



RYDE TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

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Introduction

Each year the council asks the constituents of Ryde for their input on where they feel the precept should be allocated on voluntary services the Council provides.

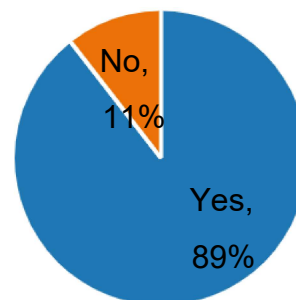
This year we have received 142 responses,

Results are as follows:

1. Provision of Public Realm Improvements funding for items such as new street lighting, rubbish bins, benches, and improvements to public spaces.

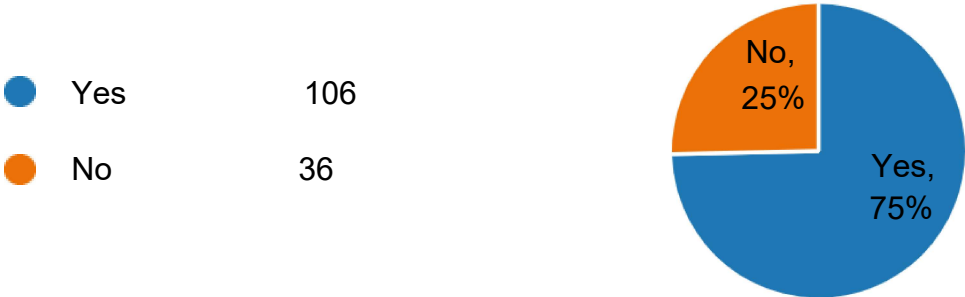
Yearly cost per household £2.58
Total investment per annum £21,300

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● No	15



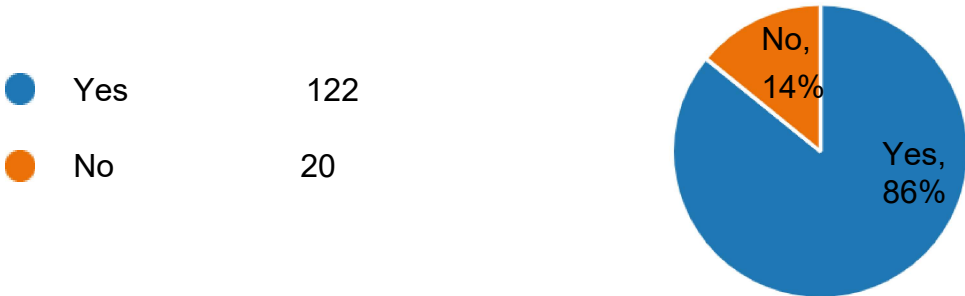
2. Funding the security and general maintenance of Ryde Skatepark. There are long term plans for an overhaul and expansion of the skatepark to improve it for all potential users and to make it a key destination for visitors.

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Total investment per annum £21,300



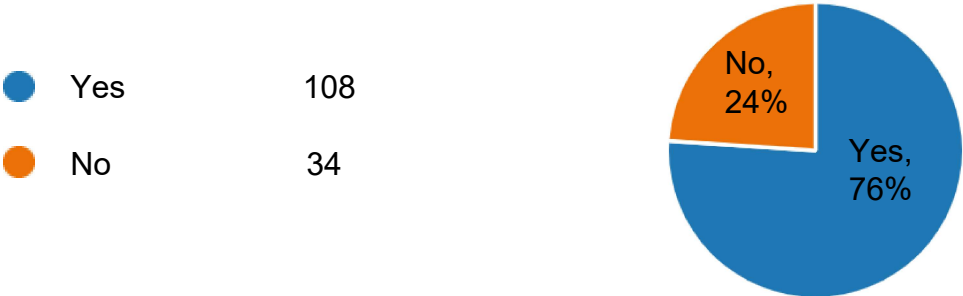
3. Contribution towards the funding of playground equipment such as replacement of swings, slides and roundabouts in IWC-owned facilities within Ryde – Appley Park sand park, Esplanade sand park, Oakwood, Simeon Rec and Binstead (2).

