady in the wheelchair was so anxious about funding for care. So EXACTLY HOW MUCH are you proposing to cut from various items? What really gets at me is that I read that you are spending/have spent a six-figure sum on arranging closure of roads etc for the fun days in the centre of Bristol. If this is true then you could for example have used this money to keep the public toilets open. It is outrageous that they should be closed in a city with all its tourists, elderly people, and those sleeping rough etc etc. When money is tight you should pay for the ESSENTIALS first. The remark that Bristol was 'put on the map' because the pictures of people larking around in the centre were on national News is ridiculous. When exactly would that encourage people to seriously invest here?

I wish I understood!

I would advise the housing department to stop replacing temporary homes with more temporary homes as I have moved from one to another, the new temporary homes only have a 25 year life span already halfway through. They are unsuitable for disabled people as can not be adapted but we are all moved here. Cold and inefficient buildings that are now difficult to get repairs down to as the life is now an issue. Build homes that will last a lifetime or more no expensive repairs and tenants happy to remain in them. This will take the burden off the housing list and OT and social workers time freed up to take on new tasks.

I would agree to an inflation matching increase in CT provided the investment would lead to longer term savings.

I would also support some further cuts in the discretionary services budget as listed on the alternative options webpage, in particular reductions in the Arts and Culture budget.

I would be extremely unhappy at an increase in Council Tax. I pay £212 a month for a flat in Clifton, I have no children, I barely use any public services as it is and the ones I do use (bin collection, roads) are not run to a satisfactory level.

I would be most happy to be involved in helping to cut budgets in areas that do not involve taking essential preventative services from vulnerable people who truly need help

I would expect a well-run council to responsibly allocate its budget, but I understand in these restricted times, it is helpful to have buy-in from citizens when deciding cuts. I honestly don't feel that we individual citizens are best placed to give opinions on a wide range of cuts of services that don't necessarily affect us. However, I do believe that community leaders/representatives from groups that would be affected should be consulted and worked with closely for the council to come to agreement on the budget.

I would far rather council tax was raised than services for the vulnerable in the city be cut.

I would increase the higher council tax bands more than the lower ones; living in Bristol is already difficult enough on a low income and it would make sense to ensure that it remains affordable for people with low income. Could some of the toilets be maintained if they would charge (more)? Public toilets are a useful service but I believe they're a service that should pay for itself. Also, one should investigate how to make people pay for the city center weekend toilets.

I would like the council not to forget that in times of financial hardship the most marginalised are more in need than those who can bounce back from reductions in budgets. I would suggest we do not reduce spending on the following areas/groups: 1. Inner city marginalised/economically disadvantaged communities 2. Refugees, Asylum seeker communities in need of a place of shelter & food 3. The ability to teach the English language to those most in need: women of nursery aged children, people not on active benefits and those who are impacted by the benefit cap. 4. Improve the council's ability to plan long term and work in partnership with local communities to deliver services that are requested and useful to the electorate.

I would like to make a complaint about the financial management of the Council. Several years ago the then Chief Executive, Jan Ormondroyd announced the need for £70 million of cuts from the annual budget, to be spread over the coming few years. As a result a vast range of projects were researched (at considerable expense, often via external consultants), launched, staffed and managed by newly recruited and very well paid project managers, programme managers and other external consultants. The net result of all of this expense and energy now appears, from information the Council's own budget consultation page, to be a total annual saving of just £9 million - presumably meaning that the necessary remaining £61 million of cuts to the annual budget have accrued as a deficit and are contributing now to the newly announced figure of £90 million annual budget cuts. Resources Scrutiny committee papers from October last year showed (see enclosed link) a balance sheet of all Bristol Change Portfolio Projects, (described in the paper as "...the primary vehicle through which Medium Term Financial Plan savings will be delivered"), with costs and projected savings - this sheet shows virtually no net savings at all. The Forecast outturn costs to the end of 2014/15 are £61 million, with total forecast savings derived in the same period of £63 million, yielding an actual net saving of just £2 million. "The Council could save more money it simply put the expenditure on deposit for the same period. This information is in the public domain and is/was known to all the councillors on the Scrutiny commission, all of the senior project staff, all senior leaders and all senior financial staff at time, prior to this time and on-going ever since. The mayor must have been aware of this situation, from his arrival at the authority. I would like to know: "how this mismanagement has been allowed to go unchallenged for so long (and indeed unpunished " I am aware that virtually every single member of the senior team at Bristol have since left, most with either a considerable pay out from public funds or a new well paid role elsewhere and in many cases, both.) " who is responsible for this lack of challenge " what measures are being taken against them " what measures are being taken now to ensure this cannot be repeated

https://www.bristol.gov.uk/committee/2012/sc/sc9/1019_9.pdf

I would like to make a general point about how the council procures services. A holistic interpretation of the mayor's stated policies would be to suggest that the council's own procurement policies should favour service providers who are based in Bristol and ideally provide opportunities for local small and medium sized enterprises and third sector organisations through procurement decisions. In the area of engineering and environment for example, smaller companies have been hugely disadvantaged by the use of a very high requirement for professional indemnity insurance of £10M which effectively procludes small local businesses from bidding for framework contracts. This is exactly the opposite of the Mayor's policy and illustrates the importance of close mayoral control on council procurement policy. It is sometimes argued that local authorities can achieve savings by joining with other local authorities so that there are efficiency savings associated with subcontracting services to large outsourcers like Capita, Serco, G4S etc. This outsourcing process takes jobs and income away from local Bristol people and companies who I would contend are able to deliver the same services at the same or lower cost than global outsourcers while keeping Bristol's council tax income from the local community within the same local community. The benefit of this of course is that the local community tends to spend more of its money on Bristol businesses and employ Bristol people who then provide the business rates and council tax back to the council, creating a virtual circle. To make this happen the council will have to employ procurement staff who have some commitment to this policy rather than desiring to use large international consultancies or contractors as they offer a one stop shop and make the lives of procurement staff easier as a result. I would also argue that incentivising the use of local suppliers through payment in Bristol Pounds might assist in this process while supporting a local initiative to keep money in the local economy.

I would like to reiterate that the budget disproportionately affects older people. The council could save a significant amount of money by asking care providers to offer up savings both across the board and on individual care packages.

i would like to say more but i didn't find the budget lay out neither clear nor detailed and this puts me in the unfortunate position to not have been able to form a useful opinion. I think that you need to give a real and clear budget proposal and not something so general
I would like to see sharing of systems between councils in the area e.g. Most council run very similar IT applications such as Housing Benefits, Council Tax, Office support systems - why not a SW IT function that supplies services across the region Where possible the council should move away from proprietary software e.g. MS Office to Cloud or Open Source applications.
I would look into internal council processes as so much money gets wasted. I've had to contact the council on a few separate issues and for the most its been a complete waste of time. It takes years to do a parking survey, 6 months to still have a planning issue answered and you want to put up how much I pay for sub standard services, total joke.
I would strip The Bristol Mayor and Councilors of transport, entertainment and accommodation expenses. Stop wasting money on 'Transport Schemes' and sort out a Cheap/Free Public Transport system, To reduce running costs of all Public owned buildings - investing in sustainable, renewable energy (Solar etc), take into account what money u think u will save on cutting back on services is sad in saying You giveth and taketh away.. Remember WE ARE ALL HUMANS :)
I would suggest save on things like Bristol in Bloom and Green Flag applications/awards. They are not necessary.
I'd like to see the council stop wasting money on making Bristol's roads ever more congested, with street furniture, lane narrowing and all the rest of the so-called road improvement schemes that reduce the flow of traffic and contribute to Bristol's congestion.
If any more major cuts get the ok then many Bristolians, myself included, will just be existing and not "living".
If I knew the mayor was going to impose a compulsory residents parking charge on me I would not have voted for him. This does not mean you should now ignore all the rest of my views.
If I write more than just a few words in this box I run out of space and can not easily review what I have written before, this survey is hard to use and impossible for anyone who is either not computer savy or maby has bad sight etc, this survey is a disgrace, shame on you!
if peoples income is going down, cost of living is rising, how do you expect people to afford a 2% increase each year? it's ridiculous!!!!!!!
If the council goes ahead with this budget, it will be making cuts that will affect the most vulnerable people in Bristol. The cuts will be mirroring the austerity measures implemented by the Con / Dems which clearly are designed to make the poor pay for the mistakes of the well off in our society. If George Ferguson and the present council want this on their conscience, well so be it. There is an alternative. The council should have some guts and defy central government and provide the services the people of Bristol need.
if the housing support team at Age UK Bristol is axed then so the whole organisation will be no more so does this mean the end for such a pillar and focal point of our community and the main voice for older people with a brilliant advice and insurance services where will they go.....this is a death sentence. Shutting the lovely park at Hengrove also is disgusting my family love to go there for a day out.
If there's a freeze on wage increases then the same should apply to the charges made by public and private businesses.
if they all lived in the real world like us struggling to make ends meet.and the worst bill for us is the council tax.then they would all have a clue what there talking about.the wages are,nt even enough to cover bills so putting things up again is just getting people in more and more debt.ridiculous.they live in cuckoo land i think.want more money to house and feed and give free benefits to others.

If we got rid of a mayor (as I didn't vote for 1) then we could save some money that way as he doesn't seem to do much other than wear those ridiculous trousers and expense we could well do without

if you close down any more toilets will we be allowed to use the streets as a toilet?

If you employed staff and systems that did their jobs correctly first time you would save millions. Several scenarios over the last year but has been on-going. Reported drains blocked outside my property beginning of December 2012, constantly phoned and reported it all through December and January, was given different story on why they were not cleared everytime. Water came down my drive and flooded my garage, asked if they could supply sand bags, was told not their problem, would come out if it flooded the house. Gave up for several months, drains still not cleared, continued to be blocked, finally phoned again in March/April, was told it had been taken off the system as completed. When the chaps finally came out I went out and talked to them they looked and could find no trace of anyone even complaining, this was about June. Have a hedge alongside my property which council are supposed to maintain, in deeds to that effect since 1936, every year same battle, I broke my wrist in March and was in plaster for 6wks, they finally came out and did half a job, ended up going out with arm in plaster and doing it myself, with some difficulty. At the same time some moron from your flats threw a bag of rubbish into my garden at night, I let my dogs out late they would not come in, walked down with the torch and they were rummaging through bag of gone off rubbish, managed with arm in plaster to get it into black bag, not before getting my plaster covered in curry sauce. The following morning I looked in the bag to see just what disgusting things were in there, was horrified to find empty medication packages of warfarin, fatal for dogs, along with the name of the resident, who I might add is an invalid. Reported it to housing, someone finally came out about 3 months later, said they had been on holiday, had interviewed the tenant but could do nothing about it. The tenant is bedridden for goodness sake. Have complained about a tree overhanging my property from the flats, it damaged my roof and insurance would not pay as I had not told them a tree was there. It was a bush in 1987, council have refused to remove it, have taken out new insurance which because of the tree is costing me £10 a month more. Your tenants in the flats constantly park either over my gates or to close to enable me to get my car out, in fact one did on xmas day. As half the people in there are not officially there it is hard to trace them, constant complaints to housing are ignored. There is plenty of space within the grounds of the flats that could be changed into parking. The flats were supposed to be for the use of Senior Citizens, however every tom, dick and harry are now in there why and when did you change the use, you certainly did not consult residents who live close to this complex. These are just a few of the things I and other residents around here have to endure. I might add concerning the tree, I keep getting told it is not the council's policy to remove trees, strange this as at least half a dozen trees if not more have been removed in surrounding areas, where they are near council property, obviously you are against anyone who is a private resident. This is why I will not pay anymore council tax, in fact I am seriously considering withholding any council tax until something is done.

If you want to save, as in any household look first at yourself and your spending habits. I can not raise more money when I am short of it, I have to stop spending on unnecessary things and do without other things that I was able to afford before. Stop milking the population and do what anyone else is forced to do at present. Stop spending..

I'm bored now, I don't know enough about all the areas money is wasted on, all I know is that essential services shouldn't be reduced - police, fire, healthcare. The crime rate is bad enough, and with immigration the NHS is already stretched.

I'm happy that the need for cost savings is producing a thorough review of where all the money is going. However I am concerned that many of the savings will impact the old the sick and the vulnerable. £90M sounds lot of money however it is not when seen in the context of other public spending. For example £81M was spent on the greater Bristol bus network. The number of extra passengers generated by the spending is so low that the figures cannot be revealed. Yet it is proposed to spend about £200M on the "Metrobus". The same can be said of the proposals for a network of cycle paths. Why should those who have worked all their lives have the care they need in old age cut so that the fit and able bodied can ride bicycles? The reponse will no doubt be that these come from separate budgets. I reject this. There is only one source of money. Whether it comes from council tax, income tax, lottery funding, corporate grants, the EU or any where else it all come from Joe Public's pocket in the end and it's high time politicians recognised this.

