

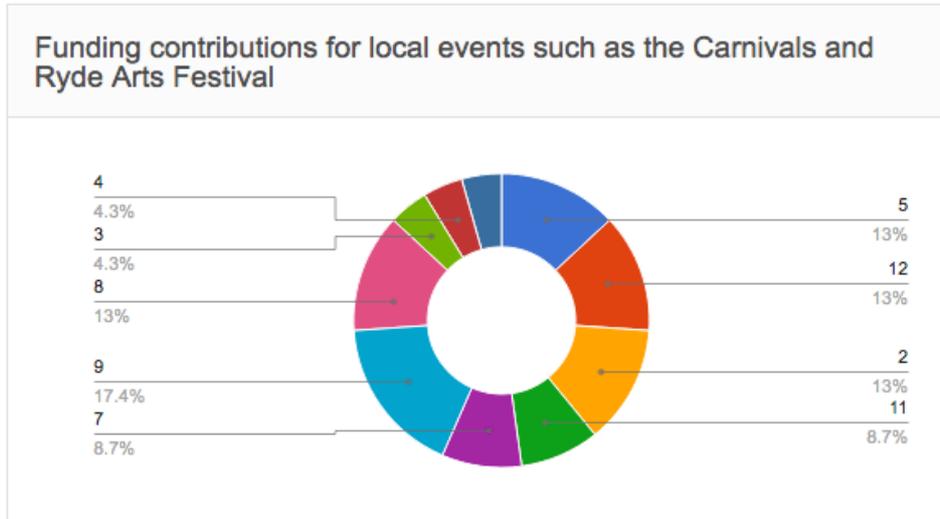
Budget Consultation Results

23 members of the public answered this consultation.

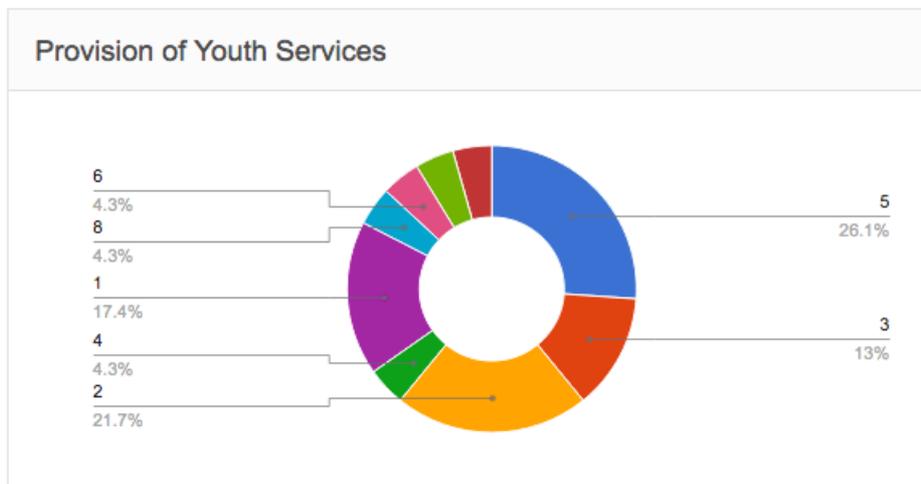
The results of this consultation reflect comments which have been submitted online, on paper and from the budget consultation which was held on Thursday 6th December 2018.

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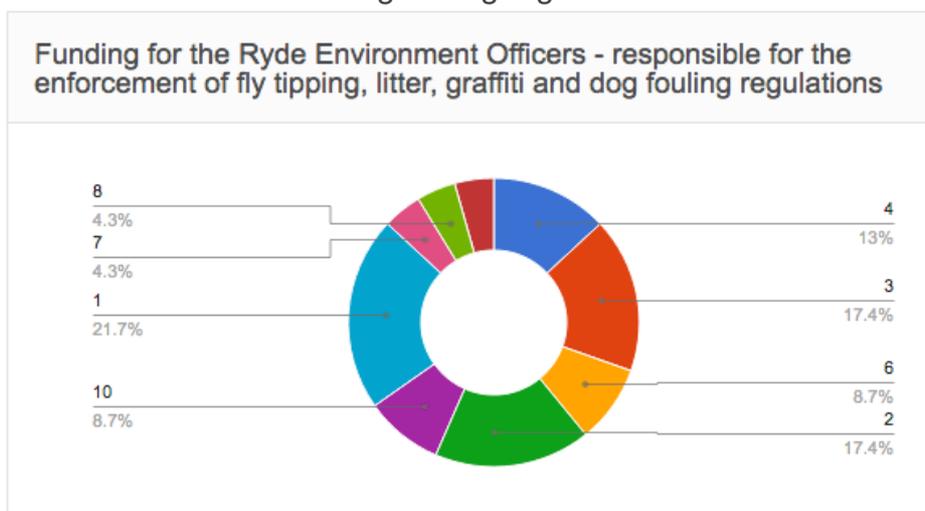
Funding contributions for local events such as the Carnivals and Ryde Arts Festival