Yearly cost per household £1.21
Total investment per annum £10,000



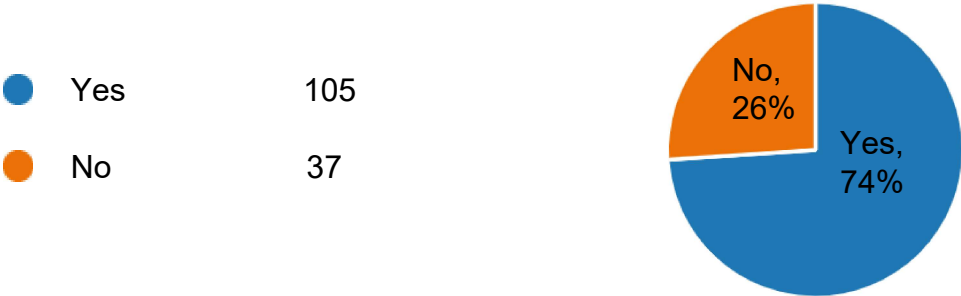
4. Contribution towards funding for the Ryde Environment Officers – IWC Officers responsible for the enforcement of fly tipping, litter, graffiti, and dog fouling regulations.

Yearly cost per household £2.30
Total investment per annum £19,000



5. Funding contributions for the ongoing management of Open Spaces at Pig Leg Lane and Rosemary Fields by Gift to Nature.

Yearly cost per household £1.21
Total investment per annum £10,000



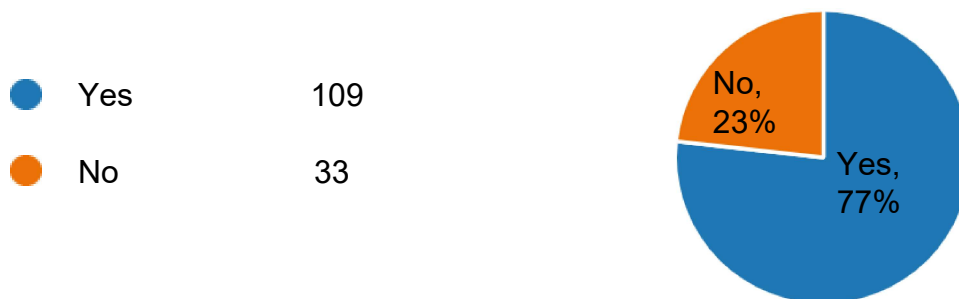
6. To continue to support the costs of providing public conveniences in the town – Appley Park, Eastern Gardens and St Johns Road are existing facilities and we are being asked to take on the running costs of the brand new toilets in the Interchange.

Yearly cost per household £11.52
Total investment per annum £95,000



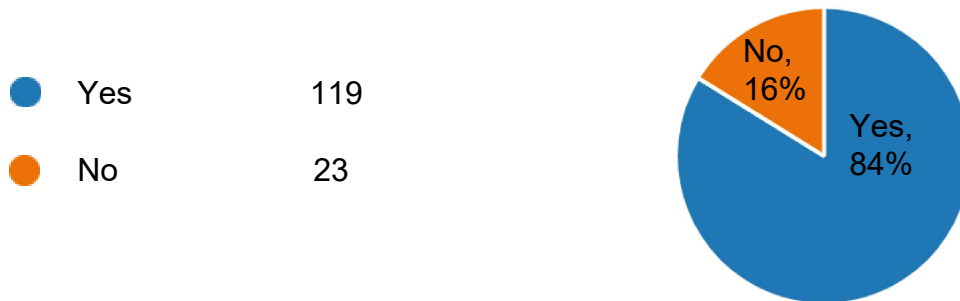
7. The Town Council provides planting and watering services throughout the central town on an annual basis, this includes bedding plants and large planters.

