



Policy and Public Initiatives Panel

Item

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Report of

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Title

Public Engagement – Survey Results and Contributions at the meeting

Wards
affected

Not applicable

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with a summary of the responses received from the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel survey, which was created to receive ideas from members of the public about what the Panel could review as part of its work programme. The report also provides a summary of the methods used to publicise the survey.
- 1.2 At the time of publishing the report 60 different responses had been received on a variety of different issues. Supplementary information detailing additional responses received following publication of the agenda will be published and circulated on the day of the meeting.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 To assess the responses received to the survey to date, and to invite members of the public at the meeting to inform the Panel of their ideas.
- 2.2 To establish those issues relating to existing work programme items, Air Quality and Pedestrianisation of the High Street, which the Panel wants to include in the scope of the review.
- 2.3 To identify those suggestions which the Panel wish to add to the work programme and to make a recommendation to Cabinet for their inclusion.

3. Reason for Review

- 3.1 A fundamental element of the Policy Review and Public Initiatives Panel is to listen to suggestions from members of the public about what ideas the Panel could review as part of its work programme.
- 3.2 This report follows agreement by the Panel to hold a public engagement session at this meeting. The public engagement included an online survey and also the opportunity for members of the public to attend this meeting to have their say regarding ideas for the Panel to consider.
- 3.3 Following on from the suggestions, the Panel will need to consider what ideas and suggestions could be included as part of the scope for existing items on the work programme, and those ideas which could be added to the work programme following a request to Cabinet for approval.

4. Background Information

- 4.1 At the last Policy and Public Initiatives Panel meeting, it was agreed that the agenda for the meeting in September be focused on public ideas and initiatives. This would take the form of creation of an online survey as well as an opportunity for members of the public to submit ideas at the meeting.
- 4.2 In advance of the meeting, the survey was published and circulated through a number of different outlets. This included social media, Committee and Better Colchester e-newsletters, press coverage and circulation by Councillors.
- 4.3 The survey asked members of the public to submit their ideas related to the strategic plan, or those items that are already scheduled on the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel.

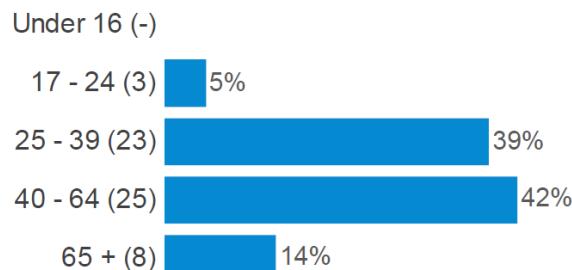
5. Process at the meeting

- 5.1 As part of the process at the meeting members of the public will be able to propose their idea or initiative to the Panel as part of this item using the same rules as Have Your Say!
- 5.2 In addition members of the public will be able to write ideas on flip charts provided at the meeting. The Panel may wish to adjourn the meeting to consider these suggestions.

6. Responses

- 6.1 A full breakdown of the responses received to date are included in **Appendix A**. Responses are categorised by whether they relate to Air Quality, Pedestrianisation of the High Street, the Strategic Plan or a generic response.
- 6.2 The survey will remain open until the 18th of September to allow for further responses to be collated. This will be circulated to members of the Panel as part of a supplementary agenda.
- 6.3 A total of 65 responses were received, however a number of these were duplicates and have therefore been removed from the submissions in the appendix.
- 6.4 Below are the statistics for the age groups that responded to the survey. Due to the way in which the information is collated, the duplicate submissions are included within the statistics. A heatmap illustrating the location from where submissions were received is included in **Appendix C**.

What is your age?



- 6.5 An additional response was received outside of the survey from Mr Chilvers and this is included in **Appendix B**

7. Standard References

- 7.1 There are no particular references to the Strategic Plan; consultation or publicity considerations or financial; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

Appendices

Appendix A – Summary of Responses

Appendix B – Response from Mr Chilvers

Appendix C – Location Heatmap of responses