

Vale of White Horse Residents' Survey 2015/16

SUMMARY REPORT

Findings of a survey which tracked residents' attitudes and satisfaction with the council

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SUMMARY

This report provides a summary of a residents' survey undertaken by M·E·L Research on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council between December 2015 and January 2016.

The survey sought to track residents' attitudes and satisfaction with the council. The council uses the findings to monitor performance, identify areas for improvement and support decisions on spending in future years.

Fieldwork was carried out using a randomly selected face-to-face, doorstep quota survey of residents. Questions were repeated from previous residents' surveys to allow for the longitudinal tracking of results over time.

A total of 1,109 people were surveyed, comprising residents from both urban and rural areas, from all age groups and covering the full range of employment types. In this way we heard the views of different types of residents.

We found that:

- Residents' attitudes towards the council improved in a number of respects. Around three-quarters of residents were satisfied with the how the council runs things and nearly seven in ten residents were satisfied that the council provides value for money;
- While the reputation of the council is generally positive and has improved since 2014, more could be done to improve the way the authority engages residents and responds to their needs;
- Service user satisfaction with many of the key services provided by the council has decreased since in 2014. Waste and recycling continues to be the top performing service area for resident satisfaction. We also found that the services residents rate as the most important are also the services with the highest levels of user satisfaction.
- Residents' satisfaction with how well people in the local area get on together remains high. However, while the majority of residents continue to feel safe during the day, the proportion of residents who feel safe after dark has declined.
- The number of people involved in voluntary work has decreased since 2014.

BACKGROUND TO THE CONSULTATION

In October 2015 Vale of White Horse District Council commissioned M·E·L Research to undertake the Residents' Survey.

The residents' survey tells us about public attitudes towards the council and the local area, and how these have changed since the last survey was carried out. This was the third time the residents' survey has been undertaken and data is now available for 2012, 2014 and 2015/16. This means we are able to track any changes in attitudes over a number of years.

The residents' surveys provide useful top-line data which can be used as evidence to identify priorities and support spending decisions in future years. Further research may be needed to explain or add detail to some results.

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

A total of 1,109 residents were surveyed on the doorstep over a five week period in December 2015 and January 2016. **Appendix A** shows the questions we used.

To ensure that the survey was representative of residents in the Vale of White Horse we carried out interviews in rural and urban areas across all parts of the district. Trained interviewers were given a number of randomly selected starting postcodes to start interviewing. From each starting point they would walk door to door until they had completed 10 interviews. In addition, interviewers were given set quotas by age, gender and working status to ensure we heard the views of all types of residents in the district.

The number of participants involved provides us with robust statistical evidence to a confidence interval of +/- 2.9 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level.

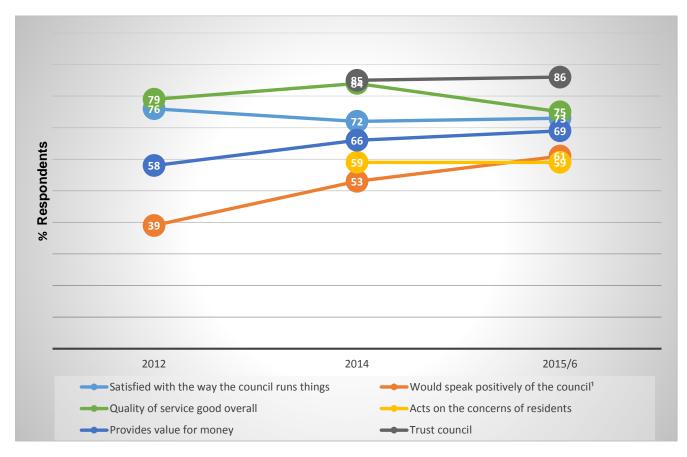
To provide further insight into the results, we looked for differences in views between demographic groups. Where statistically significant differences occur, these have been highlighted in the report.

Where possible, we also compared the results to residents' surveys carried out in 2012 and 2014. Data from previous years was reanalysed for some questions to ensure that the results were directly comparable. While the question themes have remained the same and are therefore comparable between years, the wording of some of the questions has changed over the years. These have been highlighted in the report.

FINDINGS

Attitudes towards the council

The residents' survey considered attitudes towards the work of the council. As **Figure 1** shows, we found that in general, positive attitudes towards the council have increased since the last survey was carried out in 2014.





Resident's overall **satisfaction with the how the council runs things** has increased slightly since the last survey was undertaken in 2014. Just under three-quarters of residents were satisfied (73 per cent) and 19 per cent were dissatisfied. As was also found in 2014, poor roads and pavements were the most frequently cited reason for dissatisfaction, but this is not the responsibility of the district council. Other complaints included not enough car parking and poor street cleaning.

Three-quarters of residents (75 per cent) thought the **quality of services was good overall**; this is 9 per cent less than in 2014 and the lowest level since the residents' surveys began in 2012. However, the reduction seems due to an increase in the proportion of ambivalent residents (11 per cent in 2014 compared to 18 per cent in 2015) rather than greater disagreement that the quality of services was good overall (5 per cent in 2014 compared to 7 per cent in 2015).

¹ In 2012 this was worded as 'speak highly of the council'

Positively, satisfaction that the **council provides value for money** remains high. 69 per cent of residents were satisfied; a 3 per cent increase on the 2014 results. This is a very positive result and shows that the services provided by the council offer good value for money for residents.

Council reputation

The survey asked residents **how they would speak about the council if asked**. 61 per cent of residents in the Vale of White Horse would speak positively (if asked or without being asked). This is an 8 per cent increase on the 2014 results and a 22 per cent increase on the 2012 results² (**Figure 1**). In contrast, just 8 per cent of people would speak negatively of the council (if asked or without being asked). This is a 2 per cent decrease on the 2014 results (where 10 per cent would speak negatively).

Another key question relating to reputation was whether residents agree that the council **acts on the concerns of residents**. 59 per cent of residents agreed with this statement, the same proportion as in 2014.

A strong reputation builds trust and this is reflected in the extremely high proportion of residents (86 per cent) that said that they **trust the council**. There has been a slight improvement in trust levels since this question was introduced in 2014.

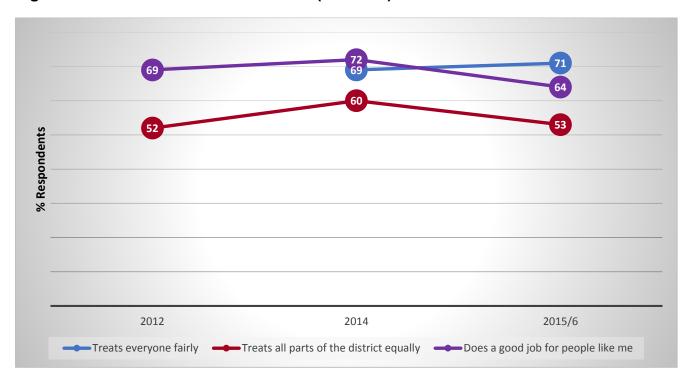
Of course, there are a large number of residents who are largely ambivalent towards the council. When asked if they would speak positively or negatively about the council 28 per cent of residents stated that they had no views one way or another. Similarly, when asked, nearly half of the residents (47 per cent) said they **don't mind what the council does, so long as it does its job.**

Based on these findings, improvement in reputation in the future will come from measures that cause previously ambivalent residents to form positive opinions towards the council.

Fairness

The survey tells us whether residents think the **council treats everyone fairly**; seven in ten residents thought the council does (71 per cent) which improves slightly on the 2014 results. The level of disagreement with this statement was 8 per cent, suggesting that a small minority of residents do not feel well served by the council.

² In 2014 the wording for this question changed from 'would speak highly' to 'would speak positively.'





Residents were also asked whether they thought the council **treats all parts of the district equally.** After an improvement in 2014, the percentage of residents that agreed with this statement fell back to the level seen in 2012 (53 per cent). The level of disagreement with this statement was 12 per cent, a slight increase since 2014. Disagreement with this statement varied across the District, as shown in **Figure 3**. Abingdon Peachcroft, Faringdon and The Coxwells, Longworth, Sunningwell and Wootton, and Sutton Courtenay and Appleford all had 0 per cent disagreement. The highest level of disagreement was seen in Wantage Charlton where 31 per cent of residents disagreed that the council treats all parts of the district equally.

It is important to note that the sample size for some of the Wards is very small and so further investigation is needed to validate these differences and understand why residents in these areas disagree that the council treats all parts of the district equally.

