

# COVID-19 Recovery Update

Presented to the Executive

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# Directing Resource from Recovery to Meet Immediate Need

The Recovery Economy Lead is current focusing immediate need and our support for local businesses through:

## The Local Restrictions Support Grants Scheme

- Went live on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- This scheme is different from the previous business rates support grant and is NOT linked to eligibility for Small Business Rate Relief or Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Relief.
- Businesses can apply if:

They were open and trading up to 5 November

They have been told to close from 5 November until 2 December

They depend on providing direct in person services to visiting members of the public

They have a business rates account

Their business appeared in the rating list on 5 November.



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## Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)

- The ARG provides local councils with grant funding to support closed businesses that are not registered for business rates as well as businesses that do not have to close but which are severely impacted by the national restrictions.
- We have received Government guidance on the eligibility criteria of this scheme for the payment of discretionary grants, and are working to put measures in place to enable the grants to be paid. The scheme will go live in early December.

## The Kickstart Scheme

- The Economy Lead is also heavily involved in the Kickstart Scheme through which organisations can apply for financial assistance to create new 6 month job placements for young people who are currently on Universal Credit and at risk of long term unemployment.

## The Gap Grants Fund

- Using surplus funds from the Additional Restrictions Grant, we will be launching a scheme to support businesses on the cusp of closure. Businesses will be offered bespoke financial support based on them providing evidence of what they need to remain open.



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The Economy team are also considering further funding opportunities to support local businesses impacted by restrictions on commercial activity.

## Recovery Lead

- My time is has also temporarily been directed away from Recovery work towards meeting Housing need and the prevention and relief of homelessness, including our interventions to support Rough Sleepers.

## Implications for Recovery Work

- Consultation through the Economy stream of our Recovery programme has been postponed until the new year (Stakeholder Surveys and Workshop)
- A delay to the overall timeline for our Recovery Plan is also anticipated as a result of the redirection of staffing resources.



# Recovery Work On-going

## Place and Environment

- A combined stakeholder survey for Place and Environment is currently being conducted and this will be followed by a stakeholder workshop for those theme areas in Mid December.

## Communities

- Our Communities Recovery lead is also holding a stakeholder workshop with representatives from the community and voluntary sector on 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- These workshops will enable us to better understand the concerns, priorities and pressures of our key partner agencies and help further refine our objectives for our Recovery Plan.

## Vital Viable Council

- Our Lead for Vital Viable Council has been focusing on developing the Target on Teignbridge Business Plan and Strategy and will be holding a 'meet the buyer' procurement event for businesses in the new year.



# Recovery Work On-going

## Overview & Scrutiny Covid-19 Impact Group

- The Overview and Scrutiny groups responsible for assessing the impacts of COVID-19 in Coastal, Rural and Urban areas in Teignbridge are currently surveying Town and Parish Councils, Local Businesses and Community and Voluntary Sector organisations. The Groups will report initial findings to Overview and Scrutiny 2 on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.
- A final report will be provided in January and will help to inform our Recovery Plan.