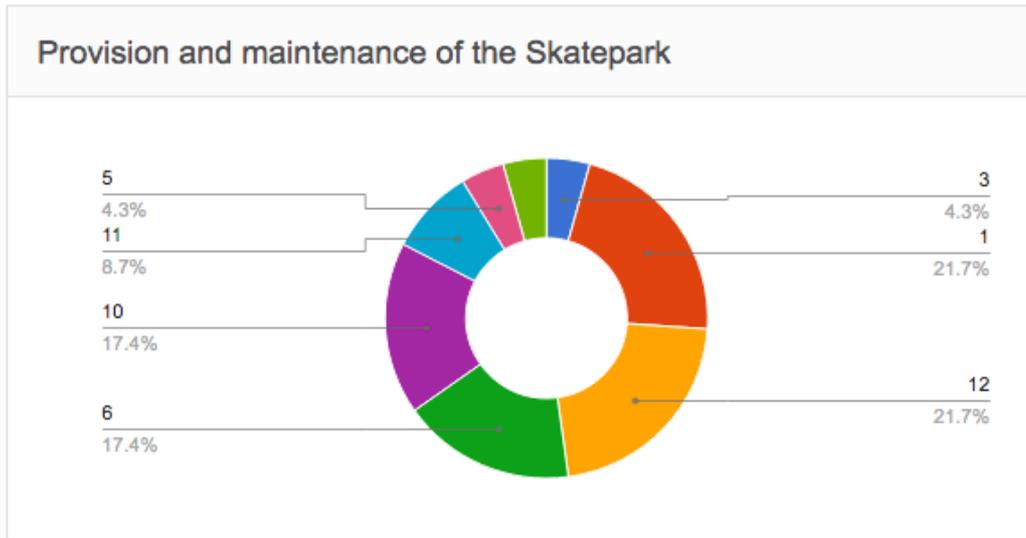
Provision of Youth Services



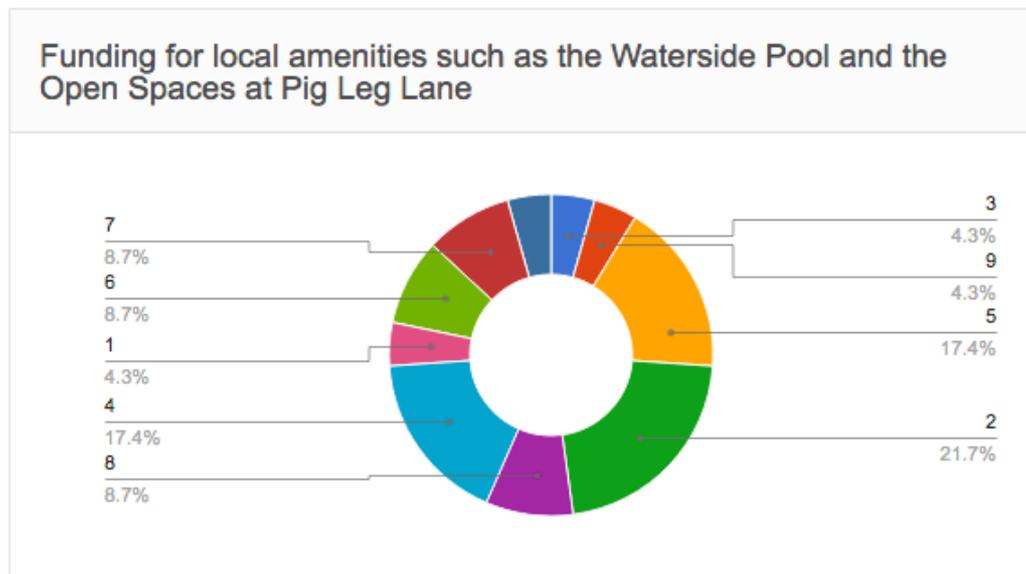
Funding for the Ryde Environment Officers - responsible for the enforcement of fly tipping, litter, graffiti and dog fouling regulations



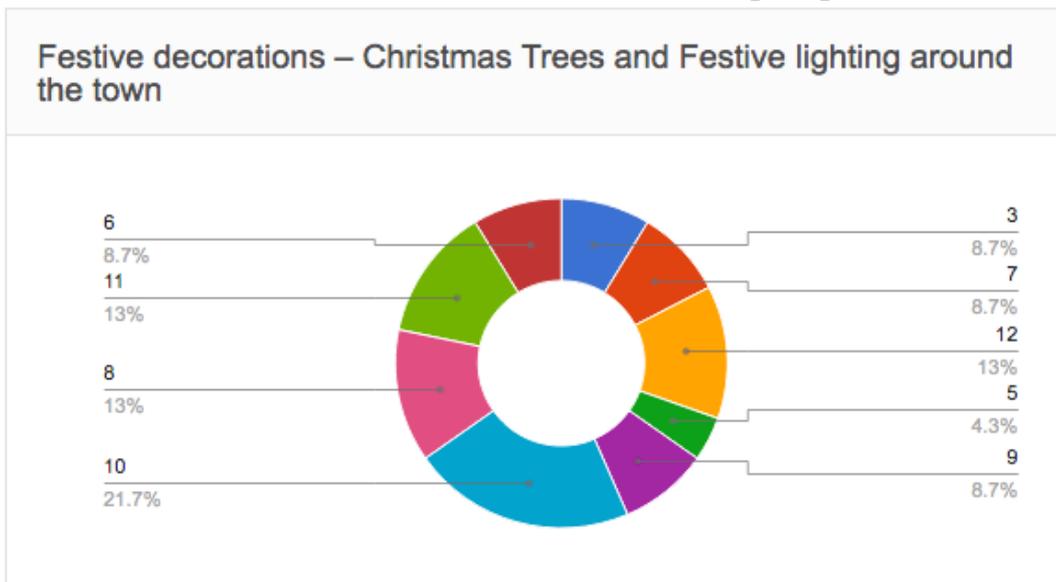
Provision and maintenance of the Skatepark



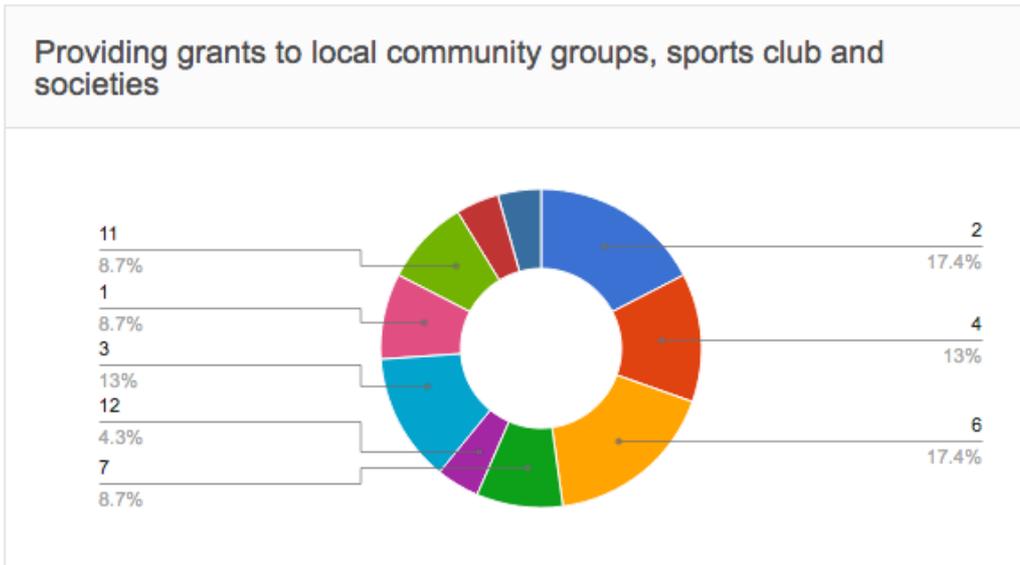
Funding for local amenities such as the Waterside Pool and the Open Spaces at Pig Leg Lane



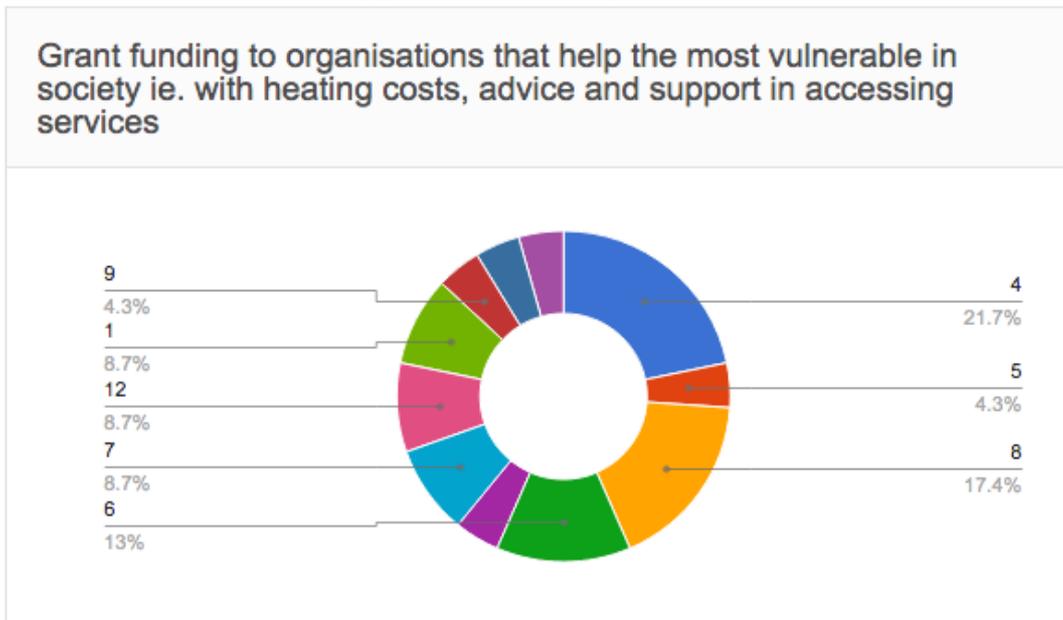
Festive decorations – Christmas Trees and Festive lighting around the town



