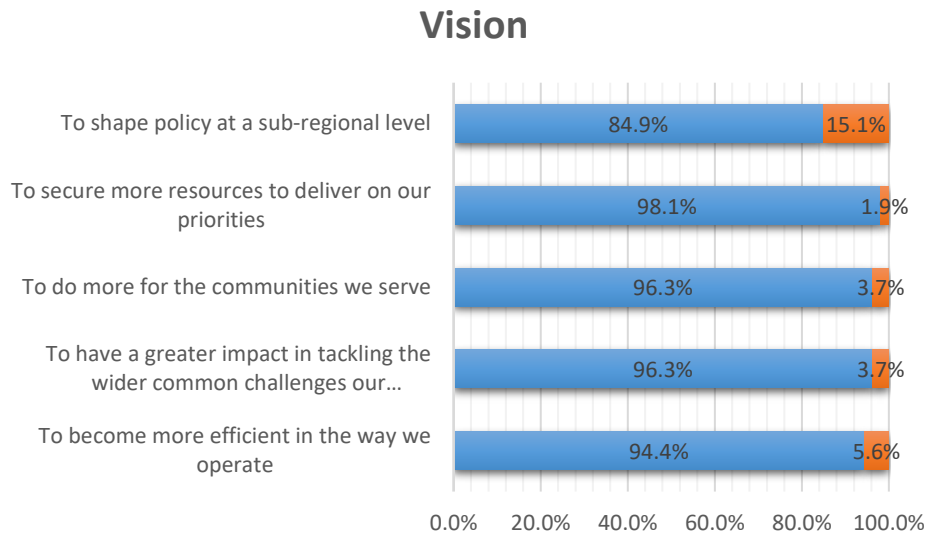


Appendix B: Sub-regional Strategy consultation findings

Vision

Do you agree with the overall vision? A bold and ambitious partnership of Council's, working together:

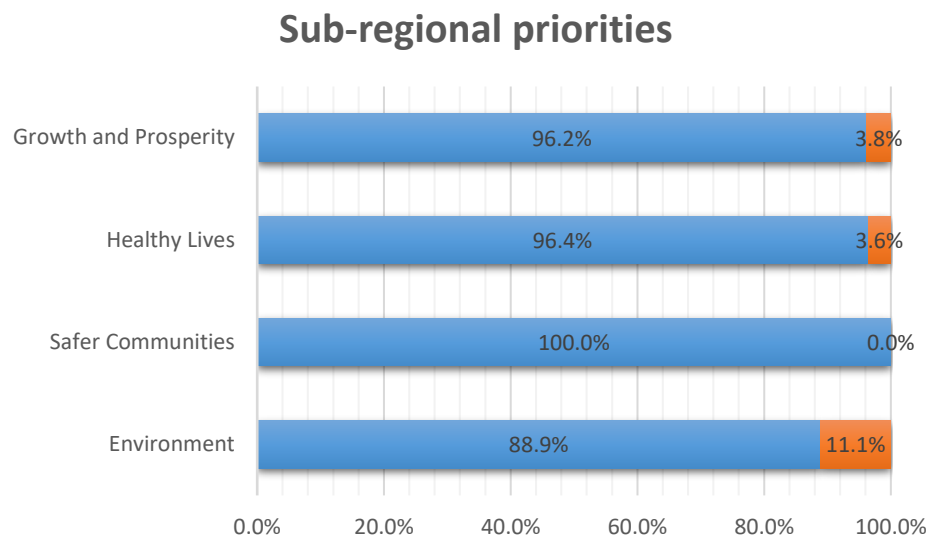


Comments:

- Closer links with other authorities in the country
- 'To shape policy at a sub-regional level to ensure that the best impact of these on our communities, businesses and visitors'
- Provide an understanding that the East Coast dynamic is worlds apart from the inland areas of Lincolnshire such as Lincoln, Sleaford, Grantham, Stamford, and Gainsborough
- Not 'our' priorities but those of the residents/communities we serve
- Clear, accessible, and transparent communication with residents, community, businesses
- Less of the council speak so that things are in tangible actions and its clear why things are done or not done, where money is spent, etc
- Better communication across the board to our varied communities; a standard process which incorporates multiple languages and multiple platforms
- Greater focus on front line statutory services
- Doing the basics well (it's not all about the shiny stuff)
- Council priorities are very rarely residents' priorities. You would learn more about local residents if you considered using more up to date means, such as joining and responding in local social media groups
- More recognition of the challenges villages face and village halls/ leisure or community centres
- To build a louder voice to make National Government aware of our problems
- Bolder ambition to become one council with fewer overheads and therefore even greater efficiencies
- To listen to the community/ to consult in a transparent and open way and to work with community groups for the benefit of everyone
- Whilst I support the aim to have a greater impact in tackling the wider COMMON challenges, the one team must share in the additional specific challenges each of the councils may face

Sub-regional priorities

Do you agree with the proposed sub-regional priorities listed below?



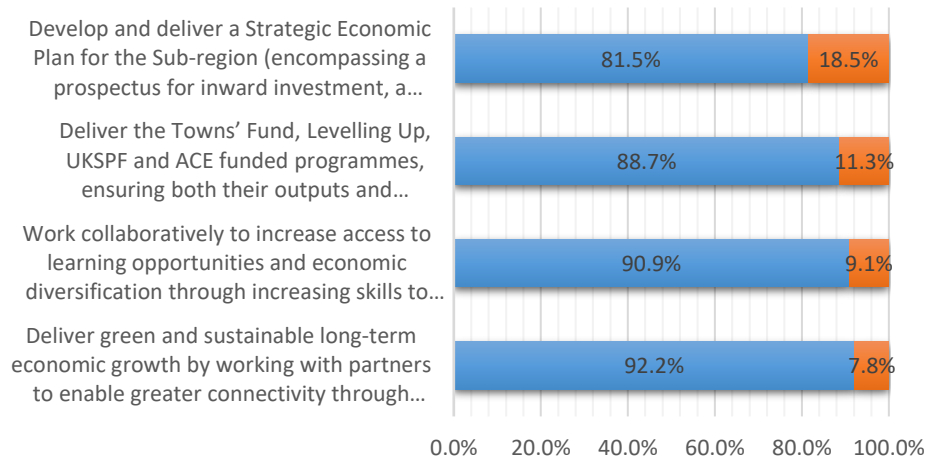
Comments:

- Bus reliability; safe and reliable transport for all is essential
- Celebrate the difference of coastal and fenland living
- Safe communities - not 'safer'
- Simply stating 'Environment' doesn't feel very ambitious compared to the other priorities
- Housing - being a landlord - looks like a bit of an afterthought, how will you make sure this doesn't get lost in the wider sub region?
- I care about the environment but think that policies are based on false information especially around wind farms etc. Too much emphasis is placed on supposedly "green" policies
- Traffic monitoring and roads and trains /ease of access of pedestrians, cyclists, and car users to facilities in and around town
- Nothing additional because these are all worthy priorities and fit with ambitions for the rest of Lincolnshire and beyond, but would have flood risk as an environmental issue and potentially utilities (or further expansion on the particular priorities within it)
- Disability access to amenities and services, better services
- Investment into our young people providing and encouraging social activities, supporting mental health including young people struggling with social anxiety
- Transport infrastructure across the county

Growth and Prosperity

Do you agree with the proposed areas of focus? We will:

Growth and Prosperity



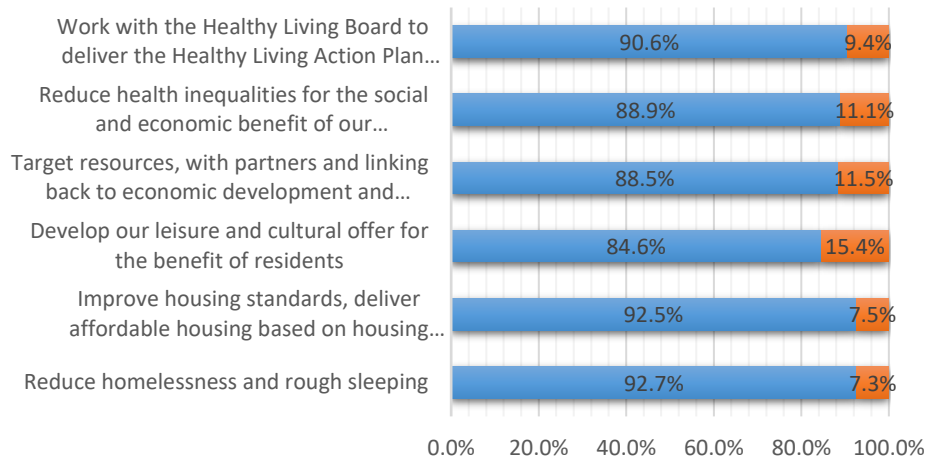
Comments:

- Agree with the premise but the wording needs to be better to understand how to make economic growth green and sustainable. This doesn't come across very strongly in the narrative here
- No idea what the benefits are of the Art Council? I'm not sure how increasing employment land, improved roads and transport links is green? As long as our beautiful countryside is protected, I'm ok with this
- Lincolnshire definitely requires improved road networks
- The need for resilience and so called soft and transferable employment skills development - e.g., team working, communication, self-promotion etc
- Housing growth is only viable if the infrastructure is also focussed on alongside the growth, currently this is desperately lacking and rarely enforced. It is viewed by large developers as an afterthought and brings major issues into all areas, affecting health and wellbeing and general standards of living
- Link to Lincolnshire's wider ambitions, e.g., through GLLEP. These match perfectly with broader levelling up and DLUHC priorities so can feed up to that agenda. Believe environmental elements fit best in other proposed area, but can see link to growth because of the infrastructure needed

Healthy Lives

Do you agree with the proposed areas of focus? We will:

Healthy Lives



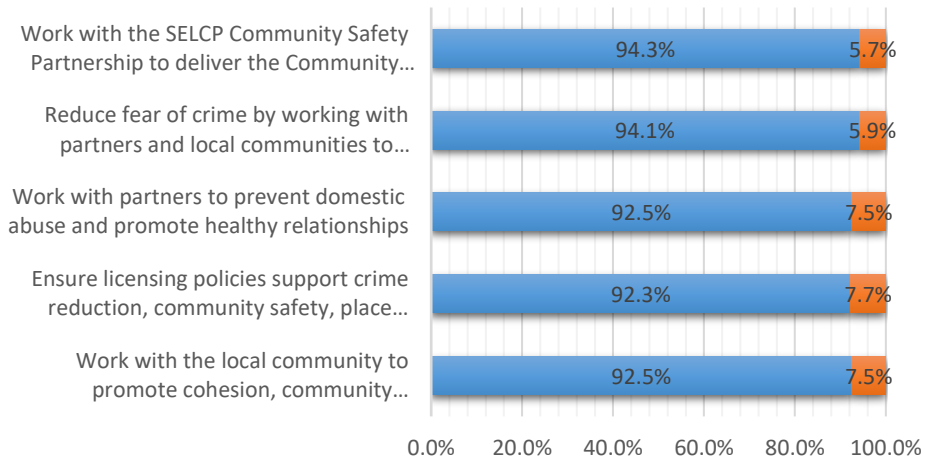
Comments:

- Housing and Homelessness should definitely be a priority. Access to health services has gotten much worse and needs to be a priority
- I would hope to see mental health and supporting personal resilience incorporated into healthy lives language to help continue the support and reduce stigma around this
- Voluntary sector engagement in regard to health inequalities is already reaching its peak, more focus needs to be turned to getting relevant funding and effective groups in place to ensure the inequalities with health are improved. Focus needs to be on young children and educating them how to eat well and participate in regular exercise. For those in society struggling with health issues there needs to be a focus on re-evaluation as the system allows for too many loop holes and persons who are able to work slip through the net and manage to obtain monies to support themselves through benefits, when in fact they are able to carry out jobs even if just for a few hours a week. For those on benefits with non-severe physical impairment there should a process of voluntary work around the communities be it simple street cleaning or tidying or helping to assist the mental health of those with simple needs, such as those who are isolated or have suffered loss
- You will not reduce homelessness until drug use has been addressed and the focus here should be on access to medical facilities including dentists
- We need more focus on mental health and suicide prevention
- Leisure and culture should be left the volunteer sector with minimum financial help from government
- Housing growth is not something this area can sustain without vast improvement to infrastructure
- Still feel it needs a link making to the same priorities across the county/region
- Disability opportunities/mental health /investment in services

Safe and Resilient Communities

Do you agree with the proposed areas of focus? We will:

Safe and Resilient Communities



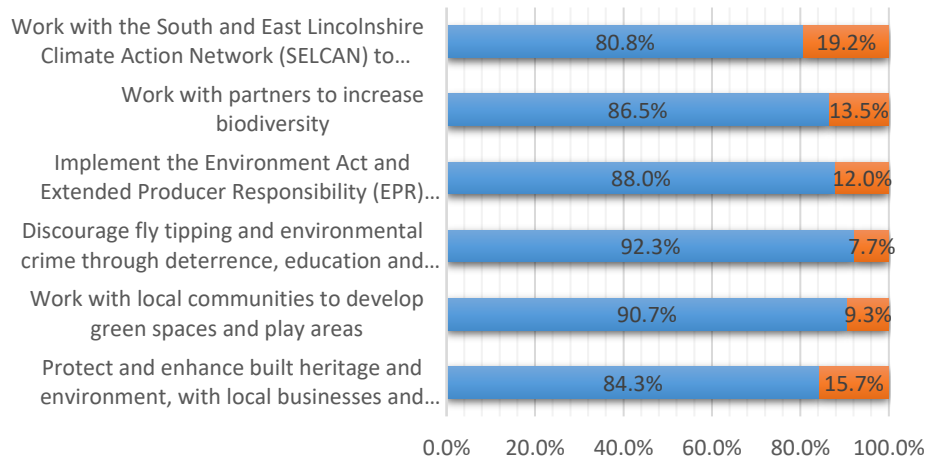
Comments:

- Awareness of emotional and physical abuse behind closed doors, increased knowledge and awareness of what support is available and how to access it
- Policing and ASB needs better funding without which improvements unattainable
- Safe and Resilient Communities is better than Safer Communities referenced earlier
- Broadening cultural awareness is important, for employees of the partnership as well as across our communities
- Having more visible Police officers would provide confidence. Invest in them rather than other initiatives
- How about more police on the streets arresting people involved in drug dealing
- Ensure we have adequate patrols in rural areas that are seeing an increase in Antisocial behaviour
- More police!!
- Review police / cctv and process for monitoring local area
- Very big issues to tackle so needs close working with cross-sector partner agencies
- Safety of disabled groups
- Increase Police Presence in our Communities

Environment

Do you agree with the proposed areas of focus? We will:

