



Corporate Plan Consultation results

2019-2023

Working together to protect and invest in the High Peak with the Council on your side

Delivering on our Priorities for 2023

How much do you agree or disagree with the following spending priorities?

26 responses were received (23 residents (88%), 3 organisations (12%) – Parish Councils)

Aim 1: Planned net expenditure in 2020/2021 is £2.6m (this excludes £6.4m in planned net expenditure on council owned homes). We aim to support our communities to create a healthier, safer, cleaner High Peak through....

- **Effective strategic partnerships**
 - 67% agree (23% Strongly agree, 46% agree)
- **Fit for purpose housing**
 - 85% agree (58% Strongly agree, 27% agree)
- **Supporting community safety**
 - 85% agree (35% Strongly agree, 42% agree)
- **Providing high quality leisure facilities**
 - 77% agree (19% Strongly agree, 58% agree)
- **Partnership working to address health inequality, food and fuel poverty, mental health and loneliness**
 - 81% agree (54% Strongly agree, 27% agree)
- **Providing high quality public amenities, clean streets and environmental health**
 - 93% agree (62% Strongly agree, 31% agree)

Comments:

- I have given the leisure facilities a lower score, since funding to date only applied to council owned facilities with no funding available to other community facilities so is inequitable.
- The questions you're asking are too loosely defined (in both the Plan and the questionnaire) to enable us to answer meaningfully. Probably the officers who did the drafting have a good understanding of what they intend, but an outsider to HPBC's staff can't really tell - it would be good to be offered some concrete examples of what the wording will actually mean in reality. The Plan covers so many initiatives that it appears to add up to an impossible workload to cover between now and 2023 - which is not a long period. If you can do it, that's great - but it doesn't seem very realistic.

- Not able to agree with effective partnerships, community safety or health inequality, food and fuel poverty, mental health and loneliness. because I would want to know what the specific project was before I knew whether I agreed with it. The way these question are designed makes me wonder whether once the spending was agreed, the budget holder would have complete freedom to decide what the real priorities would be, which could be completely different to what I or anyone else who had answered the question had thought the spending would be used for.
- You have worded these options in such a way that we have to agree on all of them.
- For housing to be fit for purpose it has to be energy efficient. The local plan must be updated to include higher efficiency standards. Too many houses are being built that will need to be retrofitted to mitigate climate change.
- All new housing to be well thought out and incorporate all the best 'green' technology and good design principles :- for example like eco-friendly council estate in Goldsmith St Norwich winner of the prestigious Stirling Prize, awarded by the Royal Institute Of British Architects.
- Effective strategic partnerships? With who, to do what? You can't expect us to comment on glib, meaningless statements like this! Where's the actual plan so you can read what this means? Not comment on bland statements.
- Not enough is done to engage with community groups to better understand community needs
- Policing needs to be priority and getting people into work! I honestly don't see why those who claim benefits aren't made to do voluntary work to earn it! It would give much greater motivation to get back to work and also better prepare them for returning to work.
- Glossop Leisure Centre and Glossop Swimming Pool haven't seen any significant capital investment in some time, with the population growing in Glossop, we need better quality leisure facilities and that must be a combined pool and leisure/gym complex. This must sooner rather than later.
- Focus on what people and communities cannot do for themselves.

Aim 2: Planned net expenditure in 2020/2021 is £3.25m. We aim to be a responsive, smart, financially resilient and forward thinking council through....

- **Ensuring our future financial resilience can be financially sustainable whilst offering value for money**
 - 65% agree (31% Strongly agree, 34% agree)
- **Ensuring our services are readily available to all our residents in the appropriate channels and provided “right first time”**
 - 92% agree (50% Strongly agree, 42% agree)
- **Investing in our staff to ensure we have the internal expertise to deliver our plans by supporting our high performing and well motivated workforce**
 - 73% agree (38% Strongly agree, 35% agree)
- **More effective use of council assets to benefit our communities**
 - 88% agree (42% Strongly agree, 46% agree)
- **Effective procurement with a focus on local businesses**
 - 89% agree (54% Strongly agree, 35% agree)
- **The use of innovation, technology and partnership with others to help improve the efficiency of services, improve customer satisfaction and reduce our impact on the environment**
 - 77% agree (54% Strongly agree, 23% agree)

Comments:

- In respect of these aim 2 priorities where I have answered "strongly disagree". the reasons I selected this are the same as I gave in respect of the "Aim 1" priorities - I can't tell what the actual spending would be on.
- All procurement should take account of the impact on climate change. Buying locally is definitely a step in the right direction. Staff must be given carbon literacy training.
- Come on - what on earth does this mean? Ensuring our future financial resilience can be financially sustainable whilst offering value for money. For what,how? Invest in a comms officer that can write and actually engage. This is drivel. No one cares about the internal working of a council unless you work in one. Talk about meaningful services for residents. What community assets? Is this £3.25m on the back office?
- Re open youth clubs = less kids on the street = less antisocial behaviour!
- I am not certain that the current workforce is generally considered either well performing or capable. They is perceived to be too much red tape and seeming lack of compassion/involvement in local matters.