The level of agreement that the council **does a good job for people like them** has also decreased since 2014; 64 per cent of residents agreed with this statement in 2015/16. The level of disagreement with this statement was 15 per cent suggesting that a minority of residents do not feel well served by the council.

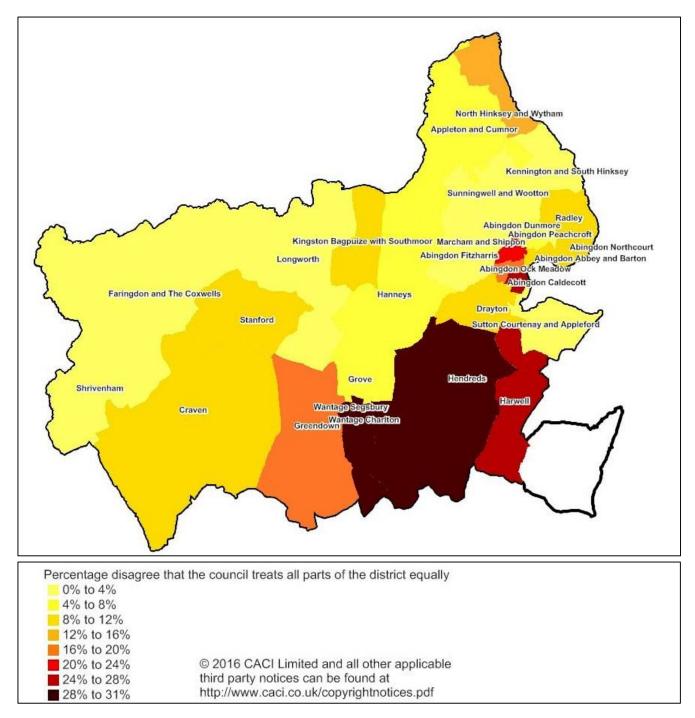


Figure 3: Disagreement that the council treats all parts of the district equally.³

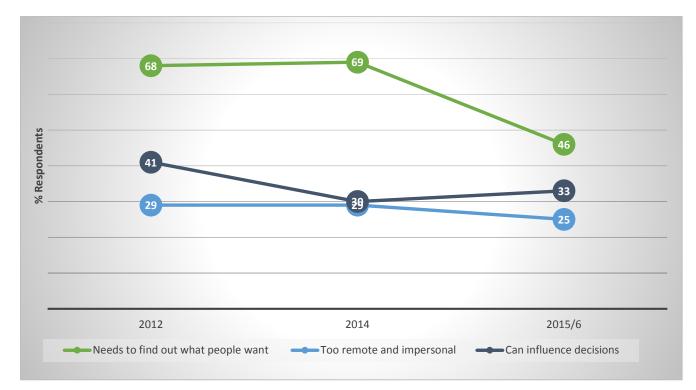
Responsiveness to residents

The survey asked about whether residents feel they can **influence decisions affecting their local area**. 33 per cent of residents agreed that they can influence decisions affecting their local area. This is a small increase compared to the 2014 results but is still lower than the 41 per cent agreement seen in 2012.

The reasons given by residents who agreed they can influence decisions included that they felt that if they tried to do it then it would be possible, that they had personal experience of being

³ Percentage of disagreement is only shown for Wards where surveys were carried out.

able to influence decisions, and that if they had an issue they know where in the council they should go or what they should do to deal with it.





However, the majority of residents (42 per cent) disagreed that they can influence decisions. When asked to elaborate on why they think that, the most frequent comment from residents who disagreed was that that they had personal experience of not being able to influence decisions, with many elaborating that they had been unsuccessful in opposing planning decisions and the building of new housing developments. Another frequent comment from residents who disagreed was that it was their personal opinion, without further clarification as to why they thought this.

A further indicator of whether the council is responsive to residents is agreement with the statement that the **council is too remote and impersonal**. 25 per cent of respondents thought this was the case, a decrease since 2014 and the best result since the residents' surveys began.

Lastly, just under half of the residents (46 per cent) thought the council **needs to make more of an effort to find out what people want**. This is 23 per cent lower than in 2014 and therefore shows a large improvement in the council's engagement with residents.

While the proportion of residents identifying with negative statements about the council's responsiveness is currently lower than in previous residents' surveys there is still room for improvement. Therefore the council may want to consider improving engagement with residents so its plans, policies and services become more responsive and amenable to residents' needs and desires.

Communication with residents

Effective communication can help the council improve its reputation and responsiveness to the needs of residents. The survey shows **how informed residents feel** about the services offered by the council. Over three-quarters of residents (76 per cent) agreed they felt informed by the council, an increase since 2014. Residents aged 16 to 24 were less likely to feel informed than residents in other age groups. Interestingly, the current methods for getting information differed little across the age groups. Therefore further investigation is needed to understand why younger residents feel less well informed than other residents.

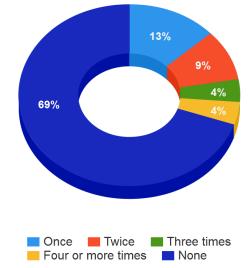
Consideration of how the council can inform residents better in the future should take note of people's preferences for contacting the council. Most respondents said that they get information about the council from the council's website, Village / Parish newsletters and local / free newspapers (**Figure 5**). These were also residents' preferred methods of communication.

Figure 5: Current and preferred methods for residents to get information about the council.

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	Website	Village / Parish newsletter	Local / Free newspapers
Currently obtain from… Would prefer to obtain from…	51% 41%	47% 23%	34% 17%

Respondents were asked **how many times they have contacted the council** over the past year. As **Figure 6** shows, almost seven in ten people had not contacted the council at all.

Figure 6: Number of times residents have contacted the council in the last 12 months.



As Figure 7 shows, of the residents that had contacted the council, seven in ten (70 per cent) were satisfied with the overall way their enquiry was dealt with; an increase compared to

2014 (when 66 per cent were satisfied). The biggest reason for dissatisfaction amongst customers who had contacted the council was the time it took to resolve their query; 22 per cent of residents thought this.

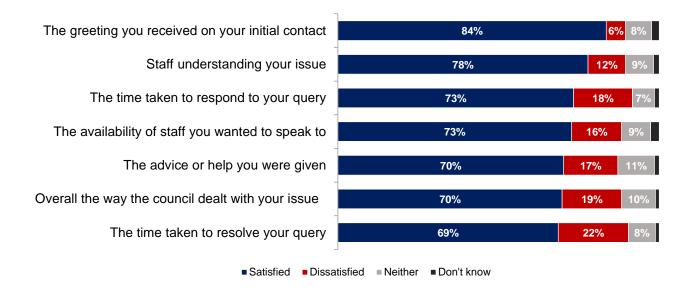


Figure 7: Satisfaction with aspects of contact with the council.

In general, residents were more satisfied with aspects related to how responsive the council is to receiving contact from residents (greeting, understanding of staff, and availability of staff). Residents were less satisfied with the outcomes of their contact (advice or help received, overall the way the council dealt with the issue, time taken to resolve a query).

Satisfaction with key services

Figure 8 shows levels of satisfaction with key services provided by the council for 2012, 2014 and 2015/16. The levels of satisfaction reported are for respondents that said they have used the service concerned (service users) rather than for all respondents. For more specialist services that have a limited number of users, this data can be a more reliable indicator of performance as satisfaction is usually attributed to first-hand experience, as opposed to opinions formed through exposure to the media and wider public discourse.

Satisfaction with services generally decreased, with ten services at satisfaction levels lower than in 2014. The largest decreases were for street cleaning (a 12 per cent decrease), community safety and business support (both with a 9 per cent decrease). Three services did show improvement since the last survey was carried out. These were environmental protection, arts and cultural activities and public toilets.

Although satisfaction with waste and recycling dropped by 3 per cent this continues to be the top performing service area for resident satisfaction, with 87 per cent of residents satisfied. This is good news considering that the performance of this service area is a corporate priority for the council.

Further investigation is needed to explore the reasons why levels of satisfaction with key services provided by the council have decreased over the last year.