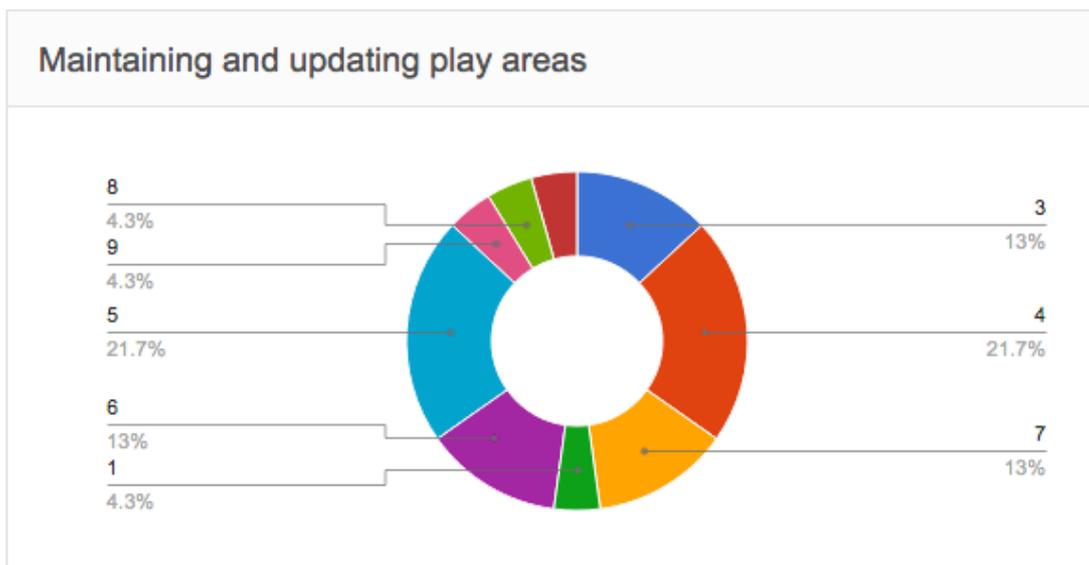
Providing grants to local community groups, sports club and societies



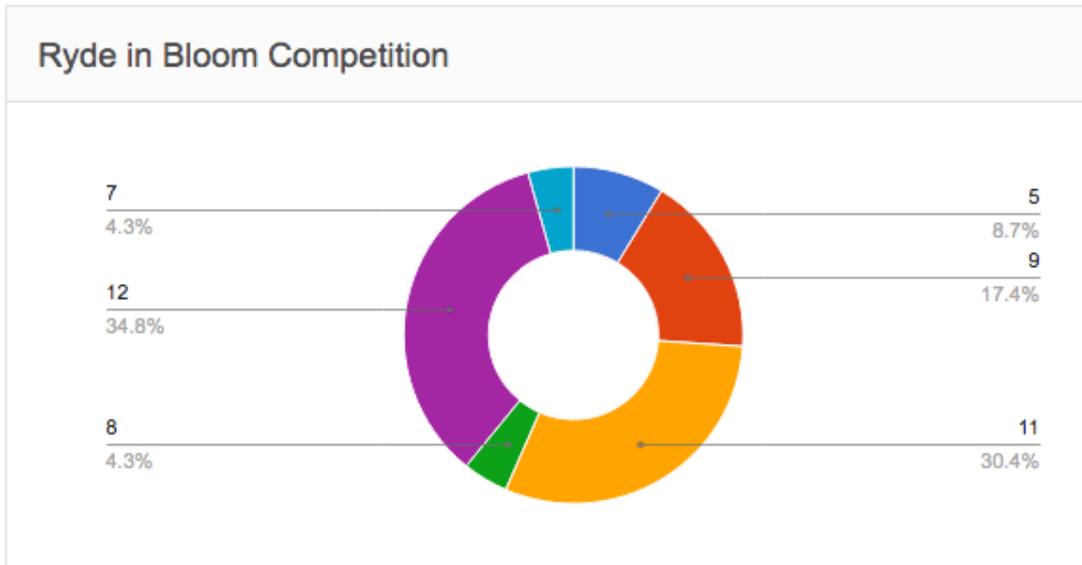
Grant funding to organisations that help the most vulnerable in society ie. with heating costs, advice and support in accessing services