# Recovery Work On-going COVID-19 Resident's Survey

## COVID-19 Resident's Survey

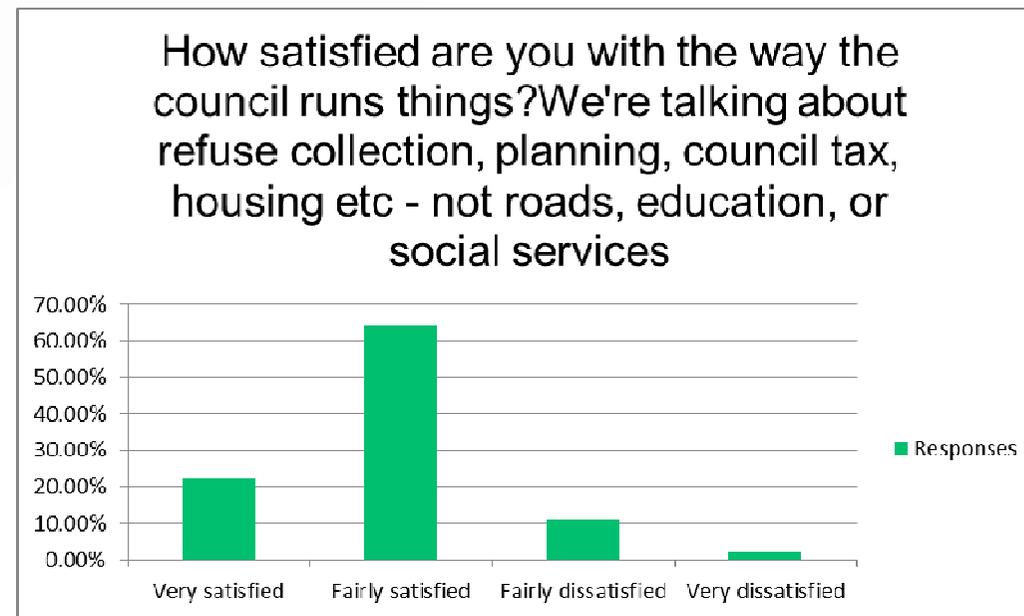
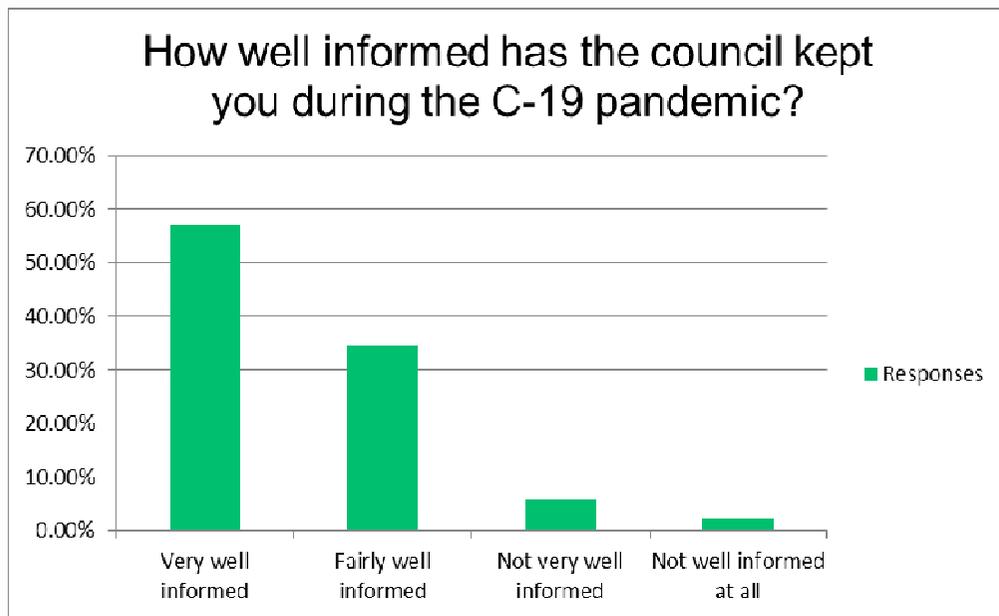
- A COVID-19 residents survey was conducted between 28<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November and received 175 responses. The full results of this survey will be made available to members and will help to shape our Recovery Plan.
- The Survey asked a series of questions to help us better understand residents' concerns, how the pandemic has impacted them and their level of satisfaction with the council's communication and service delivery.
- We also asked what our economic and environmental priorities should be over the coming year and questions pertaining to residents' home environments.



