

Priorities Consultation Responses

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Master Reference No.	Respondent Type	Proposal	Comment	Officer Response Generic	Officer Response Specific
1	No Response	Council Priorities	Younger and Older people need priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
2	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree. It is obviously very difficult to prioritize them, given they are of course all important: and I know you wouldn't do so unless it was absolutely necessary. As a woman in my early sixties I have tried to choose what is most important for our community in general, rather than just think about my own personal needs and those of people most similar to myself.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
3	No Response	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes for health should not be a council priority other than the impact that other council priorities has on people's health - reducing poverty; improving the environment; improving equality and employment opportunities. Improving health outcomes should be a priority for the NHS. Reducing crime should be a priority for Police Scotland. Council services may assist with this as service delivery/provision should not make West Lothian less safe.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
4	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Investing in good quality openspaces and parks helps with targets relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing and quality of life in general. When school are able to visit and use open spaces on a regular basis studies have shown that there were significant improvements in learning in pupils of all ages and behaviour inside and out the classroom.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
5	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that improving health should be one for NHS. Council has enough to focus on	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
6	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree. As I am led to believe, West Lothian has a low crime rate which is why I scored it at the bottom of the priority list. If I thought I was higher I would rate it higher.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
7	No Response	Council Priorities	The DWP should be addressing the Employment Position in West Lothian. We already pay them to do that we don't need to do their work as well.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
8	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The aging population needs to be supported better so they can as independent as possible for as long as possible. Day centre support offering support, advice, warm meals, exercise, mental stimulation and socialisation are all aspects which support people to be happy healthy and independent	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
9	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel all services have equal importance but have been able to prioritise as I feel relevant	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
10	An individual	Council Priorities	Would not let me click on them all My view is get rid of all the supervisors chargehands etc as there is to many in all depts	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
11	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	To say that WL residents have set the council's priorities is disingenuous as these priorities were stated by the council and respondents weren't given any other options. This is literally a tick box exercise.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
12	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Do not believe that the council should be involved with reducing crime matter for police.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
13	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	We need to encourage the best staff to work for the Council and make it more appealing. Too often people are gaining skills with us and then taking them to the private sector. The pay does not stack up. Ultimately WLC's staff are what will help us achieve our goals.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
14	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to rank these areas of importance in an order of priority as they are all important. It would seem more sensible to identify and pursue the top priorities in each area so that there is a fair and balanced approach. One of the real problems is the continuing increase in the population in the Council territory as this increases the pressure on all the services, particularly those concerned with health, care and housing. More affordable housing for existing residents also seems preferable to new housing developments which simply attract more people into West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
15	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of the above priorities are equally important and shouldn't be ranked with headings of least / most important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
16	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to argue with the topics listed above, but there are many other areas of priority not listed here.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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17	No Response	Council Priorities	Reducing inequality and early years / young people support should be seen as factors influencing reducing crime and improving community safety. If necessary, council tax should be raised. Employment locations should be carefully considered for support based on analysis.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
18	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Employment is a huge issue to ensure more funds are regenerated through income streams such as rental income, council tax and income tax.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
19	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	There are too many people in the district and also nationally screwing the system for benefit payments and basically living off the government instead of being forced into the employment route ! Understandably they are doing this as their "income" is higher than a working person in lower paid or middle of the road wage structures. This needs addressed at government level asap.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
20	An individual	Council Priorities	Spend your money to get it right for the next generation and protect the environment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
21	No Response	Council Priorities	EARLY intervention and prevention is key to preventing (more costly) problems in later life. We need to invest in a range of preventative initiatives for children and their families, as early as possible, to give them the best possible start in life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
22	An individual	Council Priorities	I think that the fight against poverty and crime starts with education. Giving every child the chance to pull themselves out of the poverty spiral many families have fallen into will probably improve the overall well being of our county.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
23	No Response	Council Priorities	Very hard to rate the priorities, as I consider some are just as important as others!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
