

Summary of the Town Councils' feedback about next year's priorities.

Do you agree with the priorities proposed for next year?

Town view	Officer comment
List of priorities commendable if achieved.	Noted.
List is part provision of service, part improved management.	This is correct and reflects our current improvement needs.
No - we do not agree with the Cranbrook proposals – it is using too many resources away from East Devon existing responsibilities and these resources would be better used on other things, for instance the Jurassic coast. It is too large. (not unanimous)	We have to build this new community although we are in negotiation over the proposed number of homes.
Affordable Housing is our Number 1 priority.	This got several mentions. We support this view and are trying to create and exploit opportunities.
Retaining the Council Housing stock is our second highest priority.	Ultimately a financial and tenant-led decision.

Would you add any? If so what would you add?

Rural transport links. Improvements to public transport throughout the District. Accessibility.	This topic is on the Forward Programme of the Overview Committee.
Passing loops on Waterloo line.	This is already in the Corporate Strategy.
Dualling of A303 and A35 bypass.	This is already in the Corporate Strategy.
Improving infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> railways (pressing for improved rail link Axminster to Exeter) roads (Axminster to Chard is feeder for Seaton and Lyme Regis to motorways but is inadequate and harmful to have HGVs going through a conservation area) 	This is already in the Corporate Strategy. The topic is on the Overview committee for 2 November but it is a County Highway issue in the main.
Relevant bus passes throughout Devon	Extension of the current scheme dependent upon budget being available.
The quality of jobs which should be attracted to enable young people to stay.	This is already in the Corporate Strategy.
More employment land, especially for small businesses in smaller towns	This is already in the Corporate Strategy.
Re-prioritise tourism/reinstate TIC.	Our Corporate Strategy prioritises delivering an infrastructure to support the tourist economy by developing attractions such as the Visitor Centres.

Continued...Would you add any? If so what would you add?

Open the toilets!	This is a matter for local assessment of need and towns/parishes are equally well placed to solve this issue. Where towns/parishes have not wished to engage, it is reasonable to assume that it would be 'nice' to have the facility but not essential.
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Implement the complete E-planning process, particularly in order that Town/Parish councils are able to access and re-use fully the planning information, relevant to them. If not for all councils why not Quality Councils.	This is in our plans, but will take some time to achieve.
Positive support with regard to the completion of the Wessex Cycle Route.	The redevelopment of Seaton should include this wish.
Regeneration of Otter Mill in Ottery St Mary.	We are undertaking an employment land review and are also in negotiation with developers about this site.
Market Coastal Towns Initiative plans should be in the Local Development Framework (LDF).	The first round of the Local Development Framework will be a visioning exercise, so these plans will be able to feed in.
Much better communication about budgets.	We are currently putting together a new summary financial information sheet to be published for the public and other stakeholders in an attempt to make our finances more easily understood and accessible. We will circulate a feedback sheet with it asking readers if they considered it to be useful, or if there was anything missing they would expect to see. We will be sending these to Town and Parish Councils for comment and they will also go on our website.

What would you take out? (If you add something, you have to take a current priority off the list)

Management issues.	We're not sure what this one means.
Cranbrook.	We can't take this one out as it is a government requirement.