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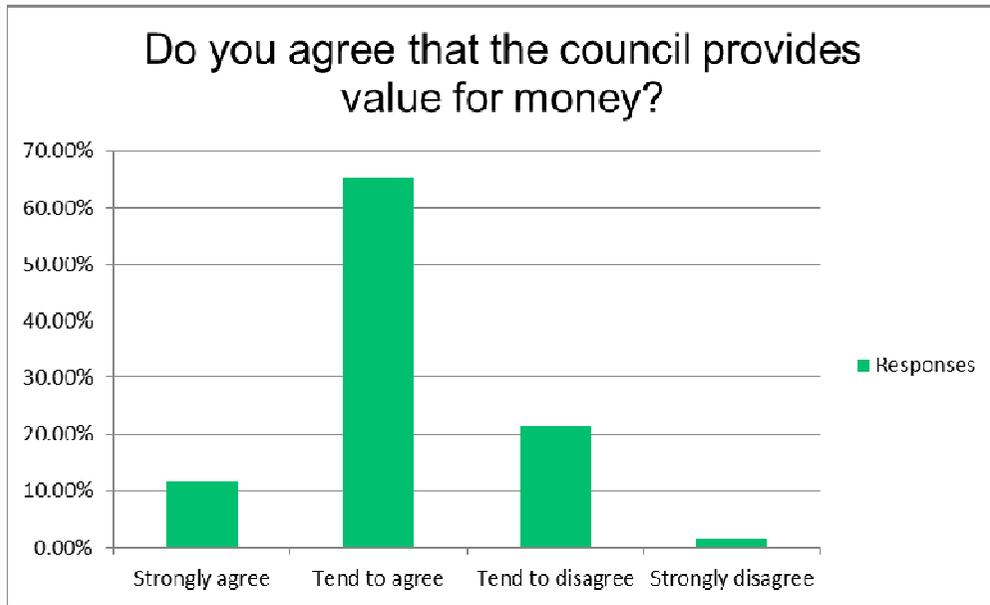
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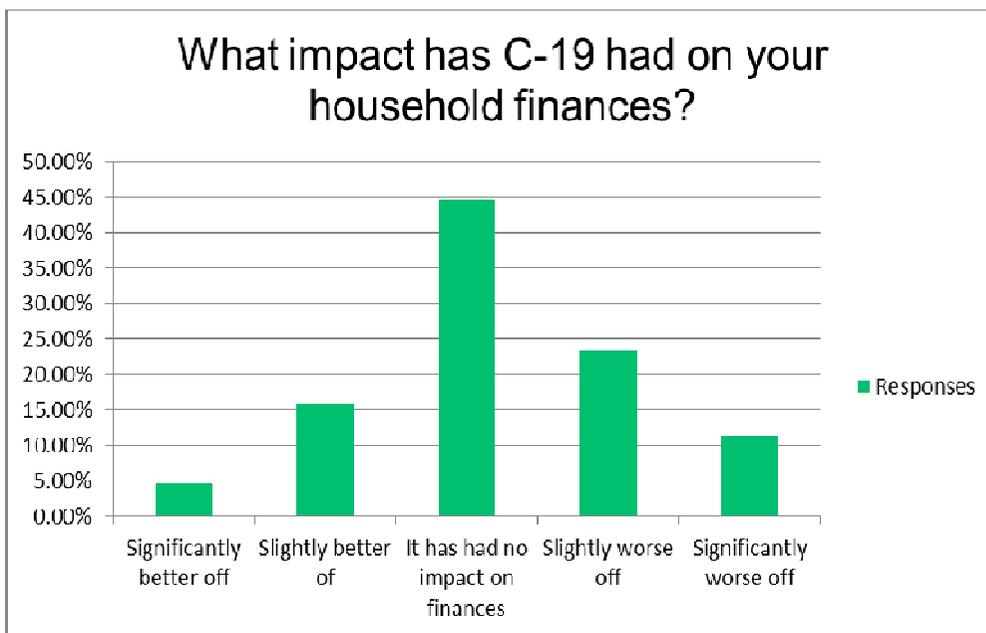
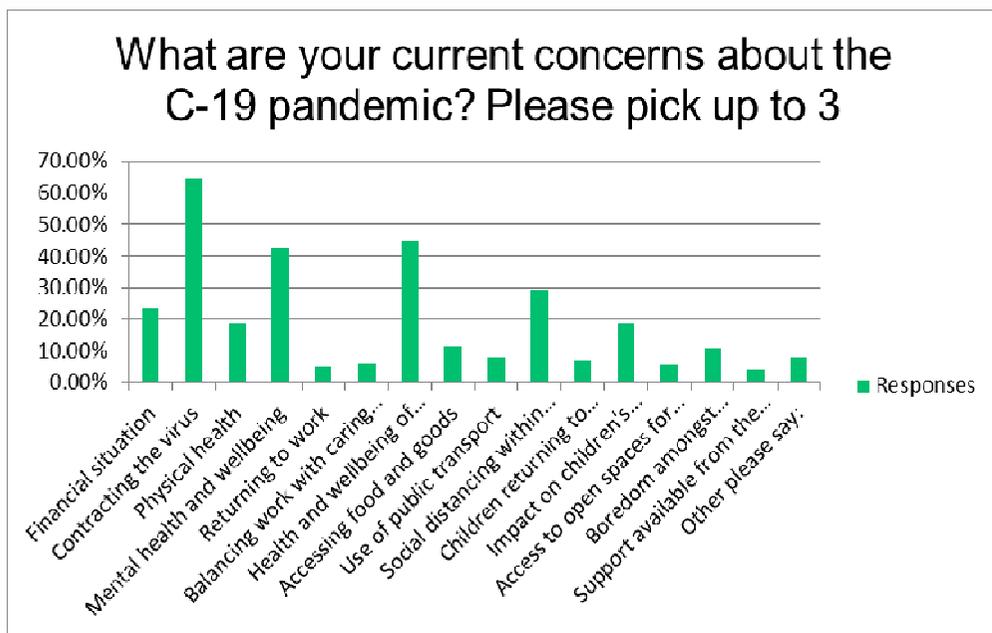
Satisfaction with TDC & the Local Area