24	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that there should be no tampering of education for there has been enough cuts already and early years is the most important time to intervene.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
25	An individual	Council Priorities	Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality is the domain of national government and is not something which WLC should be concerning itself with.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
26	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think if we do not invest in our young people then this builds up further difficulties for them as individuals, for their families and for use of services in the future	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
27	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe the work done within youth clubs helps so many young people have positive attitudes towards the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
28	No Response	Council Priorities	Let the private sector worry about jobs	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
29	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel if the council look at employment, deprivation and promoting equality then a lot of problems would be solved such as community safety might improve. As people will feel a sense of worth and feel part of the community and then begin to take pride in their own community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
30	No Response	Council Priorities	Prevention is better for the community and more cost effective in the long run than trying to fix things once they have gone wrong.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
31	An individual	Council Priorities	Focus within West Lothian and the Scottish Government is quite rightly on the youth and elderly but I feel that when looking at overall picture that the health and the environment as always lower down in the funding and the first for cuts. On looking the proposals savings have already been identified for previous ring fenced services. I feel other services have had disproportionate cuts in the past and should not continue to be hit.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
32	No Response	Council Priorities	The future of West Lothian depends on future generations having the best possible start at the beginning of their education as well as the end hence employment should feature within the top 3 (alongside the 2 child orientated priorities). The other 5 priorities are ranked accordingly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
33	No Response	Council Priorities	Its a shame the pick list does not allow you to put more than tick under each number	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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34	No Response	Council Priorities	Start with teaching the youth that will in the future become parents, how to be positive role models, how to be good parents, break the cycle, if they have never been shown by their upbringing how to be a good parent, how their action's impact on their children for the rest of their children's lives, the cycle will continue. This could then hopefully lead to reducing Crime because the parents will know where their children are. Improving employment in west Lothian will help to minimise poverty	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
35	An individual	Council Priorities	I found it incredibly difficult to rank these, which suggests that they are all of some importance.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
36	An individual	Council Priorities	There should be no discrimination between age ie Q 1 & 3 against 4	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
37	An individual	Council Priorities	I place equal importance on health, education, employment, equality and community safety. Asking us to rate each one against and at the expense of the others is unfair and fundamentally flawed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
38	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree with the push to always protect our elderly and children but equally we should focus on deprivation reduction, as well as protecting the environment for the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
39	No Response	Council Priorities	I would agree that these still remain the correct priorities for West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
40	No Response	Council Priorities	Without the Natural environment that we live in people will forget about the global impacts they have on the environment and the planet which inevitably by cutting costs in the short term will add up to much more in the long term when everybody is worrying about global warming. Secondary schools do not provide enough support and options for those not going to university and especially in rolls that are not considered "Important" such as leisure facilities and outdoor spaces. Health on a whole can be influenced by both positive destinations at a young age but also the places that kids enjoy going to outside that would otherwise be left to ruin without management as well as the growing population of kids at a young age being brought up inside and in this protective bubble. Everything else is already managed at a satisfactory and sustainable level for the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
41	No Response	Council Priorities	Education, Health & Social Care should be main priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
42	An individual	Council Priorities	We also need more quality council/authority housing	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
43	An individual	Council Priorities	There are clearly tasks/challenges not part of Council's remit. E.g. "employment position" - you won't be able to directly influence it, only by indirectly creating the right environment for businesses to expand/grow. Re: "positive outcomes for early years" - that's a bit populist slogan, things need to be seen the strategic lens: it may not be always early positive outcome in order to arrive to the strategic positive. Re: minimizing poverty, promoting equality. It depends how you are planning to do it. If you plan to tax more people who work hard and earn more to give to those who do not bother work/study/evolve, then is it an equality?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
44	An individual	Council Priorities	Education to be at the core of spending.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
45	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that provide an improved level of care to those with disabilities should be listed in the priority section. People with disabilities need more help and support yet are often forgotten about within the community. Schools whilst are important are often given priority, and have Very rarely felt the pinch of cuts within the government.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
46	An individual	Council Priorities	In general I agree. Regarding crime reduction, though, shouldn't that be more a Police service? Although, however it's delivered, it's important. I think children have to come first - from cradle right through the education process and into their first employment experience.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
