

Case study: Fife Council Participatory Budgeting

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Discussion live time: 6 weeks
522 registered users
199 ideas
715 comments
3,222 ratings

Project Detail

Fife Council chose Dialogue App to present ideas for their 2013/14 budget to the public. Their highly publicised dialogue generated a substantial amount of traffic over a short amount of time, and helped the Council understand the views of the community.

The benefits of using Dialogue App

Having an online dialogue made it easy for Fife Council to publicise the website through the local press, emails to interest groups, offline events and social media. They used the Twitter hashtag #fcbudget to generate interest, and also posted information about the discussion on their Facebook page.

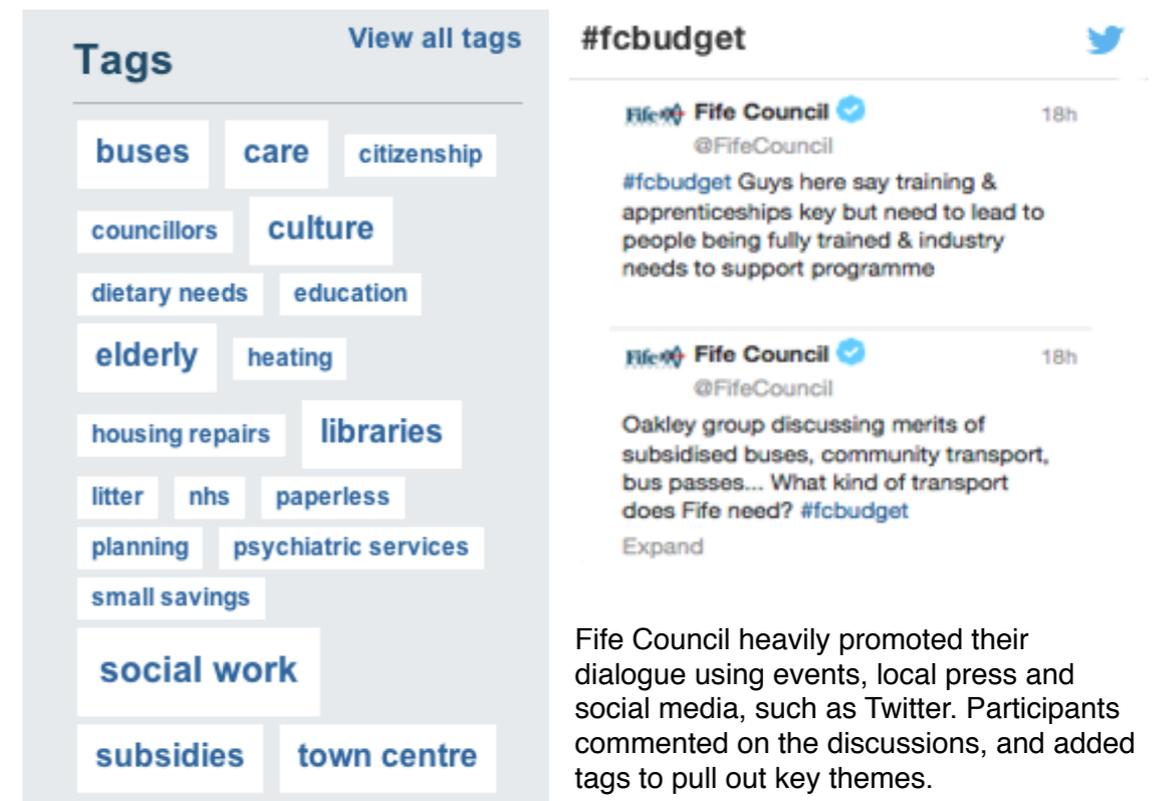
Dialogue App allowed the Council to run their discussion both online and offline. Citizens were able to complete paper questionnaires which Council staff then manually entered into the online discussion.

Participants in the budget discussion read and rated the ideas put forward by the Council. They also added their own ideas, and read and rated each others' ideas and commented on the different discussions and ideas within the dialogue.

Participatory budgeting empowered 'Fifers' to have a direct impact on how the Council proceeds with the 2013/14 budget. The Council created [a comprehensive report](#) on all ideas, ratings and comments, thus maintaining transparency after the dialogue had closed.

Posted by *roddr* December 13, 2012 at 22:03

Street lights need to be more energy efficient using better bulbs. This can be done by surveying the whole county then either replacing the light or the whole lamp posts as the existing bulbs fail.



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#fcbudget

Fife Council @FifeCouncil 18h
 #fcbudget Guys here say training & apprenticeships key but need to lead to people being fully trained & industry needs to support programme

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 Oakley group discussing merits of subsidised buses, community transport, bus passes... What kind of transport does Fife need? #fcbudget
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Fife Council heavily promoted their dialogue using events, local press and social media, such as Twitter. Participants commented on the discussions, and added tags to pull out key themes.

“I really like the fact that people like me can be part of this. I have opinions and use services but this is the first time I have been asked what I think.”

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