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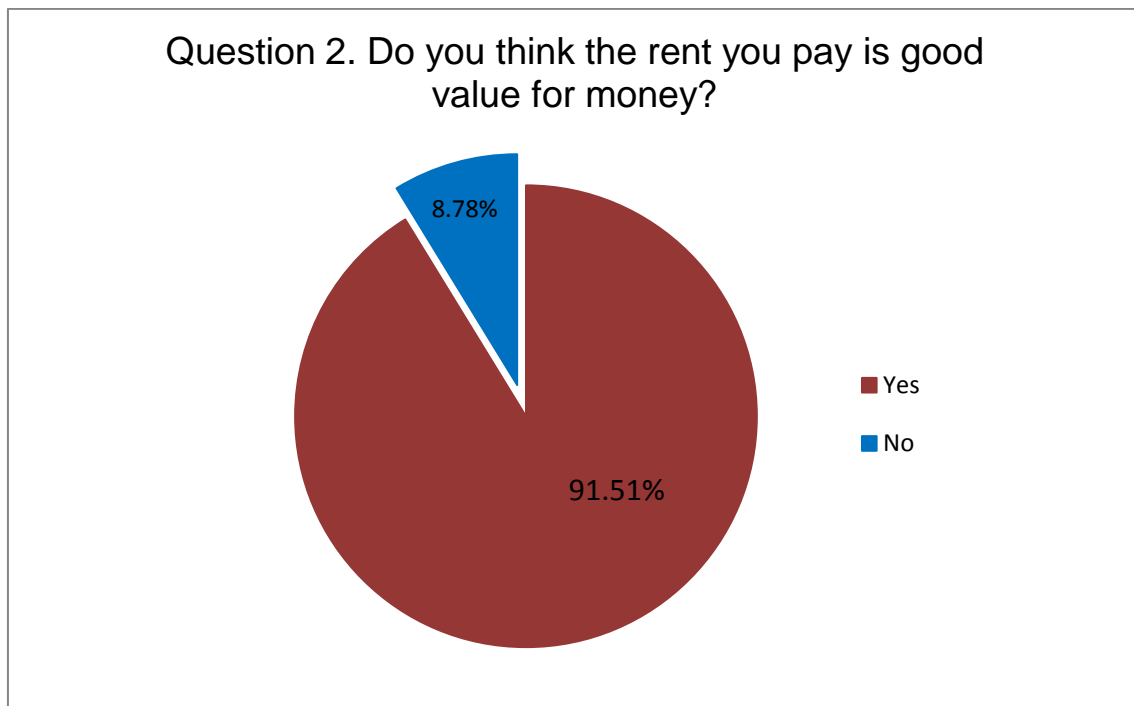
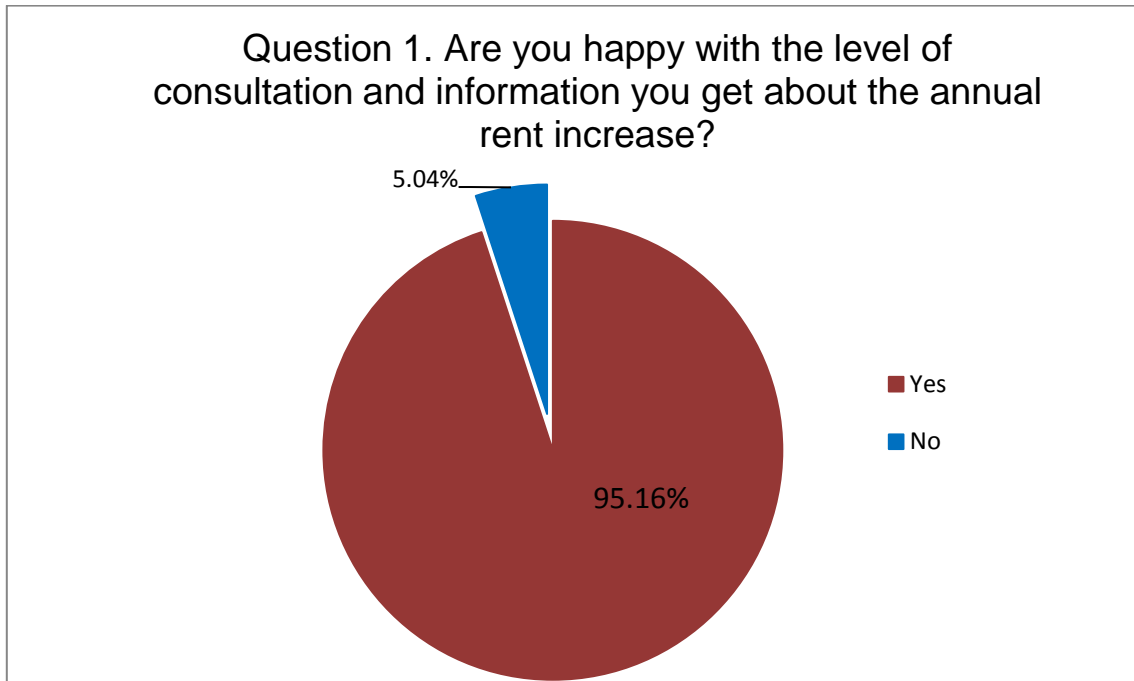
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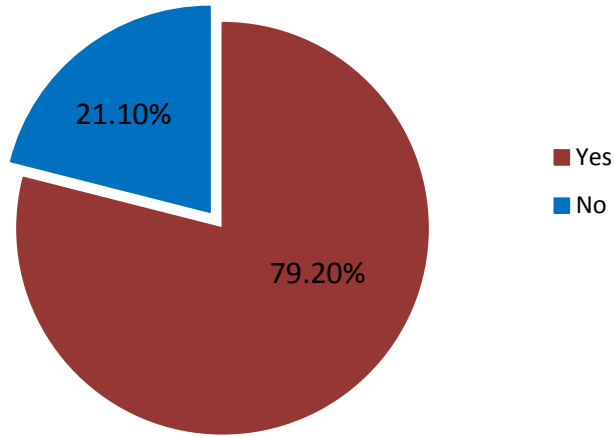
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Appendix 1 – Summary Report on Rent Level Consultation 2018-19