47	An individual	Council Priorities	I know there are plenty bottle bank at places around West lothian but could you's not provide a small plastic tub so People are more inclined to recycle there bottles and rise money that way. And donate clothes container in each community with money raised going right back into food banks or help the people that struggle. Have donation boxes at shops down the centre to raise money to get out back into community like kids play parks or fund raising days similar to what dogs trust do at the college and again use the money to spend cleaning street, improving parks	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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48	No Response	Council Priorities	Yes I think these are the priorities that matter. However, the weighting given to each needs to be addressed to ensure that no groups are marginalised.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
49	No Response	Council Priorities	There is no mention of how we will provide and look after those with additional needs such as disabilities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
50	An individual	Council Priorities	According to your own figures 23% of children in WL living in poverty so not much progress in that. How can Â£73m of cuts hope to improve this?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
51	No Response	Council Priorities	This is a very difficult list to prioritise. My village of Newton has no pathways linking it to the surrounding settlements and the use of the land nearby isn't, as far as I know, benefiting the village. I use the community centre on a weekly basis (toddlers group) and have been to a few functions there too (I intend on holding a birthday party there in a few weeks). I particularly find the community centre an integral hub, as well as the pub, for the community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
52	No Response	Council Priorities	I also feel the positive outcome on health is more of a challenge for the NHS which I presume is a separately funded. Children and the elderly are dependant on our care and should always be a top priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
53	An individual	Council Priorities	although hard to pick by importance ,, it is vital to provide all these services with the proper funding from government	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
54	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree although I do think there could be some cross over on the employment, health outcomes and children focused ones. My only other comment is that some of the statements are quite rightly aspirational but perhaps need more than just the short descriptor. Positive outcomes for health is a great ambition, but what does that actually mean? People living longer, stopping smoking, reducing obesity, etc etc. Just seems a bit vague.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
55	No Response	Council Priorities	More money should be spent improving the homelessness situation in West Lothian as far too much money is being spent putting homeless people into Hotels. People need to be supported better once they receive Temporary/Permanent accommodation. People should not be given houses if they refuse to engage with support while in homeless units.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
56	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree with the priorities but its a question of what you can afford to pay for them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
57	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel it is hard to know which outcomes are at of a high priority than the others. They all contribute to the population of West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
58	No Response	Council Priorities	I am led to believe that West Lothian generally has a low crime rate and is considered quite safe, that is why I have marked it at the bottom of the priority list. If the opposite was true, I would have scored it differently.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
59	An individual	Council Priorities	Employment and ensuring school kids have a destination or at least something to do once they leave school would help add to the council tax payers in this county.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
60	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	these should still be the priorities for the council	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
61	No Response	Council Priorities	My choice is based on my age, I don't have children or grand children. I think that the provisions West Lothian council have in place for the aging community are commendable .. Colinsiel in Armadale and the new provision at Rosemount in Bathgate are the way forward for care for the elderly. Older people do not always have families around them and need company. These facilities help them to still be able to look after themselves, enjoy company of others and keep their minds active but have the comfort of having help on hand... loneliness can have a huge impact on an older person.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
62	No Response	Council Priorities	At what cost, and all priorities cannot be equal, cant get recognised on each outcome	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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63	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe getting the right education for our children in the right environment is the right thing for West Lothian's future. If we cut down on crime and create jobs this will create the right structure for our future and prevent us just using a sticking plaster to reduce the overspend and in 10-15 years we face the same problems. Unfortunately someone is going to have to lose out in this process and for me it is older people and our environment for now. I believe that families should take more responsibility for the quality of life their older family should have. Everyone has a responsibility to look after natural environment and this could be created by support from volunteers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
64	No Response	Council Priorities	Yes, however I feel that the protection of elderly people is extremely important due their vulnerability, illnesses and challenges they face.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
65	No Response	Council Priorities	These are all almost equally important to various parts of the community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
66	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Employability support is very important, especially in recent years due to a lot of large companies in West Lothian closing down and relocating. Residents require help and support to find employment and receive advice around this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
67	An individual	Council Priorities	If the council does believe that these are the right 8 priorities why am I being forced to rate them in a descending scale? I believe that several if not all of these priorities are of equally high priority rating and very much object at being forced to rate them in a way that makes it seem as if one is more important than the other.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
68	An individual	Council Priorities	The priorities are common across all local authorities and in general represent best intention and simply cover everything a council does. There particular wording for individual councils is of no consequence. The issue is what proportion of the total budget goes to each one and how readily these priorities actually relate directly to individual services and partitioned budgets.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