I'm pleased that there is a stated commitment to protecting services for vulnerable people. I don't believe that our national government even begins to understand how ordinary people live, let alone those facing daily disadvantage and, in some cases, real poverty. I can see how difficult it is to decide where to cut and in real terms (rather than an exercise on paper) I do not know what the consequences will be. You've talked to service heads. I know that often service heads are so far removed from the front line that they don't make the best decisions. They don't understand the nuts and bolts of the service they're managing. All this is a way of saying that I am not informed enough to promote cuts in one service to the disadvantage of another. I can only talk about waste that I perceive. I work for the Council. Please look carefully at training - what's relevant and needed. I'm glad there aren't any more free lunches. We need to be careful of all perks and freebies. Please, please be aware that not everyone owns a computer or knows how to use one. The loss of the Job Shop and other face to face services has had a huge negative impact. Daily I meet people who need help to apply for things online, and some of them are young people. We need to partner with Job Centres and match services with similar aims. I note that has been proposed, but we need more of it and in an informed way. And yes, I have to mention it: handing a huge part of Central Library over to a school that has other options was a huge mistake and incredibly short sighted. It's an organisation that already helps homeless people and those who need computers (and a great deal of help using them). What extra space the library is percieved to have could be used for partnering with organisations helping the really vulnerable. I live in a so called "deprived" inner city neighbourhood. I like it but I can see how marginalised many people feel. Have local community groups had a say in the budget, or at least consultation about what they need? Please don't just rely on service heads. Change the management culture if you can. Managers become so bogged down with politics and budgets that they forget what they're managing.

Improve the benifit fraud de tection team. There are countless numbers claiming illegally.however itishard to report! There shouldbea register of peopleclaiming housing benifit that canbe viewed. And if people are on it and working then a web site to inform thecouncil

In a lot of country people pay much more less money than in Great Britian for council tax and pay only once a year

In making any savings and/or raising funds, it is essential that the most vulnerable - including disabled people, ethnic minorities, children, the lower incomes, etc. - be protected, together with the services that they use. Research undertaken by the Fawcett Society 2 years ago (Cutting women out in Bristol) has shown that women and their children have already been the most hard hit by cuts in benefits and services. Many of the proposals here will increase this harm.

In my opinion, the council's focus on infrastructure and transportation remain the lifeline to economic recovery while simultaneously applying derived principles of revenue management.

in my veiww we should go with this as it could have been very bad in the next years ahead. give the man a chance do to the right thing now or face riun later.

In such a severe situation all arts funding should be ended immediately
Include re-opening local train stations across Bristol
Increasing Council tax by 2% a year Cutting down the benefits for the cheaters Encourage more independent local businesses rather than high street brands
Increasing council tax is not the answer. People's incomes are not increasing in-line with inflation so you are making people worse-off in general. This is not a way to improve services or the local economy. Majority of savings should be gained through reducing inefficiencies and removing unnecessary expenditure. For 1 example: I wonder how much "Make Sundays Special" have cost us already this year? I'm all for initiatives that promote a community feel and generate/stimulate ideas. I don;t think this one has delivered.
increasing council tax will be very, very hard on pensioners like me
Instead of the council tax increase, I think the rateable vaules should be looked at ! Last time buildings where vauled most of the time by driving pass the properties. This has lead to people not paying the high amount that they should, I personally know of atleast 8. Because the rateable vaule effects not only the council tax but our water and sawage bills to, it's unfair. I would have thought with the use of google earth it would be easy to see who has what land and have built on it !!!
Is the arithmetic correct? 1. One proposal is to save Â£125k in year 1 by ceasing non-statutory library services, but that appears as only Â£120k in the total at the foot of the table. 2. Savings by cutting services before year 3 are not shown as savings in subsequent years. If you save Â£50k in museums, galleries and archives by cutting a post in year 2, why is that saving not shown as continuing into year 3? If the continuing savings are not shown, the savings made by cuts in years 1 and 2 are all understated, so the total saved will be greater than that shown in the table at the foot of the summary. To put it another way, in order to meet the target of Â£43m savings over 3 years, you do not need to make all the cuts proposed because the year-on-year effects of a cut in year 1 or year 2 have not been taken into account. Or have I missed something?
It doesnt really matter what local people say as the changes will happen anyway, as it is a chance to change the local authority services by using austerity as an excuse to make the cuts as people will feel there is no choice. Why have we spent over 12 million on services for drugs /alcohol users who all self inflicted the drugs dependancy on them selves whilst cutting services to people who are in a vulnerable position through no fault of their own. Please protect the people who cannot protect themselves, old people, disabled people, young children.
it generally persecutes the more vulnerable people who would not understand how to contribute to this survey. eg. elderly and children. More creativity is needed in terms of focus on proactive rather than reactive care. Really appreciate you all thinking this through and consulting. Thanks
It is a very difficult task and I don't envy your task, my only comment is where possible the approach should be balanced with everyone contributing in some way.
It is already becoming increasingly unaffordable to live in Bristol, due to sky-high rents and council tax. This is creating a catch-22 situation for many young people, who are not able to continue living with their parents. The majority of accessible jobs are within Bristol city centre, where rents and council tax are extortionate. A hike of council tax in the coming years is going to be the last straw. Forcing young people to move outside of the city centre, and reduce their job prospects even further.
It is an appalling situation that all these proposals have been forced on us by central government. So much for the so-called economic recovery! This is just an election ploy.
It is essential that the council maintain investment in economic development so that there is employment for as many people as possible. Bristol has many advantages in the global competition for economic activity and talent so it is vital to maintain the advantage to stay competitive. This investment needs to include city marketing and investment in facilities and activities which make Bristol stand out from the crowd as a

leader in culture, creative and digital sectors.

It is good to see such a searching review of how public money is spent at the same time as trying to maintain essential services. More should be made of how the reduction in funding from central government is dramatically impacting on local funding

It is hard to easily read the detail of each proposal on the website, therefore difficult to fairly comment. In general, I would not like to see cuts to anything that directly affects the health of people. I strongly agree with ensuring that everything is being run as efficiently as possible.

It is important that consultation is made not just with the general public, but with the people who work in and provide these services. They are best placed to offer ideas for savings and income generation, and to flag up practical barriers or unintended consequences of the proposals suggested.

It is impossible to deal with this process properly with the wealth of data that is involved and the descriptions of the topics. We will all need to attend a 3 week familiarisation session on how the Council finances are arranged and where our money is spent. It makes the consultation process largely meaningless particularly the value that can be obtained from this sort of survey. Sad but true.

It is not very clear on how you are planning to invest the money made from a 2% increase in council tax.

it is out of touch and feeds the current culture of inequality. It is outrageous that some people have so much money and others have none. Those people who are most vulnerable are not getting the right service care and so this is leading to greater social problems. I have grown up in Bristol and I can't believe how much it has changed but also how some areas have just stayed the same or have got worse. We must start to address the inequalities in education, housing, employment and health care. So many people live in a bubble where they never have to struggle but they seem to be the people making the decisions!!!! Unless you have been there down in the gutter and have managed to pick yourself up and fight to just get basic needs met - housing, clothing, food, warmth - you have no idea. When you have nothing you are viewed as a criminal, a failure, a victim! - you are a human being first and foremost and should be respected and treated well. I am an optimist at heart but when I walk around I feel a distinct lack of hope for the future - I also see a lot of people who use the city as a playground with no regard for the social problems a lot of residents are dealing with.

It is paramount that Statutory front line services are protected and the proposed cuts to the nuisance response team fundamentally go against this!

It is tough but necessary

It is very difficult to comment more than superficially as there is not the detail to understand the consequences of some of these proposed cuts. Also there is not indication of the % size of cut against the current budget for that particular service, therefore impossible to get any idea of the significance of the proposal. I would caution against getting rid of admin staff - this just results in more expensive staff doing admin tasks - admin work does not decrease just because you have got rid of the staff. The Neighbourhood partnership Team is a case in point.

It is very difficult to locate the actual budget on the link that you have included, I can't find laid out anywhere what the budget is just videos and personal notes from the mayor. therefore I don't really feel able to comment without seeing the actual budget laid out. I am however happy to pay more council tax in order to contribute more to make up the shortfall. I would expect for that however to ensure that services such as libraries are not effected by cuts

It seems ridiculous to increase tax when so many people are struggling to make ends meet as it is. All that will happen is more people will get ccjs and owe more money because court costs have been slapped on top of what they were already struggling to pay.
It seems very unfair to cut public services. Living in Bristol is miserable at the moment. I work in the community. People are depressed.
It won't be easy, but the current widening of the gap between rich and poor has to be tackled, nboth locally and nationally. I m in favout generally of supporting the more vulnerable, beyond the legally required minimum. The current vocabularly used - 'shirkers' for anyone on benefits (the biggest tranche of benefit money is pensions) is invidious.
It's a difficult time with difficult decisions to make. It will be difficult for many but we should try at all times to protect the most vulnerable ad encourage the most privileged to contribute more.
It's a fair stab at an impossible target but the source of suffering shouldn't be the citizens who already give a vast amount in tax to support the nation and their local community, but the Government itself. I only wish I believed that Councillors wielded a modicum of the power they seem to believe they have. Ethical survival and legacy in any business does not come about by kicking the lowest rung of the ladder from under you, but by sawing off the top rung.
It's a really hard job you're doing but I think focusing on reducing duplication with the voluntary sector could be very useful. Thanks also for consulting in a clear manner which is a lot more than most other places I have lived!
Its a sad day when we stop caring and maintaining our parks which give so much to Bristol that is not quantified by this budget proposal.
Its about time local gov and particularly Bristol as this where we live stuck up to this barbaric government. Refuse to 'balance the books' it will only encourage them to come back or more. How many cuts are you prepared to accept? It isn't just the reduction in council services at issue but also the ability of lots of people particularly women, people with disabilities and ethnic minorities to gain good quality, flexible employment. This agenda is creating a whole era of misery in which you seem to be happy to be involved. I have yet to hear George speak out and challengne these cuts but he still has money for his 'vanity projects'.
its about time someone independant like the mayor is looking at the wasteful council budget - i applaude him, it is long overdue. like most large taxpayer funded institutions the waste has gone on long enough - too many chiefs and not enough indians. well done george
It's important to prioritise access to arts and culture, e.g. libraries, to allow all in society to benefit from life's opportunities and have as high a quality of life as possible.
It's time to cut the tree at the top starting with the Mayor
Its vital that Bristol keeps its unique funding for the Arts, Its young and its elderly. As for how you save - i have no idea. Id rather pay more in council tax. Should council tax, like income tax, be based more on income rather than house size? This has always felt like a mad scheme and I know its set outside of the Councils remit to change. Id like to understand more and get more involved. simon
Just wanted to comment on the library at this point. Thanks!
Keep publix convieniences open

Less about the budget but more about the widely held perception of excessive expenses spent by the mayors office and blatant wastage of government grants. The terprise zone for example was intended as a way to get technology, excitement, development to an area with several commitments, one being updated and improved broadband coverage. This hasnt happened, George has spent the money on a tent and allowing the use of the facility be carefully selected and quite possibly linked organisations. It has added nothing to the area except waste, insurance costs, litter and people who dont bring anything positive to the area and dont want to - remember what happened when tesco located in stokes croft...it is the same but opposite here. A business district isnt suitable for a circus, especially a damn expensive one. My point is that if you want to cut budgets look closer to home first. Frequent trips abroad to promote Bristol to the Brazillians, the French, the Danish etc - pointless, sort out our issues first.

Let people pay for what they use!

Let people without children opt out of having to pay for education.

Let's not make the vulnerable suffer yet again for the powerful's indiscretions.

Look after those in most need and unable to speak for themselves. Reduce subsidy for 8/9 bus which services onecof the richer areas in Bristol.

Look at the morale of your staff and value them, create opportunities for people to smash the glass ceilings in place, there are a lot of talented people who can see the problems and have solutions no one listens to. Less middle management.

Look at your staffing, it's is over the top and managment us bloated.you seriously need to bring in a strong managment team from the commercial sector, any increase in salaries for the best would be more than recouped by the saving in getting value from money from the councils and by default as a rates and taxes payer therefore my employees

Looking at ways to reduce in-house council costs would save a lot of money and reduce the burden of taxes and surcharges on the general public.

