

Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future

It's time to have your say Aberdeen

Community Planning Aberdeen partners are refreshing a range of plans and strategies which aim to improve the place you live.

We would like you to participate and share your views and tell us what things are good now and what improvements you think would make our city and our neighbourhoods better in the future.

This single engagement gives everyone the chance to share their view and to shape multiple local plans and strategies at once. This includes the Local Housing Strategy, Integrated Joint Board Strategic Plan, Community Learning and Development Plan, Visitor Levy, Local Development Plan, Children's Services Plan and the next Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.

The engagement looks at 14 themes, each focussed on one aspect of life in Aberdeen, both physical (such as streets and spaces) and social (such as feeling safe) characteristics that make up a good place. These are the 14 themes from the Scottish Place Standard tool, which is used across Scotland to have conversations with people about the place where they live. It helps identify the strengths of the place and where improvements may be needed.

How to participate

1. **Record a score for each theme:**

You are asked to record a score (1 to 7) for each theme (1 means there is a lot of room for improvement and 7 means there is very little improvement needed).

2. **For each theme you are also asked to share your view on:**
   - What is working well?
   - What could be improved?

3.Tell us if you agree with the priorities and actions in our current draft Strategies (Local Housing Strategy, Community Learning and Development, Integrated Joint Board Strategic Plan, Local Development Plan Play Sufficiency Assessment, Visitor Levy Proposal) aligned to the following themes:

Work and Economy
Facilities and Services
Social Interaction
Influence and Sense of Control
Play and Recreation
Housing and Community

4. **Tell us about you to inform our actions.**
   Provide anonymous information (voluntary) about you and let us know if you want to get involved in next steps.

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www.placestandard.scot

When looking at the themes:
Your place may be the neighbourhood where you live, or it may be the city as a whole. There may be instances where the question does not seem relevant to you or where you feel you do not have enough information to answer. In these cases, it may help if you think about the place from the point of view of others, you can use our personas to help you, or you can simply leave this theme blank.

Why your views matter?

The results of the engagement exercise will be published in **July/August 2025** and considered by Community Planning Aberdeen partners in developing the refreshed Strategies/Plans. Individuals will not be identified in the report. Following the engagement, Community Planning Aberdeen will work with communities to co-create solutions through the development of the next Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans, ensuring that local people are at the heart of community planning.

How to contact us:
If you have any questions or require any support in completing this survey, please contact: **communityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk**

Further information can be accessed at **http://yourplaceyourplans.commonplace.is**

Are you answering

As an individual? ☐ On behalf of an organisation? ☐
If any organisation, please state which here_____

MOVING AROUND



Pleasant and safe routes can encourage people to move around by walking, wheeling and cycling without relying on cars or public transport. This is good for health and for the environment and air quality. This can include off-road paths, wide pavements, quiet streets with reduced speed limits, and walking and cycling routes that can be used by people in wheelchairs, mobility aids, prams or adapted bikes.

How easy is it to move around and get to where I want to go? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

What is working well?	What could be improved?

PUBLIC TRANSPORT



Good public transport is affordable, reliable and well connected. This can reduce reliance on cars and encourage people to get around in ways that are better for the environment and for their health.

What is public transport like in my place? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor ☐	2. Poor ☐	3. Not good ☐	4. Okay ☐	5. Good ☐	6. Very good ☐	7. Excellent ☐

What is working well?	What could be improved?

TRAFFIC AND PARKING



Traffic and parking affect how people move around. Good arrangements can help people to get the most out of their place.

How do traffic and parking affect how I move around my place? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor ☐	2. Poor ☐	3. Not good ☐	4. Okay ☐	5. Good ☐	6. Very good ☐	7. Excellent ☐

What is working well?	What could be improved?

STREETS AND SPACES



Buildings, landmarks, greenery, views and natural landscape can help to create an attractive place that people enjoy being in. Distinctive streets and spaces can help people to find their way around, and greener streets and spaces are not just good for wellbeing but also for the environment and for biodiversity.