Aim 3: Planned net expenditure in 2020/2021 is £0.48m. We aim to protect and create jobs by supporting economic growth, development and regeneration through....

- **Encouraging business start-ups and enterprises**
 - 76% agree (30% Strongly agree, 46% agree)
- **Working to create flourishing town centres and thriving high streets that support the local economy**
 - 81% agree (62% Strongly agree, 19% agree)
- **Promoting tourism to maximise local benefit**
 - 85% agree (27% Strongly agree, 58% agree)
- **High quality development and building control with an “open for business” approach**
 - 57% agree (19% Strongly agree, 38% agree)
- **Car parking arrangements that meet the needs of residents, businesses and visitors**
 - 61% agree (23% Strongly agree, 38% agree)
- **Working to support existing local businesses, both large and small across the High Peak as they respond to future challenges**
 - 77% agree (54% Strongly agree, 23% agree)
- **Supporting the development of innovative green jobs and business across the High Peak**
 - 85% agree (62% Strongly agree, 23% agree)

Comments:

- Car parking is a shambles. People should be encouraged to come, not out off by high charges.
- W.r.t. car parking, the council should be supporting a strong move to other forms of transport, investing in bike lanes, better bus services, e-car charging points, etc. and NOT investing more in petrol/diesel car usage.
- In respect of these aim 3 priorities where I have answered "strongly disagree". the reasons I selected this are the same as I gave in respect of the "Aim 1" priorities - I can't tell what the actual spending would be on.
- Priority must be given to supporting start ups that increase the resilience of the local community. Green start ups must be given priority. Tourism is important but must be promoted in a way that will protect the environment. More public transport is needed so that people can visit without bringing their cars.
- High quality building control? Or business first approach. If Grenfell and flooding has taught us anything, you can't have both

- I disagree with spending devoted to car parking. We ought to be encouraging people to reduce car ownership and car use not enabling this.
- Parts of HP are already overwhelmed by visitors. We need to encourage visitors away from these places to other areas, not simply promote the HP. Building control should not only consider business but also the needs of current residents and environmental impact as a priority. More car parks mean more cars. We need to work to improve public transport, not spend money on parking.

Aim 4: Planned net expenditure in 2020/2021 is £4.1m. We aim to protect and improve the environment including responding to the climate emergency through....

- **Effective recycling and waste management**
 - 100% agree (73% Strongly agree, 27% agree)
- **Effective provision of quality parks and open spaces**
 - 92% agree (54% Strongly agree, 38% agree)
- **Meeting the challenge of climate change and working with residents and business across the High Peak to implement the climate change action plan**
 - 81% agree (73% Strongly agree, 8% agree)

Comments:

- Alongside recycling the council should encourage ways to reduce waste and seek to allow parks and green spaces to be a little wilder, e.g. less frequent grass cutting.
- I will be looking out especially to see that HPBC carry out points 3, 6, 7 and 9, namely: Call on the UK Government to provide the powers and resources to make the 2030 target possible. Establish a cross party working group to assist. Include a cross section of local people in drawing up the plan. Ensure that all Council committees and scrutiny panels consider the impact on climate change and the natural environment when taking decisions and reviewing policies.
- In a Climate Emergency all expenditure needs to be measured in environmental cost as well as financial. So all sourcing should be local and supply chain proofed wherever possible even if slightly more expensive in money as part of a move to a more circular and sustainable economy.

- I selected strongly disagree for the climate change action plan because I haven't seen this so do not know what it includes.
- More allotments . Community tree planting schemes to enhance council owned land and open spaces. Provision within High Peak of natural burial site
- Where is the climate change action plan and where can you read it?
- Recycling and waste management should be accompanied by a reduction in consumption ie there should be strong public messages to reduce waste.

Demographic Information

Male 39% Female 47% Prefer not say 4%

Age

25-34 4% 35-44 13% 45-54 17% 55-59 9% 60-64 26% 65-74 26%

Employment Status

Employed full time 35% Employed part time 9% Retired 39% Self employed 4% Something else 4%

Disability

Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? Yes 13% No 74%

Does this illness or disability limit your activities in any way? Yes 100% (of people who answered yes to disability)

Ethnicity

British 83% Other 4% Romany

Area

Buxton 39% Glossop 17% Central 17% Hope Valley 21%