Yearly cost per household £2.18
Total investment per annum £18,000



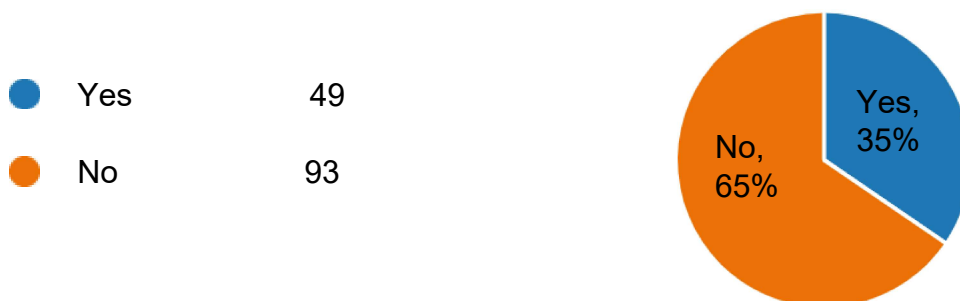
8. Beach Accessibility. Ryde Town Council believe that the beaches of the town are one of the key attractions for the town and that everybody should be able to enjoy them. The 'Purple Pound' (money spent by people with disabilities) is worth £15.3 billion to the national tourist industry. By creating a safe, accessible beach we can encourage more of that to be spent in Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £1.21
Total investment per annum £10,000

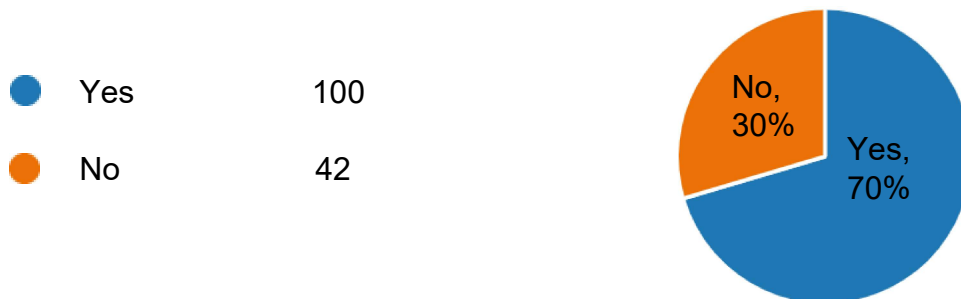


9. Vectis Hall. This is an important historic building that was bought by Ryde Town Council to ensure that the historic buildings in Ryde had a future. Urgent works are required on the building to maintain safety and to prepare it for funding bids from national agencies to pay for future repair and restoration.

Yearly cost per household £6.06
Total investment per annum £50,000



10. Network Ryde is Ryde Town Council's award-winning youth service offering support, advice and guidance to all young people along with supplying a safe space at our youth centre in Ryde.



11. To continue marketing the town of Ryde as a whole and to allow for the provision of annual events in the town such as Merry & Bright, Summer Seafront Entertainment and Remembrance Day.

Yearly cost per household £2.98
Total investment per annum £24,600



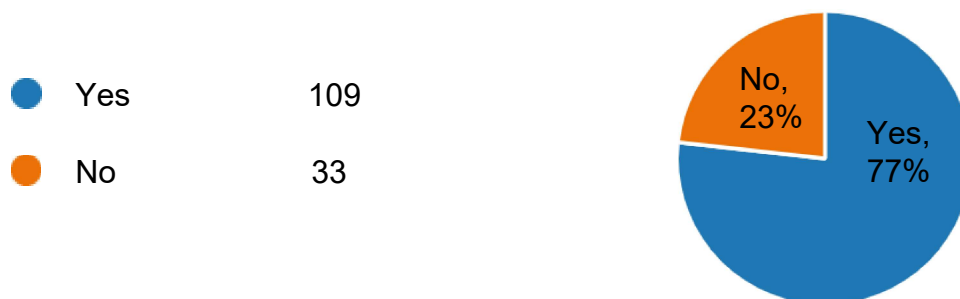
12. Contribution towards funding for the Park Services provided by IWC, this includes mowing of green spaces, maintaining parks and planting of the flowerbeds along Ryde seafront.