What are the buildings, streets and public spaces like in my place? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

NATURAL SPACE



Natural spaces have many benefits – supporting wildlife, reducing flooding, and improving air quality. These spaces include parks and woodlands, fields, streams, canals and rivers, coasts and beaches, green spaces alongside paths and roads, and tree-lined streets. Connecting with nature improves our health and wellbeing.

How easy is it for me to regularly enjoy natural space? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

PLAY AND RECREATION



Play and recreation can keep us active, happy, connected and help improve the quality of our lives and our health and wellbeing. Places with a range of formal and informal indoor and outdoor spaces and events encourage children, teenagers, adults and older people to play and to enjoy leisure, culture and sporting activities.

How good are the spaces and opportunities for play and recreation in my place? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

The Play Sufficiency Assessment (PSA) is used to understand play spaces. Play spaces can be a play parks, local woods, local areas of open space etc. Anywhere children play or hang out. The PSA is use to assess the sufficiency of play areas in Aberdeen. Sufficiency is measured through quality, quantity and accessibility.

Where do children and young people play in your area?	Please tell us your thoughts on the quality, quantity and accessibility of play spaces in your area?

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

When facilities and services in a place are easy to access locally, this can help people to live independent, healthy and fulfilling lives. Facilities and services can include schools, doctors, shops, libraries, social care and community groups, children's services, council services, housing services, alcohol and substance use services, homeless services, support to return to work or retrain, support to prevent reoffending, support when on a low income, food banks and community pantries.



How well do facilities and services in my place meet my needs? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

This is what the plans and strategies we're currently consulting on propose. Do you support the proposals?

Proposal	Yes	No
1. Work with partners to provide accessible community based learning opportunities (e.g. skills in digital inclusion, literacy, numeracy, English for speakers of other languages, and financial resilience) for adults, particularly those furthest from inclusion and facing disadvantages, to foster lifelong learning, positive pathways and progression and reduce reoffending.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
2. Provide targeted learning opportunities for young people to address key issues, provide opportunities to gain skills, improve mental and physical wellbeing, and have their voices heard.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

Proposal	Yes	No
3. Refresh our Primary Care Improvement Plan to improve access to local primary care services.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
4. Review the allocation of social care resources to ensure more community and home-based services allowing people to live independently in their own homes.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
5. To introduce a visitor levy on overnight stays in places like hotels and guesthouses, with the money raised being spent in ways to benefit the visitor economy. The proposed levy is an additional charge of around £5 for each room for each night. There will be some exemptions, including people with disabilities.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
6. If the visitor levy is introduced, we think some of money raised should be spent on more things to see and do in the city, such as big events, exhibitions, festivals, business events and sport championships.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
7. Other uses for the visitor levy money could be on improvements to places which benefit local people as well as tourists, for example museums, theatres, sport venues and parks.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
8. Another possible use for the money raised by the visitor levy could be to help promote the city to more visitors and major event organisers, by telling them more about the city, its facilities and what is going on.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

WORK AND ECONOMY



A strong local economy with a mix of businesses can help to make places feel active and attractive – most people enjoy spending time in lively places. Access to good quality jobs, volunteering and training can help us to stay active and healthy, provide social connections, a sense of identity and satisfaction, and an income where paid.

How active is the local economy in my place and are there good opportunities for work, volunteering and training? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

This is what the plans and strategies we're currently consulting on propose. Do you support the proposals?

Proposal	Yes	No
1. Provide a range of activity to improve people's physical and mental health and reduce harm ensuring people can continue to work and make a positive contribution to the economy whilst also improving their own financial wellbeing.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
2. Provide accessible opportunities for people to build skills (education, training or retraining, community work and volunteering) to support them access work.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
3. Work with young people to promote children's rights and provide targeted support to reduce the poverty-related attainment gap and support employment and positive destinations, through relevant and accredited learning opportunities.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY

Good places have a mix of housing in attractive, safe and connected communities for different types of families and people. Where we live and call home affects our health and wellbeing.