Environment

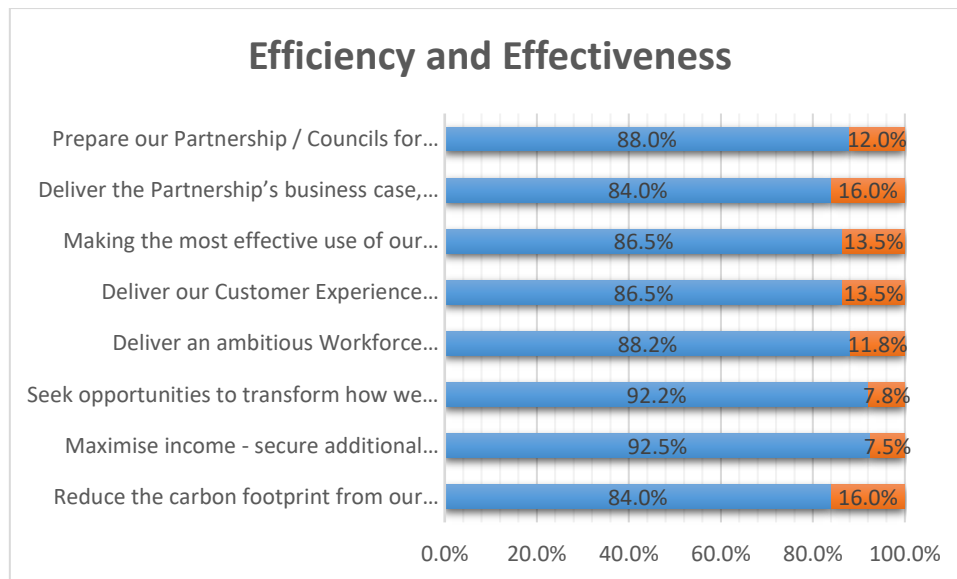


Comments:

- Green homes grants are out of date terminology and too restrictive in relation to domestic retrofit
- Create what sort of new developments - be more specific about the ambition here
- The point on biodiversity should be strengthened to link into health outcomes and understand the value that increase biodiversity has also relative to a sense of place. Also ensuring biodiversity net gain delivers - linked to current environment policy
- Make it easier to dispose of waste and fly-tipping shouldn't be such an issue
- There already are lots of green spaces. Ensure developers provide and maintain green spaces
- Support the development and streamlining of household waste and recycling both at home and in town centres (e.g. multi waste bins)
- Ensure that businesses who sell food do so safely and that the tourism economy is a safe industry
- How will the partnership embrace green / decarbonisation in its homes?
- Our heritage should be saved especially on the coast which is often seen as not worthy
- Fly tipping would not take place if there were better and cheaper ways to dispose of rubbish, there is no point in penalising people who cannot afford the cost of disposal
- Retaining open green spaces and committing to protecting play parks and green spaces

Efficiency and Effectiveness

Do you agree with the proposed areas of focus? We will:



Comments:

- Not just the environment councils operate in, their powers and available funds
- Push to digital is key but do not forget ageing residents who cannot access services digitally, and are being pushed out in the name of being more efficient
- Need to keep access to services local - danger service alignment means less easy access to services; need to ensure those less technology minded are not left out/behind
- I do not feel that customer service people should be replaced by online or digital offers. It is important to have a digital offer alongside anything, but not to lose people as an option. I feel that there should be more effort and emphasis on including alternative formats (such as BSL, foreign languages) prior to a focus on digitalisation. Staff within the partnership need to feel valued too
- Become a unitary authority
- Providing all sectors in all the Councils realise that there will not be 100% digitised services for various reasons; mistrust of internet, illiteracy, perceived to be less timely when a 'quick phone call' will do, lack of internet
- How will the partnership know how it is performing? With introduction of Oflog and new housing regulatory requirements, knowing how we perform is a key consideration. How will tenants and residents know what it's beyond the shiny stuff?
- Review fees and charges

South Holland local priorities

Please tell us if you have any other suggestions for areas of focus for South Holland District Council

- Address the lack of law enforcement presence in the town and surrounding areas. Anti-social behaviour needs to be address to ensure confidence from the community in using the town and its facilities when improved, monitoring systems need to be reviewed and improved
- Fully agree with infrastructure improvements but process needs to be changed so the infrastructure improvements occur prior to any additional building