69	No Response	Council Priorities	These are all extremely important and really rather difficult to separate as close in priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
70	No Response	Council Priorities	The eight priorities are intrinsically linked and their relevant successes interdependent. The hierarchy of needs provides an interesting lens through which to focus priorities, and based on this, creating a quality, safe environment in which the most basic needs are met allows more ambitious and luxurious goals to be met. No doubt, across the council area, environmental quality, affluence and attainment vary and as such so will priorities for improvement. Where the council has shortfalls then greater emphasis should be placed on delivery by appropriate state bodies and partner organisations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
71	An individual	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes in health is a highly strained must have!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
72	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Reducing crime and improving community safety will be a by-product of the other priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
73	An individual	Council Priorities	Consider these priorities to be the right priorities for west Lothian. Whilst these strategic objectives are necessary, WLC need to maintain a focus on the "smaller" every day events and activities which affect wellbeing of residents. Environmental noise, good transport links and greater analysis of data collected to ensure that tax collected is properly directed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
74	An individual	Council Priorities	I found this impossible to complete for who I am to say that looking after old people is more or less important than early intervention and positive outcome for early years. They are both as equally important as each other it is nonsensical to ask to rate them 1-10. Are some of these not Scottish Government initiatives in any event i.e. delivering positive outcomes on health?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
75	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The eight priorities are still valid however, since they were created, the importance of the 'protecting the built and natural environment' has grown in importance to more people, e.g. air pollution, water pollution etc.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
76	An individual	Council Priorities	All these priorities are equally important in their own way. Therefore it is difficult to prioritise them. For me, new supply of affordable housing is something that I feel to be a priority - yet I don't see that as an option above?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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77	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	We have to invest now in our futures as the past 10 years have been shambolic due to an SNP administration that froze council tax to buy their way into power. They should have concentrated on the day job. We have gone from being UK Council of the year in 2006 to this. Cut backs. We need investment in encouraging businesses to have confidence in West Lothian. We need people in good jobs that in turn will spend money locally. We need the education back to where it once was. We need crime free streets, better health for young and old. We need to move with the times and get the fundamentals right. Our towns and villages are suffering as well. The infrastructure needs looked at. Once we were proud to walk around. The cut backs to roads and NETS is unnecessary. If it means increasing the council tax then so be it. Lack of investment now means we will all suffer later in life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
78	No Response	Council Priorities	Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children should lead to better job prospects for them which should lead to a quality of life, better health and reduce crime in the area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
79	An individual	Council Priorities	We have to invest now in our futures as the past 10 years have been shambolic due to an SNP administration that froze council tax to buy their way into power. They should have concentrated on the day job. We have gone from being UK Council of the year in 2006 to this. Cut backs. We need investment in encouraging businesses to have confidence in West Lothian. We need people in good jobs that in turn will spend money locally. We need the education back to where it once was. We need crime free streets, better health for young and old. We need to move with the times and get the fundamentals right. Our towns and villages are suffering as well. The infrastructure needs looked at. Once we were proud to walk around. The cut backs to roads and NETS is unnecessary. If it means increasing the council tax then so be it. Lack of investment now means we will all suffer later in life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
80	An individual	Council Priorities	Virtually impossible to choose between these in such a brutal manner for the simple reason that several of them have equal prominence in most people's thinking. How do you choose between positive outcomes for the young and positive outcomes in health? In many regards, they are intertwined.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
81	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving employment will result in all the other priorities to be improved ie more employment more council tax revenues from employers and employees.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
82	No Response	Council Priorities	If you have a healthy population this impacts on everything	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
83	An individual	Council Priorities	by tackling my top four we naturally improve the remaining 4.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
84	An individual	Council Priorities	Education and class sizes should be a main priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
85	No Response	Council Priorities	Due to current economic climate I believe that improving the employment position in West Lothian must be key, people are really struggling to make ends meet, especially those in lower paid jobs that don't qualify for housing or council tax benefit, they're really being penalised, and having to resort to food-banks. People on benefits are not experiencing the same problems now as those in work. All of the above priorities are key and it is very difficult to put the rest in order of importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
86	An individual	Council Priorities	Very hard to place these into any sort of order. All very important. As an aging population, feel that we require some more work in respect of elderly but also feel not to the detriment of the rest of the population. For many years now elderly and kids seem to have been protected and this is now showing in other areas within the community. Parks are looking tired. Grass verges a mess, roads deteriorating. West Lothian is a lovely place to live, please try your best to keep it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
