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1	Continue cash payment parking machines in all Ciren car parks please
2	I think free after 3 is a brilliant initiative. It spreads out parking during the day, thus maximising usage of the car parks. It also attracts shoppers to Cirencester and stops people trying to park for free on the streets. Also, it provides an alternative for those who don't want to or cannot pay by card under the new system. I'm not convinced your climate change policy is effective. For instance, you may wish to look at the extremely onerous conditions for installing a charging point for a listed building.
3	Not sure having only recently produced a local plan that a small fortune is planned to update it already. Think this money could be better spent right now and wait until whether or not a national park is going ahead or not
4	<p>Comments on CDC MTFS and Budget Proposals (Paragraphs are numbered for ease of reference)</p> <p>1. There are clearly challenges in the current economic climate, not least due to the combined impacts of Brexit and COVID-19, together with rising inflation.</p> <p>2. However, the strategy seems dominated by uncertainties including over Government settlement (t.b.a. November/December) and what may be proposed to replace New Homes Bonus.</p> <p>3. It is also difficult to see the whole picture and comparison with current and previous years (including before COVID-19).</p> <p>4. Presumably CDC is consulting now because they are receptive to comments on the priorities and strategy proposed.</p> <p>5. Heritage protection and development control may appear to be lower priority at the present time, but they are important contributors to the both the attractiveness and quality of the visitor economy offering and hence the sustainability of the local economy in smaller market towns such as Fairford. They are also statutory obligations and not 'discretionary'. Inadequate attention to applying planning policies effectively now is likely to lead to permanent detriment to these vital resources.</p> <p>6. This is an important part of an overall 'Green Tourism' strategy. This is part of "a Local Plan that is Green to the core".</p> <p>7. CDC is allocating £740k to support the Local Plan Review, but with changes to the National Planning framework and policies, there are other activities that will need resourcing to support the above, so we would question whether this is sufficient. These activities will include the development of local design codes and, arguably, Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans to provide a sound basis for the latter. Historic England are already calling for this as a basis for plans for new development in or near Conservation Areas. It should be noted that a lot of the work towards producing these is likely to be done by local communities, and therefore there is the potential for a high level of 'gearing' of CDC resource.</p> <p>8. The potential 'clawing back' by central Government of a larger share of Business Rates (contrary to the recommendations of the 2018 Parliamentary report – ref. https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcomloc/552/552.pdf) through re-basing obviously dilutes the incentive to promote development of the local economy, including green tourism, as well as having a direct financial impact. (See also NAO report: https://www.nao.org.uk/report/the-local-government-finance-system-in-england-overview-and-challenges/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=the-local-government-finance-system-in-england-overview-and-challenges).</p>
5	Climate change should be the top priority. Flood defences important.
6	Introduce a paid residents parking permit for all sheep street in stow
7	Surely CDC can secure central government funding for green issues instead of borrowing from residents. Also, why spend so much on local studies (ie new expensive jobs) when national information must be available and can be acted upon now. Has any consideration been given to the loss of Business that could occur by increased car parking charges after 3pm?
8	I am not happy that the council is using my hard earned money for unproven investments and the salaries and pensions of extra consultants to further its schemes.
9	do not spend on green initiatives. too big a problem for cdc to have any affect.
10	Cost of living is rising, we also have to do everything we can to preserve the local economy and parking charges must stay as is and Council Tax frozen.
11	Services have to be paid for and the users must do so. Tourism has become a scourge for many Cotswold Villages and Towns and ALL financial support for Tourism activities should stop and the businesses involved should provide the funding if they wish to. Whilst there are complaints from some businesses arising from the Covid Pandemic the majority of the Hospitality businesses have never had it so good and are having the best financial time ever. Council funds in the future must be spent on essential services and the residents to improve their lives. Thought should also be given to the huge numbers of holiday let and Airbnb accommodation that has grow so fast in the last few years and it is now starving local young people of housing. We cannot have a situation where over 20% of local property is for holiday usage, it is plain wrong and need action within the planning rules.
12	The 'Climate Emergency' is a contentious issue with scores of experts in disagreement with current doom-laden forecasts. If the Council deems it a funding priority, especially in the face of other priorities that exist in the here and now, it must publish its evidence - other than models - to prove that there is such an emergency.
13	Like the idea to invest in community renewables. I think there should be a small evening fee e.g £1 flat fee.
14	Moreton in marsh. Paint designated parking bays for roadside parking. There's too many poorly parked cars taking up two parking spots. On the upper High Street where I live some motorist use the parking bays for long term stays- taking the train to London and returning 2-7 days later. Can signs be erected discouraging this? 'Parking here is for short 2 hour stays and residential parking. For long term parking please use designated car parks'
15	Think council collection of large items should be better advertised with the hope it might stop some of the fly tipping and HUGE fines for anyone caught doing it.