Looking for increased efficiency in the delivery of services, and indeed what services are provided, must be a continuing process, not just one brought in when there are financial pressures.

Make sure the elderly & vulnerable are cared for!

Make the planning process watertight to prevent pressure groups and sitting councillors raising Judicial Reviews, costing the Council additional money, delays in developments, employment and much needed social housing.

making more people redundant when there is so many people already out of work as council tenant I have had to wait over 1 month for a lock on my toilet door to be repaired if these redunts take place how much longer will we have to wait

Mayor elected by the people should have courage to have a referendum - by proposing council tax increases above 2%

Mayor needs to lead a loud public campaign against national government 'austerity', and to ensure national government regulates the financial sector, deals with tax avoidance and devolves tax revenue to city councils.

metrobus should be scrapped. residential parking schemes should be scrapped

Might be worth surveying users of the various services specifically to help identify savings - I have had a couple of reasons to engage with the Council Tax team for instance and their inefficiency has surprised me. It may be that here is a need for a systems improvement... or perhaps there are quality issues that could be addressed that would offer up incremental cost savings...

Might I suggest that the council contacts the government and recommends that they force HMRC to chase up uncollected corporation tax and tax otherwise evaded or avoided by both corporate entities and rich individuals. I think the council's budget deficit will be easily covered by the amount of tax evaded or avoided by said entities and individuals which is estimated at anywhere between Â£32 bn (HMRC's own rather conservative figure) up to approximately four times that amount.

More thought and transparency appears to have been given to this budget.

Most of working peoples incomes are low enough as it is and still paying a lot of money to the Council tax system, a few quid more is a lot more and the repercussions of putting it up any more is criminal. Of all the things that could change, people are trapped in their own debt or problems to sort out rather than worrying about having to find more money!

move housing officers from St annes house to symes house as that will mean less costs in travel expenses as the Housing officers will be nearer their patch. Move parkview staff to St annes house perhaps as parkview is rented? tell MPs to review THEIR pensions and stop giving themselves 30% odd pay increases whilst starving local authorities.... it reeks of hypocrisy ... austerity for some....

Mr Ferguson should not act as Eric Pickles' poodle. He should stand up for the people of Bristol. Yes he should make efficiency savings - but the saved money should be ploughed back into Bristol. The current "Austerity" measures have come about by a massive failure in the private sector, yet the targets for the measures are firmly in the public sector. Please show proper commitment to the public sector, Mr Ferguson.

Mr ferguson, you need to talk to the real people of Bristol. Not just the highly paid people that stay cooped up in your offices making decisions that WILL NOT affect them personally. Some of your proposals are preposterous and I cannot understand and see any rational thinking in them. You say your are for the people but what people? The upper class I highly suspect. Please come to the underprivileged people of South Bristol and see how they really live and the huge impact your proposed cuts will have on their day to day lives. It seemed you were on a one man mission to encourage everyone to ride bikes around Bristol, how we were all mistaken as this has become much more. This will not win you votes or popularity, nor will it help Bristol for the better.

Much as I welcome the opportunity to comment, the entire exercise is posited on unreasonable (not to say immoral) policies of central government with respect to the distribution of monies to cities and regions from which flows the seeming obligation to pick and choose between cuts. (There are sound macro-economic arguments running counter to this approach which this is not the time to rehearse.) Rather than accept the need for cuts as "required," I should like to see the Mayor and council make its non-compliance with austerity policies explicit to central government. Bristol and the West Country more generally is an independently-minded area of the UK with the will the confront a London-based/ Tory-dominated administration with the economic error of its ways.

Much more effort should be put into creating more green space and removing the divine right of the car in the city. It is far too dangerous to cycle.

My daughter has been working in Australia since April and and will possibly be there for 2 years. you have refused me my Single Ocupancy allowance and I would to know why!! D Haines. BS15 1HW.

My experience from having waited over 6 months for an email to be answered by the mayor, with numerous reminders and ultimately a letter written to the Evening Post is that public input is largely a waste of time and is all politic froth.

My household can't afford an increase in Council Tax due to redundancy and only having part time work. Now being down-graded so will be losing pay. Many others in same boat. Do more to pursue those who do not pay their Council tax then you won't need to increase it.

My main concern is the proposed closure of School Road. We need School Road. You can close as many public toilets you want. They are not safe. They are places for drug addicts and pervs to hang out. I never use them. You need to keep of the services that the invulnerable, people with learning difficulties and the elderly. Thank you.
My only concern is increasing business rates. By keeping these low (they're too high already) you encourage more people to start their own businesses, which in theory should increase employment, make Bristol look attractive to visitors (no empty premises), reduce burden on benefits and boost local economy. Thank you for the consultation.
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n/a
Need some consideration about the needs of people with dementia.
Needs 50 per cent cut in payments to Councillors and Mayor.
Needs must. The Council strikes me as an inefficient machine as stands so I support the restructure and improvements.
Neighborhood working co-ordinators, NDT and community engagement needs to be looked at as reduction of duplication and the amount of money spent here for poor outcomes, or outcomes that are actually achieved by individual teams (pollution control/highways/commercial enforcement) and not the co-ordinators. In other words it's not their problem solving skills that solve the problem.
No
NO EXCUSES WITH THE CENTRAL GOVT BUDGET CUTS. NO HINTS OF DIRECT AND INDIRECT COLLABORATION WITH THE SAVAGE CUTS. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS NOT EXPLORED AT ALL.
No increase should be made for any services provided by the council until the wage freeze is lifted by the government.
No mention of how much CTB costs. Those who pay should at least be aware of how much we're subsidising other people by.
No mention of pure overheads, such as the management team and executives. Propose nobody earns more than the PM, and in general senior staff do not earn more than MPs. Abolish final salary pensions (as much of private sector has done); not sustainable for the public to fund pension levels unaffordable in the "real world". Target overall headcount reduction of non-frontline staff of 50% over 3 years.
No one thinks of the working class, whatever we earn after working hard we cannot afford a home or essentials. It's a shame my daughter isn't even entitled to her own bedroom on the council housing list (as I cannot afford private) yet we are hard working, and always lived here (British citizens) priorities are given to immigrants too much all these cuts are happening because the government decided to look after everyone but their own people....
No option to comment on amount being spent on introducing 20mph. Why not concentrate on areas near schools and hills and leave the more expensive road alterations until we know if this works? Don't cut Air pollution monitoring as this may get worse with 20 mph. Keep funding CAB properly and keep Bear Pit toilets open -essential for traders hygiene as well as volunteers who work on the earth beds.
NO PARKING PERMITS - EXTRA TAX ON ALL RESIDENTS OF BRISTOL AND NOT THE COMMUTERS.
No residents parking I walk to work why should I pay because others don't. Keep the reduced bus fares and Sunday Special.
none

Not enough attention has been focused on "discretionary spend". Remove the local bus subsidy - if services aren't commercially viable, they shouldn't run. Remove the park and ride subsidy - why are the costs so high?! Users fees should cover the running costs. Neighbourhood Partnerships make little difference to the many citizens so is the Â£2m cost being spent wisely? What does the Â£2m spent on "crime reduction" actually deliver? The amount spent on museums is excessive - and the arts budget should be capped at Â£2m. If grounds maintenance in parks excludes development of facilities then that too needs to be cut substantially. Support to sport should be reviewed to establish who is benefitting from it, and whether it represents good value for money.

Not sure of the details yet.

Nothing done by the council should effect those on benefits not in a way the means they get less money or have to pay out more. Most like me are only just scrapping by as it is I don't even manage to get food every month. So making changes to council tax or anything else should not make people on benefits lives harder than they already are

Nowhere is there any mention of payments made by the Council in response to claims eg for broken shoes caused by tripping over an uneven paving stone. I am guessing here, but I suspect the Council pays out a lot of money, probably in quite small amounts, without challenging the claimant or asking for proof. I hope I'm wrong, but, as we all know, many people submit fraudulent claims whenever they smell easy money. And there is not only the cost of the claims, but of the administration involved. If my assumptions are correct, isn't it time the Council toughened up on this? If claimants were forced to go to Court they might be less ready to claim, and as the Court can only deal with a finite number of claims, the queue would get longer and longer... In other words, make it much more difficult for people to make such claims.

Of the options provided, I selected the most appropriate. However, I feel a rise greater than 2% but less than 5% should be levied to protect services offered.

Offensive and sheer stupidity

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On the whole as a council officer, I agree and fully support the Mayor's proposals, not everyone both residents and council officers will agree and support these proposals. However, the time has come for a serious review in how the council delivers its services. Over a number of years departments have duplicated officer roles, which have led to significant costs which the council can no longer afford. We must face up to the fact that there is a need for change, otherwise we are on a downward slope.

On the whole I complete agree with the move toward a three year plan and the majority of the savings that are being introduced. They have to be implemented - too many people don't really really seem to get the principle that the Council has to operate on a budget much like every other resident of Bristol. I would be strongly in favour of redundancies to bureaucratic roles at the Council and the endless layer of middle management that seem to get paid too much for doing very little. How about introducing a culture of less meetings and more action!!!!

On the whole, it makes sense, although there is too much reduction in services to the elderly and physically impaired

Once again , it is the public face of the council and the people desperate for the services the council provides that will suffer . It is the management of the council who should be redundant . Not the lower levels of staff

Once again , the old and vulnerable suffer . The council should start at the top . Way too many managers to support the hard workers .Who are these faceless managers managing ?!

Only that it looks like tough choices have been carefully considered. Note that many of the efficiency savings represent challenging targets and slightly dubious about whether these proposals can in practice be delivered and the council remaining effective...

Open-Ended Response
Over the years Bristol City Council has not done little to justify the increase in council tax over the years. Bristol City Council lost millions of pounds in the Icelandic banks during the crash, why was this money not used before then, when schools were struggling to stay open and the NHS was coming under pressure? I understand that a debt has to be cleared now, but the salaries for the working person is not increasing by the amounts proposed in the new budget. Yet I note that MPs salaries are due to increase by 11%? Does the Mayor think this is fair?
Overall, I think the transparency of the budget is good. Having completed the consultation, I can see why everyone is turning to campaigns on Facebook. I like the idea that you are encouraging people to suggest their own ideas. I would just say that length and concentration required is going to make people doing this online get bored and switch off, in particular, the parts of society that these budget cuts most affect.
Overspend on administrative procedures should be reduced. Also save money and be more green in council offices. Spend on waste/recycling should not be reduced - levels of recycling seem to have decreased since targets were hit?
Pay the Mayor less
Penalising residents by imposing a 2% increase in Council Tax each year for the next 3 years is a cop out by Mr Ferguson. It's seen as the easiest way to raise additional income, when the 2% won't actually go towards paying for any improvement in public services given the nature of the budget cuts already muted. One way Mr Ferguson could save money is scrapping the RPZ's which have an associated cost in terms of changes to signage/road markings, along with the costs of enforcing the RPZ's. It was recently announced that the council had invested £114,000 in 44 cameras dotted around the city which are being used for traffic modelling. This is an unnecessary expense in the knowledge of reductions in funding from the Central Government. During the summer, Mr Ferguson insisted on Car Free Sundays in the City Centre, again at additional expense to the Council in the knowledge of their reduced budget. Why? The best way to save money is to examine existing processes and determine if they're efficient and meeting the needs of their intended audience. If not, work to rectify these processes, improve efficiencies and then savings will be evidenced via attrition in the workforce. Centralised all government departments within a single building and leasing or selling those buildings not financially viable is another solution to saving money!
People have already suffered with all the new cuts and would bring even more problems to people maybe in the future the timing would be better
People have voted for a green and ethical mayor. If you make cuts, then make them green and socially inclusive and not decisive.
Perhaps the top dogs of the city council would like to recommend euthanasia for the old people of Bristol & disabled
Perhaps we could do away with the elected mayor and his entourage and spend the savings on services instead of on this extra layer of admin!
Please base any budget reductions on common sense, and people's basic values, it goes a long way. Look at what is absolutely necessary, and if the Council is run as a business, what is its return on each budget investment in terms of benefit to Bristol. Any area which is failing or continuing to be a drain on resources despite continuing investment, should be closely examined.

