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#2526BC001	Agree	Finish and publish to Cirencester Town Centre Master Plan	Stop this ideological woke focus	
#2526BC002	Agree			
#2526BC003			Stop paying consultants stupid money.	
#2526BC004	Strongly Agree	I believe the main priority should be for the District to provide the best statutory services possible. Especially during a period of uncertainty.	It needs to look at public toilet charges which are relatively low in comparison to the cost of running the facilities. It also needs to look at staffing and any additional vacancies being suppressed where possible. It should also look at charging for areas where it hasn't charged previously.	



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#2526BC005	Strongly Agree	Making services more efficient and using reserves to deliver projects that can be implemented before the Council is reorganised.	The Council could make a small increase in its charges at toilets and charge at all of them.	Continue to focus on climate change, affordable housing and supporting our economy.
#2526BC006	Strongly Agree	stop repatriation of services	have a business waste service charge for bin/recycling container delivery use a smaller building as most people work from home outsource some services such as customer services, benefits, council tax, workforce planning/performance improvement/management with performance based pay	exercise caution



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#2526BC007	Agree	Wi-Fi in all your car parks as it takes a very long time to pay for parking using the app.		In the summer months to increase the general waste collections to weekly instead of fortnightly.
#2526BC008	Strongly Disagree			
#2526BC009	Disagree	Local safe cycle paths. Better public transport connections. Get people put of their cars by providing alternatives.	Stop giving funds to projects run by church of England and other religious groups and religious charities. They can raise their own funds. Maybe stop delivering paper copy updates just have a few for people to pick up	Some district councillors need to do better for their communities.
#2526BC010	Disagree	Its statutory obligations	Avoid consultations wherever possible to save money	Consider where A1 might be used
#2526BC011	Disagree			



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#2526BC012	Agree			
#2526BC013	Agree	In areas that can demonstrate to the public the importance of a district council	Employee less consultants	Reduce parking charges to make it affordable for local residents to visit the town more frequently
#2526BC014	Agree			
#2526BC015	Agree	Towards the geographic margins as these will become even more marginalised if a unitary authority is created		
#2526BC016	Strongly Agree	Affordable homes (social housing). Climate/biodiversity action		
#2526BC017	Strongly Disagree	Supporting business	Redundancies	Stop spending money on green issues
#2526BC018	Strongly Disagree			



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#2526BC019	Strongly Disagree	No new capital funding should be allocated. Prioritisation should be given to preparing for reorganisation and delivery of core services only	No new funding should be allocated to brand or marketing. Funding for communications should be reduced. No new capital funding should be allocated. Councillor allowances should be frozen. The reorganisation of staffing should be halted.	Car parking fees should be frozen and free after three reintroduced
#2526BC020	Strongly Agree			
#2526BC021	Strongly Agree	24/7 homelessness services (IE not just in weekdays), mitigating against the effects of climate change and funding VCS infrastructure support	Crowdfund for specific projects where businesses, residents and town/parish councils are happy to invest more money/co-fund community improvements	



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#2526BC022	Strongly Agree	Continue to support the poorest residents battling costs of living and Ensure more social housing is available to residents		
#2526BC023	Strongly Agree			
#2526BC024	Agree			
#2526BC025	Agree	Adult and Children's Social Care	By concentrating on efficient delivery of core functions rather than (e.g.) a larger Comms team.	
#2526BC026	Agree			
#2526BC027	Agree	High street businesses	Cut staff especially in HR.	Prioritise growth by attracting businesses to high street which will bring tax revenue and employment opportunities.



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#2526BC028	Disagree	On essential services only	Be sensible. The decision to spend money on redesigning your logo showed a complete lack of understanding over our collective financial positions.	Your priorities have been consistently wrong. You seem to increasingly spend money on ridiculous window dressing - like revamped street signs and new logos.
#2526BC029	Agree			
#2526BC030	Agree	Potholes		
#2526BC031	Agree			
#2526BC032	Disagree	Projects which benefit local Cotswold communities	Stop wasting money replacing perfectly good road name signs with ones bearing the Cotswold Council logo - this is a Joe Harris vanity project and of no value to residents.	Not to increase parking charges, you should be encouraging residents and visitors to use local shops and services not use motorists as a cash cow.



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#2526BC033	Agree	Support staff in education	Stop unnecessary expenditure on woke expenses	Not to have Gloucestershire split & a mayor elected !! Stay as it is. It works!
#2526BC034	Disagree			
#2526BC035	Agree	Maintaining services, keep toilets open	don't replace street signs unless existing ones broken	Keep up the excellent work on green issues
#2526BC036	Strongly Agree	Tourist investment to enhance the Cotswolds ' appeal to tourists by improving facilities and creating sustainable tourism initiatives. Create a high visibility community project (e.g. Cultural Centre or public space) to leave a positive legacy.	Invest in initiatives that support local tourism. Streamline services. Staff restructuring - reduce non essential hires and high paid hires. Share services. Negotiate better deals. ..	
#2526BC037	Agree			



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#2526BC038	Strongly Agree	green issues		The council provides good value for money
#2526BC039	Strongly Agree			
#2526BC040	Agree	Climate and Communities		
#2526BC041	Disagree	This goes directly against the agenda to empower smaller areas	Support the high street/ lower council tax to improve public spending	Please support the high street by keeping parking charges down along with business taxes. Public spending will improve. Charging more on second homes is a good start. You can also look at charging for weight of vehicles - this will mean that EV cars which are heavier pay their fair share to fix roads. Cut middle management and roles such as



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				diversity and inclusivity mentors. Freeze pensions in the public sector roles and ensure that those paid by the taxpayer are fully accountable.
#2526BC042	Strongly Disagree	I agree with getting rid of expensive layers of local government, such as Moreton Town Council, CDC and GCC and replacing with more delegated regional mayoral authority.		
#2526BC043	Strongly Agree	Road improvements and repairs		
#2526BC044	Agree	All infrastructure. Roads/ parking/ schools / doctors surgeries etc	Charge developers more !	More coordination when roads are dug up for services.



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#2526BC045	Disagree			
#2526BC046	Strongly Agree	CDC has invested in long term projects such as solar and Publica transition. It no longer has a long term future so its priority should be to put the District in order. There are hundreds of outstanding compliance issues not counting all the ones not being dealt with. Create a good area Plan and tidy up as many of the outstanding issues as possible before the chaos.	It should reconsider its budget - the goal is not to pass on a large amount of money but to pass over a healthy District.	