

Results of the Public Consultation - Summary

The consultation questionnaire was live on the Cyngor Gwynedd website from 8 December 2022 to 3 January 2023.

A total of 643 responses were received to the questionnaire, all received on-line. The following table shows the number of respondents per area in Arfon, Dwyfor and Meirionnydd.

Area	No.	%
Arfon	282	43.9%
Dwyfor	137	21.3%
Meirionnydd	203	31.6%
Outside Gwynedd	9	1.4%
No response	12	1.9%
Total	643	100.0%

Priority Fields:

The results show that the respondents **agree with all priority fields**, but fewer (66.9%, N=430) respondents agreed with priority field 5 which was to ensure that our residents can continue to live in naturally Welsh-speaking communities, compared with all other priority fields.

	Agree		Disagree		No opinion		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Giving our children and young people the best possible start in life	587	91.3	7	1.1	41	6.4	8	1.2
Strengthening the economy and supporting the people of Gwynedd to earn a decent salary	597	92.8	9	1.4	25	3.9	12	1.9
Supporting the residents of Gwynedd to live in suitable homes in their communities	547	85.1	23	3.6	61	9.5	12	1.9
Supporting Gwynedd residents to live fulfilled and safe lives in our communities	571	88.8	16	2.5	44	6.8	12	1.9
Ensuring that our residents can continue to live in a natural Welsh community	430	66.9	78	12.1	123	19.1	12	1.9
Promoting a sustainable environment and responding positively to the climate change crisis	530	82.4	41	6.4	64	10.0	8	1.2
Putting the residents of Gwynedd first, treating them fairly, and ensuring that the Council performs well and effectively	557	86.6	27	4.2	48	7.5	11	1.7

Differences between the areas of Arfon, Dwyfor and Meirionnydd:

There are differences in the views of respondents according to where they live. The biggest difference is that a higher percentage of respondents living in Arfon (75.5%, N=213) **agree** with priority field 5 compared with respondents living in Dwyfor (62.0%, N=85) and Meirionnydd (60.1%, N=122). The biggest difference is that a higher percentage of the respondents living in Dwyfor (16.8%, N=23) **disagree** with priority field 5 compared with respondents living in Arfon (8.2%, N=23) and Meirionnydd (14.8%, N=30).

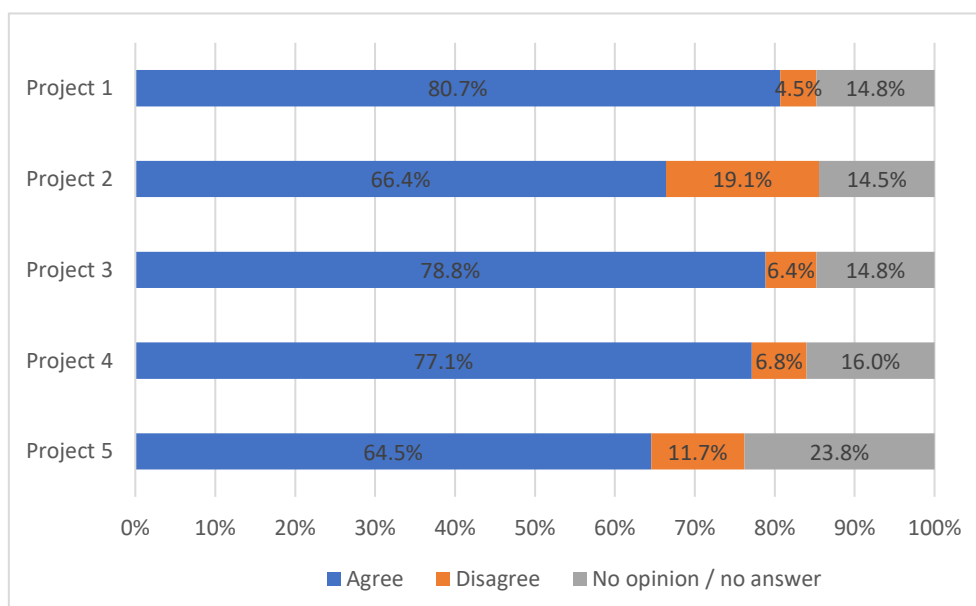
Observations:

The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 72% (N=464) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 179 respondents who had left comments, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of their comments.