Please be aware that snr managers in Strategic Housing did not disclose the size of the cut to welfare rights and money advice services, and its implications for vulnerable groups in the first EQIA which was on the website for nearly 3 weeks; it only mentioned a cut to training provision and for some reason said that client equalities data was not available (it is). They said to staff that other parts of WRAMAS, ie not Supporting People funded, were not proposed for cuts because councillors are aware of the value of advice services to the most vulnerable, ie when benefits are being cut back and real wages stagnating, But the cut is not just to training- though that needs protecting as well, but extensive specialist casework for the most vulnerable- over 70% of client group are disabled, many have mental health needs, others are older people and refugees etc. Other advice services funding has been protected, and the Supporting People team did not want to cut this valuable service which 84% of support workers rated a 'excellent' in the last satisfaction survey. The high need for advice and assistance means there is no spare capacity in other advice services. WRAMAS provides an efficient and effective service, it has already been assessed by a BCC business analyst who found no need to change service provision. The lost of 4 posts (and possibly more due to other unspecified S Hsg savings) out of 8.2 in the specialist services for support workers, on top of the loss of 3 other temp posts ending in June 14, will drastically reduce work outcomes. Each full time caseworker can help vulnerable people gain or maintain income of about Â£350k, ie nearly 10x cost of providing the service, High costs of rent arrears recovery and dealing with homelessness can also be avoided, and the income gains support the local economy and help prevent debt generally. Please protect this essential service.

Please can you stop pollarding trees in Victoria Pk. Healthy trees pose no risk to people. It makes them look hideous. Please accept donated books at libraries. I think this is not done due to disease concerns. Please realise that normal library books are far more packed full of disease than a donated on read by one person. And furthermore they will be covered by a hygienic plastic cover, making them perfectly okay as far as I know. Its silly not to accept these donations.

Please carefully consider the effect of increasing business rates. In some cases business rates exceed rental costs. Business rates is a dis-insentive to opening a business.

Please consider carefully items which could be considered as a want not an essential, i.e arts & sports. These are things which whilst we all appreciate them could be put on a back burner till finances are in better shape. St Pauls has had more than their fair share of funding in the recent past and I think this could be put on hold for the time being. General safety, care of the elderly and the vulnerable should take priority as should the provision of toilets which cater for an essential and unavoidable need.

Please continue to support funding for sports, educational and social activities as these are paramount to the well-being of the community of Bristol. In these difficult times, these activities are amongst the first for families and individuals to cut back. Equal opportunity to access leisure and educational activities for all Bristol residents provide an escape from reality, opportunity to make friends, support job applications, improve health and positive thinking of individuals while strengthening communities around Bristol.

PLEASE CUT the ARTS budget and focus on practical services.. We should not be subsidizing the interests of the middle class who can well afford to go to cinema, theatre and circus.. I don't expect Bristol to pay for my hobbies, running, skate boarding, surfing etc..But I do expect education, health care and good business, focus on business and growth.. Oh and I'm not Labour, Conservative or Liberal and am not making political point..

Please do not close the public toilets and ensure that parks continue to be maintained to current standards.

Please do not close toilets in St. George Park as in thye last few years we had a new play area and the children will have no toilet facilities.

please do the best for this city and its people and think for the long term, not just the short term, many thanks

Please don't make people life More harder by increasing bills

Please empty the bins more often and decrease immigrant funding. Thanks. I'm sick of funding immigrants when I work almost every hour god sends and still can't get a dentist appointment because I am not on benefit. Amongst other things this annoys me. I am a compassionate person and I don't want people to suffer but surely people should have to contribute a certain level of taxes to then take from the system.
Please get rid of teams that do not help the public, e.g Noise Pollution Team. Also having too many teams who do similar jobs, is also a waste Teams need to be monitored more often to get the best value for money
Please invest in Bristol's traffic infrastructure. Bristol is expanding and the traffic is getting worse. I would happily use Public transport if I could get from South Bristol to North Bristol easier. (Underground/or 1 bus from Hengrove to Bristol Parkway/tram/wider car lanes to ease congestion.
Please keep all the public toilets open. To other tourist areas have at 20p or 30p charge which seems fair I'm sure people would be prepared to pay rather than have no toilets when they are out and about enjoying all areas of the city.
Please keep job cuts to minimum.
Please listen to the people of Bristol and go with the majority, you'll be liked more. Keep asking us what we want, not telling us what we are going to get
Please manage and monitor the relevant teams and department. Because failure to do so means we are spending money Un necessarily.
Please protect vulnerable residents
Please re-think cutting money from the old, vulnerable and less affluent in our city. There are some things in our city that are more valuable than spending money on targeting people to cycle more or funding fact finding trips abroad.
Please review the amount of money you spend on consultants and traffic lights. Also community transport should be available for registered disabled only not anybody who defines themselves as disabled.
Please stop wasting money on the Make Sunday Special road closures. Dont bother with the Rapid transport link. Stop spending money on more cycle friendly initiatives. People need food and homes and jobs. It's not the end of the world if we're not the greenest city in Europe.Get down off your high horse and spend the money on the things that really matter to everyone.
Please, no more cuts. Most people can afford an reasonable increase in their council tax, whatever they say. As long as the money is spent wisely. And we need to support the very poorest. Introduce efficiency savings- if they really are savings....
Pleased to see consultation. Difficult to comment with any knowledge on so many detailed proposals. Maybe future consultations could look more generally at which areas people would spend or save in using bar charts/ info-graphics etc. Or a survey similar to vote match?
Prior to having an "elected Mayor" D.Cameron said that cities electing a Mayor would have better financial deals than those that do not elect Mayors. How come we have now got enormous funding cuts? The closure of toilets is a diabolical decision. Just how will visitors and Bristolians cope with this? It will be particularly bad for the elderly population.
Priorities should be on maintaining services as much as is possible - streamlining any administration to do so would seem appropriate. Too much emphasis has been put on 'greener' schemes - closing roads to make pedestrian areas, closing bridges to vehicles (as has been publicised in press) just cause disruption to most Bristolians -Bristol is already one big rat trap, and I have to spend longer and longer trying to get from a to b. Minimising administration costs and making systems more efficient would be a great way to better use funds.

Promises, Promises! ! !, you let us down Mr Ferguson. I hope you sleep well at night because we don't with all this worry. Broken promises from day one and I voted for you. SHAME ON ME.

Provide more bus lanes & make public transport cheaper

Public toilets should not be closed they are a necessity and should all be kept open, there are many people who need to use them for health reasons, children need them especially if they are being toilet trained. The toilets which used to be on the centre should never have been knocked down as the toilets on the centre now are awful, you have a fear of being mugged as you have to go down stairs. They are no good for people with suitcases, pushchairs, shopping trolleys etc. What is needed is decent toilets on the centre for when people come off their coaches. What an awful first impression visitors have if they have to use that toilet. If toilets are closed then people won't bother to come to Bristol they will go elsewhere. People with health problems and the elderly will end up being housebound if toilets are closed. So much for helping the elderly not being lonely. What is also needed is changing place toilets so that the carer and the person they care for can go out for the day and not have to rush back as there is no toilet facilities for them. Our mobile library closed and we were given an outreach library for the elderly instead. My neighbour now has crates of big printed books delivered to her, now this is being proposed to stop. I am worried that this consultation wasn't easy to do and wonder how many people didn't bother to do it for this reason. I am also very concerned that many people don't know of all the cuts that will affect them. I am also very concerned when all the people come into the country how are we going to be able to cope we can't cope now hence the budget, where are they going to be housed, there isn't enough housing now and it is very unfair if they go to the top of the housing list. There aren't enough jobs for people living here now let alone more coming into the country.

Putting forward proposals which include the widespread swinging of the axe at council employees jobs is an insult to anyone who is aware how much money the council willfully wastes on a day-to-day basis. ie. £20k resoring the bell at the Lord Mayors chappel, £40k refurbishment of the organ at the Lord Mayors chappel. That's 3 peoples jobs I just saved by cutting out just 2 wasteful spends, why can't the allegedly intellegent people who run the council see this, cutting peoples jobs to enable you to keep your perks is disgraceful.

Q1 Why is it necessary rebuilding the councils reserves to £13.6m is there any ponit holding so much money in reserve? Q2 I notice the mayor is keeping £48m for things he wants to do? What projects are these?

Quality of life and community is key to a good way of life and the council provides three key areas of support: libraries, sports centres and parks. Paying extra council tax to protect and maximise these would be worthwhile. Alternative ideas I have is to make all libraries a coffee house as well by allowing a local coffee company eg coffee one to open a coffee 'pod' in each of the smaller libraries and profit share with the council (should work because margins high as no expensive outlay or property cost. It would also increase use of libraries as a social meeting place (make them less stuffy). Also if a nominal charge for book rent was introduced, this might totally avoid cuts in this area. Parks have been an amazing success over recent years and are now incredibly well used - maintenance is key.. Again need to ensure adequate maintenance ... Help from local communities and perhaps schools should be encouraged to help look after their amenities on say a rotational basis? In sports centres maximise number of classes that are popular and which must earn large sums eg Zumba or aerobics classes always seem full or spin classes.. Make sure sports centres are treated as commercial entities even if it means narrowing the offering slightly... If it appeals to the masses it will make money and be well used. All these measures might even avoid have to collect extra tax and keep these vital facilities. Don't just cut think about alternatives.

Quite interested to see how the change in approach effects everything.

R P L 024 (Health and social care housing related support) This is a needed service for our community

Raise monies for capital expenditure by selling off excess properties (council buildings)

Rather you than me. It is difficult for me to comment about the council's budget. I do however hope that the council will make sensible and necessary cuts. I really dislike waste and I hope that this recession will teach us all to be mindful of waste and unnecessary expenditure. Good Luck.

-Re the proposal to cut so much from maintaining the city's trees: the plan to keep the PiPS instead of maintaining the mature and recently planted trees is so shortsighted. The PiPS project is very laudable but when money is tight then the essentials should

Recently I saw a number of vacancies on the Bristol city council website offering 6 figure salaries which is a disgrace when you consider the number of hard working committed employees who in the main are probably on an average salary of no more than £30,000 & now face an uncertain future. Surely commonsense should prevail and the need for these 'non job roles' be reconsidered or is it a case looking after those at the top and a total disregard for how this impacts on employee morale and the tax payers impression of the attitude of those responsible for managing the public purse.

Reduce arts subsidies.

Reduce Commercial Waste enforcement - May lead to further cost to clear up afterwards

Reduce revenue spending on implementation of 20 mph limits and cycling specific funding.

Reduce the salaries of officials including Mayor Ferguson.

Reduce the top managers/executives salaries

Reduce unemployment benefits for all people without health issues or propose them do some social services in exchange. All gains spend on education.

Reducing non-essential services and improving efficiency is normal for most companies so seems like an obvious proposal to me.

Remove all road changes made for First Bus and allow Bristolians to drive their cars and if this means sitting in traffic jams, then so be it. We have been doing it for over 30 years. If we had wanted to go by bus we would have done it years ago, but no, by and large we are happy to sit in jams rather than go on our appalling bus service.

Research has demonstrated the wider economic benefits of museums, galleries & archives is significant, especially in terms of the city's tourist offer. The museums service is funded only about 40% by the council, and the grant aid that provides another 40% is to a great extent dependent on the existence of local authority funding. Any significant reduction in the city's budget for the service puts at risk some of that funding coming into the city from outside.

resign

Response to Bristol City Council Budget Consultation December 2013 From the residents of Perrymans Close, Fishponds, BN16 2JN (see below) Section: Revenue Raising â€” Bristol City Council Estates We note that the budget makes reference to the need for Estates to contribute their share of revenue generation. We also note that the budget proposal does not include any specific mention of charging for parking at Oldbury Court Estate, Fishponds. However, we have received no confirmation to date that parking charges will NOT be imposed. We are very concerned that any move to charge for parking in Oldbury Court Estate will immediately lead to large numbers of visitors to the estate using adjacent streets as car parks rather than pay parking charges. This will cause traffic congestion leading to constant access problems in local streets for residents, visitors to the estate and wheelchair users (due to obstructed pavements) We estimate that over 100 cars can easily park in streets close to the car park. We have seen up to 25 cars (in addition to residentsâ€™ vehicles) parking just in Perrymans Close. The Oldbury Court car park was closed for refurbishment from February to July this year. This resulted in serious traffic congestion, especially, but not only, at weekends. During the car park refurbishment, carriageways and pavements in our street and those surrounding us were regularly obstructed. Actual problems included 1. Emergency vehicles obstructed 2. Residents unable to drive down the street to our properties due to traffic congestion and badly parked cars. 3. Pavements rendered impassable â€” wheelchair users could not use the pavements and were forced to use the road itself 4. Existing double yellow lines ignored (even by council vehicles) 5. Deliveries unable to access our properties â€” including furniture (which had to be carried down the street) and grocery deliveries (essential for elderly residents) We therefore request that the council confirms that parking charges will not be implemented at Oldbury Court estate car park. However, should the council decide to proceed with charging, we strongly request that parking controls be implemented in all streets adjacent to the estate, prior to the imposition of charges. We would also draw to the councilâ€™s attention to the likelihood that if the charges are imposed and enforced parking controls are NOT put in place then income from the charges will be significantly reduced as large numbers of cars will park in adjacent streets. With the loss of over 100 parking charges a day (and more at weekends) we doubt that a charging regime would be financially viable. Supported by residents of Perrymans Close No 1. Derek and Betty Colman No 2. Kevin and Jane Stack No 3. Michael and Mary Williams No 4. Alan and Pam Iles No 5. Andy and Donna Comley No 6. Chris and Jane Rowbury No 7. Stuart and Joyce Main No 8. Patrick and Carol Birch

Review all disability benefits, LOADS of people claim these illegally and nothing is done about it. But increasing council tax is in no way shape or form the answer it will create more problems financially as more people will need benefits grants or loans to be able to pay it!

review and decrease allowances for expenses withing the local governments. no other source of employment has such a high salary topped up with expenses. wake up to the fact that you are employed on our behalf, not as a get rich quick scheme

Review council tax bands - the top threshold of 300k is unfair on those that just hit the band but others have far more expensive properties

ridiculous

Right on! Parts of the council are inefficient with too many chiefs and not enough indians. Money is wasted on stuff like Grafitti support. More cuts please!