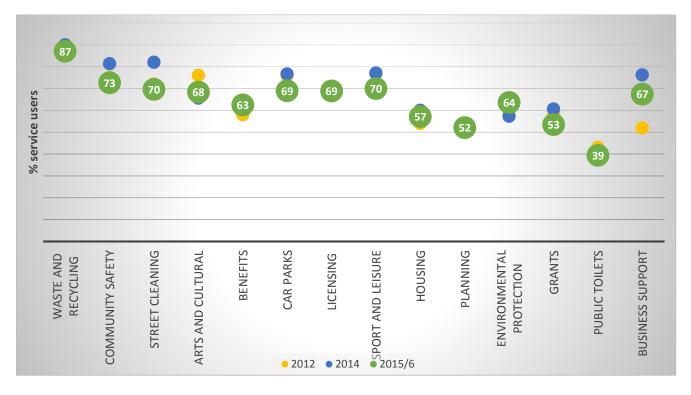


Figure 8: Satisfaction of service users with key services provided by the council.

Importance of key services

The top three **most important services** in 2015/16 were street cleaning (keeping the area clean and litter free) waste and recycling and community safety (reducing crime, fear or crime and antisocial behaviour). Environmental protection and sports and leisure facilities rank in fourth and fifth position respectively. Since the 2014 survey, street cleaning has risen from third position to become the most important service while waste and recycling has dropped from most important to second most important service. As **Figure 9** shows, the same five services have made the top five most important since 2012 (although individual rank positions have changed).

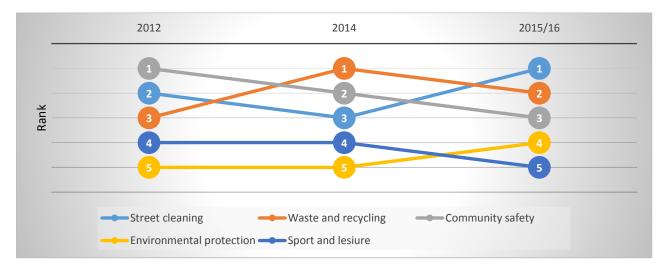
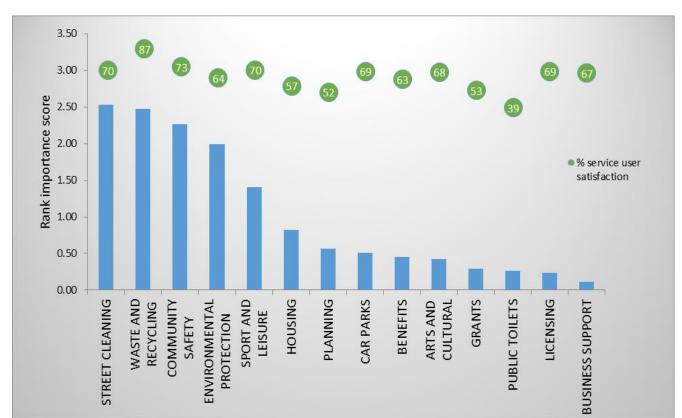
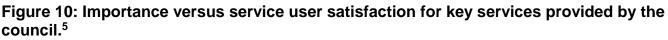


Figure 9: Residents' top five most important services.⁴

⁴ Importance is calculated as an average score based on all respondents, where the service with the largest average ranking is the most important.

Figure 10 shows that the services residents rate as the most important are also the services with the highest levels of user satisfaction. However, satisfaction with all three of the most important services (street cleaning, waste and recycling and community safety) decreased over the last year. Therefore the council may want to focus their efforts on measures which return satisfaction with these services back to the higher levels seen in 2014.





Local area

The survey asked residents about their local area, including how well people get on together and if they have been involved in voluntary work.

The majority of residents (98 per cent) continue to **feel safe during the day** in the Vale of White Horse. However, the proportion of residents who **feel safe at night** was 79 per cent; an 11 per cent decrease since 2014. Worryingly, the proportion of residents who feel fairly or very unsafe at night doubled, from 6 per cent in 2014 to 12 per cent in 2015/16. Further analysis shows that female respondents and residents who are limited a lot by a disability are much less likely to feel safe at night. More investigation is needed to understand why the proportion of residents who feel unsafe at night has increased over the last year.

Community cohesion

Positively, after a notable drop in 2014, there has been an increase in the number of people who agreed that the local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together (Figure 11). The number of people who disagreed that people get on well

⁵ Importance is shown as rank importance scores, where a higher score indicates a higher level of importance.

together remains the same at 1 per cent. Although a higher proportion of urban residents than rural residents agreed with this statement (80 per cent compared to 74 per cent) this difference was due to a higher proportion of rural residents answering that people in their local area all come from the same ethnic background rather than disagreeing that people from different backgrounds get on well together. It was not possible to investigate any difference in agreement between different ethnic groups because the number of respondents from these groups was too small.

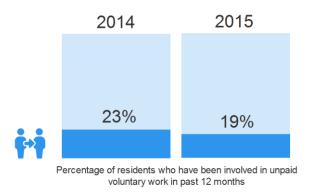


Agree		Disagree
78%	2015/16	1%
75%	2014	1%
86%	2012	4%

Volunteering

Figure 12 shows 19 per cent of residents have **undertaken unpaid voluntary work**; this is a decrease since the last survey was carried out in 2014. Residents aged 45 to 54 years were most likely to have volunteered (26 per cent), while residents aged 55 to 59 years were the least likely (11 per cent).





Residents gave a number of different reasons why they have not been involved in unpaid voluntary work, as can be seen in **Table 1**. The main reason given by residents for not volunteering was work commitments, followed by having to look after children or the home and having other things to do in their spare time. However, some residents had not volunteered because they hadn't thought about doing it (16 per cent of comments), suggesting that the council could do more to promote volunteer opportunities within the Vale of White Horse.

Table 1: Reasons why residents have not been involved in unpaid voluntary work in the last 12 months.

Reason ⁶	Frequency	%
I have work commitments	385	36.2%
I have to look after children/the home	179	16.8%
I have other things to do in my spare time	171	16.1%
I've never thought about it	131	12.3%
I'm too old	82	7.7%
I don't know any groups that need help	32	3.0%
Poor health	22	2.1%
I have to study	19	1.8%
I'm new to the area	16	1.5%
I have to look after someone who is elderly/ill	11	1.0%
I haven't heard about opportunities to give help	8	0.8%
Other	4	0.4%
I'm too young	3	0.3%
I donate money instead	2	0.2%

Recycling

Nearly all residents recycle, with the majority using a combination of the council's kerbside recycling collection and by taking items to Oxfordshire County Council waste recycling centres (**Figure 13**). Less than 1 per cent said that they do not recycle; the reasons given for this were that they don't know what they can recycle and not being interested in recycling.

Figure 13: Recycling by residents.



Nearly three-quarters of residents said they already recycle as much as they can (74 per cent) so nothing would make them recycle more. When residents have too much recycling to fit in their recycling (green) bin, most take it to an Oxfordshire County Council household recycling centre (55 per cent of comments), although some put it in a bag or box next to their green bin

⁶ Where respondents gave more than one reason, each reason has been counted separately.

(24 per cent of comments). Almost a quarter (24 per cent) of residents would like a larger recycling bin.

Most residents said they put their food waste out for collection weekly (83 per cent). However, 12 per cent said they don't use the food waste collection at all. The main reason given for this was that they don't make enough food waste to need to (54 per cent).

Vale of White Horse District Council offers a garden waste collection subscription service. Just under half the residents said they use this service (47 per cent). Those that don't use the service said it was because they take it to an Oxfordshire County Council household recycling centre, that the service is too expensive or that they don't have a garden / don't produce garden waste.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A – SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Good morning, afternoon, evening. My name is from M·E·L Research, an independent market research organisation. We're conducting an important survey about your views of the local area on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council.

Can you spare some time to take part? It will take about 15 minutes. I would like to assure you that all the information we collect will be kept in the strictest confidence, and used for research purposes only. It will not be possible to identify any particular individual or address in the results.

Section A: Satisfaction with the local area and your district council

Throughout this survey we ask you to think about your local area. When answering, please consider your local area to be the area within 15-20 minutes walking distance from your home. Your local area receives services from two councils, Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council. This survey asks about Vale of White Horse District Council which is responsible for services such as waste and recycling collection, street cleaning and planning.