Theme	No.	%
Agree with ensuring fairness for all / Question what is 'natural Welsh' and concerns that non-Welsh people are not going to be treated equally	39	21.9
Unable to disagree with the list of priorities	26	14.6
Need to focus on the economy and quality jobs	22	12.4
Priority for local people with housing / Improve the quality of housing	17	9.6
Need more information about the projects / Concerns that there is no money to deliver the projects	15	8.4
Criticise the quality of the consultation	11	6.2
Disagree with the focus on the Welsh language	10	5.6
Need to look after the tourism industry / Extend the tourist season	9	5.1

Priority Field 1 - Giving our children and young people the best possible start in life

- Project 1 - Transforming education for children in their early years
- Project 2 - Free School dinners
- Project 3 - Modernising buildings and the learning environment
- Project 4 - Reduce the cost of sending children to school and address well-being challenges
- Project 5 - Upgrading the Children's Playing Fields in the county



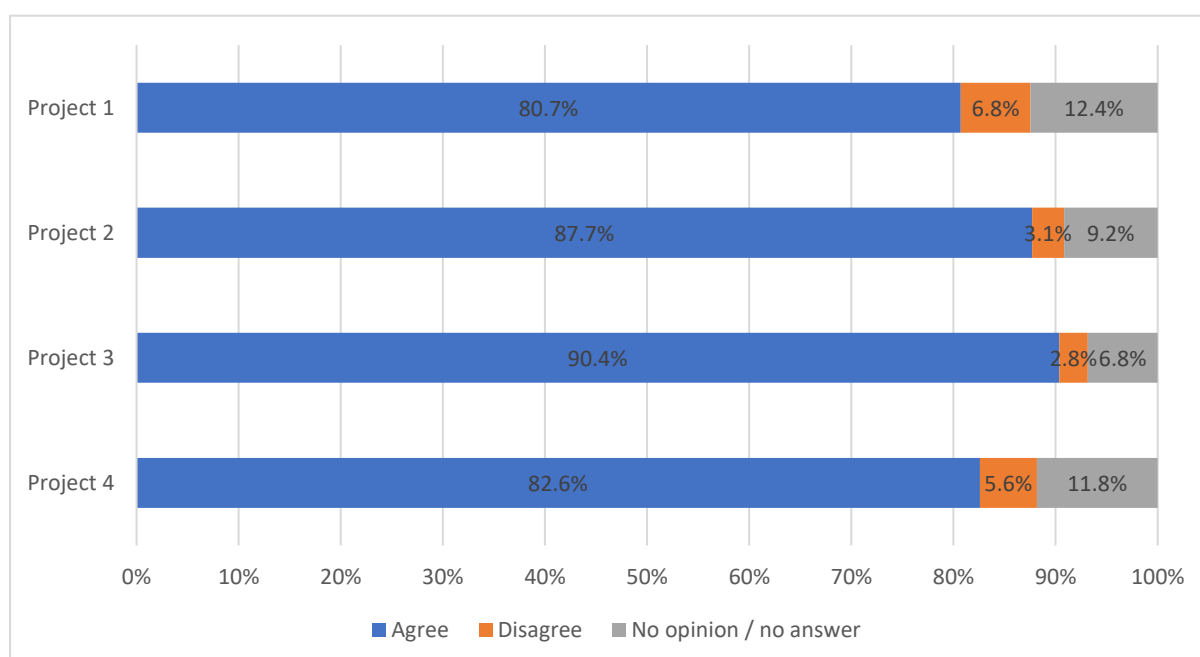
The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 75.9% (N=488) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 155 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.
Need to create more jobs in the area / Support fields that create employment in the county (such as Tourism) / Do not tax tourism / Support the tourism industry	23
Free school dinners - Free school dinners only for those who need / want it, not for everyone	18
Irrelevant Comment	15
Support for businesses / town centres need to be regenerated / Communicate with other counties on ideas on how to regenerate town centres / Need to improve how we deal with the economy	15

