

COUNCIL

DATE OF COMMITTEE
25th October 2011

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Tamworth Listens

EXEMPT INFORMATION

There is no exempt information

PURPOSE

To inform Full Council of the findings of the 2011 Tamworth Listens consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council endorse the report and discuss the findings during the State of Tamworth Debate.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- It is evident that people want to know what the Council is doing and want to be more informed. From various consultations it appears that council services need to be better promoted.

Reduce level of crime

- There is a perceived threat of anti-social behaviour in relation to large numbers of young people gathering. Residents felt that having more sport and leisure opportunities would help deal with this issue.
- Inconsiderate and/or illegal parking was seen as a problem in Tamworth, especially within town centre residential areas.
- We need to do more to tackle residents' fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Improve job prospects

- Respondents view available employment in Tamworth as low wage and low skill.
- Respondents feel that Tamworth Borough Council should do all it can to encourage a range of employment opportunities.

Improve cleanliness

- Litter and dog fouling is seen as a big problem. Many feel that resources are concentrated in the town centre and want them to be evenly spread across the borough.
- Respondents feel that more organised community litter pick days will help to make residents take more responsibility for their local environment and change attitudes to dropping litter.

Improve affordable decent housing

- People feel that a range of affordable housing needs to be provided which meets people's needs

Improve shopping facilities

- Developing the town centre is important to residents. Respondents wanted a higher quality of shops, bars and restaurants.

There is a lot of support for linking the town centre and Ventura Park.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no resource implications

LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND

There are no legal/risk implications

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Tamworth Listens is a regular consultation process that feeds into the State of Tamworth Debate.

The idea behind Tamworth Listens is to involve the public in a debate about Tamworth borough and to make the councillors and partners more visible and accountable.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers

APPENDICES

2011 Tamworth Listens full report