Q1) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you Council runs things?	I with the way Vale of White Horse District
Showcard A and Tick ONE only	
Very satisfied Go to Q2	Fairly dissatisfied
Fairly satisfied	Very dissatisfied
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 3 Go to Q2	Don't know (DO NOT PROMPT) 6 Go to Q2
Q1b) Can I ask why that is? PROBE FULLY. <u>DO N</u>	NOT PROMPT CODE ALL THAT APPLY
Poor customer service	Doesn't remove abandoned vehicles quickly enough
enough	Lack of investment in area
Council wastes money/inefficient	Poor planning service
Council doesn't tell us what's happening 🔲 04	Does not control development in the area \square 16
Council doesn't consult us	Poor sports and leisure facilities
Council doesn't listen to what we tell	Not enough car parking
	High crime rates/level of crime
Council tax too high	High levels of antisocial behaviour 🔲 20
Poor street cleaning	Nothing for young people to do
Poor roads/pavements	Not enough housing in the area
Poor waste collection	Not enough affordable housing
Poor recycling collection	Don't know
Doesn't remove dumped rubbish quickly enough	Other
Other	

In considering the next question, please think about the range of services Vale of White Horse District Council provides to the community as a whole, as well as the services your household uses. It does not matter if you do not know all of the services Vale of White Horse District Council provides to the community. We would like your general opinion.						
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Q3) On balance, which of the followin of White Horse District Council.	ng stateme	nts com	es closes	t to how y	ou feel ab	oout Vale
SHOWCARD C and Tick ONE only					10	
I speak positively of the council without	being asked					1
I speak positively of the council if I am a	asked about	it				2
I have no views one way or another						3
I speak negatively about the council if I	am asked al	oout it				4
I speak negatively about the council wit	hout being a	sked				5
Don't know						6
local residents? Showcard D and Tick ONE only A great deal A fair amount Not very much	2					
Q5) Overall, how well informed do yo residents about the services and ber			te Horse	District Co	ouncil kee	ps
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	Very safe	Fairly safe	Neither safe nor unsafe	Fairly unsafe	Very unsafe	Don't know
How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area during the day?		2	3	4	5	6
How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area after dark?	1	2	3	4	5	6

Q7) To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together? Different backgrounds means people of different age, gender, ethnic and religious groups, people with disabilities, and people of a particular sexual orientation. By getting on well together, we mean treating each other with respect.

SHOWCARD G and Tick ONE only	
Definitely agree1	Definitely disagree
Tend to agree	Don't know
Neither agree nor disagree	Too few people in local area
Tend to disagree	All the same ethnic background

Q8) Thinking about this local area, how much of a problem do you think each of the following are.... are.... SHOWCARD H and Tick ONE only for a) to f)

	A very big problem		A fairly big problem		a very big problem	Not a problem at all	m	Don't know/ opinion	no
a) Noisy neighbours or loud parties		1	2	2	3		4		5
b) Rubbish or litter lying around		1	2	2	3		4		5
 c) Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles 		1	2	2	3		4		5
d) People using or dealing drugs		1	2	2	3		4		5
e) People being drunk or rowdy in public places		1	2	2	3		4		5
f) Groups hanging around the streets		1	2	2	3		4		5
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A great deal 1 A fair amount	Not very much	Don't know 5

Q12) Here is a list of statements about Vale of White Horse District Council, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement?

SHOWCARD K and Tick ONE only for a) to i). Rotate order you read out the statements

	Strongly agree	Ŷ	Tend to agree)	Neither agree no disagree		Tend to disagre		Strongly		No opinion /Don't know	
 a) Vale of White Horse District Council need to make more effort to find out what local people want 	s	1		2		3		4		5		6
b) The quality of Vale of White Horse Distric Council services is good overall		1		2		3		4		5		6
c) Vale of White Horse District Council treats all parts of Vale of White Horse District equally		1		2		3		4		5		6
 d) I don't mind what Vale of White Horse District Council does so long as it does its jo 	。 🗖	1		2		3		4		5		6
 e) Vale of White Horse District Council does good job for people like me 	a 🔲	1		2		3		4		5		6
f) Vale of White Horse District Council is too remote and impersonal		1		2		3		4		5		6
g) Vale of White Horse District Council is too bureaucratic		1		2		3		4		5		6
h) Vale of White Horse District Council need to be more open and honest	s 🔲	1		2		3		4		5		6
i) Vale of White Horse District Council treats everyone fairly		1		2		3		4		5		6
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Other

Q15) Do you agree or disagree that you can in Showcard M and Tick ONE only	fluence decisions affecting your local area?
Definitely agree	Tend to disagree
Tend to agree	Definitely disagree
Neither agree nor disagree	Don't know6

Q16) Why do you think you can / can't influence decisions affecting your area? Write in Verbatim

Section E: Services

Q17) How satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the quality of each of the following services in your local area?

	Showcard N and Tick C	ONE only for a)	to n). Rotat	e order you read	I out the statements
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					Neither satisfied			
	Very satisfied		Fairly satisfied		nor	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
a) Advice / support to businesses		1		2	3	4	5	6
b) Arts and cultural activities	Ō	1		2	3	4	5	6
c) Council car parks		1		2	3	4	5	6
d) Environmental protection (dealing with noise, bonfires, fly-tipping)		1		2	3	4	5	6
 e) Housing services (including housing advice, homelessness & housing applications) 		1		2	3	4	5	6
f) Keeping the area clean & litter free (i.e. street cleaning)		1		2	3	4	5	6
g) Licensing (private hire vehicles, public entertainment licenses, alcohol licences)		1		2	3	4	5	6
h) Sports & leisure facilities		1		2	3	4	5	6
i) Planning applications and enforcement		1		2	3	4	5	6
j) Providing benefits for people on low incomes (e.g. housing benefit or council tax benefit		1		2	3	4	5	6
 k) Providing grants to local communities/ groups 		1		2	3	4	5	6
I) Public toilets		1		2	3	4	5	6
m) Reducing crime, fear of crime & antisocial behaviour (i.e. community safety services)		1		2	3	4	5	6
n) Waste and recycling collection service		1		2	3	4	5	6

Q18) And which of these services provided in your local area are the <u>FIVE</u> most important in your view? Please rank up to FIVE, where 1 is the most important. Showcard O

1	2		3	4	5	
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Q19) Here are a number of different types of services that are provided in Vale of White Horse. Which service(s) have you or a member of your household used or benefited from? Tick ONE for each. <u>Rotate order you read out the statements</u>

	Have used	Have not used
Advice/support for businesses		2
Arts and cultural activities		2
Council car parks		2
Environmental protection (dealing with noise, bonfires, fly-tipping)		2
Housing services (including housing advice, homelessness & housing applications)		2
Keeping the area clean & litter free (i.e. street cleaning)		2
Licensing (private hire vehicles, public entertainment licenses, alcohol licences)	1	2
Planning applications and enforcement		2
Providing benefits for people on low incomes, for instance housing or council tax benefits		2
Providing grants to local communities/ groups		2
Public toilets		2
Reducing crime, fear of crime & antisocial behaviour (i.e. community safety services)	1	2
Sports & leisure facilities		2

Q20) Here is a list of things Vale of White Horse District Council currently do or provide in the district.

In the future, do you think Vale of White Horse should do more, do the same or less of these things or do you think they shouldn't provide these things at all?

Showcard P and Tick ONE for each a) to q)

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a) Activities for young people	Do more	same	Do less	all 4	Don't know			
 a) Activities for young people b) Arts and cultural facilities 		2	3		5			
c) Consult with residents		2	3	4	5			
d) Enforcement against litter, fly tipping, graffiti		2	3	4	5			
e) Get housing built	1	2	3	4	5			
f) Grants to the voluntary and community sector	1	2	3	4	5			
g) Keep streets and public spaces clean and attractive	1	2	3	4	5			
h) Keep residents informed about services, activities and spending		2	3	4	5			
i) Make the district attractive to visite	ors 1	2	3	4	5			
j) Make sure facilities exist on new housing developments	1	2	3	4	5			
k) Minimise the council's impact on climate change	1	2	3	4	5			
I) Protect the character of the area	1	2	3	4	5			
m) Provide public toilets	1	2	3	4	5			
n) Reduce the council's energy usa	ge 🚺 1	2	3	4	5			
o) Support local business and the creation of vibrant market towns		2	3	4	5			
p) Sport and recreation facilities for	all 1	2	3	4	5			
q) Tackle crime and fear of crime	1	2	3	4	5			
Section F: Waste and Recycling	Services							
Q21) Do you recycle? Using the councils kerbside recycling collection service At Oxfordshire County Council waste recycling centres Other								
Q22) If you don't recycle why is this?								
DON'T READ OUT. PROBE AND	DON'T READ OUT. PROBE AND SELECT ALL THAT APPLY							
I don't have a green bin	1	I don't kno	ow what I can	recycle	4			
I don't like wheelie bins	2	I'm not int	erested		5			
I don't have the time								