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16	I believe the amounts proposed for climate related policies is absurdly high compared to the amount being proposed for many other things. For example, support for the homeless/people at risk of homelessness should take a higher priority and therefore slice of the budget. Lets start by helping people who need it now, as apposed to potentially nugatory effort on climate niceties.
17	I'm not sure it is legal for the Council to propose increasing car park charges to balance the budget
18	provide free parking or watch the town die,how much profit is made after all expenses
19	More effort to bring in shops for locals - clothes etc. Too many antique shops (tetbury) and have to go elsewhere to shop for many products. improve and increases bus services
20	Disagree with card only car park machines - too difficult to use - it would be better to have a choice of cash or card. Please consider a trial of free after 3pm on evenings - Sunday parking - charging at all times will have an impact on business.
21	pay for every day except Market Day in Moreton. Zebra crossing in Dalverton Place, bus safety. More for youth, scout troupe. Road Closure on market days. Wildlife - bats, bees, bird boxes and natural habitats for biodiversity
22	textiles recycling is more than clothes it should be clear that it can be scraps from sewing etc. as I was told that is possible by email
23	happy with all aspects
24	Dependence on GCC increases to Council Tax
25	Be a little 'grey' not just Black or White, as different criterias across the Cotswold - i.e. hamlets, small village, large village, town
26	Waste receptacles overflowing with rubbish - Cotswold Avenue. Road sweeping more frequently in winter. Repairs needed to Market Place.
27	Residents parking: having to buy a permit in Purley Road but it doesn't cover 24/7
28	There should be a small charge between 3-6pm. £1 for 3pm to 6pm.
29	Would like to see meaningful consultation over the spending of car park tax
30	cashless parking is not currently working
31	First 30 minutes parking should be free. Moreton people don't park in centre. Walking would be encouraged if charges introduced.
32	You should remember that "all taxation is theft", and you have a duty to minimise the tax you levy. That means minimising the council's activities, particularly when those activities are futile, such as responding to a non-existent "climate emergency".
33	I attended the budget consultation event held yesterday, 5th November, in Tetbury. I was very disappointed at the lack of interest shown in my concerns. I was told to contact the "comms team" to express my concerns - hence this email. I said yesterday I had two issues: 1.Lack of parking in Tetbury. Even at this time of the year, people are driving round and round Tetbury during the day trying to find car parking spaces. This is wasting a lot of fuel and causing traffic congestion. More parking must be found as a matter of urgency. 2.Given that CDC have now stated they are looking to recreate a route between Cirencester and Kemble, i would renew the call to extend the Tetbury train from the Trouble House to Kemble. This is line with Tetbury's Neighbourhood Plan and our climate change actions to extend walking and cycling routes around the town. Please can you draw these observations to those dealing with the budget consultation.
34	Deal with the local issues. in Stow on the Wold these are - Anti social behaviour. - Dog fouling. - Men urinating in public, on my property.
35	But the council must then ensure full enforcement on the roads around since people who do not want to pay will park anywhere they can. A bit like people fly tipping!
36	CDC should continue to fund Cotswold Counselling - given the local mortality during Covid, Counselling services are almost certainly more in demand for families of bereaved people. In fact, the funding for Cotswold Counselling should be increased given these continuing circumstances.
37	It would be good to have more car parks, in light of the amount of new homes being built. I would prefer to see money spent on road repairs and current infrastructure rather than new statues and loos!
38	I'd like to see more done to improve our visual environment particularly roadsides. There seem to be disguardred road signs, sign stands, sand bags, portaloos on every verge in the Cotswolds. Between Northleach roundabout and Cirencester on the A429 there is a portaloos that's been there 3 months and at least 20 discarded stands, signs (diversion etc) on the grass. I reported one stand and 3 weeks later, it had not been removed - it had been thrown into the hedge and a traffic cone, light and another stand had been put on the same spot to warn of the danger of the abandoned sign stand. Surely it would only take a few extra minutes for Tarmac or whoever is responsible to collect all signs after each job! It's lazy and unsightly.

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39	I think that your annual letter relating to the charges should directly mention that due to the reduction in funds from central government local taxes will have to increase. I also think that a more holistic plan for car parking should be worked upon with incentives for those who are essentially parking for work in town and giving some priority to shoppers with car parks nearer the centre, including free after 3. Surely we have the brains to work this out to a more satisfactory solution and one that can dissuade folk from just parking at the most convenient car park. Could we get some students to do a study/survey? Radical thinking is needed for the benefit of visitors/ shoppers who are the life blood of the town and shops. As radical as say the Forum car park not opening until 10am. We really have to work hard on this problem and not just accept the status quo; and for the purposes of the study set aside finances while the study of ideas goes on.
40	Invest on cycle lanes that would help people around Ciren and reduce the carbon footprint
41	Whilst it's correct to remove free parking, there needs to be an impact assessments on the immediate community who live around the centre of Cirencester. This is more important now due to peoples home/office routines changing and the lack of on street parking for local residents.
42	Reduce staff numbers. Decrease allowances for Councillors. Sell off unused buildings. Increase planning applications costs.
43	Visited the pop up in the market place and was slightly surprised at how little detail there was. The council clearly wants to raise money via council tax and parking to fund their Green mandate, but it's just very vague and the people in the market place, although lovely, couldn't really enlighten me beyond 'we're going to be a progressively Green council'. I am concerned, like many others I speak to, that this heralds the start of the council increasing costs on the residents year after year to fund projects that are still being crystallised. I think you possibly need to look within and ask if you're getting value for money already - surely those new road signs could have waited if you needed additional revenue? Rising council tax and parking at the same time feels an unnecessary burden on many families. Good luck.
44	The budget is quite unclear on what the outcomes will be. A lot seems to be finding investigations, but no specific output
45	You should be looking at all opportunities to make staff and processes more efficient and where possible reducing staff numbers as the cost of employing staff increases.
46	You want people to come to ciren well paint the tumbleweed bright colours to give them something to see the town is dead the market place is a £1M+ eyesore pay cars and occupants to come here. Not a fortune to park
47	So the plan is to increase council tax and borrow money? Get the planning department working efficiently, rather than allowing them to stall and waste time, preventing the construction industry from getting back up to speed and people investing in the district. Here's a tip. Your pre-application enquiry fees are extortionate (especially for the quality of advice received) and a barrier to getting the system to work. If the pre-app costs more than an application, then people just submit applications. Other councils charge £65, £100, £120 etc for pre-apps. Cotswold charges £600+ to misunderstand your proposal and recommend you either go away or submit a real application. Make the pre-app £100 and you will get thousands of paid enquiries on all manner of projects. Keep it at £600 and the system will be clogged with unnecessary applications that you get £206 for, and grind to a halt.
48	I would like to see a residents parking scheme throughout Bourton on the Water and waiting restricted to 30 minutes in all central areas of the village where parking is currently free. This will allow locals to use the shops, residents to be able to park, with visitors all paying to visit with their vehicle; their parking fees should contribute towards the upkeep of the village central areas.
49	Without more detail on your plans it is difficult to make informed inputs to the consultation. For example in relation to question 2, has this been done before, what leads you to believe it is a credible way forward - have individuals/ companies agreed to participate? The information in the brochure sent in the post and on your website, is also rather opaque lacking sufficient detail to know what is being proposed.
50	I think you don't need to spend £750,000 on consultation, etc on the 'climate emergency'. Just do the things you've already identified - more charging points (which actually work all the time), more energy efficiency in offices
51	Remove charges for installing EV points in listed properties
52	Free parking encourages shoppers - shopping in town is badly needed to prevent high street shops folding. I would recommend spending a higher proportion of the budget on cleanliness - removing litter, providing clean toilet facilities etc to attract visitors. I
53	Free parking on after 3pm and on Sunday plus reduction in prices
54	Virtually the entire budget is being spent on "climate change"...not just the £750k specifically allocated, but £100k on green transport, 30k to engage with communities on climate change etc etc. This seem vastly disproportionate when the genuine impact on the climate we can make is minimal. I strongly object to my council tax being spent on this almost cult project, when issues such as our destruction of nature and the eco system is significantly more damaging and manageable.
55	It's alright for you lot, I work in tesco evening shifts and have to drive 6 nights a week so will cost me an extra tenner a week to park now. a tenner that rather give my kids have you lot any idea how normal people live? you'll say in the paper it won't make any difference but it will. How many of you walk to work down trinity road or use there free spaces?