Yearly cost per household £5.25
Total investment per annum £43,349



13. Contribution towards funding Ryde Help Centre provided by IWC, this service is run from Ryde Library and offers support and advice to residents.

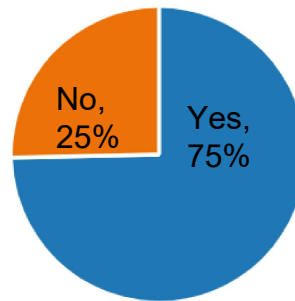
Yearly cost per household £2.29
Total investment per annum £18,924



14. Provision of Christmas Trees and Decorative Lighting throughout Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £3.64
Total investment per annum £30,000

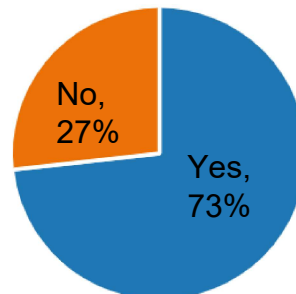
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15. Grant funding to The New Carnival Company for the Mardi Gras and Merry & Bright Parade events, plus contribution towards workshops provided within schools.

Yearly cost per household £0.61p
Total investment per annum £5,000

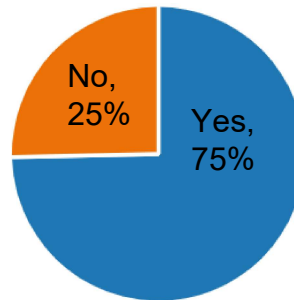
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16. Grant funding to Wight Wave to support competition and equipment costs in providing the volleyball, soccer, rugby, footvolley, tennis, running, netball, fitness & music sand-based community events.

Yearly cost per household £0.48p
Total investment per annum £4,000

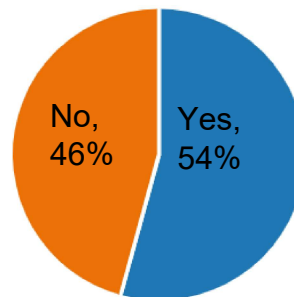
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17. Grant funding to IW Pride 2023 to support their Site Infrastructure and Site Safety costs for the July event.

Yearly cost per household £0.73p
Total investment per annum £6,000

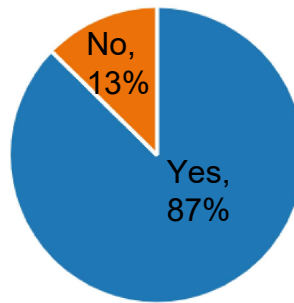
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18. Grant funding to Ryde Carnival to support their operating costs in keeping the three carnival events in Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £0.48p
Total investment per annum £4,000

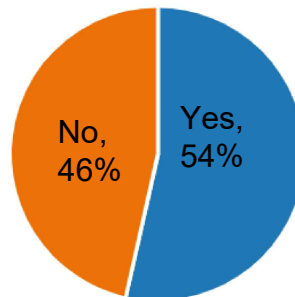
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19. Grant Funding for The Big Beach Weekender event, supporting the marketing and promotional costs for the events first year.

Yearly cost per household £1.21
Total investment per annum £10,000

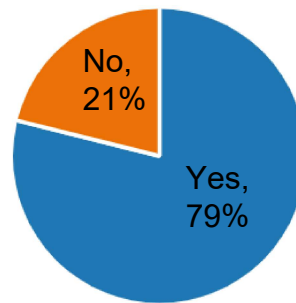
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20. Grant funding to The Armed Forces Day Committee to support their operating costs in keeping the event in Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £0.24p
Total investment per annum £2,000

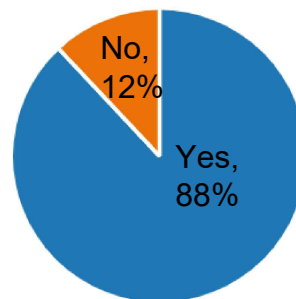
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21. Grant funding to organisations that help the most vulnerable in society i.e. with heating costs, advice, and support in accessing services.