Q23) What would make you recycle more:						
DON'T READ OUT. PROBE AND SELECT ALL	THAT APPLY					
More information about what I can recycle1 More information about where my recycling goes2 Additional recycling bin3 Incentives such as funding for facilities or groups in my community4 Other	If the council refused to collect my bin because it had things in it that can't be recycled					
the extra recycling?	our recycling (green) bin, what do you do with					
DON'T READ OUT. PROBE AND SELECT ALL						
Put it in my general (black) bin Put it in a bag or box next to my green bin Take it to an Oxfordshire County Council househo Other, please specify Other	old recycling centre					
Q25) Would you like to have additional recycl Yes, I would like an additional recycling bin						
Q26) How often on average do you put the fo	llowing out for the kerbside collection:					
Weekly Recycling (green bin or bags) 1 Garden waste (brown bin) 1 General household waste (black bin) 1 Food waste 1	Less than I don't use monthly Fortnightly Monthly monthly it 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5 2 3 4 5					
Q27) ONLY ASK IF FOOD WASTE IS NOT PUT If you don't put out your food waste every we						
I don't make enough food waste to need to \square_1 I put my food waste in my black bin \square_2	I put my food waste in my green bin					
Q28) Do you use the council's garden waste s	service?					
Yes	No					
Q28a) If no, why not?						
DON'T READ OUT. PROBE AND SELECT ALL	THAT APPLY					
Too expensive	I don't have a garden / don't produce garden waste					

Section G: Sport				
Q29) How many days a wee activity (This may include s but should not include hous	port, exercise and bri	sk walking or cy	cling for recreation	on or travel,
Less than once a week		More than 3 times	s a week	🗖 3
2 - 3 times a week	2	Never		4
Q30) Have you heard of or taby the District Council?			ts and activities o	organised
	Heard of		Taken part in	
GO Active	H	1	님	2
Get Healthy		1	님	2
Active Women	님	1	H	2
Sportivate Any other community activities		1	님	2
jogging etc.	e.g.	1		2
Q31) What would make you Availability of local sports/leis facilities close to home Better personal safety Someone to exercise/do act Having more time Better access to transport to activities Improved personal motivation Lower prices for gym / leisure membership / for using leisur Personalised exercise advice sessions Other	sure 01 02 ivities with 03 04 travel to 05 06 e centre re centres 07 e and 08	Advice from a he Better information If I could exercise If I had help with responsibilities (e children) Organised walks Availability of spe activities for peop conditions	ealth care profession n about exercising e at home my caring e.g. a crèche for ecialised exercise /	
Section H: Contacting the C	ouncii			
Q32) How many times have enquiry or about a problem Tick ONE only Once	over the last year or s		Strict Council with	h an
Twice		2	Go to Q33	
Three times		3	Go to Q33	
Four or more times		4	Go to Q33	
None		5	Go to Q34	
Don't know		6	Go to Q34	

Q33) Now thinking about the LAST time you contacted the district council. ASK if Q32=1,2,3,4)

How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with each of the following?

Showcard Q and Tick ONE only for a) to g)

	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissa tisfied	Fairly dis satisfied	Very diss atisfied	Don't know
a) The time taken to respond to your query	1	2	3	4	5	6
 b) The time taken to resolve your query 	1	2	3	4	5	6
c) The advice or help you were given	1	2	3	4	5	6
d) The availability of staff you wanted to speak to	1	2	3	4	5	6
e) Staff understanding your issue	1	2	3	4	5	6
f) The greeting you received on your initial contact	1	2	3	4	5	6
g) Overall the way the council dealt with your issue	1	2	3	4	5	6

Section I: About You

Q34) How long have you lived in a)	this loc	al area a	nd b) Val	le of Whi	te Horse	District	?	
Tick ONE only for a) and b)								
	Up to 1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	More than 20 years	
a) How long have you lived in this local area?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
b) How long have you lived in Vale of White Horse District?	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Q35) Record Gender								
Male 1		F	emale	2				
Q36) And how old are you? Showc	ard R an	d Tick O	NE only					
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25-34 2 45-54 4 60-64 6								
Q37) Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? (Include problems related to old age)								
Yes, limited a lot		N	lo				. 🔲 3	
Yes, limited a little	2	F	lefused				. 4	

Q38) Looking at this list, how would you Tick ONE only	I describe your present work status? Showcard S and
Employed - part time	1 Retired
Employed - full time	
Self employed	
Unemployed	
Full time student	
	describes you? Showcard T and Tick ONE only
White: English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern	Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
White: Irish	Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	Asian or Asian British: Chinese
White Other	Asian or Asian British: Other
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	Black or Black British: Caribbean
Mixed: White and Black African	Black or Black British: African
Mixed: White and Asian	Black or Black British: Other
Mixed: Other	Other: Arab 17
Asian or Asian British: Indian	Other: Other ethnic group
Other, please specify	09
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Q40) And is your home? Showcard U a	nd Tick ONE only
Owned outright	1 Rented from private landlord
Owned with mortgage	2 Other
Rented from housing association	3 Don't know
Q41) Including yourself, how many peop	ble live in your household?
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Q41a) How many are adults aged 18 or o	over?
Q41b) How many are children (17 and u	nder)?
Section J: Further Consultation	
VALE OF WHITE HORSE DISTRICT COLL	NCIL is looking for residents who are interested in
	ther council services. They are occasionally asked to
complete short online or telephone surv	reys, for example. Would you be willing to be added to
the mailing list and provide your views t	o influence the work of the council?
IF NO: THANK AND CLOSE.	
	tress and we will send you a short online form/survey lved and the types of council topics you are
	IF THEY DO NOT HAVE EMAIL TAKE THEIR POSTAL
ADDRESS).	an a
THANK YOU.	
Email address:	

Postal address: (ONLY IF NO EMAIL)	
Thank you, that's	all the questions!

For quality control purposes the office is required to verify a small proportion of my work. Can I please take your full name, address and telephone number. These details are held in confidence and are not linked to your answers, neither are they passed on to any third party.

Full name of person completing this survey

ADDRESS
STARTING POSTCODE
TELEPHONE
INTERVIEWER NAME
Thank and close.

APPENDIX B – DATA TABLES

Gender	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
Male	48,085	49.1%	555	50.0%
Female	49,782	50.9%	554	50.0%
Total	97,867	100.0%	1,109	100.0%

Age	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
16 – 24	11,728	12.0%	122	11.0%
25 – 34	14,291	14.6%	183	16.5%
35 – 44	16,845	17.2%	209	18.9%
45 – 54	17,822	18.2%	190	17.2%
55 – 64	15,420	15.8%	160	14.5%
65+	21,761	22.2%	243	22.0%
Total	97,867	100.0%	1,107	100.0%

Ethnic group	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
White:English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern				
Irish/British	88,256	90.2%	1,010	91.2%
White: Irish	884	0.9%	7	0.6%
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller	85	0.1%	0	0.0%
White: Other White	4,316	4.4%	31	2.8%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and				
Black Caribbean	206	0.2%	3	0.3%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and				
Black African	76	0.1%	2	0.2%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: White and				
Asian	277	0.3%	1	0.1%
Mixed/multiple ethnic group: Other	004	0.00/		0.00/
Mixed	204	0.2%	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Indian	690	0.7%	6	0.5%
Asian/Asian British: Pakistani	256	0.3%	5	0.5%
Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi	154	0.2%	0	0.0%
Asian/Asian British: Chinese	569	0.6%	6	0.5%
Asian/Asian British: Other Asian	710	0.7%	6	0.5%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:				
African	596	0.6%	4	0.4%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:				
Caribbean	198	0.2%	13	1.2%
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British:		0.464		
Other Black	89	0.1%	2	0.2%
Other ethnic group: Arab	104	0.1%	3	0.3%
Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic	407			0 70/
group	197	0.2%	8	0.7%
Total	97,867	100.0%	1,107	100.0%

Employment Status	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
Employed – part time	12,547	14.3%	184	16.59%
Employed – full time	39,197	44.8%	459	41.39%
Self employed	9,441	10.8%	67	6.04%
Unemployed	2,190	2.5%	19	1.71%
Full time student	5,735	6.6%	36	3.25%
Retired	12,150	13.9%	245	22.09%
Looking after home or family	3,374	3.9%	64	5.77%
Long term sick or disabled	1,682	1.9%	31	2.80%
Other	1,161	1.3%	4	0.36%
Total	87,477	100.0%	1109	100.0%