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56	I think that the focus on the climate emergency is absolutely the right approach. As for car parking, we need to incentivise people to use buses and improve bus provision to reduce those short journeys.
57	Free parking in Moreton in Marsh High Street should be stopped, to discourage all longterm parked cars.
58	you need to adjust your ambitions - let's face it, some of this extra money you're looking to raise is going to be spent on things we do not need - like new road signs!!! Our local playground is falling apart - but you've given us a nice new shiny sign on the road leading up to it. It's crazy. Good photo opportunities for you lot, but I complete waste of our hard earned money.
59	Reduce the charge for the Green Bins for garden waste.
60	Encourage the use of green bins for garden waste by reducing the cost rather than increasing the price and discouraging the number of green bins being used.
61	Not quite sure on the ramifications of Q2 which is why I have ticked Don't know! Would need to know more about it.
62	You can't keep hammering parking every year. Green policy I agree with, but it's very vague with no real detail. Some people are struggling for money - increasing parking hits the lowly paid disproportionately. Many Cirencester based council members can walk to work - many can't and need to pay to park. Trim the fat first - did we need all these new road signs? How on earth were they a post-covid priority if you're now planning to raise more taxes? Did we really need the thousands of newsletters you've just sent out? Waterloo car park scheme? How much money was wasted for something at odds with your green policy which will never see the light of day? The spending of this council seems all over the place - with the only certainty that you'll be asking for more money each year.
63	Please invest in public transport, cycle lanes and car share schemes. These will achieve greater emission cuts than electric vehicles. We strongly support the use of nuclear power as a low emission power source.
64	The proposal to spend nearly one third of the budget " towards addressing climate change" is part of the current vanity policies which are totally irrelevant to the needs of residents
65	Free parking over night is a must for those who live in town,as it's highly unfair for them having to pay high council tax rates, and then have to pay for parking over night
66	I believe the car parks should be free whilst public transport remains so poor. Otherwise you will reduce the accessibility of high street shops which are already less convenient than online shopping. This could lead to less money spent in local businesses and therefore fewer local businesses paying rates. I believe the proposed plan is short-sighted and not strategic enough.
67	Wasting money on Climate change is scandalous. No district council can have any meaningful impact on climate change whatsoever
68	Stop trying to screw more money out of motorists who come into town to support local businesses . And don't waste our money on nonsense like the climate emergency.
69	I am dismayed and appalled to see that your approach to homelessness and helping those with complex needs and who require support is the area you are allocating the least amount of funding to, even the fight against fly tipping appears to be more of a priority to you. I will not be voting for Liberal Democrats in any future election. You do not reflect my priorities.
70	Please invest in decent safe cycle paths within Cirencester and also to connect to Kemble and watermark. Healthier and greener than electric cars
71	I enjoy free parking after 3, and time my visits accordingly, but understand the potential loss of revenue. However free parking is attractive partly because not all car parks will take cards. I also wonder if the calculations of revenue loss are based on the current use of the carparks, which is increased due to them being free.
72	I think investment in addressing climate change and engagement with communities in relation to the climate change emergency declaration should be scaled down to allow greater investment in helping individuals with complex needs to avoid homelessness. The proposed investment of £23,000 between 2020 and 2023 is not nearly enough in my view. There are still homeless people living rough on the streets of Cirencester.
73	Make your Listed Building Officers more friendly, helpful and engaging. Help owners of listed properties with good, constructive advice and knowledge. Too many are unqualified for the job.
74	In the October 2021 Cotswold News, there is a section outlining investment priorities for 2020-2023. I note that the second largest item of spend is £740k to 'review the local plan'. This seems like a huge amount of money in comparison to that which is allocated to other important items like the £23k allocated for helping individuals with complex needs. I do hope that this figure is not made up of consultancy fees. It would be very good to have a basic breakdown of each item on the investment priority list.
75	Ref Q1. I am not in favour of making the tackling of climate change the highest priority in the council's plans or budget. It is important but the local cost to global benefit ratio is way too high to be justified. If the mitigating actions are locally economically sound then they deserve their priority status, for example insulating properties, otherwise they are in danger of just being more 'greenwash'.
76	Scrap bin collection. Seven separate bins in ludicrous. Replace with strategical positioned bins where residents can put their rubbish on a daily basis. In high density parking areas limit parking to two hours and introduce paid resident parking permits. Stop all housing development unless the housing is eco friendly i e ground/air source heating, solar/wind power, hydroelectric power. A radical rethink is required and the council must stop tinkering around the edges.