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## Residents' Concerns



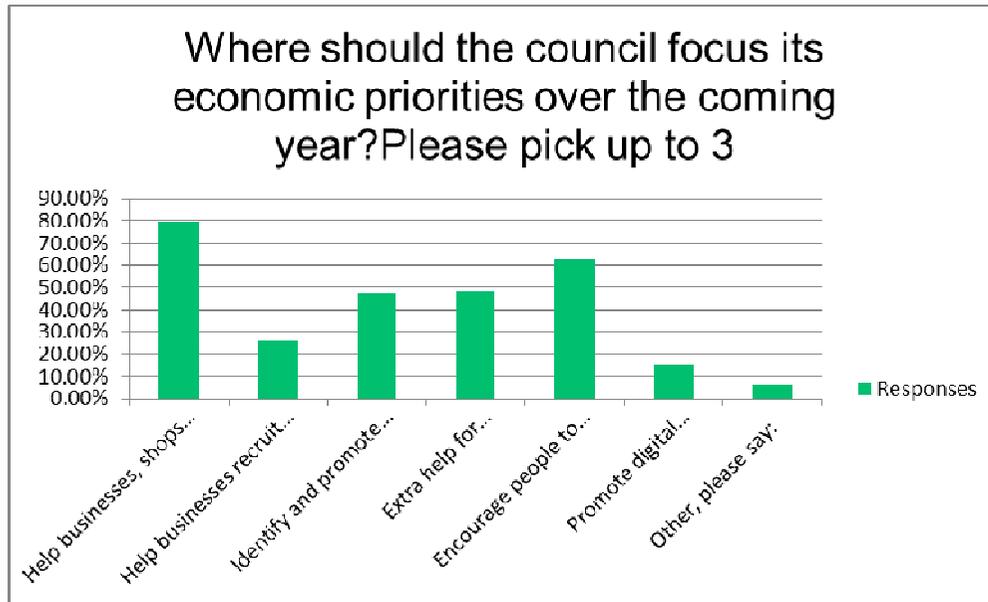
- Contracting the virus
- Mental Health and wellbeing of loved ones
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Social distancing within the community
- Financial situation