Home ownership	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
Owned outright	17,704	36%	318	28.8%
Owned with mortgage	17,046	34%	377	34.2%
Rented from housing association	6,583	13%	208	18.9%
Rented from private landlord	6,733	14%	116	10.5%
Other	1,341	3%	84	7.6%
Total	49,407	100.0%	1,103	100.0%

Limiting disability / health	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
Yes, limited a lot	6,211	7%	84	7.6%
Yes, limited a little	9,577	10%	74	6.68%
No	79,739	83%	945	85.37%
Total	95,527	100.0%	1,103	100.0%

Area Classification	Census 2011	%	Survey 2015	%
Urban	30,940	61.6%	679	62.1%
Rural	19,299	38.4%	415	37.9%
Total	50,239	100.0%	1,094	100.0%

Q1) Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Vale of White Horse District Council runs things? Base size: 1,109

Satisfaction	%
Very satisfied	23.1%
Fairly satisfied	49.9%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	7.4%
Fairly dissatisfied	14.9%
Very dissatisfied	4.5%
Don't know	0.3%

Reason ⁷	Frequency	%
Poor roads/pavements	100	19.3%
Not enough car parking	70	13.5%
Poor street cleaning	56	10.8%
Traffic / congestion issues / too much speeding	48	9.2%
Nothing for young people to do	42	8.1%
Poor waste collection	24	4.6%
Poor street lights	21	4.0%
too much dog fouling	21	4.0%
Roadside vegetation problems	15	2.9%
Poor recycling collection	13	2.5%
Parking on footpaths / dangerous parking	10	1.9%
Does not control development in the area	9	1.7%
High levels of antisocial behaviour	9	1.7%
Other	9	1.7%
Council tax too high	7	1.3%
High crime rates/level of crime	7	1.3%
Council never gets things done quickly enough	6	1.2%
Doesn't remove dumped rubbish quickly enough	6	1.2%
Not enough housing in the area	6	1.2%
Council doesn't tell us what's happening	5	1.0%
Poor planning service	5	1.0%
Drugs at skatepark	5	1.0%
Council wastes money/inefficient	4	0.8%
Poor customer service	3	0.6%
Council doesn't listen to what we tell them	3	0.6%
Lack of investment in area	3	0.6%
Poor drainage	3	0.6%
Poor public transport	3	0.6%
Not enough affordable housing	2	0.4%
Poor river management	2	0.4%
Council doesn't consult us	1	0.2%
Poor sports and leisure facilities	1	0.2%

Q1b) Can I ask why [you are dissatisfied]? Base size: 212

Q2) To what extent do you agree or disagree that Vale of White Horse District Council provides value for money? Base size: 1,109

Agreement	%
Strongly agree	7.8%
Tend to agree	61.3%
Neither agree nor disagree	18.7%
Tend to disagree	9.6%

⁷ Where respondents gave more than one reason, each reason has been counted separately.

Strongly disagree	1.0%
Don't know	1.7%

Q3) On balance, which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel about Vale of White Horse District Council. Base size: 1,108

Statement	%
I speak positively of the council without being asked	5.8%
I speak positively of the council if I am asked about it	55.2%
I have no views one way or another	27.8%
I speak negatively about the council if I am asked about it	6.7%
I speak negatively about the council without being asked	1.1%
Don't know	3.4%

Q4) To what extent do you think Vale of White Horse District Council acts on the concerns of local residents? Base size: 1,109

Extent	%
A great deal	3.1%
A fair amount	55.6%
Not very much	15.1%
Not at all	3.3%
Don't know	22.8%

5) Overall, how well informed do you think Vale of White Horse District Council keeps residents about the services and benefits it provides? Base size: 1,109

Extent	%
Very well informed	6.9%
Fairly well informed	68.7%
Not very well informed	17.3%
Not well informed at all	3.5%
Don't know	3.5%

Q6) How safe or unsafe do you feel when outside in your local area a) during the day and b) after dark? Base size: 1,109

Feelings of safety	During the day	After dark
Very safe	71.7%	42.0%
Fairly safe	26.4%	37.3%
Neither safe nor unsafe	0.7%	8.2%
Fairly unsafe	0.8%	9.7%
Very unsafe	0.4%	2.0%
Don't know	0.0%	0.7%

Q7) To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together? Different backgrounds means people of different age, gender, ethnic and religious groups, people with disabilities, and people of a particular sexual orientation. By getting on well together, we mean treating each other with respect. Base size: 1,109

Agreement	%
Definitely agree	31.8%
Tend to agree	45.7%
Neither agree nor disagree	4.1%
Tend to disagree	1.2%
Definitely disagree	0.3%
Don't know	1.3%
Too few people in local area	5.9%
All the same ethnic background	9.7%

Q8) Thinking about this local area, how much of a problem do you think each of the following are.... Base size: 1,106 - 1,109

Problem	Very big	Fairly big	Not very big	Not a problem at all	Don't know / no opinion
Noisy neighbours or loud parties	0.5%	2.5%	7.8%	89.2%	0.0%
Rubbish or litter lying around	3.7%	7.0%	20.8%	68.4%	0.0%
Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or					
vehicles	1.2%	4.5%	12.6%	81.5%	0.2%
People using or dealing drugs	1.8%	3.2%	7.6%	85.0%	2.4%
People being drunk or rowdy in public places	0.9%	2.9%	12.8%	82.7%	0.7%
Groups hanging around the streets	2.7%	5.2%	13.6%	78.6%	0.0%

Q9) Have you been involved in any unpaid voluntary work (apart from expenses) during the past 12 months, either for a charity or other type of voluntary or community organisation? (e.g. sports clubs/activities, arts activities, school governor, faith group). Base size: 1,109

Involved in voluntary work	%
Yes	19.1%
No	80.9%

Q10) And which of these, if any, are the reasons why you don't give unpaid help to groups or organisations? Base size: 887

Reason ⁸	Frequency	%
I have work commitments	385	36.2%
I have to look after children/the home	179	16.8%
I have other things to do in my spare time	171	16.1%
I've never thought about it	131	12.3%
I'm too old	82	7.7%
I don't know any groups that need help	32	3.0%
Poor health	22	2.1%
I have to study	19	1.8%
I'm new to the area	16	1.5%
I have to look after someone who is elderly/ill	11	1.0%
I haven't heard about opportunities to give help	8	0.8%
Other	4	0.4%
I'm too young	3	0.3%
I donate money instead	2	0.2%

Q11) How much do you trust Vale of White Horse District Council? Base size: 1,108

	%
A great deal	15.3%
A fair amount	70.6%
Not very much	8.0%
Not at all	1.8%
Don't know	4.3%

Q12) Here is a list of statements about Vale of White Horse District Council, how strongly do you agree or disagree with each statement? Base size: 1,107 - 1,109

Statements	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion /Don't know
VWHDC needs to						
make more effort						
to find out what						
local people want	10.6%	35.1%	23.8%	21.4%	7.0%	2.1%
The quality of						
VWHDC services						
is good overall	7.2%	67.8%	17.6%	6.4%	0.7%	0.3%

⁸ Where respondents gave more than one reason, each reason has been counted separately.

VWHDC treats all						
parts of Vale of						
White Horse						
District equally	3.0%	50.3%	25.4%	10.3%	1.6%	9.4%
I don't mind what						
VWHDC does so						
long as it does its						
job	5.2%	42.2%	23.4%	26.9%	1.4%	0.8%
VWHDC does a						
good job for						
people like me	5.1%	59.0%	20.1%	12.9%	2.1%	0.7%
VWHDC is too						
remote and						
impersonal	2.6%	22.2%	29.0%	32.4%	5.4%	8.4%
VWHDC is too						
bureaucratic	6.6%	29.4%	21.7%	27.9%	5.3%	9.1%
VWHDC needs to						
be more open						
and honest	9.8%	31.9%	20.9%	28.3%	4.0%	5.0%
VWHDC treats						
everyone fairly	2.3%	68.5%	18.2%	6.6%	1.0%	3.3%

Q13) From which, if any, of these places do you obtain most of your information about Vale of White Horse District Council? Base size: 1,106

Q14) Looking at the list again, which source of information would you MOST like to receive information about Vale of White Horse District Council from? Base size: 1,108 – 1,109

