

ADULTS SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH	Budget gross £000	No of response overall	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Dis-agree	Don't know enough to answer	Comments / Synopsis of comments
Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio							
Re-ablement for younger adults with a physical disability: To set up a new service to provide an intense period of rehabilitation for younger adults with a physical disability reducing ongoing care package spend - currently this service is only available to older people.	0	118	75	14	15	14	
County Horticultural Work and Training services for adults with disabilities: To continue to offer a service to all current service users but with a reduction in the number of sites and staffing across the service. <i>This proposal is subject to a separate 3 month consultation process which commenced on 3 October 2011.</i>	1035	121	68	14	31	8	
Sherwood Industries: Closure of Sherwood Industries offering re-deployment where staff want to retain their employment and providing additional support to disabled employees as required to find suitable alternative employment. <i>This proposal is subject to a separate 3 month consultation period which commenced on 3 October 2011.</i>	1409	118	46	4	55	13	It would useful to have more knowledge on Sherwood Industries and other such employment as it would not only be important to provide employment for disabled people but for the goods produced to be sold to cover operating costs.
Handy Persons Adaptations Scheme: The scheme provides support to older people with jobs such as fitting hand rails, changing light bulbs or fitting locks. The proposal is to increase the charge for work up to the value of £250 from £10 to £20.	438	119	70	6	40	3	I feel very strongly that the proposal to double the Handy Persons charges to the elderly is wrong, especially in the current climate of increasing fuel bills. For a £50,000 saving I feel it would be far better to get rid of a management post elsewhere. Elderly people should be helped to stay in their homes: Means test this.
Shared Lives/Adult foster care placement scheme: Development of a new 'shared life' service, where service users spend a period of time living with a family rather than moving into supported accommodation or residential care.	0	120	76	13	15	16	
Assistive Technology: Better use of assistive technology such as sensors and alarms to enable older people and adults with disabilities to live independently and safe at home for longer.	192	120	95	5	14	6	We should not be cutting the budget for assistive Technology by this amount. It is too much and will have a greater impact upon older people trying to be independent as possible. It goes against the grain of thought for people to be less dependent upon the state and family members.
Re-tendering of care services: Re-tendering of existing community based social care services - such as home care and outreach services in order to achieve better value for money.	41982	122	77	9	27	9	New contracts awarded on price require contract management systems that are substantial and robust, and have clout to ensure safety and long term sustainability, not just a short term gain : To remove/dilute support services from the most vulnerable in society will create unintended consequences and greater costs in more than financial terms : Retendering must take into account a trial period to check fulfilment of quality of services taken over.
Total		838	507	65	197	69	

CHILDREN'S FAMILIES AND CULTURAL SERVICES	Budget gross £000	No of response overall	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Dis-agree	Don't know enough to answer	Synopsis of comments
Children and Young People Portfolio							
Education standards and Inclusion: It is proposed to reduce the 14-19 team as the Council has less responsibility in this area. Proposals also include to reduce the Education Improvement Service which offers schools support to improve standards as more schools become academies.	5500	116	74	8	25	9	I feel it is important that children are given the best possible start in life and education is the prime mover. Consequently the need to ensure literacy and numeracy standards is paramount and no cuts should be made in any related services.
CFCS Management Structure: It is proposed to make further reductions to the number of managers in this department.	1900	117	93	6	14	4	How much do we spend now - £1.9m? How many managers do we have to total nearly £2m?
Connexions (careers service): The Council will no longer have a duty for universal advice, information and guidance. It is proposed that the remaining funding will be targeted at vulnerable young people, for whom the Council has a duty.	3400	118	79	5	24	10	
Young People's Service: The Extended Services team, which supports out of hours activities for schools will close and the Play Service is to be restructured.	8400	118	54	8	44	12	I believe that there is a continuing need to provide out-of-school hours activities for 11 to 16 year olds, otherwise there may be an inducement to get involved in anti-social or criminal behaviour.
CFCS (Reduction in general costs): Reduced budget for general costs such as furniture, equipment and stationery for staff.	704	119	104	3	9	3	
Culture and Community Portfolio							
Country Parks and Green Estates (Orangery). It is proposed to develop the Orangery at Rufford Country Park into a venue for weddings and civil ceremonies in order to generate extra income.	4100	117	85	3	28	1	More enterprise and creative ways of saving money in country parks whilst still keeping them accessible for members of the public is a step in the right direction.
Country Parks and Green Estates: Measures to increase income include extending car parking charges to school holidays, closing some commercial outlets during January and February and extending opening hours in the summer to capture late afternoon and early evening catering and retail opportunities.	4100	118	79	7	29	3	I don't agree with extending car parking charges but I do agree with extending catering opportunities into the evening and generating more income : Car parking could be increased, but bear in mind that it may put people off coming and it is important to get income from any commercial venues on the sites. also people with wheelchairs and pushchairs arrive in cars.
Community Sports and Arts: The proposal is to delete a vacant event co-ordinator post and the duties to be carried out by other team members.	1500	116	97	5	8	6	
Total		939	665	45	181	48	