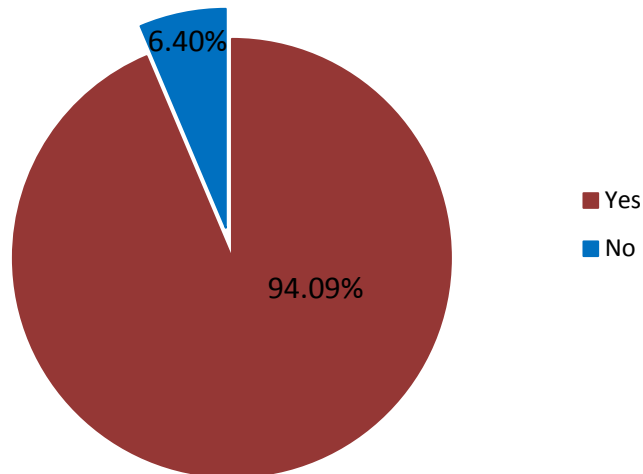
In November 2017, we wrote out to all our tenants and sent them a consultation questionnaire. This gave tenants the opportunity to let us know their views on the rent consultation and also the potential increase of 5%. Shown below is a summary of all the responses received.



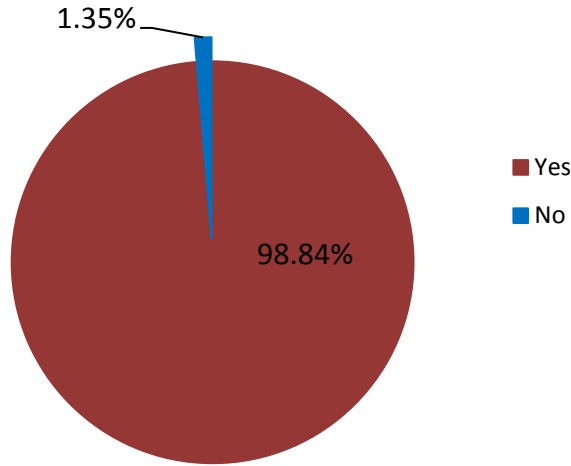
Question 3. By increasing rent the council continues to deliver existing services, invest in our housing stock and deliver new homes. Do you think that the proposal to increase rents by 5% is fair?



