

Appendix 1 – Town and parish councils and major preceptors survey results, detailed findings

The results appearing in the tables below are based on rated scores where more weight is given if a service area is selected as “High Priority” and a reduced weight for those selected as “Low Priority”. For a full explanation of this method of calculation, please see Appendix 4 of the “Council Spending - have your say” residents’ survey 2018.

Q1. Participants were asked: *For each service, please indicate whether you consider it to be a high priority, a medium priority or a low priority.*

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

Council Services

Service	Percentage
Street Services	
1. Emptying bins and running the recycling service	95.24%
2. Emptying bins for businesses (businesses are charged for this service)	47.62%
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)	71.43%
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	61.90%

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Planning	
1. Deciding planning applications and making sure new buildings and extensions are built according to approved plans and following building regulations	88.89%
2. Planning how the district will develop in the coming decades, including where new housing and businesses will be located	61.11%
3. Giving advice on work to listed buildings and work to protected trees	66.67%
Housing	
1. Providing council housing and providing sheltered housing for older people	100.00%
2. Advising people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and in some circumstances, providing emergency accommodation	72.22%
3. Bringing privately-owned homes that have been empty for a long time back into use	50.00%
Environmental Health	
1. Dealing with noise complaints, air and water quality issues and other environmental health matters	66.67%
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	80.00%
3. Collecting stray animals, microchipping dogs and cats and dealing with complaints from the public about pet and animal-related issues	40.00%
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	53.33%

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2.Ensuring car parking fees are set at a fair level that also aim to support local business communities	80.00%
3.Promoting and supporting businesses in the area	60.00%
Working in the Community	
1. Giving grants to voluntary and community organisations	66.67%
2. Educating young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol	91.67%
3. Working with the police and other organisations to keep Uttlesford safe	80.00%
4. Working with public health bodies on projects to keep people in the district healthy	75.00%
5. Supporting the volunteer committees who run day centres	60.00%

Council tax

*Q2 For next year (April 2019 to March 2020), do you think Uttlesford District Council should (consultees were then invited to select one option only)**

Headline	Percentage
Increase the amount of council tax Uttlesford District Council charges	66.67%
Keep the amount of council tax the same	33.33%
Reduce the amount of council tax Uttlesford District Council charges	0.00%

*Rating was not used in the calculation of these results as selection was based on a direct choice from three options.