Yearly cost per household £0.85.
Total investment per annum £7,000

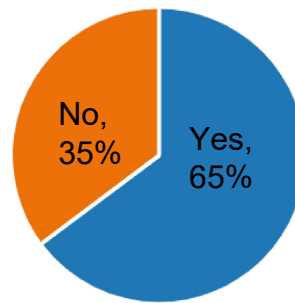
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22. Grant funding to Johns Club to support a new offering of free computer access and training for service users.

Yearly cost per household £0.30p
Total investment per annum £2,500

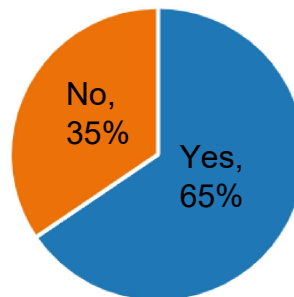
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23. Grant funding to Historic Ryde to support the purchase of marketing materials for Ryde Historic Museum.

Yearly cost per household £0.12p
Total investment per annum £1,000

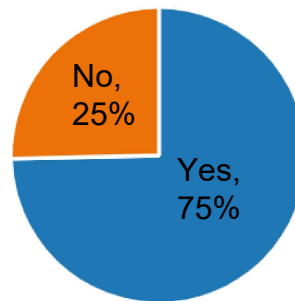
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24. Grant funding to Tidal Family Support to assist the costs of providing free family contact services within Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £0.24p
Total investment per annum £2,000

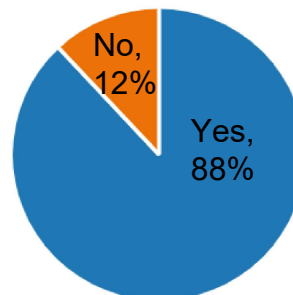
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25. Grant funding to Oakfield Pantry to assist the costs of providing low costs food supplies to families in need.

Yearly cost per household £0.06p
Total investment per annum £500

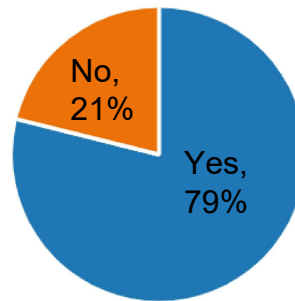
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26. Grant funding to Men Only IOW to assist the costs of providing free mental health support services in Ryde.

Yearly cost per household £0.12p
 Total investment per annum £1,000

- Yes 112
- No 30



27. Would you like Ryde Town Council to provide any additional services not mentioned above?

1	No. I think Ryde Town Council provides enough.
2	no more money to be borrowed.
3	No
4	Help to Waterside Community Trust/Pool.
5	Get rid of the Vectis Hall it's been a waste of time and money Get something done about the Royal York Hotel and the old Terminals pub they are an embarrassment to our town and stop fobbing us off about the Town Hall
6	Something to encourage shops to the town and feasibility of a shopping centre like gunwharf quays
7	Purchase and upgrade of ryde theatre and reopen as a theatre
8	A banking hub for banks that have disappeared could bring one of the empty shops back into use and invite HSBC, NatWest, etc to provide services in the town.
9	If you hadn't wasted money on buying vectis Hall then the private sector would already have it back in use. Don't use my money on personal projects for ex mayors.
10	To work on attracting more high street retailers into Ryde.
11	cctv monitoring of known trouble spots and mobile CCTV to deal with ASB outbreaks
12	Fund consultation and design of the new skatepark in 2024 to apply for funding and build 2025.