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77	Maximise car parking income by installing car chargers - they don't need to be super fast so no massive electricity upgrades required - and charge for electricity as well as parking. This will also encourage residents without off road charging to shift to EVs and help commuters who park in town during the working day to drive electric. This model is ideally suited to community funding.
78	I am very unhappy with the Council providing financial support, food vouchers, etc to families. I do not agree that Council Tax should be used in this way. I am struggling to pay the Council Tax. I'm sure I have less money than a lot of people claiming every benefit in the book.
79	Please consider that council taxes increase along with other serious increases in energy prices , people's wages are not
80	We need a bus Lechlade to Swindon and Carterton. Please bring back no 64. Need bus to hospital both Cirencester and Swindon.
81	The broken edges of the road surfaces at the edges of the lanes are a disgrace as they are so dangerous for drivers cyclists and pedestrians. Perhaps some money spent on their repair would not go amiss. Also stop parking in passing places on the narrow lanes and fine the perpetrators. This would be a nice little earner for CDC and prevent traffic jams as well as reducing pollution in the villages when the jams occur
82	Too much spent on consultancy advice. Why don't senior manager with responsibility in these areas not make more of their own input. How about seeking ideas from other councils?
83	Why should I subsidise others when they can afford to pay more? I already pay £320 PM in Council tax. As a pensioner this is more than I can afford and has meant cuts elsewhere.
84	Keep it simple
85	The parking charges should still be free after 6pm My preference would be to add in some free parking on Sundays, say up to 1pm to allow those who wish to go to a church, or other religious service to benefit for free parking. A lot depends on the on-street parking restrictions. If they only operate Monday to Saturday that would not be an issue, I can, however see that exempting Sundays up to 1pm, may require a review of any residents parking that may exist. Whilst I said no to the idea of lending to the Council at a rate, that more reflects a personal view on lending. If others did want to do that at a commercial rate, and with no risk, I would not object, as I can see the logic behind the idea.
86	Stop making residents on band D pay more and more each year. Since I have lived in my home (4 years) our council tax has increased by over £10 a month.
87	I have answered not positively to the above questions because I am tired of Tetbury having no leisure facilities and would like this addressed
88	Stop wasting money on "Green" initiatives until someone comes up with a plan to stop the melt phase of THIS CURRENT Ice Age !!!
89	More routine patrols in parks, especially afternoon and evenings with teens. They can often be very aggressive places to play and take children.
90	With regards to investing directly into initiatives - that's great providing the rate of interest is not absurd like the initial solar schemes. Other priorities..? Don't waste tax payers money on COVID restrictions or sanctions. Don't be a sheep - business needs support, not restrictions. Don't use COVID as an excuse.
91	Ineffective pot hole maintenance. We need more effective ways to prevent very dangerous high speed driving in villages like South Cerney.
92	I think there should be more focus on reducing the cost of services provided by the council, and I don't mean just re-tendering and going with the lowest bidder. The council should be leading the way on efficiency, and I don't feel that they are doing that at all.....
93	I think rather than introducing a tariff there's one charge on a Sunday for instance your 20 mins free parking, then £2 up to two hours and £4 for anything over. or if that's too complicated £3 after 20 mins with free parking at the rugby club and leisure centre
94	A critical look at overheads is needed. There should be no more than a manager and a clerk in any department all other staff should be frontline with limited management responsibility in some cases e.g. foremen or team leaders
95	Please balance the goal of sustainability with value for money. Not green at any price?
96	Yes we do not need the 2 man team of leaf blowers that come every week to Bourton on the water during the summer when there are no leaves ,all they do is create dust everywhere a total and utter waste of money

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97	<p>Re 1 above - before building anymore houses for rent (or for sale) the council must sort out the infrastructure issues (schools, dentists, doctors, sewers, drainage, roads etc etc) Re 2 - not the council's business - stay out of it and just encourage private sector to do the investment by being more friendly to business. My own companies are located in Worcestershire (not the Cotswolds) despite my living in Moreton in Marsh as frankly the town, district and county councils made no effort to assist me when I set up. I now employ c 60 people many of whom are low skilled and were previously unemployed and contribute c£3m to the local economy in Worcestershire (and growing at 30% per annum) - it could have been for Moreton, the Cotswolds and Gloucestershire. Re 3 - just don't spend it on more people. If the council were the private sector it would have c75% of the staff it currently has. To many folk on the gravy train! Re 4 - It is an absolute disgrace that Moreton Town, Cotswold District and Gloucester County Councils have not sorted the parking in the Cotswolds (and particularly Moreton) out. Don't mess about with chicken feed charges until there is a sensible plan implemented to stop free parking on the High Street and surrounding roads, a proper car park provision is made (golden opportunity missed on the Glebe Land to develop the answer at no cost to the town or council) and we forget the idea that 100 new bicycle racks will be filled with folk who want to visit the town by bike (presuming they haven't killed themselves by traffic rushing illegally along Fosseyway or having driven down a pothole (worse by the day)). This is a classic example of fiddling whilst Rome burns. You should also mount a concerted campaign to abolish the Town Council which is a completely ineffective thorn in everyone's side, which achieves nothing and cost money you might just be able to use more sensibly at a district level.</p>
98	<p>keeping the after 3 pm free car parking encourages and brings shoppers into the town which brings revenue to local businesses etc</p>
99	<p>you need to improve garden waste collection after reducing it and charging more. Go back to a weekly collection and in so doing help the environment by reducing the number of citizens driving to the recycling, burning waste or fly tipping it.</p>
100	<p>1- It is completely wrong to borrow huge sums to 'invest' with margins so fine that any wobble in the economy would saddle the tax payer with expensive debt for a generation. 2- no effort has been made to reinstate a leisure centre in Tetbury despite a huge expansion of properties in the town - this must be rectified if you are serious about health and wellbeing 3- increases in parking fees are a direct deterrent to visitors in already struggling town centres</p>
101	<p>Installation of more paid charging points in car parks. Making the centre of Cirencester traffic free.</p>
102	<p>When will electric car charging become a revenue stream?</p>
103	<p>Free shoppers parking should be available in all town and city car parks as charges have been identified as one reason for shopping online. We need to encourage foot fall in our towns and shops.</p>
104	<p>There are lots of chelsea tractor parents collecting kids from school benefitting from the 3 after 3pm parking, get them to pay and make up for this. Evenings should be free to encourage people to travel in and use restaurants etc from around and outside of areas PLUS these car parks provide some extra overnight parking for those roads close by where there is not enough parking space.</p>
105	<p>Council Tax is already far too high. At the moment it costs very nearly as much as our monthly food budget, which is obscene. There is much talk of improvement to green infrastructure, but no delivery. I fully support any budget cuts to this local government. The delivery of services does not represent value for money for hard working people who are already paying for food, gas, electric and water. Please STOP asking for additional funds and get on managing with the huge revenue you already extract from people with an outdated and unfair tax.</p>
106	<p>The so-called 'climate emergency' is an absolute nonsense. It's bad enough that over 25% of our energy bills are subsidising unreliable 'renewable' energy sources, but for the council to also waste what little money it claims to have on this madness just rubs salt in an open wound. Stick to the core responsibilities of the council, i.e., emptying the bins etc. There is no 'climate emergency'! A new review of weather and climate data based on observational data from 2020 finds little evidence to support the idea of a "climate emergency". https://www.thegwpf.org/content/uploads/2021/05/State-of-the-Climate-2020.pdf</p>
107	<p>I don't think disabled parking should be free just supply the spaces disabled should pay like everyone else</p>
108	<p>It's important that you don't overcharge so that people will still come to shop in town centres</p>
109	<p>Re car parking, perhaps make free on specific events, keep free after 6pm as a change there will hit restaurants further, while I've enjoyed free after 3 it has to be affordable, maybe bring it back when possible</p>
110	<p>Garden waste collections weekly during summer and autumn please.</p>
111	<p>Don't waste money on green 'climate' initiatives. We are being impoverished by central government as it is.</p>
112	<p>A survey that is asking questions set like this is a biased survey and reflects the view of the council not the people it is supposed to represent</p>
113	<p>You need to tackle street parking in bridge road Residents can't park in their own street</p>
114	<p>Stop spending ridiculous money on stupid street signs and fix the bloody roads. Stop with all the fancy photos and adverts which would save you more than enough money to keep raising the council tax that goes into your wallets. Take pay cuts so you know what it's like being a real human.</p>