How well do the homes in my place meet the needs of my community? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

This is what the plans and strategies we're currently consulting on propose. Do you support the proposals?

Proposal	Yes	No
1. We will work collaboratively to support a sufficient supply of housing across all tenures to meet the varying needs of our citizens and to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
2. We are committed to enhancing the condition of all homes, including improving their energy efficiency which will help to alleviate fuel poverty.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
3. We will help to create thriving, inclusive communities across the city which support independent living and involve local people in decision making about the places they want to live.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

SOCIAL INTERACTION



Good places have a mix of spaces and opportunities to meet and spend time with other people. Some places also have active websites or social media networks to help people meet and take part in the local community. Feeling part of our community improves our health and wellbeing.

How good is the range of opportunities which allow me to meet and spend time with other people? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

This is what the plans and strategies we're currently consulting on propose. Do you support the proposals?

Proposal	Yes	No
1. Work with partners to develop, deliver and promote a range of activities in our communities to increase social interaction and improve both physical and mental health and wellbeing.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

IDENTITY AND BELONGING



How a place looks, its history and what other people think of it can affect how we feel. A positive identity can also attract people and businesses to move into an area.

To what extent does my place have a positive identity that supports a strong sense of belonging? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

FEELING SAFE



How safe a place feels can support community activity, affect people's wellbeing and influence how and where we spend our time. Good design and maintenance can make places feel safe by reducing crime and antisocial behaviour.

How safe does my place make me feel? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

CARE AND MAINTENANCE



Places that are cared for can make us feel positive and secure, while those that are not looked after properly can affect our wellbeing.

How well is my place looked after and cared for? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

INFLUENCE AND SENSE OF CONTROL



Having a voice in decision-making can help to build stronger communities and better places. Having a sense of control can make people feel positive about their lives.

When things happen in my place how well am I listened to and included in decision-making? Please rate the place on a scale from 1 to 7

1. Very Poor	2. Poor	3. Not good	4. Okay	5. Good	6. Very good	7. Excellent
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What is working well?	What could be improved?

This is what the plans and strategies we're currently consulting on propose. Do you support the proposals?

Proposal	Yes	No
1. Continue our inclusive approach when designing and delivering services ensuring the voices of our communities are heard and help influence decision making.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
2. Provide capacity building support to communities, all ages, to support them to have a voice, participate in decision making and take action to create, develop and sustain local programmes and activities which address emerging priorities.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		
3. Support children and young people to participate in decisions that affect them.		
Do you have any comments on this proposal?		

Next Steps/Getting Involved

Your response will help guide the work of Community Planning Aberdeen partners in developing/ refreshing our Strategies and priorities. The results of the engagement exercise will be published in **July/August 2025**. Individuals will not be identified in the report.

There are several ways to get involved in Community Planning Aberdeen, please answer our next questions if you'd like to get involved.

Please select all that you would interested in getting involved with:

	Yes
Locality Empowerment Groups	☐
Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships	☐
Improvement Project Teams	☐
Sign up for community update emails, including updates on the refresh of the LOIP and Locality Plans and evaluation of the engagement	☐
City Voice Panellist	☐

If you have selected **Yes** to any of the above, please provide your name and email address so that we can contact you:

What is your name?

What is your organisation or community group?

What is your email?

Respondent Information

Different people think about places in different ways. People live in different neighbourhoods and some people may face unique issues and have special needs, or may face specific barriers, for example on accessibility – whether physical, visual, hearing, language or cultural.

Please provide some key information about yourself to help us analyse the results and identify whether there are specific issues for some neighbourhoods or people.

We will only use your contact details where you have indicated that you want to get involved. For full details on how your information will be used and how long it will be kept please read our privacy notice at https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/your-data/why-and-how-we-use-your-data/your-data-community-planning-partnerships-engagement-multiple-plansstrategies

Please see below information on our Localities which will help you select which locality within Aberdeen you live in.