87	An individual	Council Priorities	There is no mention of disability, the most neglected group of people and their carers who are the first to be affected by cut backs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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88	No Response	Council Priorities	I work in social care for the elderly I think it is a disgrace that any cuts across this sector would be changed in anyway as these people has worked all their lives to have support in every way until they are no longer with us. They require any support no matter what it has to be? They are all role model's no matter what kind of people they are or any kind of race they are from everyone should be treated the same they should be able to be looked after with total respect and dignity until they are no longer with us after all this could be anybodys mum or dad? Why take council shortages out on the people who TOTALLY DESERVES TO BE LOOKED AFTER IN THE R OLD AGE?. I'M TOTALLY DISGUSTED WITH ANYONE WHO TH NK S ANY DIFFERENT. I LOVE CARING FOR PEOPLE WHERE IS THE HUMANITY N THIS. I AS A CARER DOES A BR LLIANT JOB GIVE 100% AS DO MY COLLEAGUES. WE G8VE PALLIATIVE CARE AND TOTAL RESPECT TO OUR ELDERS JUST WHAT THEY DESERVE YOU COULD BE N THAT POSITION OR ANY FAMILY MEMBER AT ONE STAGE IN YOUR L FE WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE WHO THINK D FFERENTLY?.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
89	No Response	Council Priorities	It is important that our heritage does not suffer because of political blips and short term funding crises. We do not want to see historic buildings closed forever because of a shorter term financ issue...Annett House in Linlithgow is a key example. Protect our public buildings	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
90	An individual	Council Priorities	I'm wondering how still too many people are sitting in council buildings making policies that mean nothing to people - start doing and stop talking...	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
91	No Response	Council Priorities	I think that tackling Homelessness in West Lothian should be a major concern. I believe West Lothian Council are spending far too much money putting people up in hotels. And when people are homeless, they are given very little Tenancy Support, and end up back in the same cycle, further costing the council money, and the cycle starts over again.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
92	No Response	Council Priorities	Need to add more important priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
93	An individual	Council Priorities	Economic prosperity foundation needed to support other key priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
94	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	investment in education and low income as well as ensuring we deliver quality services for our elderly should be high priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
95	No Response	Council Priorities	hard to prioritize but I feel your probably right	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
96	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Some of these priorities are in my opinion either quite similar or not clear enough. For example, Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years and Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children should be one priority area called "education" or something like that. Protecting the built and natural environment is very unclear what it means. All the other are more familiar to residents as everybody knows about employment, crime etc. I suggest this priority should be renamed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
97	No Response	Council Priorities	Only if delivered equally to everyone irrespective of where you live	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
98	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	They are all important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
99	No Response	Council Priorities	The key to budgeting is reaching families in need as early as possible, key part to this is early intervention in the early years. Unfortunately there are more vulnerable families in crisis due to lack of employment and stresses this brings, affordable childcare available supports etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
100	No Response	Council Priorities	It's critical to improve education outcomes and employment options in the West Lothian area. We need to have a high attainment workforce that attracts employers to the area. That in turn brings better more skilled jobs and higher pay to the area. This will then help individuals keep the local economy stronger.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
101	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is a very difficult choice to rate the above priorities as they all are very important to our community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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102	An individual	Council Priorities	Need to get more people back in to work and reduce need for emergency welfare grants , need to chase debts more on council tax and rents , need to check on how many council houses being re rented to third parties and look ant ways to make money from the recycling areas selling scrap metal etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
103	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is incredibly difficult to prioritise what is MOST important from the above but I feel that all the above can be maintained or improved if budgets are managed effectively and funds not wasted, by spending a budget because you have it, on areas of you are responsible for just so your budget is not reduced in the coming years. This is where I feel the council becomes disjointed and funds are spent in areas that leave us open for criticism by the community we serve. The most recent example being that of rebranding! To say, "The West Lothian Council visual identity makes a vitally important contribution to building our reputation and image", in my opinion is justifying a massive spend in order to justify jobs in that area. I'm not sure the public will agree, especially when we are announcing massive savings that need to be made. Going forward, I feel we should scrutinise such spending meticulously. Do we really need such a minor change to our branding, costing hours of staff time to amend millions of documents and signage on vehicles etc. etc. etc.? Extremely disappointing in times where drastic savings must be made.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
104	No Response	Council Priorities	My priority would be to protect the environment, give us our parks and green spaces to enjoy.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
105	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	by improving health, education and improving job opportunities we can reduce crime, poverty etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
106	An individual	Council Priorities	To improve the employment we must have a quality of travel e g roads and paths.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
107	No Response	Council Priorities	crime should be sole priority of police scotland but all of above council priorities should still budget for money that you have to spend, like all citizens and business have to	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
