

Shortlist for Citizens Panel Survey

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Top voted Proposals

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Widen the scope and amount of business rate relief that is fully funded by central Government.	Cllr Bill Hitchens, SHDC	8
A sensitive shift towards an economically aware approach to planning applications.	John Reynolds, Ringmore Parish Council	7
Tax second home owners/holiday homes 150% council tax/business rates and pay this surplus back into the local area for the business economy and local well-being.	Gilly Claydon, Stokenham/Salcombe Parish Council	6
Enabling and supporting local supply chains, local procurement and distribution policies and networks at all levels of local authorities- enabling local initiatives.	Liz Davey, AONB	6
Empower local authorities to buy local and cut food miles, through local procurement policies.	Cllr Robert Vint, on behalf of Totnes Chamber of Commerce	
Taking local business rates as just that, 100% of Business Rates paid should be used to finance local issues, not to subsidise central Government.	Martin Healing, Devon Pound	6
100% of Business Rates to come back to Local Authorities, for local investment in income-generating activity.	Andrew Shadrake, Dartmoor Circle Ltd.	

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Use of non recyclable materials should be discouraged- every type of packaging should be recyclable.	Andrew Shadrake, Dartmoor Circle Ltd	9
The Government to introduce disincentive on supermarkets to use non-recyclable packaging/plastic to wrap vegetables e.g. to introduce a levy on plastic packaging, imposed at supplier level.	Andrew Shadrake, Dartmoor Circle Ltd	
Credit Unions- government finance and support to support development of community finance, community banking, loans to local businesses etc.	No name supplied	7
Green infrastructure in all new developments, particularly driven through public buildings- wildlife corridors, requirement for green space, tree planting, allotments- don't just assume public space should be paved over.	Jamie Evans, Devon County Council	6

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Community Halls- can be used for all in rural areas- the heart- important for future social and environmental change- Much greater government help for local community facilities, e.g. improving/refurbishing village halls, parks, play areas- especially in rural areas where people don't have easy access to 'big facilities' like theatres, leisure centres etc. for example more priority in lottery funding.	Amanda Pellatt, Community Artist and Cllr Colin Jones, SHDC	9
Consultation with all community groups and representation.	No name supplied	8
Abolish RDA's, and introduce more integrated funding and ensure a strategic overview, which includes statutory community and Parish and Town Council involvement, consultation and action.	Tom Holway, Ugborough Parish Council and Tony Whitty, Totnes Town Council.	8
Community Land Trusts- government to help with purchase of land.	Pat Sykes, Totnes Strategy Group	8
Government to introduce and fund free concessionary bus passes for under 19's for within the relative County.	Cllr Judy Westacott, SHDC	8
Creating responsibility- access to services, outreach (effectiveness) isolation rural.	Chaz Singh, Fata He	7
Creating edible landscapes, edible parks, community orchards, making it easier to change land use for community use.	Tess Wilmot, PL21	7

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Relax planning regulations to allow quicker decisions for the release of land to Housing Associations for affordable housing.	Hilary Bastone, SHDC	9

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Second homes should be liable for over 100% council tax- to go back to a fund for affordable housing- 2nd homes are a key part of the problem.	Dawn Trower, Ivybridge Town Council	7
To charge second home owners 100% council tax.	J. Binns, Kingsbridge Town Council	
Local Parish Councils to have more of a say on developments- more family properties.	Michelle Smith, Dartington Housing Association	7
Development of planning rules/legislation down to Parish Council level.	T. J. Bird, Blackawton Parish Council	