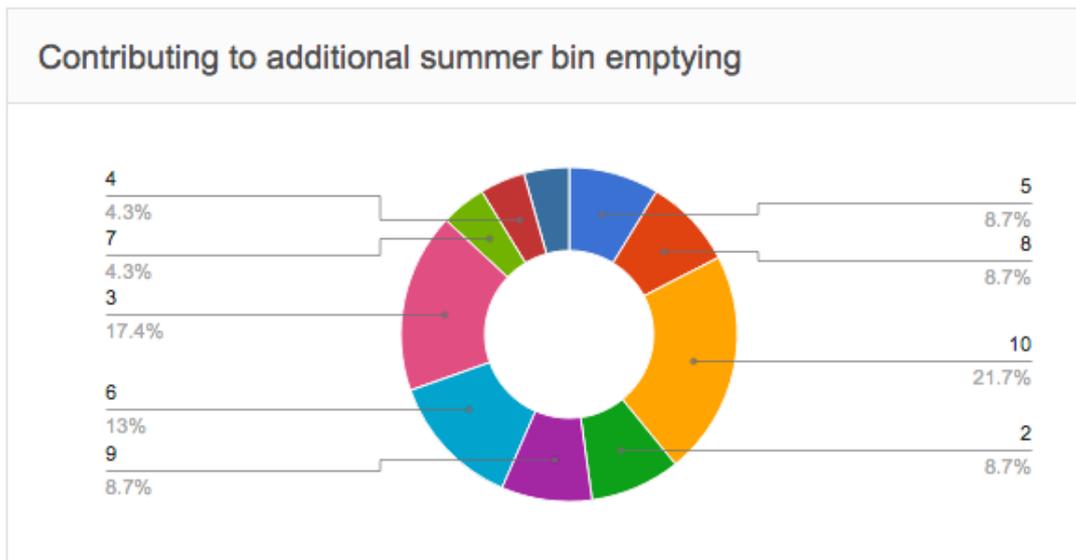
Maintaining and updating play areas



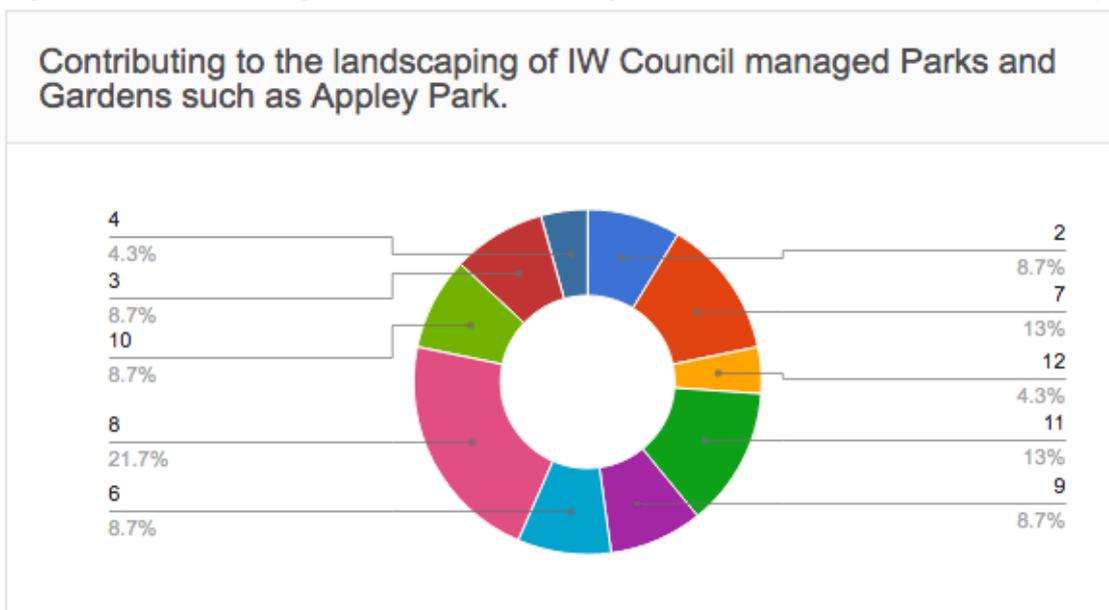
Ryde in Bloom Competition



Contributing to additional summer bin emptying



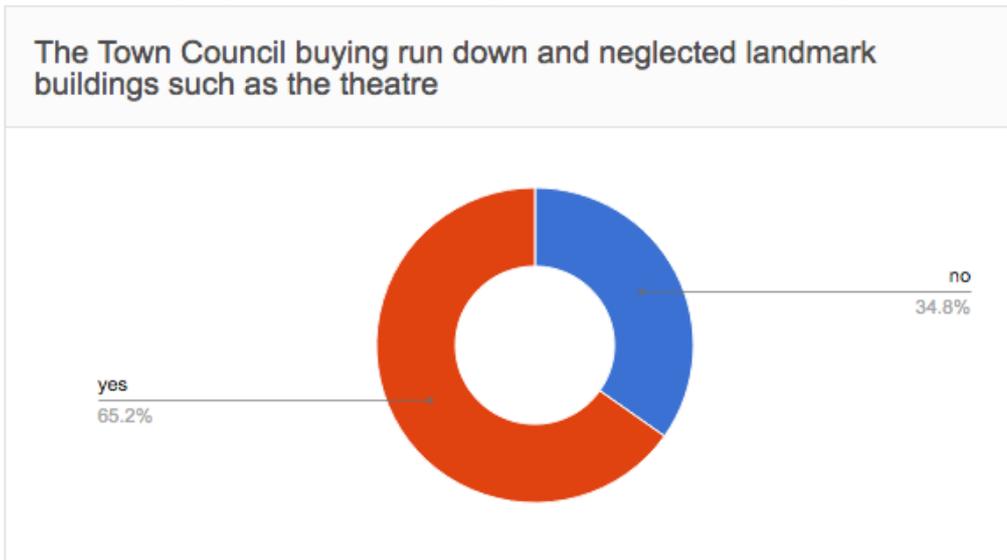
Contributing to the landscaping of IW Council managed Parks and Gardens such as Appley Park.



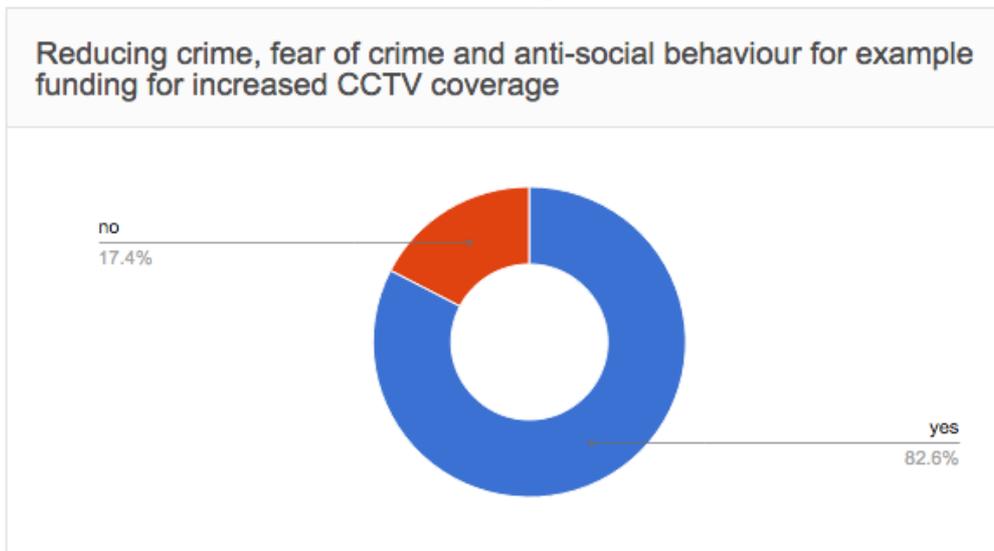
2. Ryde Town Council have been asked, at times, to consider taking on additional services and responsibilities.

Please tell us if you feel Ryde Town Council should undertake any of the following:

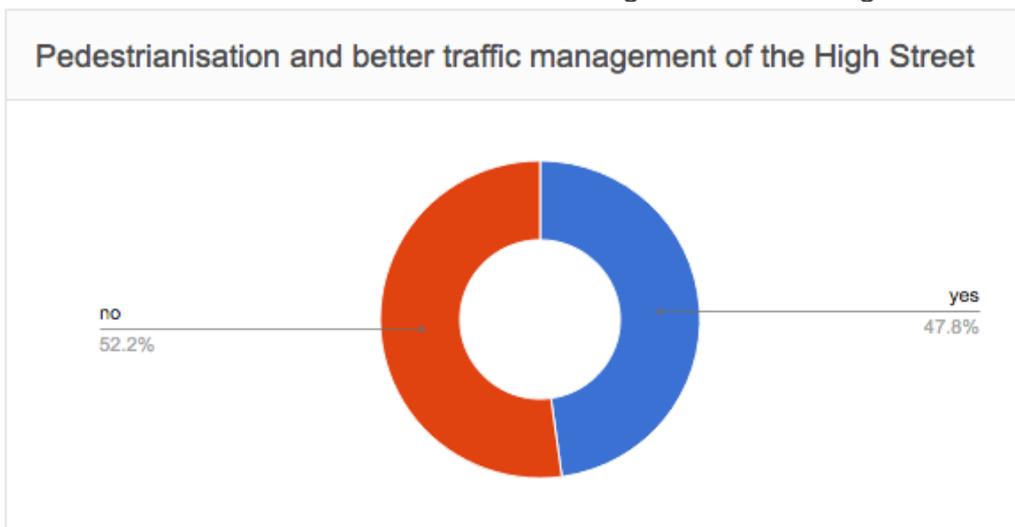
The Town Council buying run down and neglected landmark buildings such as the theatre