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115	Turn off all street lighting to save energy and money. Collect all compostable waste , including food waste, in one bin. Plus collect all other waste and recycling in one bin and sort at recycling centre to achieve 100% in the Cotswolds
116	prioritise keeping employers in Cirencester and other towns, from small offices to large employers so it is not just tourists in the town centres. make it a place that has a variety of people and services. maybe offer permits for parking again or more long term parking not just a few hours at a time.
117	I would like to see you are actually spending the money you receiving through the council tax but I'm failing to see any roads or pavements being fixed yet every year you are increasing everything but where the money goes noone knows. Even the recycling bins are often just half emptied so I really strongly disagree of anymore increases of tax. Learn how to manage better with what you are receiving. Start with yourself and cut some money out of your salaries.
118	There does appear, especially this year, a large number of NEW staff positions being made at CDC mainly in management (not in Customer Service, Planning or any of the other departments, seemingly to aid the Leader and cabinet officials) under the Liberal Democrat's obviously increasing your proposed budget. Is this really necessary?
119	This survey is meaningless. Asking the questions, alongside providing a draft budget, would have been more useful. How can residents comment on setting a budget without understanding the impact their answers will have overall?
120	We have very poor services in this area and personally I cannot support further increases. There are few swimming pools or other sports near me (Avening/Tetbury), the garden waste scheme increased heavily in price and went fortnightly. I fail to see where my £100 per week goes.
121	Do more to prevent gypsies setting up camp
122	If you increase parking charges it will discourage visitors to the town therefore you deprive the local shops of trade. Not a very well thought out decision.
123	Please don't get rid of the free after 3pm parking as it brings people into Cirencester to the shops and cafes
124	Why not generate revenue by cutting the grossly overinflated salaries of council staff? Your chief executive does NOT need a £100k salary (no-one does) rather than continuing to "stealth tax" the residents of the district through increased car parking. Also there was no option on question 4 for "I would like to see all parking charges removed" which I would choose - you are sabotaging local business by charging people to park.
125	Utility bills and other household expenses are all going up at the moment. Now is not a good time to heap on more costs.
126	I think the CDC should look at investing in the House of Fraser building and generating income from it. For example, the top floors could be used for affordable rented flats for local people to help with the housing shortage. The ground floor could be used for pop up shops of various kinds and a coffee shop where profits all go back to CDC to help generate income to help with reduction of government grants. This would also add to the civic pride initiative and fill a gaping hole in the town centre.
127	I feel that you have not done as much during 2021/2022 as in previous years and therefore any extra charges seem to be unjustified. I have evidence of where things in previous years have been well maintained throughout the district and have been left even after reporting during this financial year.
128	Charging for parking won't fill holes in finances. Businesses need customers and charging for parking puts people off and drives them out of town. Q2: Councils investing in emerging schemes almost never works. Allow private money to take the risk by enabling schemes via granting planning for them. Hang in there - at some point we will have a new government that will realise we can't cut central funding in the way that it was.
129	If you put parking up you are pushing people away and you need to sort out beeches car parking - the card option does work a lot of the time and there are so many parking apps across the country it's ridiculous. Businesses need footfall and putting up charges won't do this. People will go elsewhere. You are supposed to help small businesses and keep our town alive in the high trees
130	400,000 investment in feasibility studies of renewables is far too much as the research has been done there are pilot schemes that have Ben completed and will have almost 12 months data on already, these could easily be replicated in the local area.
131	Pleased to see budget assigned to climate change
132	The CDC seems to have fixation about the Climate Emergency. It is important, very important. However, given all the other issues facing the Council, should it really be the top priority?
133	All villages and town centres should have 20mph restrictions. This could save lives and injuries , and will help to clean the environment and consequently the problems with climate change.
134	Stop wasting money on projects that are not needed. Think about the Cotswold District not just Cirencester..
135	Parking should be free everywhere it encourages growth
136	No free parking, at a low cost, unless disabled
137	You could easily raise money by putting speeding cameras in local villages. There must be a way to do this; you just need to think creatively.

