

Summary of Parish Council Summit 20/9/19 – work shop discussion Our Ambition for Herefordshire

Voting on the 6 priorities and sub-priorities (10 tokens given to each participant)

	Total
More travel choices	57
Council Housing	80
Roads	76
Help people to help themselves	54
Jobs	62
Environment	91
Total	420

Top results from the voting boxes were for the Environment, Council Housing and Roads.

Summary of the sticky dots given out during the table top discussions

Community - Build communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together		
	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve	47	0
Ensure that children in, and moving on from, care are well supported and make good life choices	38	0
Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable adults	33	0
Help keep our communities healthy and independent	29	0
Join up health and social care services in communities	41	0
Create an environment that makes wellbeing inevitable	20	1
Use technology to enable independent living	22	0
Get the right mix of housing for our communities	42	0
Build our own sustainable council houses	41	2

Economy - Support an economy which builds on the county's strengths and resources		
	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
Use council assets to create more jobs	22	9
Develop environmentally sound infrastructure that attracts investment to our county	53	0
Invest in education and the skills needed by employers	45	4
Raise the average wage of people working in Herefordshire	22	2
Encourage younger people to build their lives here	48	2
Enhance digital connectivity for communities and business	30	2
Use our heritage, culture and natural beauty to increase tourism	52	0

Environment - Protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live		
	Strongly Agree	Strongly Disagree
Understand our carbon footprint and act to reduce it	39	1
Lead our transition to a low carbon economy	27	5
Improve and extend travel options throughout the county	56	2
Ensure the best use of the county's natural resources	26	0
Reduce waste and increase reuse and recycling	42	0
Uphold environmental standards for soil, air and water	36	1
Address the climate emergency and encourage behaviour change of residents and businesses	41	7

Across the three priorities the sub-priorities were more people strongly agreed were:

- Improve and extend travel options throughout the county (Environment)
- Develop environmentally sound infrastructure that attracts investment to our county (Economy)
- Use our heritage, culture and natural beauty to increase tourism (Economy)
- Encourage younger people to build their lives here (Economy)
- Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve (Communities)
- Invest in education and the skills needed by employers (Economy)

Noted points:

- There was strong support overall for environment
- There was concern about the impact Herefordshire Council could and should have on some of these priorities i.e. if its purpose is to provide services. Particular examples of this were being able to create more jobs, addressing the climate emergency and about raising wage levels in Herefordshire
- There should be a role to lobby Central Government, particularly around policy and funding
- There was strong agreement around supporting and encouraging young people to stay and achieve
- There was support for the university opening in Herefordshire
- There were suggestions that services are located in the centre so housing should be located in the centre.
- Parish Council's wanted to be involved more
- Localism of services