Priority Field 2 - Strengthen the economy and supporting the people of Gwynedd to earn a decent salary

Here are the projects that have been identified in this priority field:

- Project 1 - Promoting our culture and a sustainable visitor economy
- Project 2 – Regeneration of communities and town centres
- Project 3 - Creating the best possible circumstances in Gwynedd for businesses and community enterprises to thrive, and support the people of Gwynedd into work
- Project 4 - Keeping the Benefit Local



The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 76.2% (N=490) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 153 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.	%
Regenerating communities and town centres - Noting ideas to improve the Bangor area or noting problems in Bangor	11	7.2
Creating the best possible circumstances in Gwynedd for businesses and community enterprises to thrive, and support the people of Gwynedd into work - Need better career opportunities and/or salary for local people	9	5.9

Priority Field 3 - Supporting the residents of Gwynedd to live in suitable homes in their communities

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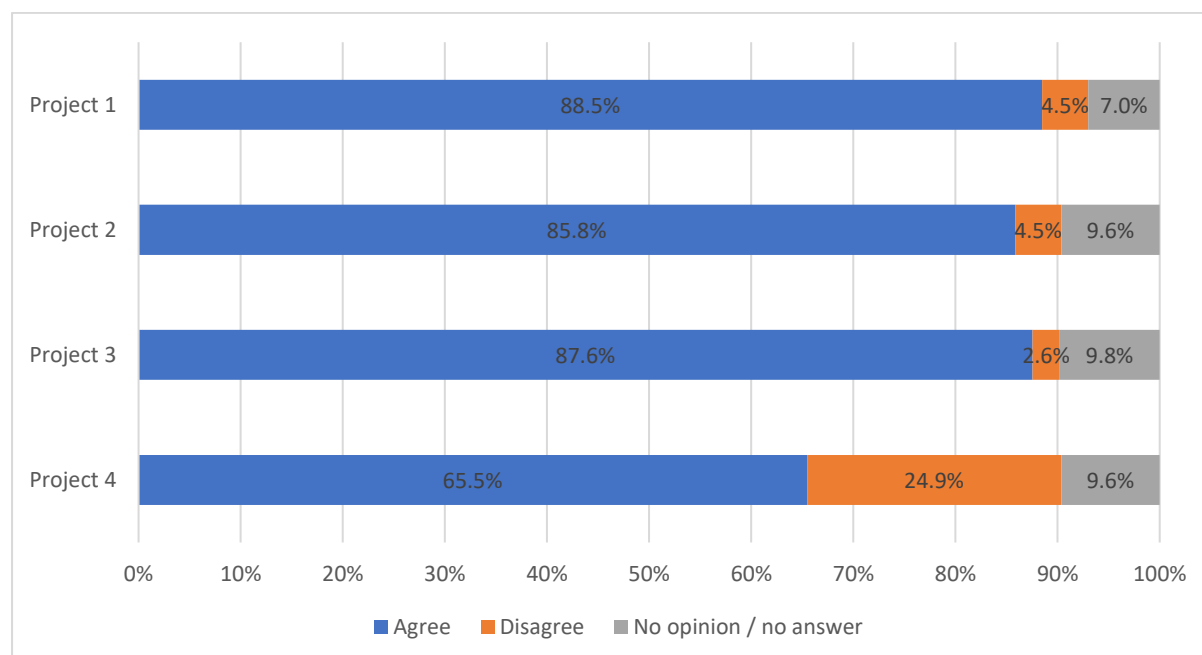
Project 1 - Increase the supply of housing for local people

Project 2 - Address the energy cost crisis and fuel poverty

Project 3 - Ensuring that nobody in Gwynedd is homeless

Project 4 - Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation

You can see from the graph below that a higher percentage of respondents (24.9%, N=160) disagree with project 4 compared with other projects within this priority field.



