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Residents' key priorities have remained fairly consistent across a range of surveys: job prospects, affordable housing and public transport often being cited as the most important overall, along with education, health and crime. There was some variation between different age groups, however, with older people generally placing a higher priority on healthcare and affordable housing.

These 'tracker' survey findings were validated through a follow-up survey with the Older People's Planning Group (OPPG) and with the citizens' panel. The OPPG survey results matched the earlier tracker surveys, confirming that priorities and concerns for older residents remain similar. The citizens' panel highlighted a focus on better education outcomes and transport as being key, again confirming earlier survey results.

Next steps

The Community and Older People Policy & Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to make a collective response to the corporate vision consultation, and if so, to agree that response.

The consultation closes on 20th November 2011, after which time all responses will be collated and considered, and the draft vision document reviewed. It is anticipated that the final vision document will be submitted to Council in December 2011.