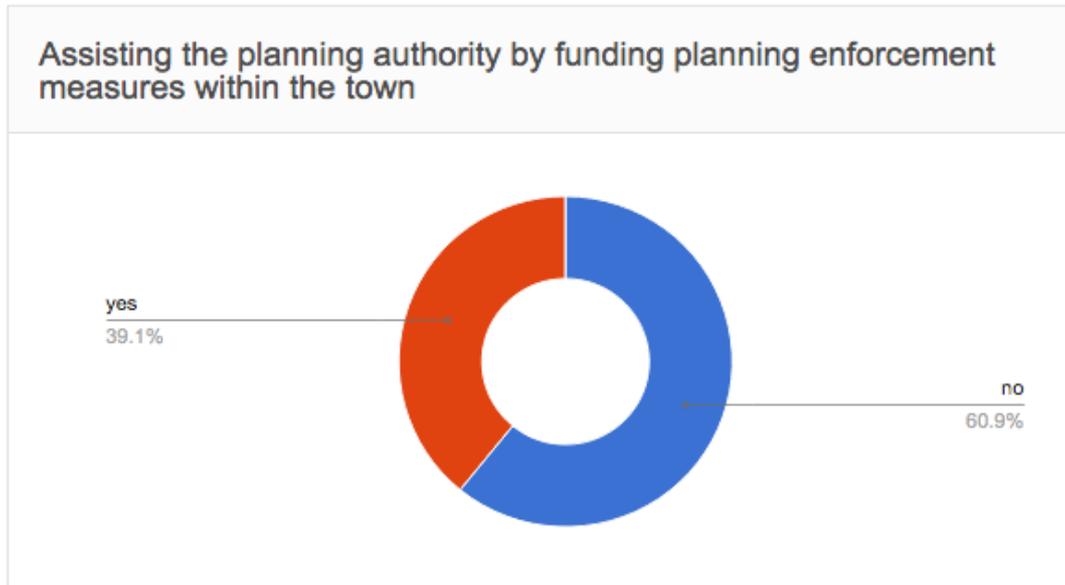
Reducing crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour for example funding for increased CCTV coverage



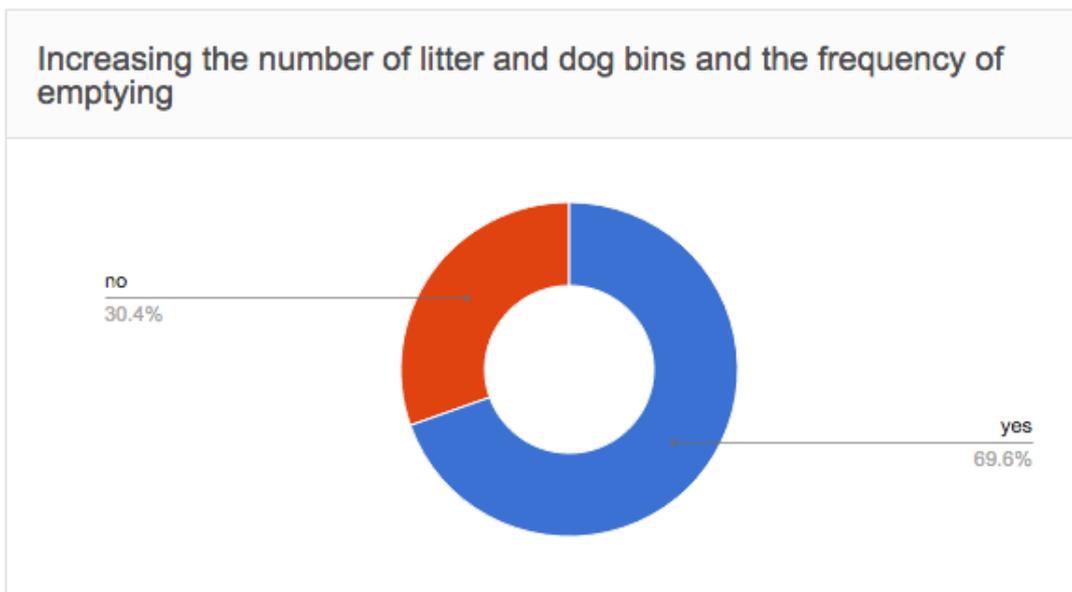
Pedestrianisation and better traffic management of the High Street



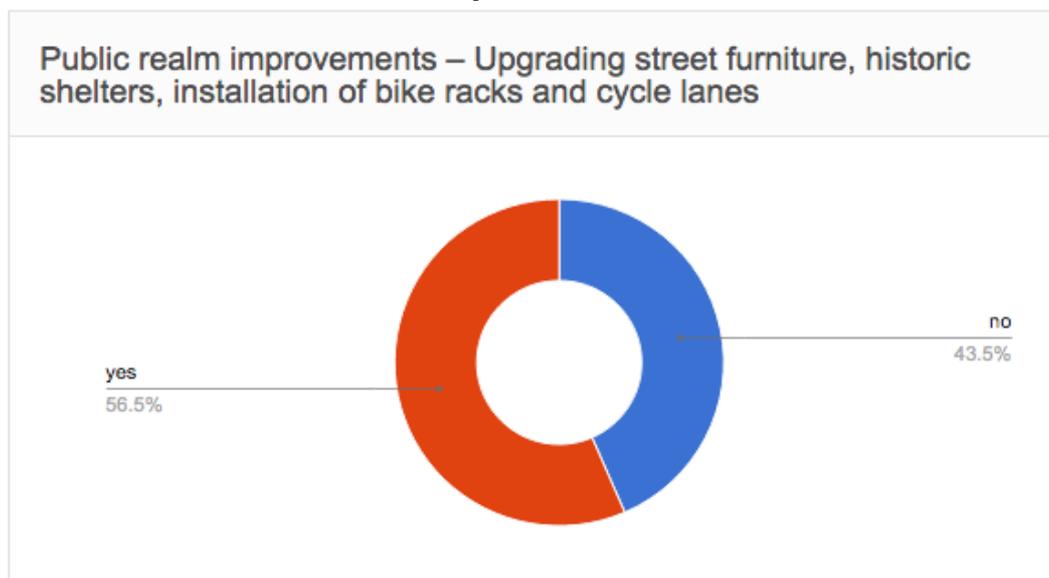
Assisting the planning authority by funding planning enforcement measures within the town



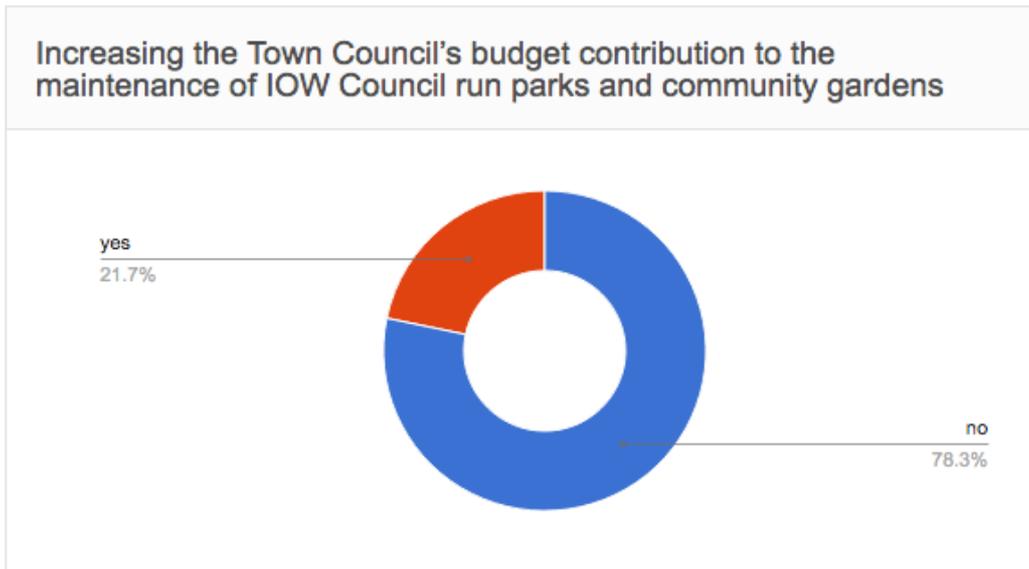
Increasing the number of litter and dog bins and the frequency of emptying