Source	Obtain info from	Would MOST like to receive info from
Vale of White Horse District Council		
website	51.4%	41.2%
Village / Parish newsletter	47.2%	22.9%
Local / Free newspapers	34.0%	16.9%
Contact with Council staff	22.0%	4.8%
Friends and neighbours	17.9%	4.7%
Local radio	6.4%	1.0%
Other	6.3%	4.0%
Facebook	4.1%	2.7%
None	4.0%	0.6%
Contact with elected District		
Councillors	3.8%	0.6%
Don't know	2.3%	0.5%
Twitter	1.7%	0.2%

Q15) Do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area? Base size: 1,106

Agreement	%
Definitely agree	2.7%
Tend to agree	29.5%
Neither agree nor disagree	13.2%
Tend to disagree	25.8%
Definitely disagree	15.8%
Don't know	13.0%

Q16) Why do you think you can / can't influence decisions affecting your area? Base size: Base size: Agree – 356; Disagree - 460

Themes of comments from residents who agree they can influence decisions affecting their local area	Frequency	%
No comment / Don't know	126	35.4%
I think if we try then it is possible to influence decisions	48	13.5%
I have past experience of influencing decisions	40	11.2%
If I have an issue I know where I should go	35	9.8%
Personal opinion	31	8.7%
I can contact my councillor	16	4.5%
through meetings / consultations	15	4.2%
I can approach through parish council	13	3.7%
The council should / does listen to us	9	2.5%
Active neighbourhood / member of council forum / active		
or vocal person	5	1.4%
I know people in the council	5	1.4%
Other	4	1.1%
Power through voting	4	1.1%
Through the village website	3	0.8%
good communication	2	0.6%

Themes of comments from residents who disagree they can influence decisions affecting their local	_	
area	Frequency	%
I have past experience of not being able to influence		
decisions	81	17.6%
Personal opinion	60	13.0%
Too busy / not enough time	48	10.4%
Council makes the decisions	44	9.6%
The council doesn't listen to us	38	8.3%
I don't think I can / I'm not in a position to influence / it		
doesn't make a difference	30	6.5%
I don't know how to / don't know the right people	23	5.0%
A single person has little influence	22	4.8%
I can't influence because of poor health / disabled / too		
old / too young	22	4.8%
I am new to the area	18	3.9%

I don't go to meetings	13	2.8%
I keep myself to myself / not active or vocal person	12	2.6%
Not interested / never thought about it	12	2.6%
No comment / Don't know	10	2.2%
I am never asked for my opinion	8	1.7%
I have never tried	7	1.5%
Other	6	1.3%
Lack of communication	4	0.9%
Hard to speak to the right person / process is too difficult	2	0.4%

Q17) How satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the quality of each of the following services in your local area? Base size: 1,103 - 1,109

	Satis	sfied			atisfied	
Service	Very	Fairly	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly	Very	Don't know
Advice /	,					
support to						
businesses	3.0%	27.1%	23.8%	1.3%	0.5%	44.3%
Arts and						
cultural						
activities	2.7%	52.2%	19.5%	4.6%	0.8%	20.1%
Council car						
parks	4.7%	56.7%	19.0%	8.0%	0.8%	10.9%
Environmental						
protection	4.5%	60.2%	17.4%	7.2%	0.9%	9.8%
Housing						
services	2.7%	29.1%	22.9%	5.5%	1.5%	38.2%
Keeping the						
area clean &	0.00/	<u> </u>	4.4.40/	40.00/	0.00/	0.00(
litter free	8.9%	60.9%	14.1%	13.3%	2.2%	0.6%
Licensing	4.1%	46.7%	20.3%	1.2%	0.2%	27.6%
Sports &						
	0.00/	F0 70/	47.00/	0.70/	0.00/	0.00/
facilities	6.6%	56.7%	17.9%	9.7%	2.2%	6.9%
Planning						
applications and						
enforcement	1.9%	34.3%	26.2%	7.6%	4.2%	25.8%
Providing	1.370	34.370	20.270	1.070	4.270	25.070
benefits for						
people on low						
incomes	2.3%	27.5%	21.8%	3.1%	1.1%	44.1%
Providing	2.070	211070	2.1.070	01170		
grants to local						
communities/						
groups	1.8%	36.5%	21.7%	2.3%	0.7%	36.9%
Public toilets	0.6%	40.7%	24.6%	16.6%	5.0%	12.5%
Reducing						
crime, fear of	10.2%	67.7%	11.4%	6.4%	0.7%	3.6%

crime & antisocial behaviour						
Waste and						
recycling						
collection						
service	27.1%	59.9%	5.1%	5.2%	2.4%	0.2%

Q17) How satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the quality of each of the following services in your local area? SERVICE USERS ONLY Base size: 43 - 1,109

	Satis	sfied	Neither	Diss	atisfied	
Service	Very	Fairly	satisfied nor dissatisfied	Fairly	Very	Don't know
Advice/support for businesses	4.7%	62.8%	16.3%	7.0%	4.7%	4.7%
Arts and	4.7 /0	02.070	10.3 //	7.0%	4.7 70	4.7 /0
cultural activities	4.6%	63.7%	15.2%	6.9%	1.2%	8.3%
Council car parks	5.7%	63.3%	15.3%	9.4%	1.0%	5.4%
Environmental protection	7.1%	56.5%	19.3%	7.1%	1.3%	8.7%
Housing services	6.8%	50.3%	16.9%	13.3%	4.2%	8.4%
Keeping the area clean &						
litter free	9.1%	60.6%	13.5%	13.9%	2.3%	0.6%
Licensing	7.3%	61.6%	18.3%	2.4%	1.2%	9.1%
Sports & leisure facilities	9.0%	61.1%	12.8%	11.0%	2.8%	3.4%
Planning applications and	4.004		4= 00/			
enforcement	4.6%	47.5%	17.2%	15.5%	10.1%	5.0%
Providing benefits for people on low	0.5%	50.00/	40.00/	0.00/	4.00/	40.70/
incomes Providing grants to local	9.5%	53.0%	19.0%	6.0%	1.8%	10.7%
communities/ groups	4.2%	49.3%	27.1%	4.2%	0.7%	14.6%
Public toilets	0.9%	38.6%	23.0%	21.8%	7.3%	8.5%
Reducing crime, fear of crime & antisocial						
behaviour	7.3%	65.3%	14.2%	8.9%	0.5%	3.9%

Waste and recycling collection						
service	27.1%	59.9%	5.1%	5.2%	2.4%	0.2%

Q18) And which of these services provided in your local area are most important in your view? Please rank up to FIVE, where 1 is the most important. Base size: 1,109

		Importance rank counts				S	0
Service	Not ranked	1	2	3	4	5	Overall Rank
Advice / support to							
businesses	1,060	7	5	14	7	16	14
Arts and cultural activities	918	33	16	24	50	68	10
Council car parks	887	35	34	27	46	80	8
Environmental protection	455	232	107	93	122	100	4
Housing services	811	55	62	68	72	41	6
Keeping the area clean & litter free	245	182	219	196	161	106	1
Licensing	1,013	8	20	22	24	22	13
Planning applications and							
enforcement	874	27	43	49	54	62	7
Providing benefits for people on low incomes	912	15	27	57	54	44	9
Providing grants to local communities/ groups	983	11	22	27	32	34	11
Public toilets	980	8	19	24	24	54	12
Reducing crime, fear of crime & antisocial behaviour	318	171	192	162	139	127	3
Sports & leisure facilities	579	57	131	147	110	85	5
Waste and recycling collection service	300	231	178	171	135	94	2

Q19) Here are a number of different types of services that are provided in the Vale of White Horse. Which service(s) have you or a member of your household used or benefited from? Base size: 1,108 – 1,109

Service	Have used	Have not used
Advice/support for businesses	4.0%	96.0%
Arts and cultural activities	39.0%	61.0%
Council car parks	74.5%	25.5%
Environmental protection	34.3%	65.7%
Housing services	27.8%	72.2%
Keeping the area clean & litter free	69.5%	30.5%
Licensing	14.8%	85.2%
Planning applications and enforcement	21.6%	78.4%

Providing benefits for people on low incomes	15.1%	84.9%
Providing grants to local communities/ groups	13.0%	87.0%
Public toilets	51.0%	49.0%
Reducing crime, fear of crime & antisocial behaviour	39.5%	60.5%
Sports & leisure facilities	66.5%	33.5%

Q20) Here is a list of things Vale of White Horse District Council currently do or provide in the district. In the future, do you think Vale of White Horse should do more, do the same or less of these things or do you think they shouldn't provide these things at all? Base size: 1,107 - 1,109