RUBBISH

Save money by halting all Mr Ferguson's vanity projects like closing roads on Sundays, Bristol as a "Green Capital" and the promotion of cycling over motorised transport.

Save money by not destroying the trees in Castle Park. They are beautiful. Find another use for the derelict building by all means but don't eat into the lovely green space our wonderful parks and gardens look after so well.

Save money by removing cost of mayor
Save money from the high speed train
Savings are necessary and more efficient ways of working have to be introduced. Taxes have to rise and vital services have to be maintained. But support needs to be aimed at the most needy and the greatest number rather than vociferous minority groups and PC ideologies. The Mayor wants to make Bristol great - we all say amen to that target. Good luck.
Savings from working collectively with all interested parties in the city. In terms of social housing. Can we look at services that could be delivered jointly with other Housing Associations operating in the same area as council housing? Would potentially provide better value for money and more resources for an area.
School rd respite unit should not close my Daughter use s it and pays for it. She also works at a day care Centre for the Elderly and my loose Her job. Just months after coming off her benefits. .
Scrap the 20mph speed limit programme. It will avoid spending on signs, road markings and other changes.
Scrap the ill thought out and unnecessary 20 MPH blanket ban,over the whole city,therefore saving,I believe 2.3 million pounds of taxpayers' money.Also ,switch off many needless traffic lights,and cancel pointless cosmetic traffic schemes,which only cause more congestion.
Seek powers to share in economic growth by retaining NNDR receipts
Seems a bit top heavy on reduction for the Older people services who are a vulnerable group,
Sell your traffic lights for scrap so the traffic can get moving again.
Services affected, need to know more what the proposed changes would mean. The texts is not complete. At the moment various interpretations are taking place. Looking at voluntary redundancies and early retirements hasn't been measured and presented in the budgets. No information is available on that. It is not clear if unoccupied vacancies are part of the suggested savings or is it only active jobs that would be affected. Why would the Council spend millions of pounds on capital projects but want to save from Revenue budget?
services for older people should be given more money to enable them to continue to live in their own homes
Shouldn't be centered on cuts, but more on helping housing department run efficiently. City Hall answerphone personell and staff not there to reply to phone calls.
So many of the cuts seem to penalise the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged. There don't seem to be even token cuts in more "frivolous" activities. Fireworks and art installations etc are fun, but not at the expense of services to the above groups, whose quality of life is not improved by the latter types of provision. Cuts have to be made, but Bristol needs to shine a light on how well it treats the vulnerable rather than how well it can organise a PR event when essential budget cuts have to be made. The Government needs to be shown that Bristol wants to stand up for all its citizens and not just kow tow to government slash and burn policies towards the disadvantaged.
Sorry but it didn't include the areas I wished to comment on. What I would like to see is funding for an immediate improvement to the safety of Bristol's cyclists. Whilst I understand that in the long term Dutch style cycle lanes are to be introduced, in the interim period and as a matter of urgency please segregate traffic by means of semi segregation such as ridges, cats eyes and rumble strips. These can be installed quickly and relatively cheaply and will make an immediate difference to the safety of cyclists while we wait for the more permanent solutions. Many thanks

Sorry, I didn't have a hard copy of the questionnaire to refer to as I filled it in, so I missed the fact that you asked for alternatives at the end. I put my alternatives throughout as I wrote each section. It is very difficult for me to focus currently due to an eye problem that triggers pain around my eyes - so I can't go through it all again. Hope it makes sense!! No point going to the public meetings if they are only an hour long it won't be long enough and will be too 'top level' not getting down to the line by line feedback that you want.
spend it on community based organisations that can demonstrate high levels of impact through projects rather than just funding the same old groups that swallow up funding but don't produce exciting projects
Spending money on improving cycle lanes are waste of time, they don't use them, parking services don't target on foot the worst areas,
Stand up to the government and challenge their reductions! This austerity program is insane and sets the country back by years. Make childcare, schools and public transport a priority!
start helping the people of Bristol rather than giving money to people that have no right to it
Start national service again so many children leaving school not enough jobs they will end up either on the dole or in prison by the time their 20 as their are so many without qualification and no alternative
Stop council travel expenses
Stop funding the Arts so much. They should be generating their own income like a business.
Stop picking on the easy targets and get rid of council officials who are not accountable to the public. Think money could be saved halving managers in the council!
Stop raising council tax, it's already too much for a lot of people to afford.
Stop taking my hard earned money! I already pay too much council tax/ tax/ NI/ inflated energy bills. You are like a money vampire sucking every bit of cash out of people who are already struggling
Stop taking the support away from people that really need it and by stopping the on call noise pollution team and it will let pubs think that they can run wild as I live next to a pub and I'm always calling noise pollution out if they go who going to Control all the noises a night where do you go to help?
Stop the Bristol Arena plans. That would make most of the proposed savings. Ferguson's vanity project won't help Bristol. Stopping cuts to services will.
Stop this drama and sort out your problems. We are paying on time and through difficult times when we did not get a pay rise so be smart and simpler... That's way to go.
Stop wasting money on anything to do with cycling, we need an Arena, where is it ?
Stop wasting money on Arts/culture and other useless rubbish. Concentrate on more police, rubbish collections, crime reduction ...things people that actually earn a living care about.
Stop wasting money on crazy ideas like closing the city center on some Sundays. Also turn fountains off as they cost a fortune in power supply Look at turning road lights off between midnight and 6am or more
Stop wasting money on messing about with the roads such as whiteladies and the introduction of traffic lights throughout the city. The amount of time wasted by residents sat in unnecessary and council created traffic jams creates far more problems than it solve. Use this saving to reduce the deficit.
stop wasting money, Many saving could be made by cutting the staff who do very little for most of the year in the Allotments department. The Volunteer Site Managers do most of the work.
Stop wearing stupid red trousers how can we take a mayor seriously to look after our city when he dresses like a member of the monster raving looney party
Stopping "make Sundays special" Would save £200,000 if the reported figures are correct.
Tax less, spend less. The only services a single man like me sees from the Council are recycling, bin collections and street cleaning, all of which have seen a reduction in service (less frequent collections).

Tax the wealthy, but aspects such as toilets, libraries and parks should be free and encouraged
<p>The At Home Service is a valuable service which cannot be done adequately by volunteers. There are protected characteristics in this category, which the council is turning a blind eye to. It would be better to close the quiet libraries (yes the quiet ones!) because in the business world they are not economically viable. Whereas, the At Home Service is strong & vibrant. Provide a mobile library- reinstated, for the deprived areas and see if this takes. (Do you think Tesco's would keep a quiet retail store if it was not making money, and close one that was?)</p>
Thank you
Thank you for clearly summarising the council's plans and allowing easy access to this information.
Thank you for making serious proposals and asking for input.
Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment. I can see a great deal of thought has gone into difficult decisions and trust that the best options will prevail even if we don't like them all.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment. It is hugely appreciated.
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to look at, and respond to, the proposed budgets - I really do welcome this approach. I fully recognise the difficulty faced by the Council in regards to maintaining only the most valuable services whilst cutting others and reducing costs. Although I have not commented on each individual proposal, I would offer the following thoughts/opinions: 1) Where the Council has a number of suppliers (in regards to either the services it offers or whomever provides resources/equipment to Council offices/employees) is there any opportunity to perhaps reduce the number of suppliers, looking instead to securing fewer suppliers that can do more/offer more services, and therefore try and use the increased scale of the contract to a supplier in order to try and reduce the overall costs charged to the Council (through effectively "buying in bulk")? 2) Seek to partner more private businesses with local community causes - capitalising on their expertise & resources (whilst offering them & their employees) the chance to 'give back' to the Community through volunteering or other CSR-related activity (such as fundraising) to reduce the subsidy cost you currently provide to some of these organisations? 3) Seek to raise more income/levies through business rather than through households, or at least scale the increases against households that can afford to pay more (e.g. Council Tax Band F+) - although the 2% increase on Council Tax is indeed fairly modest and below inflation, you should consider that not only is the relatively high level of inflation eroding people's incomes, but the average wage increase for 2013 in the UK is 0.7%. Households are already squeezed and further pressure on incomes may choke-off discretionary spending in the local economy, reducing the speed and momentum of economic recovery. Production and services are 2 of the biggest currently growing areas in regards to driving economic growth - predominantly a response to increasing levels of consumer demand. Regards,</p>
Thanks George! Good to see this information being opened up for public consultation. A three year budget is an encouraging decision too.
The actual budget is not clearly laid out on the link to your website. The site gives an overview - not enough detail.
The aim has to be to maintain the city's attractive appearance and reputation: visitors and business follow!
The alarm system is an essential part of an elderly person's security, especially when living alone.

The biggest scandal is that "the rules" (who are the anonymous people behind these restrictions who are destroying peoples lives) say that the capital budget cannot be used to finance the revenue budget. This alone would be challenged if the mayor was serious about helping the neediest but even if this is not done he could say that no public money will go towards a new stadium which may be nice to have in an ideal world but it is not more important than childrens services and community transport for the most needy. No more public money to go into the capital budget for these prestige budgets but planned future expenditure to go into revenue for the most needy. Also the Arts budget needs to take a more significant hit as Arts are not as important as people's lives

The budget as far as I am aware is effecting the most vulnerable (Children, Old people, Disabled and mentally ill)

The budget cuts appear to disproportionately affect older people and is therefore discriminatory based on age. I urge the council to rethink some of the proposals to make the effect of the cuts more balanced across all society.

The budget discriminates against older people especially older women, either directly or indirectly in many areas. It also puts at risk the viability of certain charity organisations such as Age UK Bristol which has provided valuable services for older vulnerable people. It also puts at risk the lottery bid Fulfilling lives: Aging Better in which Age UK is involved.

The budget is not detailed enough for me (or anybody else) to make any informed decisions.

The budget proposals are not clear enough for members of the public to assess what they mean. For instance, where cuts are being proposed there is nothing to say what percentage of the service this is. It is therefore almost impossible to look at it and see the potential impact. The areas where the proposals have been clear (i.e. closure of 22/23 public toilets) are those where the press and the public have outwardly raised an opinion. Those that are not obvious are going unnoticed! There is a huge lack of transparency in the proposals as well as a depth of explanation to each proposal - how many jobs will this mean? what services will stop happening? This lack of transparency and clarity gives an uneasy feeling that they have been put together in a rush without full thought or understanding of the impacts to the most vulnerable within the city. There are also a number of contradictions between what Mayor Ferguson has publicly talked about in his 'vision' and the proposals to cut services. He talks of protecting the vulnerable yet many of these proposals have the potential of severe impact on this segment of Bristol's population.

The bus subsidy should be removed. First bus should either run all the services including the unprofitable ones or not get the contract. They should not be able to cherry pick the ones that will be profitable only. Perhaps a direct link should be established between two routes i.e. if you have the number 1 route you have to use it to pay for the bristol to thornbury service. Also I suggest you look at Viennas city transport plan. Their public transport services were exceptional.

The choice between 2% increase and 5% increase in council tax is large. I would prefer that toilets are not cut as a top priority; and parks and libraries are protected. Family life is hard but if the provision of these things is to be reduced our well-being and opportunities for leisure in the city will be reduced substantially. I would prefer a 3% increase and keep the above.

The comments here have also been submitted as a paper to the consultation email address.