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138	If Society is being encouraged to recycle green waste why do residents have to pay for the service. Many with gardens continue to have bonfires which totally defeats the "green initiative" and causes other issues ie; - smoke
139	Review Green bin collection during summer and reintroduce and option of one collection per week for an additional charge.
140	The green bin service needs attention. Parking, leave as is now and save on parking attendants wages. Council tax could be increased a small amount
141	Spending on waste/recycling. This needs rethinking as in particular 2 weekly garden waste removal isn't working well during growing season
142	Stop spending money on Road signs and only replace when required not just because we have a new logo. Slow the branding changes down, as this costs money which could be put into services. I believe a review of what has been spent by the current political party in power since taking office is required. How about we look at getting some open spaces back up and running for our Children, Moreton in Marsh has 2 parks that are now closed and there is no money to upgrade or resolve the health and safety issues they have since they were closed due to Covid. However, we can spend money on carpets just because we didn't like the colour.
143	If money is so tight that you need to increase council tax, **** decided it'd be a good idea to spend money redesigning the Cotswold District Council logo and branding in the height of a pandemic? I wonder how much that cost the council... Joe **** Harris massaging his ego again no doubt. ***** .
144	Many in rural areas have to use their cars because of poor public transport links This is bad for the environment I would like improvements and electric buses to be encouraged by district and County council
145	I think the council could be more creative with empty properties it owns. Maybe create CICs to provide services such as youth provision, incubator offices, curated local produce etc. Squeezing parking is what Tories did before to raise money.
146	please do something about the potholes in our roads. They are disgraceful and an embarrassment to our Cotswold area.
147	Yes. Regarding the garden waste collections. I think it would be better to have weekly collections during the summer months ie May-October then monthly November to April . This twice monthly is quite honestly ridiculous in the growing season. During the winter months not a lot is done in the gardens. Please would you consider this? I have spoken to a lot of friends and neighbours and they think the same.
148	Very excited about the plans for a community investment scheme and strongly support the Council's budget allocation to climate change initiatives. Think the priorities are in the right order and have considered many of the key issues in the district. Particularly keen to see the development of safe cycle routes and any action CDC can take to encourage the county council to invest in public transport and frequent buses would be appreciated. I also support the Council doing face-to-face visits around the district to consult on the budget as I think more active engagement with the community in as many different ways as possible is really important moving forwards.
149	Businesses need people sort out the car park situation in beeches car park as it doesn't work very well always car machine out of service. We need visitors - too many apps for our phones for parking. Need to use money again,,!!!!
150	Better public trans[ort between Tetbury and Cirencester. The bus service is awful - not enough buses
151	You stress the shortfall in your funding, I would like you to consider the shortfall people are seeing in their personal/family budgets. If people are struggling cycle lanes and CDC embellished street signs are not a priority. CDC are not seen as being responsible spenders.
152	The council needs to work with Gloucestershire Council and others where appropriate to make cycling into Cirencester from the surrounding villages easier and more user friendly. This could include reducing speed limits on lanes, creating cycle paths etc.
153	Re question 4: Important to note that charging for overnight parking will put extreme pressure on residential roads, especially those who use the Forum car park - so I strongly recommend keeping overnight parking free.
154	Stop send repeated electoral roll letters. Do it online.
155	Yes - more parking needed in Tetbury which can be charged for which would increase revenues. Suggest land around the fire station (and, if possible, move the fire station and make all that area parking).

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156	I would like to see a recognition of the valid and valued place of wildlife in our area. I would like to see far more environmental considerations, these measures often mean savings. Many councils have stopped regular mowing of grass verges and roundabouts and other council managed areas, they have also stopped the widespread use of glyphosate weed killers, both actions provide the highly valued wild flowers, pollinators and general wildlife, especially insects with much needed habitat, whilst costing the council less. We are also loosing many of our birds including our summer visitors like swifts, house martins and swallows, I would like to see planning taking into account the place these fantastic birds have in our built environment with the promotion of nesting sites, swift bricks, boxes in new builds and renovations and general protection of existing nest sites to these site specific birds. Local environmental protection actions make a huge difference to the well being of people as well as the wildlife, lockdown taught many more of us how important it is to have an environmentally diverse landscape to live in or escape to. The idea of everything being 'tidy' and controlled is now looking very old fashioned, the new way forward is rewilding and recognising that we humans are only part of the environment, we forget this at our peril. Mental health is hugely effected by the environment, seemingly small adjustments to spending in that field can have savings in other areas like social care. Whose mood is not lifted by seeing a wildflower meadow or the first swift or swallow of the season?
157	Free parking in CDC like in West Oxfordshire. No questions on here about waste and other services which have a significant impact on budget. Very poor and vague survey.
158	Tax the people who earn the most. The middle earners always lose. We earn just a little too much to claim benefits and not enough to be comfortable living. There is never support for the working class on minimum wage. We would be better off on benefits, there needs to be incentives for people to work. People on benefits should have to pay council tax too.
159	It appears that the Council has ample funds! According to your website, the Council is offering "support with buying food, helping some of our local families most in need". I do not agree with my Council Tax being used in this way. You are not a charity. Stop wasting money
160	I would like to see the current council revert back to smarter, efficient ways of shared working arrangements that made savings on the running of the council, rather than just raising the rates and costs of services to cover costs. All this current office have done is spend money, raise rates and cut/exclude services. I don't understand why Publica (an authority set up by four councils to oversee the running of all councils) has it's own CEO, and then CDC has a leader of the council and also a stand alone CEO - I mean how many chiefs do you need to run a public authority - when one CEO used to run two councils?! If you are going to offer a non statutory service (ie Green Waste) make sure the service is accessible/available to all residents, not making policy decisions that potentially exclude certain residents from being able to use the service. I tried to get garden waste bags as I have small garden, and was made to jump through hoops to access/buy these - as I don't have the space to house a wheelie bin. Frail residents also need bags as they can't manouvre wheelie bins. If you can't continue to offer bags and bins as a choice (like you always have done so) - remove the service completely. Its unfair to only provide a service to wheelie bin users only, not everyone in the Cotswolds have grand gardens nor have family/friends that can put their bins out for them!
161	Serious Consideration needs to be given to whether spending on vanity projects should continue at this time - they are nice to have and not necessities. Asking communities to invest in projects is completely inappropriate and unnecessary. No further pay rises to councillors - optics of this look very poor.
162	I've always thought the parking charges in this area are ridiculously cheap compared to other places- others obviously think this too else they wouldn't be so full! Would like to see more innovation around car parks in general and move away from being so reliant on them for revenue.
163	Raising council tax for vanity projects and pay rises to councillors is unacceptable. It is the job of central government to legislate and fund renewable energy schemes. Not local councils which are there to provide essential services to the residents of the district.
164	I do not agree with any of the parking options presented but had to choose one option. All parking should be free in the district
165	Expensive parking deters people from coming into Cirencester and spending in shops and F and B. Do you want a town left with only charity shops?
166	If want to increase council tax even more we want to see an improved service, which we dont, we are sick of seeing our money wasted on woke and immigration, start by cutting your own wages and bonuses
167	please prioritise social care