Things VWHDC do or provide:	Do more	Do the same	Do less	Don't do at all	Don't know
Activities for young people	65.6%	32.8%	0.1%	0.0%	1.5%
Arts and cultural facilities	32.7%	64.0%	0.9%	0.0%	2.3%
Consult with residents	38.5%	59.8%	0.5%	0.1%	1.1%
Enforcement against litter, fly					
tipping, graffiti	47.2%	51.4%	0.7%	0.0%	0.6%
Get housing built	30.0%	53.4%	11.0%	2.6%	3.0%
Grants to the voluntary and					
community sector	27.8%	63.8%	0.7%	0.1%	7.6%
Keep streets and public spaces clean and attractive	53.7%	45.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%
Keep residents informed about services, activities and spending	53.3%	45.4%	0.9%	0.2%	0.3%
Make the district attractive to visitors	37.7%	59.3%	0.8%	0.0%	2.2%
Make sure facilities exist on new housing developments	42.1%	54.2%	0.7%	0.2%	2.8%
Minimise the council's impact on climate change	31.3%	59.4%	1.0%	0.5%	7.9%
Protect the character of the area	53.6%	44.1%	0.5%	0.0%	1.9%
Provide public toilets	43.6%	53.5%	1.2%	0.4%	1.4%
Reduce the council's energy usage	33.5%	58.1%	0.7%	0.0%	7.7%
Support local business and the creation of vibrant market towns	51.4%	46.0%	0.1%	0.0%	2.5%
Sport and recreation facilities for all	53.5%	46.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%
Tackle crime and fear of crime	48.1%	51.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%

Q21) Do you recycle? Base size: 1,108

Method of recycling	%
Using the councils kerbside recycling collection service	10.2%
At Oxfordshire County Council waste recycling centres	0.4%
A combination of both	89.1%
Other (use communal bin)	0.2%
I don't recycle	0.2%

Q22) If you don't recycle why is this?

Only two people said they don't recycle: one gave no reason; one said they don't know what they can recycle and aren't interested.

Q23) What would make you recycle more? Base size: 1,107

Response ⁹	Frequency	%
Nothing, I already recycle as much as I can	852	73.7%
Nothing would encourage me to recycle	74	6.4%
More information about what I can recycle	60	5.2%
Additional recycling bin	49	4.2%
If the council didn't close the HWRC	27	2.3%
More information about where my recycling goes	21	1.8%
More frequent collection	15	1.3%
Other	15	1.3%
Larger bin	14	1.2%
If the council refused to collect my bin because it		
had things in it that can't be recycled	9	0.8%
Free garden waste service / Free bulky item service	8	0.7%
Increase types of items accepted	8	0.7%
Free clear bags	3	0.3%
Incentives such as funding for facilities or groups in		
my community	1	0.1%

Q24) If you have too much recycling to fit in your recycling (green) bin, what do you do with the extra recycling? Base size: 1,073

Response ¹⁰	Frequency	%
Take it to an Oxfordshire County Council household		
recycling centre	671	54.9%
Put it in a bag or box next to my green bin	295	24.1%
Put it in my general (black) bin	137	11.2%
Save it until the next collection	56	4.6%
Never have too much	44	3.6%
Put it in neighbour's / relative's recycling bin	9	0.7%
Other	5	0.4%

⁹ Respondents were able to choose more than one option.

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Compact / Compress recycling	3	0.2%
Use recycling bin at work	3	0.2%

Q25) Would you like to have additional recycling provision? Base size: 1,102

	%
Yes, I would like an additional recycling bin	6.6%
Yes, I would like a larger recycling bin	23.6%
No	71.1%

Q26) How often on average do you put the following out for the kerbside collection... Base size: 1,099 - 1,102

	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly	Less than monthly	Don't use it
Recycling (green bin or					
bags)	0.3%	98.3%	0.9%	0.2%	0.4%
Garden waste (brown					
bin)	0.0%	40.2%	6.1%	2.4%	51.3%
General household waste					
(black bin)	0.4%	97.5%	1.1%	0.2%	0.8%
Food waste	82.7%	2.5%	1.4%	1.3%	12.2%

Q27) If you don't put out your food waste every week why is this? Base size: 128

Response	%
I don't make enough food waste to need to	53.9%
I don't have a food waste bin	20.3%
I put my food waste in my black bin	18.8%
I put my food waste in my green bin	7.8%

Q28) Do you use the council's garden waste service? Base size: 1,102

Use garden waste service	%
Yes	47.0%
No	53.0%

Q28a) If no, why not? Base size: 546

Why don't you use the garden waste service?	%
I take it to an Oxfordshire County Council household recycling	
centre	35.2%
Too expensive	27.1%
I don't have a garden / don't produce garden waste	24.9%
I compost my garden waste myself	22.5%

Q29) How many days a week are you active for 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity? Base size: 1,106

Number of times a week	%
Less than once a week	18.4%
2 - 3 times a week	24.6%
More than 3 times a week	26.4%
Never	30.6%

Q30) Have you heard of or taken part in any of the following sports and activities organised by the District Council? Base size: 1,109

Sports and activities organised by VWHDC	Heard of	Taken part in
GO Active	19.9%	3.0%
Get Healthy	7.2%	0.9%
Active Women	6.0%	1.0%
Sportivate	5.0%	0.6%
Any other community activities e.g. jogging etc.	10.6%	6.9%

Q31) What would make you more active, or help you to become more active? Base size: 999

Response ¹¹	Frequency	%
Having more time	401	29.7%
Lower prices for gym / leisure centre membership /		
for using leisure centres	272	20.1%
Availability of local sports/leisure facilities close to		
home	174	12.9%
Improved personal motivation	154	11.4%
Nothing - unspecified	55	4.1%
Better information about exercising	45	3.3%
Nothing - poor health / too old	34	2.5%
Exercise on Referral	34	2.5%
If I could exercise at home	27	2.0%
Nothing - already active	25	1.8%
Someone to exercise/do activities with	23	1.7%
Personalised exercise advice and sessions	20	1.5%
Organised walks	18	1.3%
If I had help with my caring responsibilities (e.g. a crèche for children)	13	1.0%
Better access to transport to travel to activities	12	0.9%
Advice from a health care professional	10	0.7%
Other	8	0.6%
New / local swimming pool	6	0.4%
Better personal safety	5	0.4%

¹¹ Where respondents gave more than one reason, each reason has been counted separately.

Availability of specialised exercise / activities		
for people with medical conditions	4	0.3%
Better weather	3	0.2%
Free exercise facilities / Not having to sign up for		
12 months.	3	0.2%
Better cycle paths	2	0.1%
Don't know	2	0.1%
Outdoor gym / exercise equipment in parks	2	0.1%

Q32) How many times have you contacted Vale of White Horse District Council with an enquiry or about a problem over the last year or so? Base size: 1,109

Number of times	%
Once	13.0%
Twice	8.6%
Three times	4.2%
Four or more times	4.3%
None	69.3%
Don't know	0.5%

Q33) Now thinking about the LAST time you contacted the district council. How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with each of the following? Base size: 333 - 334

	Satisfied		Neither	Dissatisfied		
Aspect of			satisfied nor			
contact	Very	Fairly	dissatisfied	Fairly	Very	Don't know
The time						
taken to						
respond to						
your query	27.8%	45.5%	6.9%	13.5%	4.8%	1.5%
The time						
taken to						
resolve your						
query	26.3%	42.2%	8.4%	15.0%	6.9%	1.2%
The advice or						
help you were						
given	28.8%	41.4%	11.4%	12.0%	4.8%	1.5%
The						
availability of						
staff you						
wanted to						
speak to	28.7%	44.0%	9.0%	11.4%	4.2%	2.7%
Staff						
understanding		10 -01	a =a/			
your issue	34.1%	43.7%	8.7%	6.9%	4.8%	1.8%
The greeting						
you received						
on your initial	a= =a(• <i>(•)</i>
contact	37.7%	45.8%	8.1%	4.5%	1.5%	2.4%

Overall the way the council dealt						
with your						
issue	28.7%	41.0%	10.5%	13.8%	4.8%	1.2%

Q34) How long have you lived in...? Base size: 1,106 - 1,107

	Up to 1 year	1-2 years	3-5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-20 years	More than 20 years
This local area	8.3%	11.4%	12.4%	12.8%	10.7%	8.9%	35.4%
Vale of White Horse							
District	5.3%	7.8%	9.0%	11.6%	9.4%	9.0%	47.9%