The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 62.5% (N=402) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 241 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.	%
Comment irrelevant to the priorities or unclear	19	7.9
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - holiday accommodation is important and holiday accommodation should not be punished	19	7.9
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - measures are needed to control this, e.g., a restricted number of Air bnb's in an area, second home taxation	18	7.5
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - second homes should not be punished; second homes are important	16	6.6
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - Tourism is important economically	16	6.6
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - disagree or uncertain regarding increasing council tax on second homes	15	6.2
Increasing the supply of housing for local people - Need to make use of the existing housing stock, e.g., empty homes	14	5.8
Management of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - second homes or holiday homes are a more nuanced problem/situation than this document suggests or there is a need for exemptions or regulation	13	5.4
Increasing the supply of housing for local people - More social / council / affordable housing needed	10	4.1
Control of second homes and short-term holiday accommodation - need to increase tax on second homes	9	3.7

Priority Field 4 - Supporting Gwynedd residents to live fulfilled and safe lives in our communities

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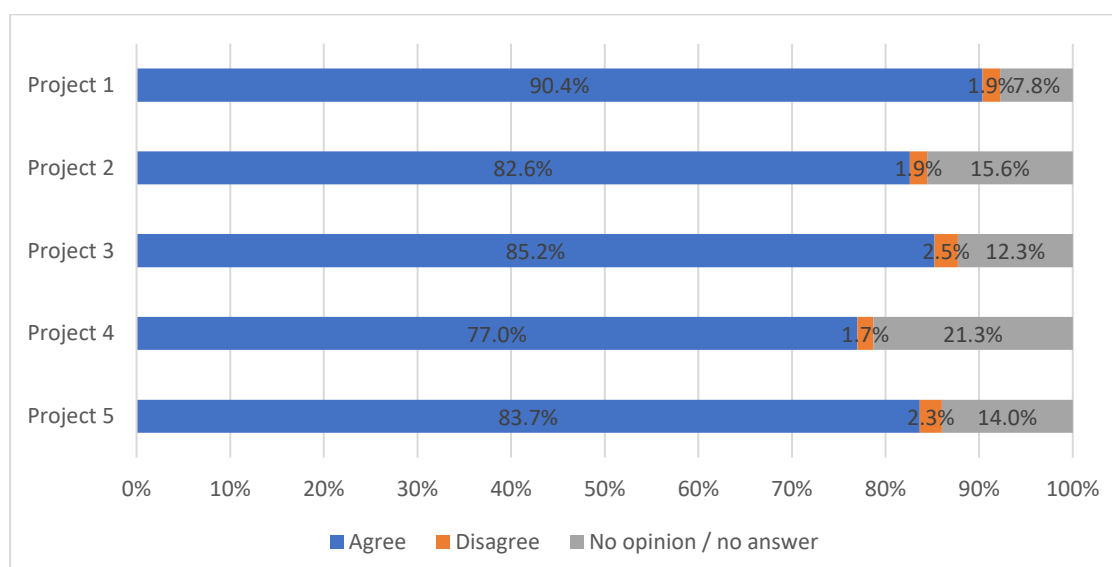
Project 1 - A suitable and sustainable care provision for the future

Project 2 - Re-designing our care services

Project 3 - Supporting People's Well-being

Project 4 - Autism Plan

Project 5 - Establishing local homes for our children



The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 83.7% (N=538) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 105 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