The consultation meetings were a farce, with Ferguson taking up valuable time to mention his own life (e.g. trips to China, owning a flat in the tobacco factory...) and people being unable to get their points across or ask questions. Where questions were asked, the lack of knowledge on Ferguson's part and the lack of concrete detail was staggering.

The council employ a large number of staff, a huge percentage of them being absolutely useless in their current roles. I work for a company who recognise their staff's strong points and your role is tailored to suit your skills. We currently run a business with under 20 staff, whereas my last job in a similar field employed 188 staff, yet we have the majority of customers and run a very smooth and efficient business on minimal staff. Our staff are all very happy in their roles as they know exactly what they are doing and their skills are utilised to the max, therefore productivity is extremely high and there is no 'dead wood'. I work for a software company and our product has enabled many local authorities to cut the number of back office staff in a certain area, as the software does all the work for you. Where our customers once had 10 back office staff doing a job, they have cut that to 2 or 3 and also cleared huge backlogs of work. The local authorities who already use our software have all asked if we can create a similar package for other areas in the council, which we are looking into. By using software packages like ours and also restructuring the staff to work in roles that actually suit their skills, you could probably cut the workforce by a large percentage and save a huge amount of money.

The council is a massively under performing group. Far too many people sitting around doing nothing, sort out the jobs people do within the council stop spending money on new PC's every year just to use the budget. Yes this does happen, I know!

The Council needs to take a very hard look at the human impact of its proposals ahead of the business impact.

The Council should be publicly condemning Government's cuts and the impact they will inevitably have on our most vulnerable citizens.

The council should bear in mind that not all single parents are vulnerable so they should contribute towards the council tax like the council is considering some people should that are claiming social funds, only pensioners should not pay towards it, I myself work part time and at the moment don't pay towards council tax but I'm willing to pay a small amount as long as the single parents do as well,

The council should cut spending on discretionary services thereby protecting statutory spending

The council should look at the population and realise that as you increase your tariffs our wages go the other way, most of the services you provide are poor and ill informed, the roads are useless the transport services overpriced and unreliable and support for those people with serious needs under valued

The council tax in bristol is among the highest in The UK, which I don't understand, as it is called tax it should be the same for everyone in the country.

The document is far too dense for me to read in one shift. Then to give real comment I have to open a number of pdf's.... and not knowing which are the most pertinent it seems a hopeless task. So I have fallen at the first hurdle.

The documents only present the case for standstill, 2% and 5% per annum increase in Council tax. Are we limited to those options? What would be the impact of 3 or 3.5 % per annum increase? Or a stepped increase over the 3 years? It is good to read that it is anticipated that capital budgets will create jobs. However, it would also be good not to cut the proposed 800 FTE jobs at the City Council if at all possible.

The figure quoted Â£162k as the subsidy for St. Paul's learning and family centre is NOT a true figure. The comment about the centre being under used is again not a fact. The bookings for the centre continually being increased due to the hard work of the staff. If the cafe were allowed to be opened, revenue would also be created by renting this good facility out and increasing revenue to the centre and bringing back the heart of the centre which in turn would increase usage to the building. There have been many restrictions imposed unnecessarily on the centre staff by managers, not allowing them to increase usage with their many ideas, a blanket "no" with no explanations. The council would strongly benefit and profit from the centre if they kept it, the proceeds of which could be put back into the community or other projects.

The Housing revenue account could be better managed, by getting rid of the silo management system that was introduced some years ago and bring back single management over the local services, for example Caretaker and Repairs should come under the same management and stop the duplication of services to tenants. I had a re-wire of my flat (87 Corbett House) in Oct 2012 since then I have had 2 letters advising me that my flat was due for a 10 year electrical inspection, despite my advising the 'call center' as well as sending emails to the Repairs Manager (whom I know from Residents meetings) on both occasions an electrician has left a card informing me that I had missed an appointment for an electrical inspection. All of this has been at a cost to the H.R.A.

The items I have agreed with are the only ones I do agree with. Vulnerable people will suffer with other cuts because you sell out to contractors who are not only cheap but are useless in providing decent services. This includes maintenance, cleaners, care organisations, so many contractors who win tenders from you based on cost alone are costing you MORE money in the long run by being so useless.

The layout of this consultation is quite confusing. Also, when it asks if you want to comment on proposals within a subset, you are allowed to choose 3 different proposals, but when it comes to selecting the fourth, the list of choices seems to have halved, not allowing you to comment on every proposal. This needs to be corrected.

The Mayor imposed a 2% increase on council tax last year, now he's proposing 2% every year for next 3 years, on top of that I will have to pay further compulsory taxed via the residents parking scheme, so you can pay your staff thousands of pounds in redundancy money, yet I struggle because my income has not risen although utilities bills like gas, water, electric, tv licence, phone line rental, fuel, food, have all gone up, on top of that I do not want to pay more council tax. The council should make use of its reserves or stop Sunday special, stop planting of trees, giving advice to foreigners on how to become British citizens, etc. Reduce the organisation to a 4 day week. Switch off all the lights in St Anne's house during the night, council building on St Anne's road, but no more compulsory taxes. My neighbours are on disability benefits, while I shop at Lidl, they shop at Tesco, free housing, free council tax, free disability badge, free parking, DLA money, carers allowance, concessionary rates on anything to everything, free Severn bridge crossing, nearly £300 per week in cash for all combined benefits, loads of sympathy, queue pushing, priority service, yet the young couple do not have any physical disabilities. Apparently he's on a doctor's prescription which then entitles him to all this.

The mayor should sacrifice his salary. He was not fairly voted in. It is a farce and so is he.

The one big thing I was unclear on is whether the 800 full-time equivalent job losses were going to be ON TOP OF the losses indicated by the budget proposals or IN ADDITION TO.

The only change I wish to comment on is the closure of toilet facilities across the city, primarily those around the Downs. I cannot understand how this is even being considered. I am 58, female and as far as I am aware not someone with protected characteristics. I have used the Downs for over 30 years: having fun with my children, watching my son play football, exercising my dog, walking my elderly mother in her wheelchair, bird watching, playing rounders, jogging, bike rides, taking visitors to the suspension bridge - the list goes on. However I would certainly hesitate to visit the Downs for any of these activities if toilets were not readily available and certainly would not feel happy searching for a café/pub etc in the toilet scheme with children/mother/dog/bicycle in tow. In addition I have become aware how many people already use the bushes on the Downs when caught short. Unpleasant enough now but bound to get worse if the local toilet facilities are closed.

The opportunity to review on the savings and to suggest alternatives is a refreshing one. It encourages debate and gives the tax payer some ownership of how our tax is spent. It may take some years to fully see the benefit of this public forum, but I would say this new approach is to be congratulated. As to the proposals, it is clear that a lot of thought has gone into the decision making. It would be beneficial to have a six month review of how well, or how badly, the savings have impacted on our residents and on our city, in order for us to modify or even reverse the changes. Let us keep this city consultation open- that is key to public forum - it may lead to savings we have not yet identified. The number one principle of our social responsibility is to protect those who are vulnerable and in need - let us consider that above all else please. Thank you for this opportunity to have my say.

The options are too limited. I agree with some proposals, disagree with others, and am undecided on others. Perhaps the third category is the largest, but it's impossible to put a figure on it. So the consultation method is skewed. I agree most with the proposals to rationalize the council's use of its infrastructure (buildings etc). disagree most about the proposal to provide fewer public toilets, and about the reduction in services that affect older people.

The overall figures presented do not add up and there is confusion about what is public consultation and what is not. Some of the items proposed appear to be so vague that it is impossible to pass comment on them. Six weeks (which includes Christmas) consultation on a three year budget is not adequate for any genuine engagement particularly when so many pre-assumptions (about what is on an agenda to be cut) appeared to have been made. However already during the course of this consultation the council has embarked on a programme of massive organisational change which will only cause increased uncertainty and confusion for the staff who deliver Bristol's public services.

The PCSO in my area do a FANTASTIC job, they have helped me and my family a lot, by dealing with the Anti Social neighbours

the poor and vulnerable have suffered enough, try getting the bigger companies to pay their tax, force pubs and clubs to pay for keeping the streets safe where there are people out enjoying a night out, in the same way that football clubs have to pay for policing. Also force the pubs and clubs and fast food restaurants to subsidise the street cleaning from the mess they cause. Stop persecuting car drivers, and realise that until there is an affordable, useable solution, people will continue to use their cars. Make the utility companies work together when it comes to digging up roads, so that there is less potholes/road damage which then has to be fixed by the council. It will also mean that people aren't billing the council for damage caused to their cars by the state of the roads.

The proposal to cut funding for welfare rights and money advice should be scrapped. This is a very important and effective service for very vulnerable people. At a time when benefit cuts and squeeze on pay is affecting low income households, more of this service is needed not less. The training provided should not be reduced and all the help with claims and appeals needs to continue.

The proposed cuts especially affecting older people and people with disability, pollution and environment should not be implemented and alternatives found. Some of the cuts affecting the environment are short sighted and affect the long term health of the people of Bristol and prosperity of Bristol.

The questions present a false choice. It is an absurd proposition that Council Tax can't be cut. The Mayor should cut his pet projects including the ludicrous Sunday road closures, staffing levels, RPZ implementation, etc. Sell some of the Council's vast property portfolio, close some libraries, make some tough choices like everyone else has made with their household budgets. Council tax should be frozen and spending CUT. I'd be happy to pay a higher Council Tax if I thought it would benefit Bristolians, but the Mayor would just spend it on allow kids to play hopscotch on Baldwin Street twice a month.

The rising cost of living and the inevitable rise in mortgage rates means that increasing council tax will result in families being under more financial pressure. I agree that rates need to be increased given the size of the deficit but 2% will have a significant impact on households, especially those on lower incomes.
The scale of budget cuts are based on several assumptions that may prove to be incorrect. It is right to seek savings by improving efficiency, but not by reducing or stopping services where it is not certain that the latter is necessary.
The sooner that muppet in red trousers is out the better! What a big mistake voting for George Ferguson!!!!
The toilet issue - Could the Council not look into setting ups a company with a view to privatising the service at some point? Look to London for what can be done.
The traffic congestion in Bristol has become a major issue and has made commuting within the city almost untenable. I only drive to work once a fortnight to deliver clothes to enable me to cycle to work. However, it regularly takes me an hour and a half to travel the 10 miles from my office to my home. The traffic is worse than London in the 1990s and requires equally as radical measures to deal with it, the council have not addressed or seemingly made any proposals to address what is a serious and chronic problem. What is going to be done?
The whole process is flawed. This consultation process should have kick started the budget rather than been tagged on to the end of the process. From my perspective elected councillors have been side lined, The Green Party councillors in Ashley are voting to close down The Learning Centre in St Pauls and have withdrawn funding from the Malcolm X Centre, 2 places which help to create a sense of social cohesion in this area. The plan to close down public toilets has not been thought through. On one hand the Mayor wants to create a positive image of Bristol yet when visitors stroll over the downs or walk over Clifton Suspension Bridge there are no toilet facilities to meet their needs. Stopping the At Home library service for housebound Bristol people is disgraceful. It is an attack on vulnerable people and will deprive them of further contact with the outside world and stop them from enjoying reading. Other agencies will have to step in so there will not be any real saving and is also an attack on the welfare State as it exists today. Cutting 20% off the librray budget seems to have no justification. How was this figure arrived at especially as the actual cuts will be decided at a later date. The 20% figure seems to have been drawn up by an accountant wanting to balance the books and not by people wanting to ensure a quality service for the future. Personally Bristol should draw a leaf out of Birmingham's book and plan to build a state of the art library in the centre of Bristol fit for the 21st century. Closing down old people's centres such as the one at Lockleaze is an attack on the vulnerable. Other agencies will have to pick up the pieces so again there will be no real saving. I could go on but the budget in my opinion fails to create any real vision for Bristol. It lacks heart or any real driving ideology. Lots of nice words but no real core. Lastly withdrawing funding from Felix Road Adventure Playground, a project which has existed for 4 decades will deprive the young people of that area of a safe place to go. The Mayor wants to create unity but this budget is sowing disunity and anger.
Then main cause for all the cuts remains. This is what is insane . The 40% lowest-income who need a lot of these Council Services are paying for the cuts as the private investment bank debts are transferred to the public balance sheet since 2008. And are still. The people of the City of Bristol know this and I for one,expect a 'forward-looking' Council to divest from interests that promulgate this iniquitous state of affairs.
There appears to be very little regard to the priorities stated in the Health and Well-Being Strategy. There is very little said about the potential of partnership working to produce economies of scale. Accessibility for the disabled does not get a mention, particularly regarding the impact of the closure of toilets
There are a lot of proposals likely to have a disproportionate effect on the most vulnerable
there are other ways to MAKE MONEY which could assist BEFORE cuts

There are two simple reasons why these budget problems are happening, both of which you will totally ignore, and thus the problems will get worse year upon year, until the WHOLE OF SOCIETY COLLAPSES. 1) The banking system creates, out of thin air, 97% of the money in existence, every time it makes a loan to somebody. This means that the BANKS own 97% of everything in this country. The public never voted for them to be allowed to do this. This is counterfeiting and theft, pure and simple. The government actually borrows this counterfeit 'money' from banks, rather than simply creating its own, and thus the government is beholden to the banks, rather than to the people. Visit www.positivemoney.org for more information. 2) Mass immigration. Mass immigration of people from failed, 'developing' countries is destroying this country from within. Immigrants from Africa and India, and especially from muslim countries, are far more likely to be unemployed than the indigenous people of this country, and their numbers are now so huge that there will soon be insufficient indigenous people to pay for all the FREE services that Marxist nation-wreckers like YOU dish out to them, such as free housing, free food, free clothes, free schooling, free hospital services, etc.etc.etc. Since you will NEVER admit you are wrong about mass immigration, this country will continue to be destroyed. Well done.

