# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

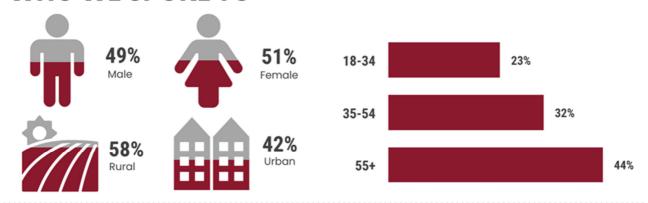


# **RESIDENTS' SURVEY 2022**

As part of their commitment to provide the most relevant and highest quality public services to residents, Winchester City Council commissioned M·E·L Research to undertake a residents' survey on their behalf. The overall objective of this research was to capture resident perceptions to inform service prioritisation and improvement.

A doorstep survey was carried out which was representative by age, gender and rural/urban classification. Interviews were spread across the 16 wards in the district. The fieldwork took place between 2nd February and 30th May 2022 and 1,607 residents took part.

### WHO WE SPOKE TO



## LIVING IN WINCHESTER DISTRICT

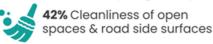
satisfied with their local area as a place to live



### Top 3 things that make the local area a great place to live:

85% Access to parks & open green space



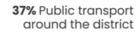




### Top 3 things that are most in need of improvement:



38% Affordable housing & renting options







# WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

satisfied with the 75% way WCC runs things



agreed that WCC provides value for money



### Most important services to residents...



**43%** community safety e.g. dealing with ASB, reducing crimes





### Residents agreed that the Council...











### In order to deliver a balanced budget, residents agreed with proposals to...

Maximise use of council assets to achieve a long-term income stream

22% Reduce grants to voluntary sector

74%) Use reserves as far as possible

19% Increase council tax



67% Reduce management costs

Dispose of council buildings to achieve a capital sum

22% Increase fees and charges

### The Council Plan

90%

agreed with the five key priorities set out in the current Council Plan

which are: the climate emergency, housing, health, the economy and council services

## MOVING AROUND THE DISTRICT

# Proportion of residents who visit these destinations at least a few times a year...

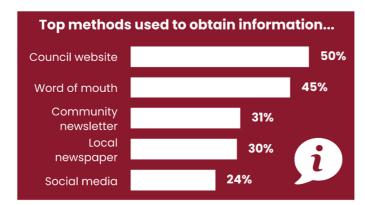
#### Main reasons for visiting...





Most travel to these destinations by car, however some travel to Winchester city centre by bus or by walking

# COMMUNICATION



#### Use of council website...

67% of residents said they use the council website ...and... 81% of those said they find it easy to use 33% do not use the council website

# **CLIMATE CHANGE**

85% said that climate cho is important to them said that climate change



and **50%** said they are more concerned about the impact of climate change now than 12 months ago



of residents were aware of the council's target to reach carbon neutrality by 2024 and for the wider district by 2030

The most supported initiatives residents felt the council could take included...

59% Provide more facilities for recycling (e.g. food waste, textile collections)

59% Initiatives to insulate and keep homes warm 58% Increase the use of renewable energy (e.g. solar farms)



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# YOUNG PERSONS' TTERBOX' SURVEY 2022

As part of their commitment to provide the most relevant and highest quality public services to residents, Winchester City Council commissioned M.E.L Research to undertake a Young Persons' 'Chatterbox' survey on their behalf. The survey was designed to allow the Council to open a dialogue with 18-24 year olds who live, work and study in the District. The survey aimed to gather views on how young people feel about living in the District; including how they spend their time in Winchester and their views on their local area.

An on-street survey was carried out which was representative by working/student status. The fieldwork took place between 4th February and 10th March 2022 and 500 residents took part.

Less than 1 year

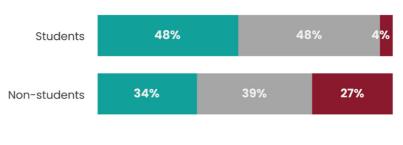
### WHO WE SPOKE TO







### **Length of time living in Winchester District:**



1-5 years

# **STUDENTS**



94% enrolled at University of Winchester

Intend to start a career or pursue further study in the District:

26%

Yes

60% Enjoy living in the District

17% There are good opportunities here

40%

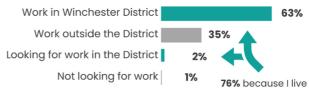
No

28% Lack of opportunities here

23% Personal reasons e.g. family elsewhere

## NON-STUDENTS

5 years or more



here and the job is close to home



Reasons for not staying:

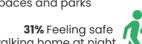
41% Wanting to expand their career elsewhere 20% Personal reasons e.g. family elsewhere 13% Cost of renting/buying a home is too high

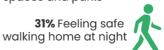
# LIVING IN WINCHESTER

**88%** rate living in Winchester as 'very good' or 'good'

#### Top 3 things that make the local area a great place to live:









For evening entertainment **55%** visit Winchester, **31%** visit Southampton and **20%** of students stay on campus.

For retail and shopping **54%** visit Winchester, **46%** visit Southampton and **7%** visit London.

#### Top 3 things that are most in need of improvement:



**51%** Affordable housing & renting options

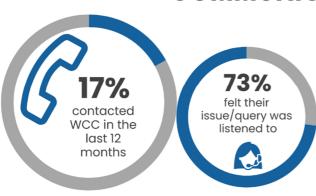
**38%** Good selection of retail shops nearby





**27%** Venues for concerts, gigs & festivals

## COMMUNICATION



Preferred communication channels for WCC info: 67% Social media 21% Council website

7% Do not want information

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

92%

said that climate change is important to them



and **57%** said they are more concerned about the impact of climate change now than 12 months ago



19%

of residents were aware of the council's target to reach carbon neutrality by 2024 and for the wider district by 2030 The most supported initiatives residents felt the council could take included...

43% Initiatives to insulate and keep homes warm

39% Plant more trees / increase biodiversity

**38%** Provide more facilities for recycling (e.g. food waste, textile collections)