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## Economic Priorities and Support for Local Business



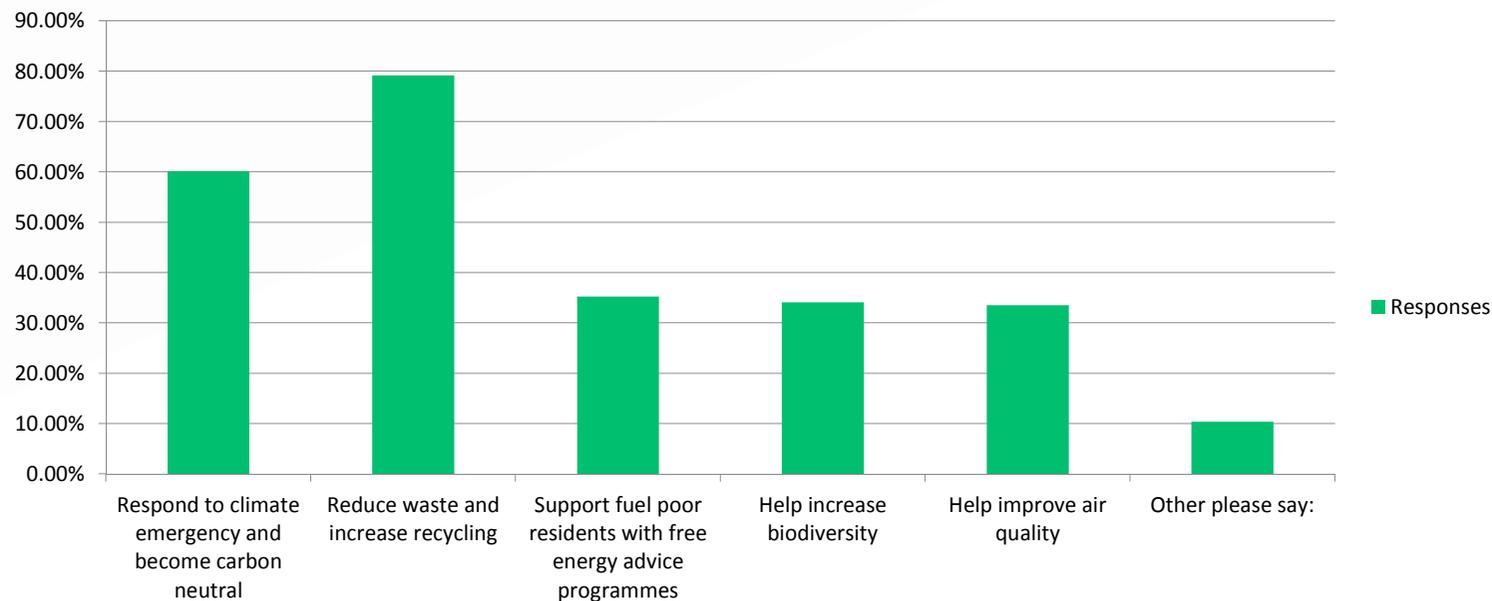
- Help businesses, shops and visitor attractions to remain open and viable
- Identify and promote opportunities for employment and training
- Encourage people to support businesses by shopping locally
- Identify and promote opportunities for employment and training



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## Environmental Priorities

Where should the council focus its environmental priorities over the coming year? Please pick up to 3



# Recovery Work On-going

Devon-wide work and representation

## Recovery Coordination Group

The Recovery Coordination Group meets on a monthly basis. The focus is currently the work of the Data and Intelligence Sub Group via which a Literature Review has been completed.

The Data group is now compiling a list of key indicators which will help us understand the Impacts of COVID-19 in relation to; Equalities, Community Safety and Wellbeing, Economy, Housing and Homelessness, Transport, Environment and Climate and the Voluntary Sector.

The Recovery Coordination Group is planning to complete a first draft of a recovery Plan for Devon for April or May of next year.