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168 Affordable homes for young locals and key workers. SAFE walking for pedestrians - including provision of pavements and footpaths - especially between residential areas and key locations such as schools, hospitals, churches - most village roads were made by foot travellers and carts they were not built for cars - especially two cars travelling at speed in opposite directions on roads where there is no safe refuge for pedestrians (or horses) as the edge is often a field wall or ditch. Ensure there are SAFE routes for children to walk to school to avoid parents tearing into, through and out of villages. Review public footpaths to ensure they link up providing safe access through and between villages even if it means purchasing narrow strips of land on field edges to facilitate this. A car approaching on a blind bend whether its doing 20 or 30 is still going to hit a pedestrian who has nowhere to go. Holiday rentals provide income and employment for local people - empty second homes do not and exacerbate affordable housing crisis. Pembrokeshire and Cornwall have brought in measures to dissuade second home ownership. We are a rural, agricultural area that benefits from tourism - the structure will collapse if the people you rely on to work in that economy - catering staff, field hands etc - can't afford to live here. It is hard physical and often thankless work which is poorly paid. Who is going to volunteer for that if they cannot provide themselves or their families with somewhere to live, run a car or afford public transport (if it exists) to reach the job. Also in relation to the latter a regular circular bus linking Toddington roundabout with Stow, Moreton and Broadway might link and open areas for commuters, shoppers and those needing health services. Finally if you ate thinking about alternative energy remember Cotswold mills were mostly water powered, unblocking a few waterways and installing small hydroelectric units would benefit previous mill communities without requiring massive investment or becoming a blot on the landscape. Encourage people to install solar panels if they have a south or west facing roof. Invite community share ownership of your new energy schemes. Invest in each village having a community hub where food essentials supplied by local farms, a cup of coffee, a light snack, citizens advice, access to councillors, health support can be available - somewhere that can be walked to safely to offer an alternative to the car or where no public transport exists. If the Cotswolds can become a more affordable place to live then the council should in theory need to provide less in services.

169 I would like to see the council being forward thinking and proactive and looking to the example of councils such as Preston to build a positive future for Cirencester

170 I don't agree with cuts to working families on top up benefits, these people are already struggling financially.

171 This administration has wasted a lot of money. From the parking review with the promise of a new multi storey car park in Ciren which the town didn't want (how many hundred thousands spent!?) to new roles including a PA for the Leader of the Council and remodelling him an office at CDC when there were already offices available. I think this is a slap in the face to all tax payers that these Councillors who are playing politics continue to put CDC in a worse position than when they found it. When the day that the stories take back control once the District says enough is enough, I am expecting to read that they have left a note for the incoming administration to say "there's no money left". The Council need to start delivering before they can ask for charges to be increased.

172 To help against climate change please build more cycle lanes. The A435 for example is so dangerous for cyclists. More would use pedal power to get into Cirencester if there was a safe route to get there. There isn't even a complete footpath from Cirencester to Colesbourne making safe walking impossible. This leaves residents no choice but to drive.

173 Please be transparent

174 More investment in planning officer capacity is essential as the service is in gridlock and creating hiatus in recovery and a democratic deficit. Early advice can save planning resource down the line.

Charging preapp advice in ALL cases is counter productive, and cost shifts to parish and town councils. Litter on busy road verges needs serious attention. And exercise on prescription needs proper finding by NHS and joint commissioning. Not fair the leisure centre users paying high rates prevents those wanting to reduce their own risk factors. Low income people can't afford local leisure

175 Prioritise the people who actually pay Council Tax and the daily problems affecting lives - particularly the exponential rise in anti social behaviour.

176 It's good to see the Council taking action on climate change and delivering social rented housing. The Clean and Green initiative is a great idea.

177 Reduce your costs and spend some of your reserves and scrap proposed car park

178 I am quite happy to pay a small increase in council tax to protect services. I worry about money being spent on things like street name signs when other things are more important.

179 Look at us residents whom pay for parking permits to park outside our house & if we can't park we have to pay to park in the car parks - it's not right!

180 Current high parking costs have resulted in far fewer visitors for shopping especially when places like Witney offer free parking for shoppers.

181 Raise the planning fees

182 The biggest complaint, overheard and repeated, time and time again is LACK OF PARKING. Do not put extra charges onto the people who are lucky enough, or persistent enough, to find a space. There are enough empty shops in Cirencester as it is, without making the place even less attractive to potential shoppers. Also, have you considered the people who have to leave their cars in the parks because they work in the town? They can't avoid the charges. I know someone who works at Ladbrokes whose first hour of work basically all goes in paying for his parking! Also, I don't know which contractor did your block paving in the centre of town but the standard is diabolical..blocks uneven and presenting a trip hazard, or completely missing and replaced with some collapsing temporary tarmac. When it rains, there are puddles everywhere which proves it's been incorrectly laid and the drain-off is not up to scratch. Cricklade Street is another disaster and needs surveying in order to note and action the poor surfaces on both pavement and roadway.