13	<p>I think in the last couple of years RTC has done a lot to support events here in Ryde, I hope this continues and grows, as well as maintenance and improvement of our community spaces. We must encourage tourism here for this town to thrive, particularly with focus on our being a town on the beach - we have a wonderful beach that feels like it's barely used nowadays, I go there most days and in the height of summer it can be quiet if the tide is out. I feel that the introduction of a sea pool here would be key to it being busy again (most families do not routinely use our beach as they go to Yaverland or sandown where the tide doesn't go out far). Look how busy the beach was in Victorian times when the tide didn't go out so far. The beach should be managed to prevent sand build up and particularly stones build up - could an agency be employed to remove the build up for free if they could keep/sell the stones and/or sand? The air/foam outlet pipes under the main tourist beach next to the marina (where they rerouted the underground outlet for monktonmead brook into the marina) should be made taller or hidden in some way - as a tourist it looks as though there's some kind of chemical waste spilling onto the beach! And the one that's caved in and has heras fencing round it looks awful - this is the first beach most tourists see when walking from the town and these vents really set a tone of "don't stop here, it's not safe". This would help the deckchair/sup/kayak hire companies make more money, and drive many more visitors which would support all other businesses, bringing more tourists to stay and supporting all shops and eateries. I believe enhancing and drawing attention to our beach is key to Ryde thriving. Once we have attracted more visitors people can actually make money from events, meaning rtc can charge people to hold events rather than subsidise them - with the extra money they can support many more community services.</p>
14	<p>Clear lower level streets of leaves and rubbish on regular basis, clearing drains of sand and debris to aid water run off and reduce risk of flooding.</p>
15	<p>I would like to see work done from the public purse going directly into the work and materials, not to contractor companies. Employ people to do the jobs rather than giving tax payers money to firms who then employ operatives on low wages. Give the responsibilities to people that work with pride instead of to firms who's main aim is profit and doing just enough to get our money. Why are we wasting money on manicuring Appley beach, it was great when it was natural, kids used to play in the rock pools. We don't need it to be brushed over with a tractor, burning fossil fuels and wasting our money.</p>
16	<p>Please continue to look into the development of a concrete skate park. Could some funding also be given to John Cattle's skate club to run events for young people at the existing facilities?</p>
17	<p>Would like to see action regarding Ryde Town Hall & the Royal York Hotel. These buildings are in desperate need of repair and could be real Community assets.</p>
18	<p>More street cleaning services outside of the main shopping areas.</p>
19	<p>Helping the many veterans, who live on the Island which are not mentioned here. I know that Armed Forces Day, was but nevertheless the actual aid & assistance, to them post coming out of service was not. More needs to be done on that response... Also Autism & the effects of it was not mentioned many who are Autistic, & many who are eagerly waiting for assessments here on the Island. The waiting lists are staggeringly high, for both children and adults, this I believe should be looked into. Autism if not looked at sooner, in a child or adult can cause other complications such as severe mental health issues, causing more of a great emphasis on the NHS as a whole. The final thing would be: More community Hub's and warm comfortable warm places, for folk's who are going through, difficult times in their lives. It's important also to have the right qualified/experienced staff available, aswell to be able to aid & assist when ever needed. Thank you.</p>

20	More free parking in the town centre More rubbish bins and dog bins
21	Empty bins every day especially outside nisa convenience store on Monkton Street
22	CCTV
23	Sell Vectis Hall. Tidal Family Support is a disgrace.
24	More family orientated services and family fun on the beach
25	A police hub within the new interchange so antisocial behaviour would be dealt with more promptly.
26	Extra bins and more cleaning and emptying of them on Ryde Esplanade. The ones between the toilets and the Pool especially. The overflowing bins are disproportionately filled with McDonald's rubbish. Have the town council approached Ryde McDonalds for sponsorship for new bins and ongoing emptying costs in return for advertising on those bins? Could save money, reduce seagull mess and littering into the sea.
27	Last years armed forces event was a welcome event and Ryde town council put it back on the map.i would like to see that supported on a regular basis.also more enforcement officers and the hanging baskets are important to me.
28	More services and activities for more senior people.
29	Years of trying to get interest, in Anti-bullying for children and being intentionally and totally ignored, by you in favour of anything and everything.
30	No
31	Drain clearance to prevent flooding, more dog poo bins that are regularly emptied
32	Public toilets in the centre of town
33	The cost of maintenance on the newly built toilets should not come from the public purse, we've already contributed to their constructions wightlink and the railway benefit from them so they should be pay for the upkeep
34	I have concerns about the increasing amount of dog mess on the pavements and would hope that this can controlled / reduced by increased patrols / CCTV use etc
35	Place to go & see live music
36	Flood prevention services
37	I would just like to add, that I'm not against the Pride celebrations or any other events that take place in Ryde, but in the Summer it feels like every weekend there is continuous activity and not all beneficial for Ryde. Why can't some events be allied together? Also I find that the only accessible part of the beach in Ryde for dogs is used for sporting events??? Why not move it more towards the Ryde inshore station, also for accessibility the huge bank of sand which is built to prevent the tide coming near the sporting activities is quite steep when trying to access the shore line with your dogs.
38	Low cost events / marketing only - they need to be financially sustainable if they are to have a future otherwise they will always need to be funded
39	More public conveniences. I still do not understand why the facilities at Binstead Rec needed to be completely removed...
40	Support flood prevention in Ryde and surrounding areas.
41	Replace toilets in Binstead, so the elderly and poorly on the estate, can make it to their local shop....and home again...
42	Sort it out the theatre or sell it. Sort out the ice rink.
43	Extra funds to allow the continual monitoring of drainage services and flood defences to prevent the risk of flood due to improper drainage cause by blockages such as trees blocking streams, drain covers covered in leaves/debris.