Question 4. Do you agree with the council's commitment to build new houses to help address the housing shortage in East Lothian?



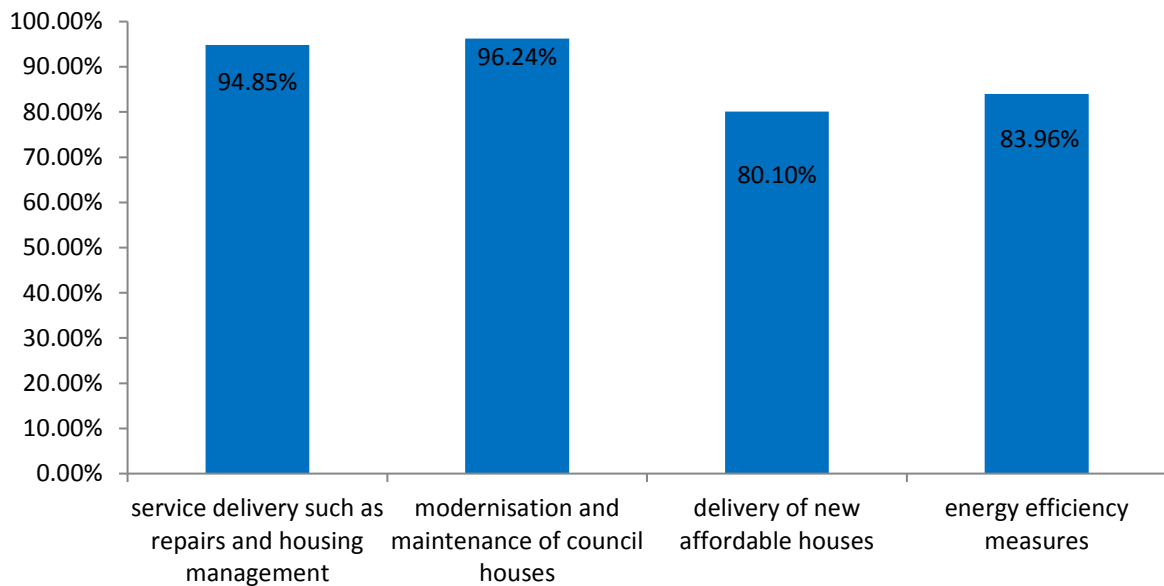
Question 5. Do you agree that the council should continue to modernise and maintain its existing stock (e.g. new kitchens/bathrooms/rewiring/improving energy efficiency/major structural work)?



Question 6

We asked tenants if they agreed that their rent should be used to pay for the following key areas.