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183	speed up roll out of electric charging infrastructure. I would like to see more green environments in urban areas of towns and villages - bio-diverse buildings. Look into Biophilic design. There are some interesting innovations in climate control technologies that the council should consider - low cost high impact design - Airlite paint helps to reduce air pollution - we should commission artwork and murals on buildings using this paint to liven up buildings in the cotswolds similar to Cheltenham's artwork campaigns that will also have a benefit to addressing climate change
184	Stop charging £600 a year for parking permits without reserving places for permit holders. People in my road park illegally as getting a parking fine once a month is cheaper and more convenient
185	What is happening with the green bin license fee, is this increasing again? I hope not!
186	I would like to see a park and ride system from outside town to reduce the workers cars filling the town. They could then charge shoppers and visitors a fee to raise money.
187	Instead of taxing squeezed people more, campaign to receive higher than the 7% you currently only get. Why is that? Fix that instead of raising tax.
188	Concentrate on delivery key services and less on climate related activities.
189	I don't agree with using staff costs as the reason for unavoidable budget increases. Inflation should be baked into your forward plans already and a responsible organisation recognises the value of its staff. Without them the council cannot deliver anything.
190	Green Issues. The Cotswolds has a very large number of listed homes. As a rule you do not allow these homes to be double glazed. Allowing these homes to be double glazed would save a lot of greenhouse emissions at no cost to the council. In fact air/ground heat pumps don't work without high levels of insulation and make lots of noise.
191	O think central government should provide more
192	Yes, what's the point of these surveys as you do it anyway
193	The climate emergency measures need to come last with whatever is left
194	Changing the car parking fees sounds like a tax on the users for the subsidy of other areas. In addition this will not support the recovery of local business.
195	Car parking charges are too high! It's done nothing but help to kill the trade in the town
196	There is no local entertainment for young people. Where's the bowling? The cinema? Somewhere to go have fun? Young people are isolated, which is pushing them to find the fun in drugs. If there was more to do, less people would be inclined to take drugs long term. Also, the bus services need to be more frequent to places like Stroud, Kemble, Fairford etc because people who don't work are isolated to Cirencester, or an hours bus to Swindon / Cheltenham. They have a lot of warehouse work on the business park which is impossible to get too for an early start.
197	I wouldn't be totally opposed to the council tax proposals, even though increases are not ideal. However, I believe provision should be made for single occupant properties (like myself) who will end up shouldering a bigger increase than a household who might have more than one income. Perhaps some thought could be given to excluding those who are on the single occupant discount, and giving much bigger properties more of the burden. Whilst I do accept that the increase is small when costed over a year, it is a lot for a single occupant like myself. In regards, to the climate bond scheme, I think that would be a great idea. Maybe local residents would be able to have first access to it if possible. I will certainly consider investing in it, as long as the fees are low. Finally, the car parking which is free after 3 is very popular and I would keep that. However, I would perhaps charge for overnight parking if it is deemed that Sundays need to be kept free of charge.
198	I would like to know how the decisions on spending council money is monitored and evaluated.
199	Reduce costs by cutting office and high ranking staff numbers also sell off the council building at Cirencester.
200	Leisure services should also be prioritised. It is incredible that there is no local leisure centre provision in Fairford.
201	Reduce parking costs dramatically then force the use of carparks by removing the ability to park on the road. Even issue residents permits !! I would gladly pay £10 per year per permit if it means the roads are no longer blocked by parked cars ect
202	West Oxfordshire District do not charge for parking and they are partnered with Cotswold District Council. Would free parking and a small increase in council tax not make more sense especially in a tourist area and to help boost the economy.
203	Putting prices up force workers to park in residential streets around the town. So obvious it will happen.
204	Parking should be free at all times to promote people coming to the local shops Also the free after 3 does not help the market as it closes and the parents are using the car parks to pick up children from school
205	Maybe the nationally agreed pay scheme should be reviewed (at a national level). I doubt many will be getting pay rises outside the council (I work in another council and would give up my increment. I'm not greedy)

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206	Car parking costs should remain as they are. They are ridiculously high compared to other towns. Paying £7.50 for all day to go to work is crazy and unaffordable. As it is I don't bother to shop in Cirencester anymore unless it is the out of town shops and I have lived here all my life.
207	Take a wage cut.
208	council put the parking up last year already to balance the books, you shouldn't have to put parking charges up every year. joe harris always used to moan they were too expensive, and he puts them up anyway. double standards. lost my vote.
209	The council needs to better prioritise its spending plans towards services which are absolutely essential, whilst keeping any tax increase at or below national inflation rates
210	Increasing parking charges may well have a detrimental effect on the viability of Cirencester's businesses, people will be put off paying more and move to places where parking is free!
211	If you need to raise revenue, stop wasting it on things like new road signs!
212	I strongly object to the CDC raising millions for speculative development & investment. These long term loans will be vulnerable to rises in interest and could well end up costing the Council Tax payer rather than subsidising.
213	You've already put council tax up last year - surely you have enough to do everything stated in this survey already!
214	Personally I'm astounded you are thinking of putting this up bearing in mind national insurance will be increasing and energy bills increasing. This council are greedy and needs to realise you are hurting the pockets of many by increasing. Not to mention the local council will increase their rate, police will increase their rates. You've lost a voter next time round I'm afraid. Well done Mr Harris you've killed confidence in your council and party
215	You cannot keep using parking as a cash cow and raising charges every single year to fund your various ventures.
216	Stop overpaying councillors and Senior Officials
217	If parking was a bit cheaper I wouldn't mind removing "free after 3". I see cars with 2 hour tickets issued 4 hours ago so assume that there are business workers using the Forum all day with no penalty while shoppers cannot find spaces. The rugby club whiteway car park setup is a nightmare already causing angry drivers where once it was very polite when giving way. I have no faith in CDC getting it right no matter how much money they have from charges. Every change makes travel from rural areas worse thereby worsening climate change effects. Putting a big office in the centre adding hundreds of commuters has ruined access for everyone else.
218	Stop spending and save money. You don't have your own money only mine and everyone else's money.
219	Cut management staff for a start - do a review internally rather than go straight to changing external services
220	More funding needs to be given to improving the public rights of way across the region. Currently you are failing to meet your basic legal requirements but you should be aiming to have a first class network that encourages tourists into the area raising money and at the same time encourages locals to get outside and get healthy lowering spending on public health. Having just one ranger for the county is not currently acceptable for example of something that you need to fix ASAP.
221	However local residents should have permits that allow them to park for free at all times - it's the visitors and tourists that should foot the bill
222	Employ better financial management to control spending and staffing levels.
223	I think you are doing a reasonably good job in difficult times. You should avoid being too dogmatic
224	I would like access to view the complete budget to include all costs of CDC staff, staff numbers etc.
225	£25,000 for a new public space seems an odd priority as we emerge from the pandemic. Similarly, although I cannot comment on anything in much details, the astonishingly large climate change budget reeks of a very expensive green-wash. Indeed, the comparatively low fly-tipping budget surely brings all the Council's messianic green credentials to nought. Furthermore, to fund these follies by extending car parking charges in our market towns, and increasing the astronomical costs of garden waste further, reeks of an economy designed for the benefit of Cirencester locals at the expense of others.
226	Town centres are becoming ghost areas. If you increase car parking charges even more, you risk making the death knell even louder.
227	Better toilet facilities...why don't you renovate Abbey Gardens loos..?
228	Need to reduce wastage. If there is demand for say planning applications the fees should be able to fund more people to service the demand. Same goes for property searches if the demand has increased surely you take more money and can then maintain service levels?
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