

1.1 Please let us know the capacity in which you are completing this questionnaire. Are you...	
a) A member of the public	
b) A community representative e.g Community Council	
c) A developer/their agent	
d) A landowner/ their agent	
e) From a Key Agency	✓
f) Other – please specify	
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Organisation/group/landowner:	
2.1 What do you think are the most important things that make Aberdeen a good place to live, visit and/or work?	
2.2 What do you think should be the Council's top priorities for the next Aberdeen Local Development Plan?	
2.3 Do you have any particular aspirations for your community or Aberdeen as a whole that you think should be taken forward through the ALDP? For example, what are your views on recycling of waste, affordable housing, access to green space or ways to reduce CO2 emissions?	
2.4 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for the City Centre? (For example, what should	

<p>the role of Union Street be? Does the City Centre have all the uses we want, or should there be more uses there- and if so where could they go?)</p>	
<p>2.5 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for providing infrastructure? (For example, how should new infrastructure be provided and how might it be paid for?)</p>	<p>Scottish Water has its own funding mechanisms in place for delivering infrastructure to support new developments - Scottish Water will fund strategic growth at our water and wastewater works while developers will provide the local infrastructure, which they are entitled to receive a Reasonable Cost Contribution towards, as per The Provision of Water and Sewerage Services (Reasonable Cost) (Scotland) Regulations 2006. We do not foresee there being an issue with supplying additional water and wastewater capacity to Aberdeen City, but there will be a need for upgrades to local infrastructure, service reservoirs and pumping stations in some areas, in order to accommodate the requirements of new developments. The challenge we face is in ensuring new infrastructure is delivered in a joined-up fashion, and not just to meet the short-term needs of an individual development. It would be our preference for developers with adjacent sites to work together to deliver infrastructure, but for this to happen there would need to be a significant culture change within the development industry. We have had situations before, although not many, where the Local Authority has set up a consortium between developers and acted as the banker to deliver a strategic solution for the collective infrastructure required. At the Plan stage Scottish Water are able to provide general information about the needs of a site, but these will only be able to become more detailed once a developer comes forward with the specifics of the development and we can then take</p>

	<p>cognisance of the network capacity at that time, along with any other development in the vicinity and their combined impact. If the development is of considerable size or is expected to have a significant impact on the network, then the developer will be required to carry out modelling to assess the needs of their development and mitigations required to negate any impact it will have on our existing customers. We are in the process of building a water model for Aberdeen City and Shire and we are funding an Integrated Catchment Study, along with the Aberdeen City and Shire Councils, to help identify how flood risk can be managed effectively. These two models will help assist in the development of Scottish Water's 25 year Regional Strategy for the North East. By setting out a strategy for how we plan to develop our assets and increase their resilience over the long-term, we can ensure that any work developers carry out to service their development will align with our preferred approach. Should you require any further information on Scottish Water's funding mechanisms, modelling work, infrastructure requirements for a specific development or anything else, I'd be happy to help.</p>
<p>2.6 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for transport and accessibility? (For example, how can we make it easier to travel in and around Aberdeen? Should we look at pedestrianisation in the City Centre?)</p>	
<p>2.7 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring we have high quality buildings and places? (For example, how can we better protect our built heritage and ensure high quality and sympathetic architecture and landscape design?)</p>	

<p>2.8 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting the needs of business and industry? (For example, what can be done to retain existing businesses and attract new employment opportunities to Aberdeen?)</p>	
<p>2.9 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for meeting Aberdeen's housing and community needs? (For example, how can we meet the needs of people who cannot afford mainstream housing?)</p>	
<p>2.10 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for supporting retail centres across Aberdeen? (For example, should we be safeguarding existing centres, and what are your thoughts on new out-of-town retail parks?)</p>	
<p>2.11 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for protecting and enhancing the natural environment, and preventing flooding? (For example, what areas or features should we be safeguarding?)</p>	
<p>2.12 What do you think should be our main planning priorities for ensuring that resources and waste are managed sustainably? (For example, can we make more innovative use of waste as a resource? Should we encourage renewable energy use? How could we do these things?)</p>	
<p>2.13 If you have any views on topics not covered above, please write them below.</p>	