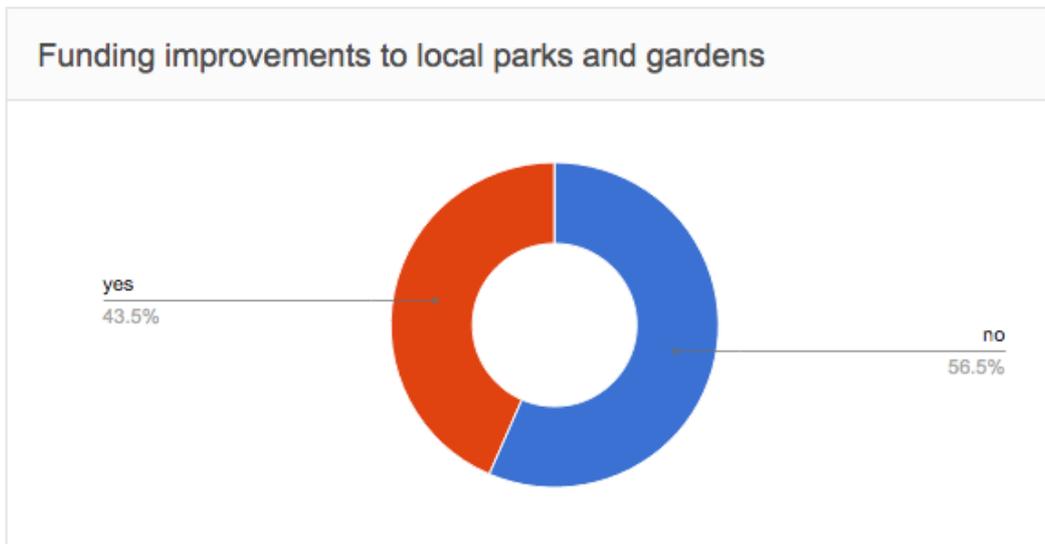
Public realm improvements – Upgrading street furniture, historic shelters, installation of bike racks and cycle lanes



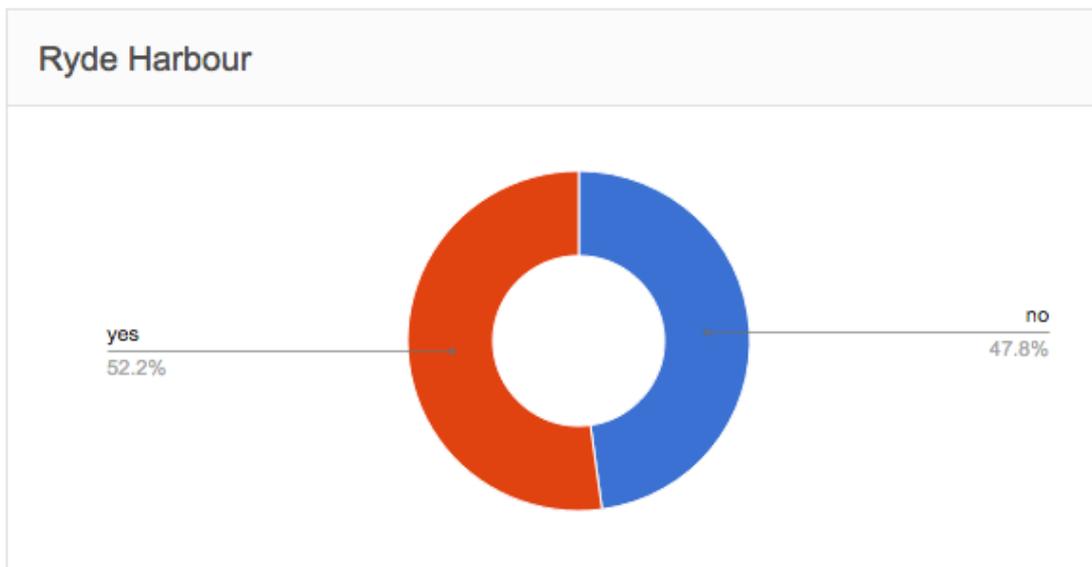
Increasing the Town Council's budget contribution to the maintenance of IOW Council run parks and community gardens



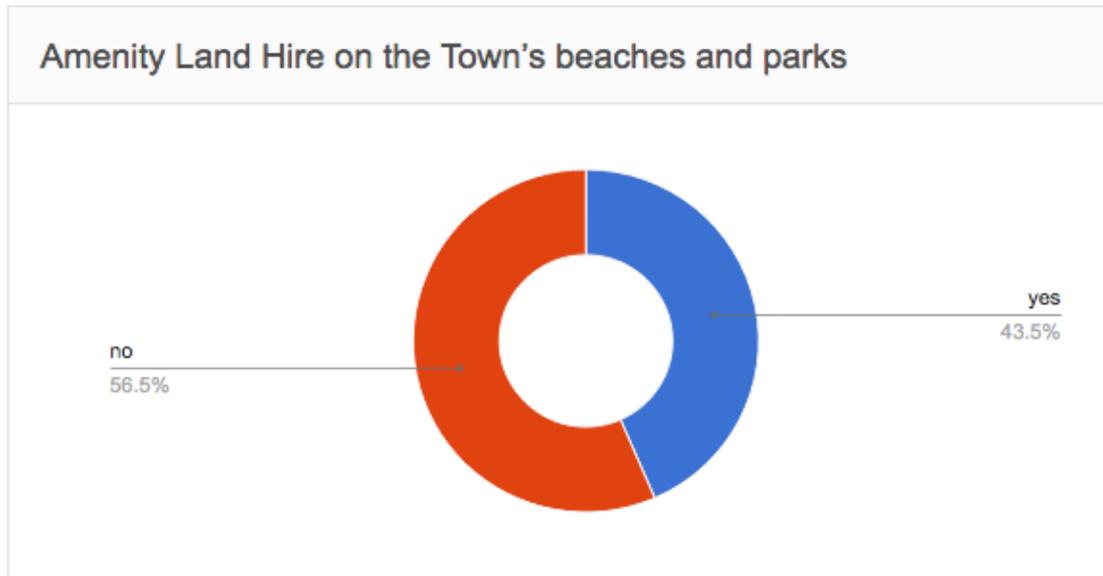
Funding improvements to local parks and gardens



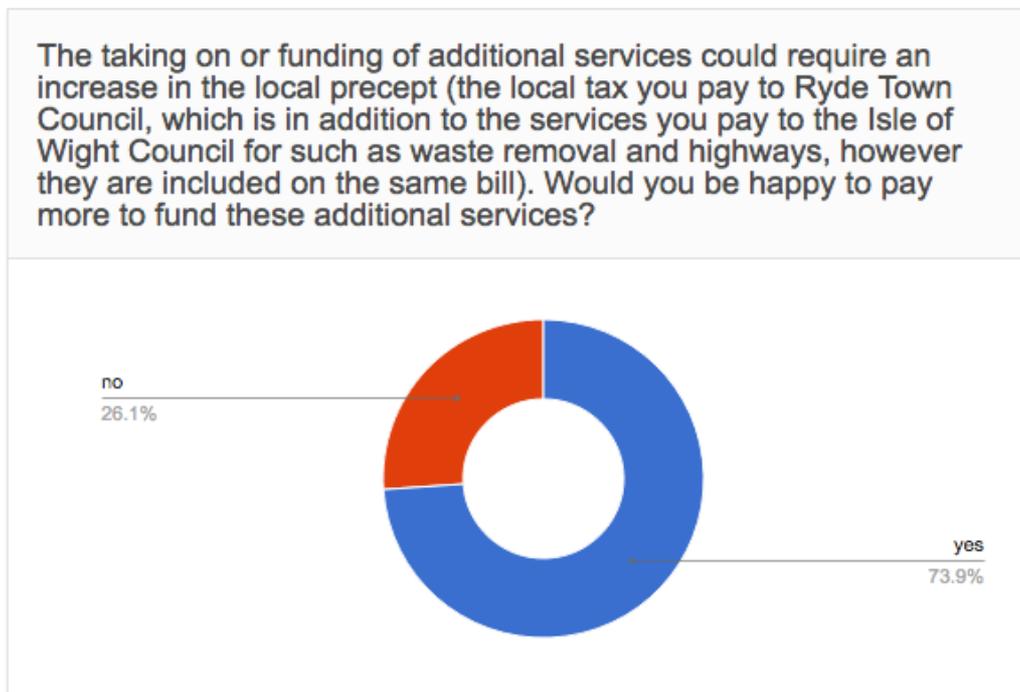
Ryde Harbour



Amenity Land Hire on the Town's beaches and parks



3. The taking on or funding of additional services could require an increase in the local precept (the local tax you pay to Ryde Town Council, which is in addition to the services you pay to the Isle of Wight Council for such as waste removal and highways, however they are included on the same bill). Would you be happy to pay more to fund these additional services?