44	I don't know the legal framework surrounding what is going on but Ryde Town Hall is awful and needs something doing to it. The skatepark funding is really important. Jersey have recently built a concrete skatepark that requires virtually no maintenance and the place is thriving with different sorts of people using the facilities. I wonder if Ryde needs Vectis hall? There are plenty of spaces like that to use including school halls, Aspire, Cross street theatre etc. I met with Bob Seely before Christmas and he claimed that ryde was receiving a significant amount of money. I wonder if all things could be achieved?
45	Repair the paddling pool and clean the boating lake area
46	Mental helth support hub and counclers to listen to reports of the dammaged roads
47	To restore splash park near canoe lake. Either making it into a safe splash park or turning it back to a paddling pool.
48	CCTV
49	You haven't mentioned The Splash Park? Object to you funding the toilets at the Interchange, because that's the responsibility of Network Rail/Southwest, otherwise, yes to the rest. There seems to be a doubling up on planting services throughout the town, increasing the cost significantly. The yukka type planters on the Esplanade are in a terrible state and have been for a couple of years. How can a small Xmas tree and a few lights cost £30,000? I trust that these issues will be explained at the next full council meeting in February.
50	Water Park at the canoe lake. Gull proof bins along the seafront, and an adequate amount. Please take a walk at 5am in the summer and see the mess. Other major tourist towns are spotlessly clean. Streets are jet washed etc. Toilets required on the Esplanade, we was better off before the demolition and new road lay out! No cyclists use the green path, as it leads into the middle of a bus station!!! There needs to be more common sense communications between all authorities and the town & IWC Council.
51	Get the water play park at the far end of the boating lake repaired and back into use - a very popular area for families, especially when the tide is out
52	£6k to Isle of Wight Pride will not be enough! That is a £4k drop from last year and Trustees at Isle of Wight Pride have not been told that they might only get £6k this year. Slight lack of communication somewhere! The £4k that is missing will help enormously otherwise Pride will be elsewhere on the island from next year!
53	Gully cleaning machine at times when heavy rain predicted in vulnerable areas.
54	An action plan or proposal for the Ryde Town Hall and Theatre needs to involve commercial purpose(s) that are financially viable without further recourse to the public purse, or, alternatively, a civic purpose(s) funded by IWC is required (perhaps as a civic centre replacing the outdated IWC Newport office block and cramped archive centre). Arts-based voluntary bodies with ambitious visions must be discouraged from instigating schemes that will fail to support this large, dilapidated building. Currently it is a dangerous eyesore and there is a real risk of it becoming another Vectis Hall disaster (beyond viable repair). Well-meaning amateur groups should not be fundraising and implying they have an active role in decision-making because unfortunately they lack understanding of the risks, costs and legalities involved.
55	No stop doubling up on services already provided by other agencies.