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES	Budget gross £000	No of response overall	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Dis-agree	Don't know enough to answer	Synopsis of comments
Environment and Sustainability Portfolio							
Energy management - energy contract costs: The Council takes a lead role in buying energy on behalf of a number of public sector organisations and schools in the county. The new contract has saved 20 percent on energy costs. It is proposed to increase the charges to these organisations by 1.5 percent to cover the costs of providing this service.	15000	117	74	12	22	9	The report makes no reference to measures taken to reduce energy consumption by installing energy efficient boilers, lifts, lighting etc.
Energy management: Government has introduced a levy related to carbon emissions. The proposal is to transfer the proportional cost of this levy to schools to help encourage greater energy efficiency, together with tariff changes for street lighting.	1400	120	63	17	25	15	It is wrong to ask schools and other organisations to foot an increased bill on the Government levy related to carbon emissions : It is a ludicrous idea to transfer energy management costs to schools.
Transport and Highways Portfolio							
Highways: Proposed savings include reducing staffing costs for the Highways team and bringing forward planned saving measures to be made on street lighting.	9500	120	67	7	35	11	To reduce street lighting would seem a good saving: Street lighting reduction could be on timer basis: In terms of roads, is there a way of making the service more streamline?: Roads and pavements need to be adequately maintained.
Transport and Travel Services: The proposed reduction will be through the further adoption of new technology and processes to ensure Council vehicles are used more efficiently. The Authority will also continue to secure better deals with companies providing transport services on behalf of the Council.	16900	119	105	5	7	2	£16m on transport - do we have a jet?
Finance and Property Portfolio							
Property: The Council has a planned maintenance budget for its buildings including a contingency fund to allow for emergency works to be undertaken. A small reduction to the overall maintenance fund is now possible due to the Authority's ongoing programme to reduce the number of its office buildings and £100m investment in improving the condition of local schools.	5200	117	101	6	6	4	Essential to keep buildings in good repair and general state of cleanliness.
Business support and development and departmental running expenses: Savings to be made by deleting vacant posts and reducing back office running costs.	696	119	96	4	12	7	In the current climate where business needs all the help it can get, it would seem irresponsible to reduce staffing numbers - although a freeze on vacant posts would seem appropriate.
Finance (arrangements review): A review will take place of the Council's financing arrangements to reduce interest and loan repayments.	34700	120	110	4	2	4	
Finance (staff review) : Proposed saving is to restructure and reduce the number of staff in the Council's Finance team.	5900	117	89	8	12	8	I believe that a 2.66% reduction in Finance [and a 3.74% reduction in HR] costs is a poor showing. Especially when the cost of BMS is considered : I feel greater savings should be made here to allow for the mitigation of cuts to services elsewhere.
Catering & Facilities Management: To reduce cleaning and site man. costs of the Council's office buildings.	1300	119	98	6	9	6	
Total		1,068	803	69	130	66	

POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES	Budget gross £000	No of response overall	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Dis-agree	Don't know enough to answer	Synopsis of comments
Deputy Leader's Portfolio							
Customer Service. Proposed saving measures include deleting a vacant post and increased use of libraries to carry out face-to-face customer service enquiries to reduce running costs.	3700	120	107	6	5	2	Could this be decentralised and libraries and other appropriate NCC properties used as a one stop to deal with the complete range of residents enquires and complaints? Perhaps a joint service with the district councils could reduce costs as presumably there is now duplication across the various councils.
Assistant Chief Executive's Team: This team covers a range of support services and it is proposed to reduce staffing numbers by 23 posts.	7700	119	98	2	6	13	There should be larger savings in these back office areas : Sharing expertise with other councils.
Personnel & Performance Portfolio							
Human Resources: Further reductions in Human Resources management posts.	3500	119	97	6	9	7	I believe that [a 2.66% reduction in Finance and] a 3.74% reduction in HR costs is a poor showing. Especially when the cost of BMS is considered : I feel greater savings should be made here to allow for the mitigation of cuts to services elsewhere.
Total		358	302	14	20	22	