4. Would you like Ryde Town Council to provide any additional services not mentioned above?

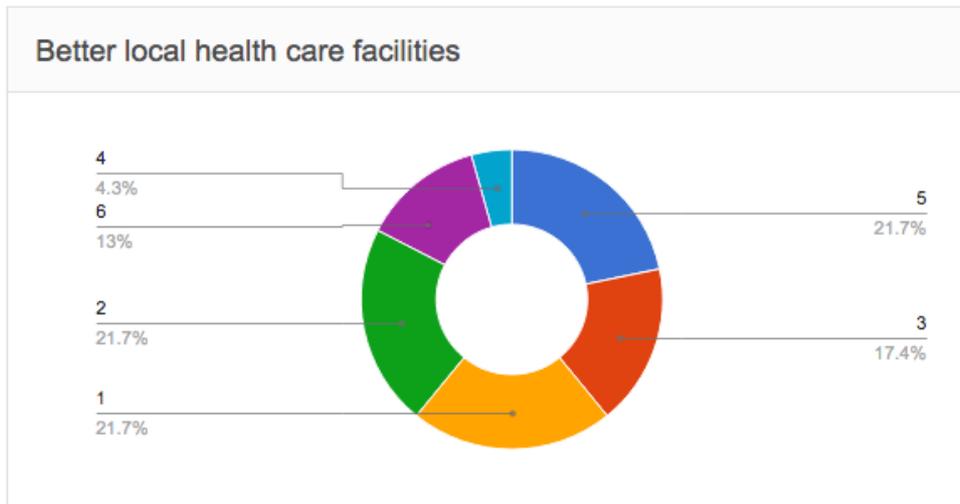
- a better skate park maintenance service please
- Improve the skatepark, it is very popular with the youth but getting run down and out of date
- I would like to see Ryde Town Council adopting the Radio System that once linked 10-12 various organisations to CCTV and the Police. The Council should be responsible for ensuring the safety of the people of the Town and this system was a vital part of that. It should not ever be the responsibility of any of the user groups, any of which might fold at any time. The costs are negligible, no more that £4,000 to pay for the new equipment and an annual outlay of a total less than £200.

- I would like Ryde Town Council to take on the radio system previously run by Island Roads. This is more important now than ever with the lack of policing, the towns safety should be the town councils priority and this facility helps not just the businesses of Ryde, but everyone who lives and visits including the council officers we vote for.
- I would like the Town Council to look at leisure facilities, the aging Waterside swimming pool and loss of Ryde Arena ice skating, Ryde really should have better and more leisure facilities and the Town Council should be pressuring the IW Council to sort out the lease issues with Ryde Arena which should be identified as a potential redeveloped multi-leisure facility, ie. skating rink, Arena, 50mt pool and skate park.
- With reference the funding of CCTV to prevent crime I also feel the Ryde Council should also take note of the hard work done by the Ryde Shop Watch & Pub Watch. I believe that they are not able to do the job as well as they would like to due to the closing down of there radio systems. With less police on the streets it is important that we encourage local business's to help control the amount of crime that has affected so many of them. Being able to talk to each other by radio helps.
- We are not sure that pedestrianisation of the High Street is realistic due to the number of deliveries, but it would be nice to see non-delivery offenders blatantly ignoring the rules fined. The Island planning document mentions removing the upper High Street from the town centre. We would like to know what this means in practice.
- Dog fouling is a big problem in the area but we are not told if anyone ever gets caught and then fined. If dog owners do get caught and fined then it should be publicised. I'm not suggesting that any culprit is publicly named but if it was publicised how many people get caught and fined for the offence it would be a deterrent to other dog owners.. To help finance any of the additional services suggested above Ryde Town Council should cut down on giving our money to charities as we should decide whether to or to which charities we individually want to support
- A 'Meals on Wheels' type service for the elderly and disabled. Perhaps an extension to the voluntary food service provided at Aspire? Just in the immediate Ryde area. It would decrease the burden on the Care Service providers, many of them visit at lunchtime just to put a ready meal in a microwave and dish up. Their expertise could be better used
- Only if you set up a commercial arm - Set up a trading arm, you have the ability

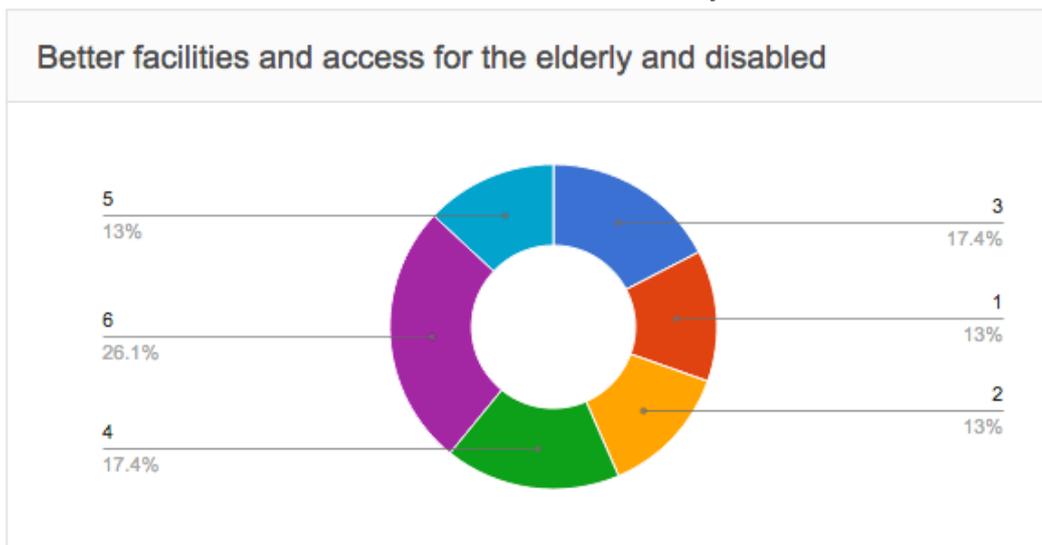
5. Ryde Town Council can also advocate on behalf of the residents of Ryde with other Government agencies about the services they provide and assist them to make improvements.

