



**Uttlesford District Council October 2018**

# **Council Spending – have your say**

## **A survey to Uttlesford businesses**

### **A summary report on the survey of businesses about council spending priorities for the year 2019-20**

For 2018, a link to the online survey was sent to the 833 businesses registered on the Uttlesford Business Directory. The 26 returns, although a minor increase on the 2017 response (21 returns), represent a relatively low level of response compared with 80 submissions in 2016.

The consultation was run over the period 18 July to 6 August 2018.

### **Results priorities**

Consultees were asked: *“For each service, please indicate whether you consider it to be a high priority, a medium priority or a low priority.”*

Headline	Spending Area – ranked top three priorities
Ranked priority	<p>1. Planning how the district will develop in the coming decades, including where new housing and businesses will be located (94.67%)</p> <p>2. Emptying bins and running the recycling service - (92.75%)</p> <p>3. Deciding planning applications and making sure new buildings and extensions are built according to approved plans and following building regulation (89.86%)</p>

Headline	Spending Area – ranked by the least respondents
Ranked priority	Continuing to explore external commercial opportunities, such as the 50% purchase of Chesterford Research Park, to bring in extra income for the council - (56.52%)

The rated results for all the services listed in the questionnaire may be viewed in Appendix 1.\*

Consultees were also invited to provide written comments:

*“Thinking about how you answered the previous questions, [do] you have any other comments you wish to add regarding council spending for the period April 2019 to March 2020?”*

Twelve comments were received and may be viewed in Appendix 2.

\*For an explanation of how rated scores are calculated, see Appendix 4 to the Council Spending Residents' Survey