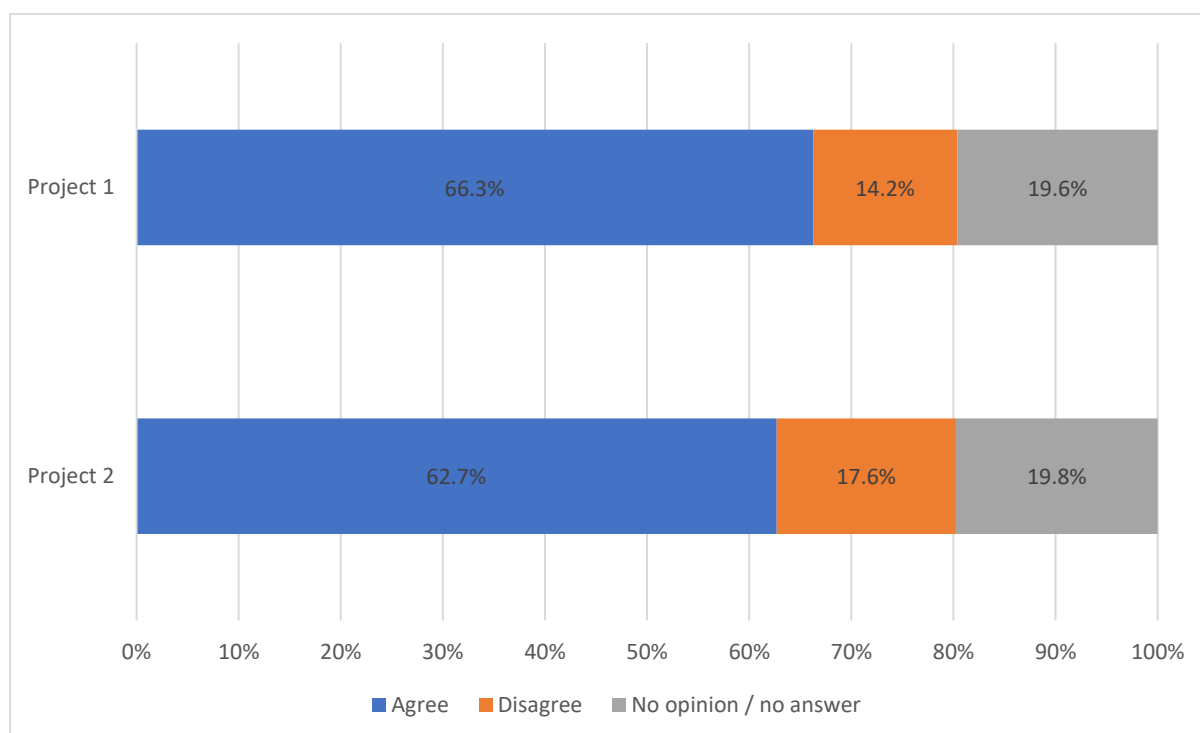
Theme	No.	%
Autism Plan - Lack of Autism care in schools (and in the community in general)	15	14.3
Insufficient budget to realise this / Do not believe that it is possible to deliver the projects	14	13.3
Agree with all projects	10	9.5
Re-designing our care services - Council and BCUHB need to collaborate / integrate better	10	9.5
Re-designing our care services - It must be ensured that the money available is spent in every part of Gwynedd on the project	9	8.6
Support People's Well-being - need to work with communities to ensure the well-being of residents	8	7.6

Priority Field 5 - Ensuring that our residents can continue to live in a natural Welsh speaking community

Here are the projects that have been identified in this priority field:

Project 1 - Improving the provision for teaching Welsh to children

Project 2 - Promoting the use of the Welsh Language by the residents of Gwynedd



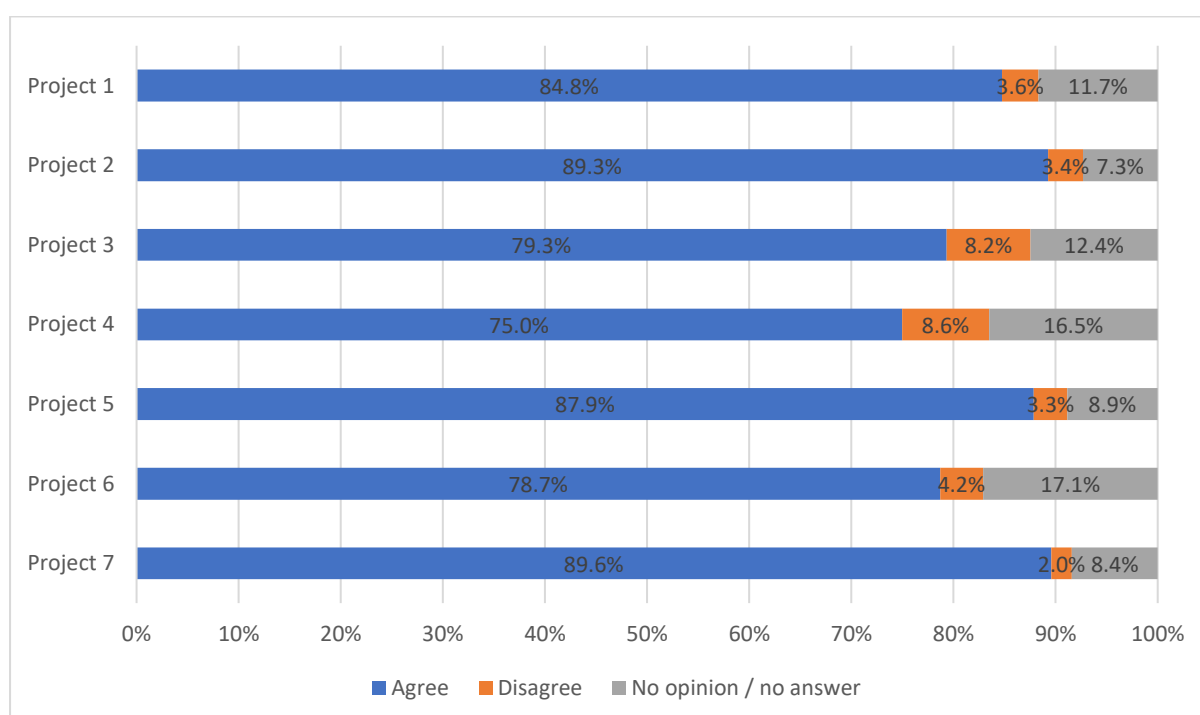
The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 73.4% (N=472) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 171 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.	%
Promoting the use of the Welsh Language by the residents of Gwynedd - Help adults to learn - Need for initiatives, on-line classes, classes at convenient times or free of charge or information about the local dialect to assist non-Welsh speaking adults to become familiar with learning Welsh	22	12.9
Promoting the use of the Welsh Language by the residents of Gwynedd - Important to protect, learn and/or promote the language	10	5.8
Agree with these priorities and/or the language is important	8	4.7
Promoting the use of the Welsh Language by the residents of Gwynedd - This should not lead to a disadvantage for people who do not speak Welsh	8	4.7

Priority Field 6 – Promoting a sustainable environment and responding positively to the climate change crisis

Here are the projects that have been identified in this priority field:

- Project 1 - Acting on flood risks
- Project 2 - Waste and Recycling Plan
- Project 3 - Climate and Nature Emergency Plan
- Project 4 - Active Travel
- Project 5 - Public Transport
- Project 6 - New Local Development Plan
- Project 7 - Clean and Tidy communities



The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 73.1% (N=470) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 173 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.	%
Public Transport - being able to use the bus to travel to/from work/shops/GP would be miraculous, particularly in rural parts of the county	26	15.0
Public Transport - need to improve the bus / trains network	20	11.6
Clean and Tidy Communities - need to educate residents on how to dispose of their waste responsibly	19	11.0
Active travel - more people should be encouraged to cycle to improve their health / improve marketing around active travel	15	8.7
Active travel - this needs to be carefully considered - this can be very costly without bringing much benefit to the majority of Gwynedd communities	13	7.5
Agree with all the projects	9	5.2
Too many projects here considering the budget available	9	5.2

Priority Field 7 - Putting the residents of Gwynedd first, treating them fairly, and ensuring that the Council performs well and effectively

Here are the projects that have been identified in this priority field:

Project 1 - Workforce Planning

Project 2 - Developing the Council's culture

Project 3 - Ensuring fairness for all

Project 4 - Women in Leadership

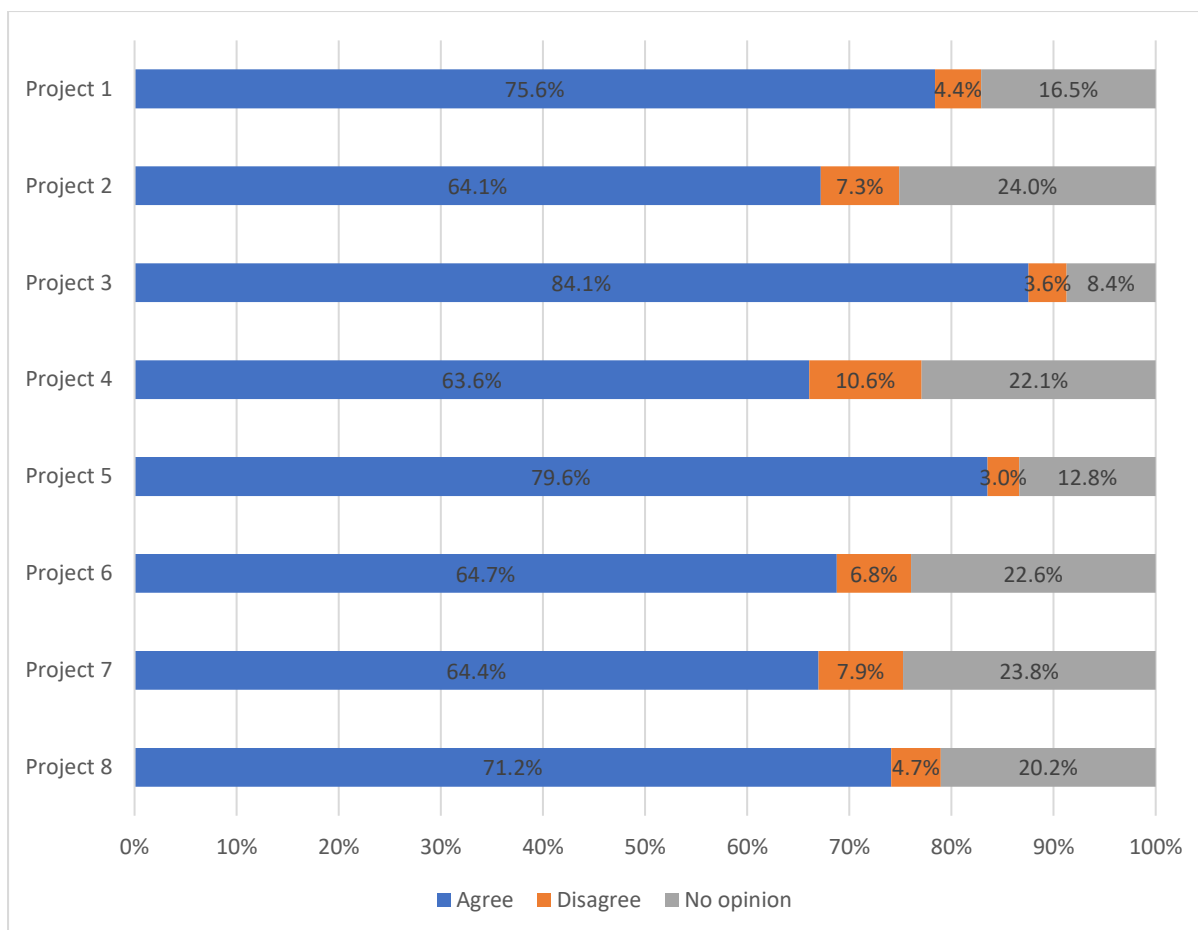
Project 5 - Managing the impact of national budgetary cuts

Project 6 - Digital Scheme

Project 7 - Strategic review on Health and Safety management

Project 8 - Adopting the Property Assets Management Plan to ensure that our estate is fit for purpose for working in the future

You can see from the graph below that a higher percentage of respondents note no opinion / have not answered the question across every project within priority field 7, compared with other project fields.



The next question in the consultation asked whether they had any comments to support their choice. 78.5% (N=505) of the respondents did not have any comments to add. Of the 183 respondents who had left a comment, the themes raised were very broad. See the table below for a summary of the most popular comments.

Theme	No.	%
Women in Leadership - Disagree with this - the best person for the job is the answer/ this is discriminatory	29	20.9
Digital Scheme - There is a need for a hub of sorts where people can come together to discuss issues face-to-face in all areas of Gwynedd	13	9.4
Adopting the Property Assets Management Plan to ensure that our estate is fit for purpose for working in the future - Every member of staff should be brought back to work in the offices	10	7.2