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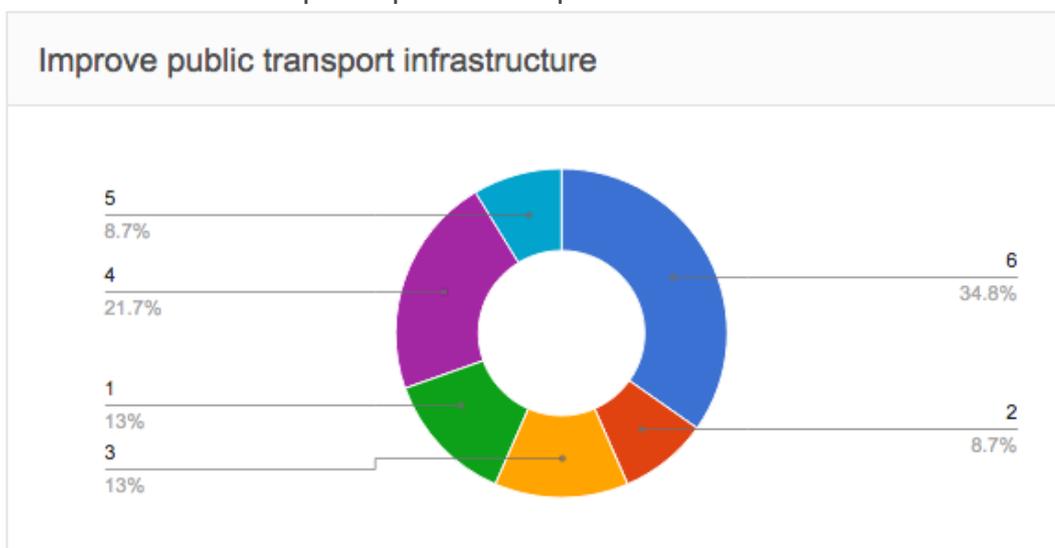
Better local health care facilities



Better facilities and access for the elderly and disabled

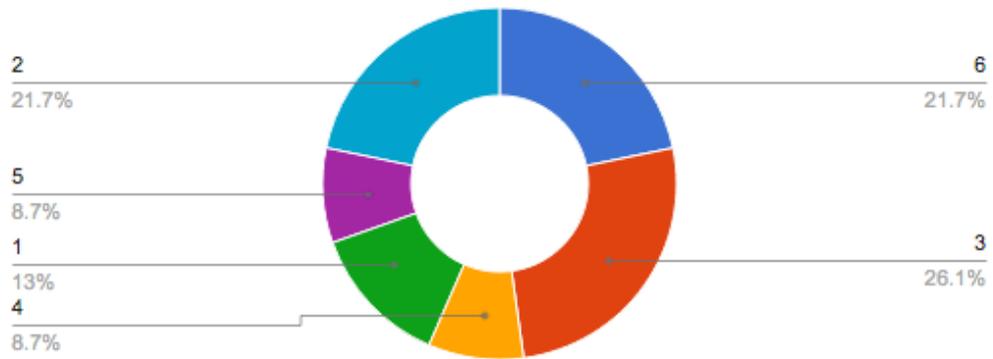


Improve public transport infrastructure



Reducing the number of empty shops

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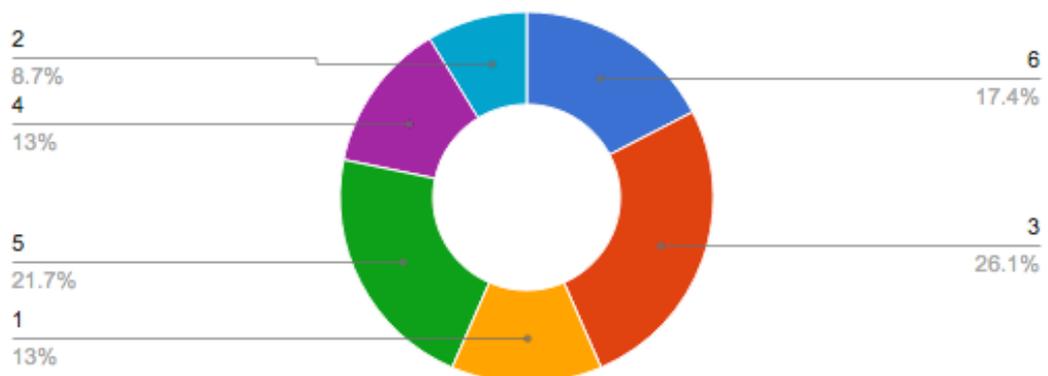
Regeneration of the seafront

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Providing better employment opportunities within the town

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6. Please tell us whether you have any suggestions for improvements to the above services.

- As previously stated, there is a fantastic opportunity to redevelop Ryde Arena into a world class multi-sports facility on the seafront, regenerating and reviving its tired appearance. There are multiple funding options for this and it really should be a priority and one which RTC is actively pursuing with the IW Council.
- Stop paying for consultations and get on with the job, more action and less talking. Implement a trial dog licence to pay for the cleaning of the streets and focus the minds of the irresponsible owners who give all owners the bad name. All beaches in the summer should be dog free.
- To help both visitors and locals I believe that there should be more signs around Ryde giving directions to streets such as the High street and Union street. What I would like to see is the machine they use to have by the information building in the old western gardens.
- All of these are important but, as with the first list, if we can bring more money in from visitors of all descriptions than that will give more opportunities to improve other things.
- More checks made on legitimate use of blue badges. and clampdown of drivers without blue badges parking in disabled bays.
- As stated above, a meals on wheels type service which would be a life line to isolated and vulnerable people. Could 147 High Street Ryde be opened up in the mornings as a 'drop in' centre for the elderly to have a tea or coffee, meet people, get advice on worrying matters? Perhaps job seekers with relevant experience could be employed in the above two services? Pedestrian access to the wet end of Ryde pier head is dangerous, the old tram way, which looks horrific, could be converted to a covered walkway. It worked well when the pier was closed to vehicles for refurbishment a few years ago.
- Having walked along the Western over the Christmas period I was surprised to see that the large black flower tubs were just mud and weeds made worse by the Ryde In Bloom plaque on the front – what a shame – whatever is done would be an improvement. I don't know who is responsible for the cleaning of the path around the canoe lake but they are seriously failing. I regularly walk my grandsons' buggy along the seafront but ten to stay clear owing to the amount of bird excrement that builds up. Also the amount of debris in the water be it (?) or debris from the trees – so a more frequent power wash etc is surely needed. With the close proximity of the paddling pool I don't wonder about the health repercussions from the bird excrement. Finally just as a comment – so the island is finally being cut more and more we must keep our amenities as clean and tidy as we do at the moment we just looked unloved our civic pride needs a boost so perhaps Ryde Town Council could put in place an incentive along the lines of the Ryde in Bloom competition for the Ryde Town Centre to encourage the businesses to cheer up the town. Having worked in two retail outlets in Ryde it used to be a matter of pride to keep the shop front clean or am I just old fashioned.
- Thank you for this opportunity. With the increasing addition of A.E.D (defibrillator) within the community – got to be good. Could some thought be given to erecting local signs directly to the nearest machine – we already have many out of date 'brown signs' and indeed community signs – 'upper high street speciality shops'. If the existing signs fall under the highways / county council responsibility – perhaps Ryde Town Council could take the lead, im sure there is a general logo suitable which could be universally identifiable.
- I wish to protest most loudly against the proposal to sell Ryde Harbour and the fact that restrictions of use could be removed if of benefit to Ryde/ or the Island. Stop selling our beautiful Georgian Town to spend elsewhere.
- Ryde Harbour must be kept for the use of local boat users. It is also a major attraction for the town, bringing in money from boating users, and to surrounding businesses. The Harbour makes a profit. It could be run by a community interest company of harbour users, who could run it better and cheaper

than it is now. The income could cover the cost of any big-sums of maintenance (funded by loan) that may crop up in the future