Localities	North	South	Central
Neighbourhoods	1.Dyce	1.Culter	1.Tillydrone
	2.Danestone	2.Cults, Bieldside & Milltimber	2.Old Aberdeen
	3.Oldmachar	3.Hazlehead	3.Seaton
	4.Denmore	4.Braeside, Mannofield, Broomhill & Seafield	4.Woodside
	5.Balgownie & Donmouth	5.Garthdee	5.Hilton
	6.Bucksburn	6.Ferryhill	6.Stockethill
	7.Heathryfold	7.Kincorth, Leggart & Nigg	7.Ashgrove
	8.Middlefield	8.Torry	8.George Street
	9.Kingswells	9.Cove	9.Froghall, Powis & Sunnybank
	10.Northfield		10.Midstocket
	11.Cummings Park		11.Rosemount
	12.Sheddocksley		12.City Centre
	13.Mastrick		13.Hanover
	14.Summerhill		14.West End

Please provide your full postcode

Where in Aberdeen do you live?

North Locality ☐
South Locality ☐
Central Locality ☐

If you are not sure, refer to the **table above** or please state here which area/neighbourhood you live in.

What is your age?

Under 16 ☐ 16-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐
35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐
65-74 ☐ 75-84 ☐ 85 or over ☐
Prefer not to say

What is your employment status?

Employed Full Time ☐ Employed Part Time ☐ Unemployed ☐
Student ☐ Full time carer ☐ Retired ☐
Lon term sick or disabled ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

What is your sex?

Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐
Prefer to self-identify: Please state

What is your sexual orientation?

Gay ☐ Straight ☐ Lesbian ☐
Other ☐ Prefer not to say ☐
If you prefer to use another term, please provide this here:

Do you consider yourself to be trans, or have a trans history?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐
If you prefer to use another term, please provide this here:

Please indicate your ethnicity and nationality.

White – Scottish	☐	Caribbean or Black	☐
White – British	☐	Indian, Scottish Indian or British Indian	☐
White – Irish	☐	Pakistani, Scottish Pakistani or British Pakistani	☐
White – Gypsy/Traveller	☐	Bangladeshi, Scottish Bangladeshi or British Bangladeshi	☐
White – Showman/Showwoman	☐	Chinese, Scottish Chinese or British Chinese	☐
White – Eastern European	☐	Other Asian, Scottish Asian or British Asian	☐
Other White Ethnic Group	☐	Mixed or Multiple	☐
African, Scottish African or British African	☐	Arab, Scottish Arab or British Arab	☐
African – Other	☐	Other Ethnic Group	☐

Prefer to self identify – Please state: Prefer not to say ☐

What is your legal marital status?

Single ☐ Married /Civil Partnership☐ Prefer not to say ☐

What religion, religious denomination or body do you belong to?

None	☐	Muslim	☐
Buddhist	☐	Sikh	☐
Christian	☐	Humanist	☐
Church of Scotland	☐	Pagan	☐
Roman Catholic	☐	Other Religion or Belief	☐
Hindu	☐	Prefer not to say	☐
Jewish	☐		

Other religion or belief – Please state:

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? Include problems related to old age

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

If **Yes**, please mark all that apply:

Deafness or partial hearing loss	☐	Full or partial loss of voice or difficulty speaking	☐
Blindness or partial sight loss	☐	Learning disability	☐
Learning difficulty	☐	Developmental disorder	☐
Mental health condition	☐	Physical disability	☐
Long-term illness, disease or condition	☐		☐

Do you look after, or give any help or support to family members, friends, neighbours or others because of either: long-term physical/ mental ill-health/ disability; or problems related to old age? Do not count anything you do as part of your paid employment.

Yes ☐	No ☐	Prefer not to say ☐

Thank you for taking part in this engagement. The completed document can be handed in to your nearest library or emailed to communityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk
Closing Date: 18 May 2025