There has not been enough time for consultation and the information provided does not adequately explain to the public what will happen to the services they rely on

There is a chance to make big changes her. Instead of picking on the old and disabled and cutting jobs everywhere, why dont you get rid of some unnecessary perks to criminals and remove officials in your parties whos wages equal the same amount as some of the services that actually DO provide a service to the public instead of causing it grief.

There is a lot of other ways to increase council's revenue or decrease council expenses other than increasing council tax - In this difficult times, when public has much pressure from increased energy bills, petrol prices and many more, capping council tax means that council is looking after their public

There is a real need to focus a fair and robust portion of the budget on sustainable incentives such as generation of green energy, open spaces, tree planting and management of existing trees, sustainable drainage systems, cycling and other forms of energy efficient transport. We should be committing to exceeding environmental targets and setting an example not only as Europe's green capital, but as a forward thinking Bristol.

There is far too much free or very cheap parking in or close to the City Centre. Raise parking charges and/or consider a congestion charge eg an M32 toll

There is real potential for 'services', such as arts and culture, leisure and environment and housing to broaden their offer and deliver on strategic objectives such as health and well being. Will this budget encourage cross departmental working, creative thinking, and making decisions and taking risks? I hope so. I notice that when recruiting for the BCC, there is little creative vision in recognising how one job can actually do deliver more if they recruit people who are creative thinkers and have wider skills...this is something about Bristol becoming a more creative approach to delivery... and thinking outside the box!

there needs to be free museums and play areas and parks in this time of austerity. strongly feel that money should be saved by cutting expensive jobs and keeping the lower paid jobs such as admin and cleaners. this is important across the city and is more efficient.

There seems to be little of relevance to the issues surrounding the expanding housing around the City. These seem to get a go-ahead regardless of their likely impact upon commuting about the city - we are bringing the city to a slow crawl, which is not good for commerce or tourism.

there should be an option of disagreeing with 'some' of the proposals, not just most or all

There was not an option to say I agree with some measures but disagree with others: this is my position. Some of the proposals look like they might disproportionately impact upon women and vulnerable people, so I think it is important not to forget to take a gendered view instead of glossing over it (eg impact on rape victims, women who have had children and cannot go long without a public toilet etc).

Think more about working single people, because they are your main source of nett income. They do not use education or housing services and get taxed out of existence. They have the greatest spending power in terms of retail, but no support when they are stuffed.

This "consultation" is nonsense. Difficult to use and simplistic. Plus the mayor seems to have not only cut the usual timescale but also run the thing over the Christmas holidays, effectively reducing the consultation period to 4 weeks. But since the whole Council's become one man's puppet show I don't suppose it makes any difference anyway...

This appears to be a charter to reduce services for poor people. We should be investing in public services in difficult times and focusing cuts on services for higher socio-economic groups. These cuts will be counter-productive in terms of reducing overall Bristol economic output, reducing jobs and therefore consumer spending/tax take.

This budget was made under the assumption that raising council tax was impossible. It is not. Those who can afford to pay it should help the least able in society, not the other way round. Most of the cuts suggested take away support from the most vulnerable and take away their possibilities for escape: witness the closure of places such as the Red Lodge and the St Paul's learning and family centre. Those who drew this budget up have done a good job avoiding some of the most vital areas to cut, but the cuts are too deep and too much. I understand that the council's hands are tied as it cannot take advantage of the currently low interest rates (the lowest essentially forever) and borrow significantly, but that does not mean it should fail those it not only must protect, but should protect.

This consultation and my agreement with many of the proposals in it notwithstanding, I object nonetheless in principal that these are the Mayor's budget proposals and not the Council's. I believe that an 'elected Mayor' and the process by which the present Mayor was elected is intrinsically less democratic because a 'personality' has extensive powers that were not clear when the election took place (with a less than convincing turnout) and can override the views of elected councillors - who I believe should be the proposals in this and in future budgets. I would vote for a restoration of the status quo.

This consultative exercise is very good idea. However, the proposals in some areas and their consequences were far from clear for the uninitiated. As lower income families seem to be disproportionately hit by the current economic conditions, it may be an idea to increase the Council Tax Rates for the highest bands more than for the lowest, if that is lawful.

This feedback to your stakeholders (me) is excellent, what a great execution and idea to use surveymonkey. The only critical thing you have missing is info on where exactly all the money is spent each year and where the council receives most of its funding from. IE: How much money comes from council tax? How much money is spent in other areas? With the Bristol population of ~400 thousand if there were just 80 thousand houses paying council tax the revenue must be close to ~88 million pounds. And no we do not need a 80 page detailed report. We want something succinct that gets to the point fast and then as a nice addition, have the ability to search for more info on any given area. For example the cost of providing lighting is something that I could help with and provide engineering info on how to save money. I am sure there are many other areas that we the people could give constructive feed back and relevant suggestions. Great job so far though, I really appreciate this approach. Thank you. Here is my favourite infographic example- <http://www.loveinfographics.com/wp-content/uploads/politics/2011/11/us-federal-discretionary-budget-2012-statistics-tax-spending-politics-infographic.jpg>

This firm is really confusing, there are limited options for response & I think this is a faulty & inaccurate method of getting a true response from Bristol residents! It is a way to gain false information and force the Bristol public to offer limited & capped responses to these questions - SO FRUSTRATING,!!

This is a courageous budget proposal in challenging times.

this is a dreadfully designed survey. I haven't been able to read all the detailed proposal so the survey is almost impossible to fill out as I don't know under which section the area I want to comment on is. My concern was the proposal to close public toilets. There are very few left and this seriously affects older people (e.g. my mother who has a bladder problem). These are vital for elderly people and those who have medical complaints and BCC would be the first to start prosecution if anyone were cause releasing themselves on collage green.

this is a good process congrats - adult learning is not in there people who can pay need to pay more to offset those that cant pay.

This is a time for able-bodied, educated, working-age people to adapt their own lifestyles to help those who do not have that freedom. I would be mortified to think that vulnerable people are experiencing a poorer quality of life while the more fortunate people enjoy modest rises in council tax.

This is a very bad form. It is impossible to read back over what you have written unless you go to the end and the come back again to a very small space and scroll through until you get to the point where you want to make changes or correct spellings. I assume it has been done in this way to put people off from saying what they want while going through the motions of a 'consultation'.

This is about Bristol Libraries' Public Internet Provision: Cutting library provision is a false economy: Library provision needs to be expanded ideally to 7 days pw at all library sites. PUBLIC INTERNET ACCESS is provided safely and effectively using the same personal log-in details at all the LIBRARIES in Bristol and now beyond. The Govt's Digital Agenda, especially for those on benefits (Universal Credit and Universal Jobmatch) will increase the demand for public internet access at a time when benefits cuts mean home internet access and computer ownership is no longer affordable for many. Jobs: Many (indeed most) vacancies are now advertised solely on the internet. Community Safety and Library public internet access: Library user internet records were used as evidence in the prosecution of a Bristol resident downloading terrorism material a few years ago. Library internet filters ensure access is blocked to unsuitable/illegal websites with extra safeguards for children. Economy: Internet users are calculated to save on average ~£500 a year through buying goods and services on the internet. EXAMPLE: A few years ago the Severn Beach rail service was under threat because of low passenger numbers. However, instead of stopping this limited service it was improved and expanded, making it more of a travel option for Bristol residents. The Severn Beach line is now very well used IE it would have been a false economy to cut it; keeping it the same was too expensive, expanding it to "critical mass" made it a self-financing success. Compare... Avonmouth Library currently provides a maximum of just ~26 hours (13 hrs x 2 PCs) public internet access a week which makes it inaccessible for many due to limited opening times and limited computer numbers. I understand (internal) costing indicates each computer at £1k +£100 Netloan +£10 pa Netloan licence, but cutting that computer won't save £1100 (MARGINAL COSTING). Thanks for taking this into account.

This is not specifically about the Council's budget but, in the long-term, the government is clearly doing its best to reduce Council services to the bare essentials. Can all Councils not rise up as a group to protest? The intention is clearly to reduce Councils' powers as much as possible and centralise everything.

This looks poorly thought through overall. Too many sacred cows have been left untouched. Start from the basic principle only providing services which HAVE to be provided by law. You could also cut pay, and cut the pensions of retired staff. They get a state pension and are not a priority need.

<p>This seems like a pretty pointless exercise. The information provided in the preceding slides and in the websites linked to is far too scanty to be able to form the basis of an opinion. For instance, after quite a bit of searching via google, I'm none the wiser as to what are the mysterious 'Statutory Services' that the Council spends the majority of its funds on. And there's no real alternatives discussed - just some very high-level numbers relating to some very high-level categories that don't mean a great deal. In principle asking people's opinion on these issues is a good idea, but it's not possible to form a useful opinion in the almost complete lack of information.</p>
<p>This Survey Monkey is not very user friendly (was this done on purpose?) This is the first section I've come across (at the very end!) that has more than one line of space to answer within!!</p>
<p>This was a very complicated survey, I think you should have asked about the increase in council tax as the last question</p>
<p>This was not presented in a concise, reader friendly manner. The consultation e-mail did not contain a direct link to the proposals themselves, and they were not easy to locate by navigation of the council website. This only served to obfuscate the survey.</p>
<p>This week i have been watching Bristol City council on the Hungerford Estate Brislington installing new gates and railings to their properties, what a waste of money? some of the tenants removed the old gates and fencing themselves to accomodate their cars ,how can this be approved when your having to save money in other areas and your putting up my council tax to pay for this!!</p>
<p>To me it appears that most of the cuts would affect the most vulnerable of our community, which I would deem to be anti-social. I can see nothing here that suggests that the more affluent amongst us should contribute more.</p>
<p>Too much emphasis on saving money very few ideas on making it. Bristol should be making its assets sweat</p>
<p>Too much money is spent on: Pollarding trees herbiciding the pavements Cutting roadside verges Oversalting of city roads - this has happened even when there is no frost and rain is forecast! I do not agree with: Closing public toilets Cutting back on Fly Tipping investigation/prevention (a really bad idea!) Huge salaries for strategic directors (4 taken on recently) Outsourcing - private is NOT always better nad certainly not cheaper in many cases</p>
<p>Traffic management should be priority one. Costs efficiency should be priority two. More disabled parking places.</p>
<p>two many bosses on hi wages, that stay in the Office, & Claim Exp.</p>
<p>unless you understand the council and how it works there is very little detail in what this will actually mean in practice a breakdown of each department its total spend and proposed cuts to that department as a whole would be easier to understand I would also have liked more detail on the savings being made that we cannot comment upon</p>
<p>Unsure about the closure of public toilets unless businesses are incentivised</p>
<p>Very disappointed that the Mayor could not get any further money/grants from the Government on his recent trip to Downing St</p>
<p>We are blessed to have a good Mayor and should all stand behind him to support him. Kind regards, Matthias Adler</p>
<p>we believe on you respective mr mayor. carry on with your advisers to develop bristol as much as you can. thanks</p>
<p>We do not need the flipping major</p>

We had a council tax increase this year and I think it's unfair that because of mismanagement by the Council we should be forced to face an increase yet again - this is against the norm of other councils in England. Savings could be made by not hosting events such as Make Sundays Special which I believe cost Â£135,000 a year to manage - things like that are wasteful and not beneficial to all.

