Appendix 1 - Business Survey results for all services

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

Note: Businesses were not asked to comment on the priority for setting Council Tax.

Results in **red** indicate top three priorities. Results in **blue** indicate the lowest three priorities

Council Services

| Service | Percentage |
|---|------------|
| Street Services | |
| Emptying bins and running the recycling service | 92.75% |
| 2. Emptying bins for businesses (businesses are charged for this service) | 77.33% |
| 3. Sweeping the streets, litter picking, clearing up fly-tipping and emptying public litter and dog bins (The town or parish councils in Saffron Walden, Dunmow and Stansted are responsible for public litter bins in their areas) | 89.33% |
| 4. Providing the Highway Rangers service which carries out small jobs such as keeping road verges tidy through hedge cutting, mowing and strimming, repainting and repairing road signs | 80.77% |
| Planning | |
| Deciding planning applications and making sure new buildings and extensions are built according to approved plans and following building regulations | 89.86% |
| 2. Planning how the district will develop in the coming decades, including where new housing and businesses will be located | 94.67% |

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| 3. Giving advice on work to listed buildings and work to protected trees | 70.83% |
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| Environmental Health | |
| Dealing with noise complaints, air and water quality issues and other environmental health matters | 82.61% |
| 2. Inspecting restaurants, pubs and other businesses which sell food and Issuing various licences such as those needed for pubs, off-licenses, taxis, kennels and tattoo parlours and making sure people do not break the terms of those licences | 84.72% |
| 3. Collecting stray animals, microchipping dogs and cats and dealing with complaints from the public about pet and animal-related issues | 58.33% |
| Finance and Business | |
| 1.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% |
| 2.Ensuring car parking fees are set at a fair level that also aim to support local business communities | 88.89% |
| 3.Promoting and supporting businesses in the area | 86.96% |
| Working in the Community | |
| Giving grants to voluntary and community organisations | 60.61% |
| 2. Educating young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol | 75.36% |
| 3. Working with the police and other organisations to keep Uttlesford safe | 79.71% |
| 4. Working with public health bodies on projects to keep people in the district healthy | 72.73% |
| 5. Supporting the volunteer committees who run day centres | 73.91% |
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The chart below shows the rated scores for all the listed services in the order of the priority selected by consultees.