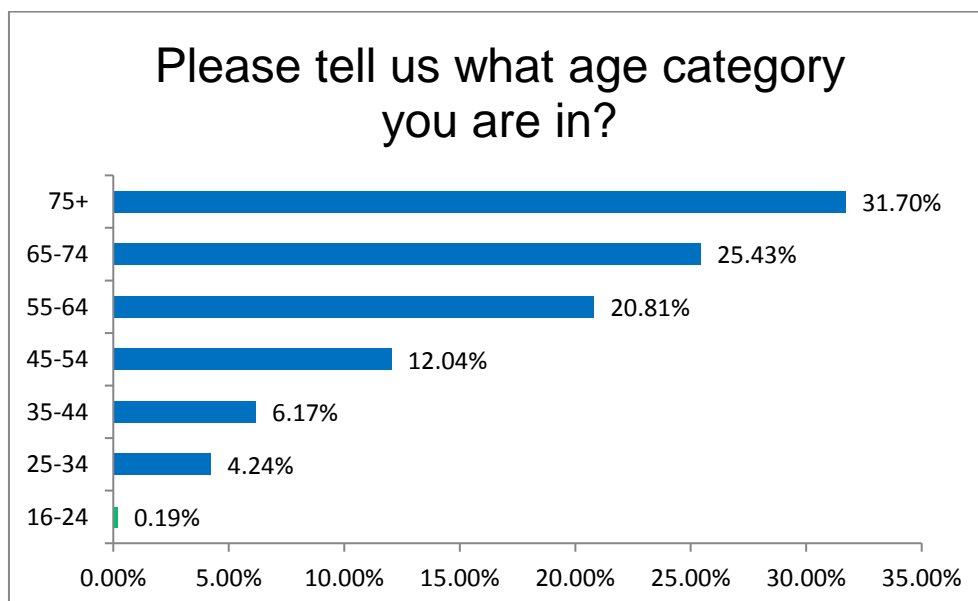
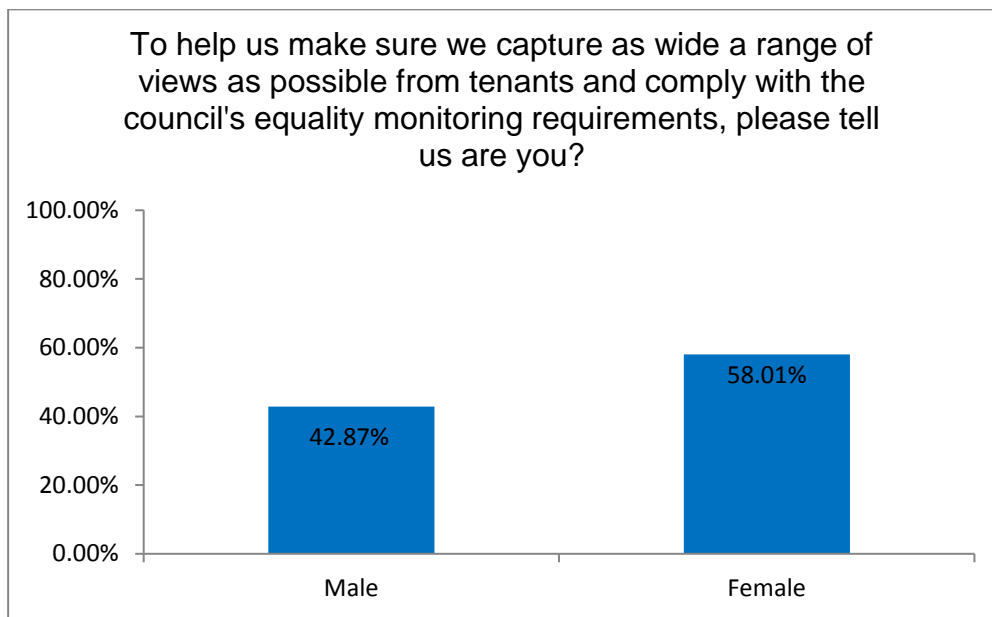
Question 6. Do you agree that your rent should be used to pay for the following key areas? Please tick all that apply:



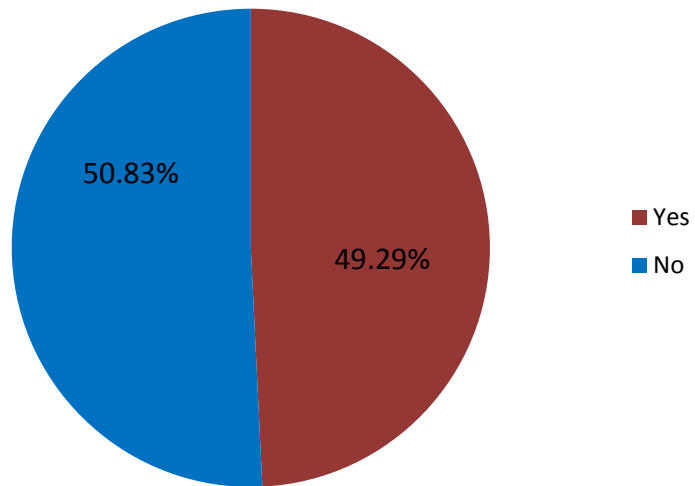
If they did not agree, we gave tenants the opportunity to tell us what they thought was missing. A total of 99 tenants made a comment as we asked them what they thought was missing and some respondents gave emphasis to particular areas. For example, 15 said energy efficiency, 22 said modernisation and 11 made reference to new affordable housing. Other general comments were about the funding of new housing and allocations.

Equalities Monitoring Information

To help us ensure that we capture as wide a range of views as possible from customers and comply with the Council's equality monitoring requirements we asked tenants a number of questions.



Do you consider yourself to have a disability?



Please tell us what your ethnic origin is?