We have to cut down. Try these. Airport arrival tax. Tax cars, Airplane taxes, Departure tax, More school fees.

We have to set out a clear, high profile vision for older people- within the City's wider vision. Because older peoples' services are already quite poor, and funding only gets worse, and communities and older people are big, unused assets- we must rebuild the social care model around them. Only game in town!

We must distinguish between needs and wants and unfortunately I think that funding for 3 years for museums and arts should be cut and funds got by those parties from elsewhere - we do not have to cut so much to vulnerable people

We pay more and more for less and less. Suggest City Hall is sold and the Council move to a lower cost smaller HQ.

We really need to concentrate on all of our transport. Make bus lanes open to any vehicle outside rush hours, we should re open rail services around Bristol. This would reduce congestion. Transport should be fergusons priority.

We recognise and are grateful that much of the vital preventative services our members provide have been protected in these difficult times. The Council is right to recognise the value and cost savings provided by the investment, in particular in homelessness prevention. We thank the Mayor for his commitment that the "negotiation with suppliers" as part of the Change Programme will not include voluntary sector service providers. Any further or stealth cuts would have critically undermined key services for vulnerable people.

We should look at selling unused properties, using some of our reserve if necessary, go to the Local Authorities Forums to petition the Government; push for the money that was promised to support cities which went for an elected Mayor, investigate European grants for developments.

We should not be carrying out the Coalitions cuts strategy on their behalf.

we should trying to keep those services which allow the elderly to remain in their homes

We trust our elected officials to supervise and direct professional and competent council officers to do the best job for all of us, our city and maintain our quality of life. I don't need or want to be part of a financial debate or pay lip service to a politicians attempts to put a positive spin on their actions. Just do your job well and we will continue to support you, take us for granted or behave badly and you will be removed... we call it democracy.

We would like to express our concern about the proposed cut to Community Transport budget forecast in year 2 and going forward. The reduction from Â£1.1 million for this current year (including concessionary fare) to Â£500k is vast and we appreciate that there has been no reduction for the current year to enable all CT groups to plan their services but nonetheless with a growing demand this will be a huge cross to bear. Bristol Shopmobility, although part of CT, is quite separate in that it does not offer a door to door demand responsive service but is very much the final 'œlink in the chain'œ. CT and other forms of transport deliver users to the central area but without the use of mobility scooters or wheelchairs many would be unable to access either the shops, the leisure activities or hospitals which are essential for them to retain their independence and live their lives as they choose with the same opportunities as non disabled people. Many of our users have stated that without our service they would be unable to get out of their homes to carry out necessities such as shopping thereby putting an increasing demand on other services provided by the local authority. We also offer our service to non residents of Bristol so that tourists are able to access Bristol with a resultant increase in spend within the City. Although only a small organisation we offer a vital and essential service to disabled and vulnerable people. Bristol Shopmobility make a small charge for our service which users are happy to pay and we are not involved with the concessionary rate rebate scheme thus alleviating the Council of additional costs beyond our grant funding. œ We urge the Council to please consider the effect such a reduction in funding could have on our service. It is possible that if we received a reduction in our individual funding on a scale with that proposed for the whole of CT we may be unable to operate at all thus denying residents and visitors alike with the opportunity to either carry out day to day activities or view Bristol an accessible City to all. Please remember Disability is not a lifestyle choice. Staff & Trustees of Bristol Shopmobility

What discretionary spending is available should be concentrated on those most in need, and used in the most deprived wards.

What ever decisions are made they are tough and will impact on people. its nice to be able to comment and express views for that I applaud you as it is not done in too many places. I sure in a few years time the people of Bristol will come to appreciate the reality of the economic climate. The only gripe I have and not being a car owner is the congestion that is stifling the city and no visible progress can be made until that is resolved. Traffic calming measures are not the answer and neither is shutting roads. an Integrated transport system is urgently required, in the short term try turning of some of the unnecessary traffic lights to improve traffic flow as it only in certain parts and certain times to city is in Gridlock. Finally if you are going to encourage more bike travel then please have the facilities to do so. having cycle lanes that cross pavements then stop halfway in the road is a half hearted solution. have proper cycle lanes that are direct routes and safe from traffic it will cost money but show you are serious in attempts to make bristol a cycling city. PS one final thing road signs around bristol are strange eg going through Keynsham from Bristol via Brislington the lane had Keynsham painted on it then suddenly twenty yards down the road at the roundabout it changed to Bristol causing my driver to have to switch lanes quickly, these odd road markings appear near the M32 as well when you a directed into one lane only to have to swerve into another as a few yards later you are in the wrong lane all very dangerous and confusing even when you live here.....

Whatever you do is going to be unpopular - but these proposals do seem reasonable.

Whatever you do will make some people angry. R-PP-021 (Charges for older people's housing alarms in sheltered schemes) : R-PL-021 (Emergency control centre to become self funding) will lose me personally, More than a 10% Council tax rise. It is all about 'Money' - a person will adapt their life style according to available income and dwindling savings. I am desperately trying to be able to pay for my funeral. Currently I am 26 years beyond life expectancy.

When are we going to get regular cleaning of our gutters and drains to avoid flooding this winter?

Where is the list of toilets to be closed ? BCC website lists both council & non-council toilets together. How can we judge the proposal if you do not provide sufficient information ??

While some ideas are good, overall this is an abominable attack on vulnerable members of society. Why are you trying to run the city like a business? This is not the United States, this is Bristol. A single life, or the improvement of a single life, is of infinite worth. Knowing that people are suffering just so that I can save Â£100 a year on my council tax bill is not worth the price.

Whilst I fully recognise the current financial climate, I do not accept that widespread cuts are inevitable; it is the policy of the current government but this policy has been formulated regardless of the losses it would inflict on individuals, communities, and cities, both now and in the future. Care of the vulnerable, protection of quality of life (both materially - in maintaining decent living standards - and culturally) and building for sustainability are all essential and should not be undermined.

Whilst it is encouraging to hear that efficiency savings can be made, it does make wonder why these savings weren't made in the past.

Whilst protecting Key Arts Providers is admirable in the circumstances it is worth noting that much of what has blossomed and made Bristol so much more of a creative destination in the past 6 years has been the work of non KAP status artists and groups who have developed innovative and radical approaches to making things happen, many enabled by the Capacity Project as well as more recently an opening up on the part of landlords and developers towards 'pop up' and 'temporary use' projects. I would see it as a huge disrespect and indeed disregard to simply forget about this sector of the creative community. While funds themselves may be short there are still a lot of things the council and indeed the Mayor could do to help support this more left field and underground creative element of the city. Looking at how creative projects and spaces can run independently and sustainably with out major funding is one key factor but also seeing how small projects can flourish with relatively small funds allocated to them should be considered. While large institutions are receiving quite large amounts it is sad to think that the newer generations of artists and indeed organisations will be left off the list and not even be offered any crumbs off the plate, so to speak.

Whilst there are some things I disagree with, on the whole it is clear to me that the council are working hard to protect the most vulnerable people in the city which I am really pleased to see. If you change one thing then my request would be to protect WRAMAS from any reduction in funding.

Why are we trying to save 10m to build an arena that although maybe nice and may bring money into the city. Why now why not wait until the council is more stable and doesn't mean people will lose their jobs over something the mayor has a personal interest in.

why did it take the mayor so long to do this.

why do people in higher band housing have to pay more for the police and fire brigade? My house isn't hidden, it's on a main road with easy access. the police and Fire Brigade won't get to me any quicker than anyone else. So why do I pay more?

why do we pay chief execs so much money and why are we employing a criminal from Hull, what's the gagging orders all about, are they all crooks?

Why does the council employ a chaplain? Not appropriate anyway but especially unacceptable in these times of cuts.

Why have the bus fares gone up by so much, I am now spending over 10% of my net wage just to attend work, my wages have not increased in the last three years. And to cap it all, The bus company has said that it has lowered fares and yet I am paying so much more now than three years ago

Why is the budget cut being made all in one go, is it because the Mayor has insisted on this? can it be because when he is up for re-election in 3 years time he wants to have money to spend? I think this budget should be paced over the 3 year period. Laurence
Why is there such a lot of information-gathering about equalities? This seems to be a part of every city transaction, and must cost a huge amount of money to collect and process.
Why not ensure you collect council tax from those that do not pay. Im sure the gap would not be so big then. Switch on the speed cameras and put in more. Use the fines to fill the budget gap.
Why should us 'poor little people' have to pay for the obscene failings of central government and the financial and banking sector
wish my wages would increase to cover the cost of inflation....
Without reading a great deal I am unable to make informed judgments. I have made a comment on an issue which I know something about and which I think is important
Would like to see more support for the families with children as children are our future
yes I think one area in which big savings could be made on discretionary and wholly unnecessary expennse wld be by scrapping proposals for the Bristol south link road saving the council countless millions of pounds where there is no evidence to suggest it will have any long term or short term benefits to bristol and it's economy.
Yes there is no mention for any increased costs due to migration from Romania and Bulgaria. A Consul has been appointed by the Romanian government. We could be exposed to massive costs if we experience the same as Sheffield (Crime, Waste, Over Occupation, Neighbour problems, Prostitution)
Yes, cut out all expenses from councillors. They are a complete waste of space. i.e. Tim Kent!, Simon Cooke!
Yet again, council staff is being treated as second class citizens. We have to search Bcc public web pages to find out about our jobs. We want to know what is going to happen to our jobs. We are still in the dark ? How are Library Assistants jobs going to be affected in this budget, Parks Horticulture Services or are they included in Parks Operations ? How are Housing staff being affected etc.. Will certain departments be centralised in which to save monies. Can you let staff know what is happening please. The people doing all the work. The council do not invest in their staff and treat them like second class citizens.
You cannot increase council tax further for homes with only one adult occupant. As a single occupant in a grade B home I cannot afford to pay more council tax by myself. You should take into account that some homes have 2, 3 or 4+ working adults that are eligible to pay council tax. Professional house sharers should be made to pay more, not each household, regardless of how many adults there are. If you want to make up the deficit then start charging council tax based on the number of working adults in a home. Stop subsidising people who refuse to work and never apply for jobs. Stop helping people that continually produce children in order to 'earn' money from the system. I am so so sick of paying for other peoples multiple offspring!
You can't keep shrinking essential budgets - make a stand and call the governments bluff
You have made no mention of HRA. What's happening with that, if anything and staff funded by it?
You need to add links to read about the individual proposals, they are not easy to find so I gave up and could not comment on them.
You need to design better consultation documents.

You said that you want businesses out of Bristol in order to make it a green and pleasant city. How will these businesses leaving effect the budget in the future? How will you make the city work without them? Will the cost be passed onto those residents and businesses that are left? If you take London as an example. Boris has done a fantastic job of cleaning up the city in a similar manner to yourself. However, this has had the expected side effect on the business side of things. They are leaving in their droves - not because of the changes, but because of the current UK economic climate. The large companies are heading away from the city, along with those companies go the staff. With them go the feeder companies that supply services to them, and all of their staff. The reason they are leaving is cost. Cheaper property, lower costs, higher profits - which in this climate mean progression and sometimes salvation. You may think that this is nonsense. Research all those Westcountry large corporates, The London Corporates and so on that have left for the promised land they call Manchester. Look at the desperation to put HS2 through, to link London to....Manchester. WEALTH is heading up North - When looking after Bristol, It's Budget, It's green credentials, and It's people - a city that is a Jewel in the Crown for the Westcountry - Please, please keep it balanced! Cities need people, people need resources, resources come from business, business means budget. Upset the balance and the cards come tumbling down.

you should increase the business rate tax, not the householde council tax.

You state that you will minise duplication across council services, please can you advise why there are no cuts to the following services which all have similar jobs - Neighbourhood Working Team apparently 200k was invested in them in 2012, they are co-ordinators of Neighbourhood Priorities which is a duplication of what is already happening within teams that work in partnership with priorities that become an issue. What a waste of 200k yet you want to cut frontline services such as 100k to noise pollution and nusiance and 86k to frontline staff who investigate waste in the community. The environment aspect of the council has masses of duplication, you have the Waste Contract Officers, Neighbourhood Working Coordinators, Neighbourhood Engagement Officers, Area Environment Officers, Neighbourhood Partnership Officers yet none of these teams are being CUT!!!! why is enforcement taking a 40% hit when there should be proportionate split between all the officers that deal with the same issues??

You will not please everyone and making these savings if really difficult.

Your budget ideas seem to only effect the needy and vulnerable who depend on your services. You need to prioritise your budgets on the city's general needs and it's leisures. Why are you looking to save money rather than make more? The council should be looking into how to utilise the services they provide and make more money.