

Full List of Priorities Consulted Upon (October 2010 – December 2010)

(The priorities receiving the highest support are italicised.)

Objective 1: Engaging communities

- *Increasing involvement in decision-making*
- *Improving the way public services engage, inform and consult local people*
- *Helping local people to work together to improve their communities*
- Enabling local people to support services at risk of closure
- Helping citizens to control more of the money spent on services
- Making public services more open, transparent and understandable
- Enabling neighbourhoods or parishes to commission or take on services
- *Supporting voluntary and community sector groups to work in the area*

Objective 2: Reducing inequalities

- Giving more information, advice and guidance to people with personal debt *problems*
- *Helping more people into work, especially young people*
- Raising aspirations and success for underachieving pupils
- Supporting low income families so that children have improved life chances
- Tackling overcrowding and homelessness
- Reducing the relatively high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour that some communities experience
- Helping people from different backgrounds to get on well together
- Reducing rural isolation through better access to services and amenities
- *Enabling older people to lead independent, active lives*
- Improving the health of the Gypsy and Traveller community
- Preventing obesity through promoting healthy eating and physical activity
- Improving the sexual health of young people
- Reducing misuse of alcohol and other substances
- Helping people to give up a street life culture of addiction and self-harm
- Encouraging people to quit smoking

Objective 3: Improving the environment

- Enhancing the cleanliness of our communities
- Improving air quality

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- *Supporting sustainable forms of transport, such as cycling, walking and public transport become more accessible*
- Improving recycling rates in communities
- Reducing the overall amount of waste collected
- *Maintaining and enhancing easily accessible open spaces that are rich in biodiversity*
- Developing outreach work to help deliver the Climate Change Charter (a local statement of commitment)
- *Improving energy efficiency and comfort levels in homes*
- Helping residents adapt their lifestyles to cope with the predicted impacts of climate change

Objective 4: Sustainable new communities

- *Delivering additional decent and affordable housing*
- Ensuring high sustainability standards are present in the design mix, including energy efficiency
- *Creating new developments that have easy access to jobs, services and public transport*
- *Ensuring that a range of community facilities are in place to meet the needs of residents*
- Supporting Making sure that new developments do not cause poorer air quality and more congestion the start-up of new businesses and social enterprises