108	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is very hard to rate the above, as I agree with all the priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
109	An individual	Council Priorities	There is more than one I would see as a first priority but the system does not allow for this to be logged	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
110	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree that these priorities are all important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
111	An individual	Council Priorities	WLC need to start encouraging individuals to take more responsibility for their outcomes. We throw money at services and people will tokenistic engage in free services. If individuals had to contribute towards cost of service it would reduce costs to WLC and enable individuals to take responsibility. Older people claim attendance allowance and should use some of this to contribute towards care.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
112	No Response	Council Priorities	Poverty causes poor outcomes in health and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
113	An individual	Council Priorities	I found this difficult as all the above are important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
114	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree that the priorities are still relevant	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
115	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All priorities can be directly affected by each other. Without jobs, people will become unhealthy both physically and mentally. This will encourage rises in crime and less focus on developing early years and discouraging positive destinations for young people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
116	An individual	Council Priorities	young people of today will inherit this community, structures should be put in place so they can adapt to this uncertain future now not when they have left school and opportunities are gone	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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117	No Response	Council Priorities	These are all equally important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
118	An individual	Council Priorities	It is nigh on impossible to prioritise one of these over another and frustrating that it is not possible to give some equivalent ratings. Obviously each of these requires some funding. The detail of what that funding is proposed to be spent on in these categories may alter people's priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
119	An individual	Council Priorities	Local government services should not be a replacement for personal responsibility or parenting but the role of our schools in educating our young people is critical - that is what we are paying teachers for. Health and Policing are not the responsibility of the local authority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
120	No Response	Council Priorities	It is impossible to choose between these and frustrating that it was not possible to give some things equivalent ratings. It is of course essential that all of these receive funding and within each of them it depends what the funding is proposed to be spent on - that might change my priorities alot	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
121	An individual	Council Priorities	Where is the focus on "Improving the quality of life of people with Disabilities"??	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
122	No Response	Council Priorities	Improving attainment and positive destinations will directly affect the employment position in West Lothian, with more school leavers achieving work, or further education posts then more money will eventually go back into the economy in the long run.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
123	An individual	Council Priorities	What about youth work? Lots of kids attend youth work provision over the county and this is a very valuable asset. Why no mention of this in the proposals. My children attended youth work clubs for many years and they benefited greatly from their experiences. I work in youth work and a high school and can see the benefits of youth work. In Armadale alone on Friday night we can have between 40 and 50 kids at the youth club. This is kids who would have no better alternatives if we were closed. The other alternative is to join others in the community who are visiting local, well known areas where safety is an issue, ie the moss area where a lot of underage drinking occurs amongst other things.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
124	No Response	Council Priorities	As a West Lothian Council Employee I believe that Community Learning and Development Youth services should have been valued greater in section 1 (e). To quote MCMC having a greater impact than the rest of the service is untrue. Most of CLD practitioners work is on-going and doesn't reach a destination but is on-going development. In fact children's clubs and youth clubs are extremely important in communities and give young people an identity and when growing and developing contributes to that community so a sound investment to grow local activists to join committees to aid West Lothian council to gain money back and tax relief through CECs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
125	An individual	Council Priorities	Your form does not work therefore I have noted my views below: Delivery positive outcomes and early intervention for early years - 1 Improving the employment position in West Lothian - 3 Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children - 3 Improving the quality of life for older people - 1 Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality - 3 Reducing crime and improving community safety - 2 Delivery positive outcomes on health - 4 Protecting the built and natural environment - 4	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
126	No Response	Council Priorities	There is no priority relating to homeless people and other vulnerable groups which the council has a statutory duty to support. A corporate approach is required to support vulnerable people to ensure positive outcomes and avoid more costly service provision and interventions at a later stage or at crisis.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
127	An individual	Council Priorities	More higher paid jobs will result in breaking the poverty cycle and creating an inclusive community where everyone feels empowered.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
128	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Improve jobs prospects, health, education and reduce crime and we need to get rid of poverty once and for all. The way I see this happening is to invest now! Invest in the local economy, one pound of investment can bring 5 back into the local economy. Let's attract good jobs for our citizens and get them off benefits and out of low paid jobs. Let's make this a place to be proud to live in. We know that there are tough times ahead and cuts have to be made but services have been cut to the bone. The only way to get round is to ensure a healthy economy by people supported into work, spending back.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
129	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above are important and need to be addressed fully. Whilst I have marked Protecting the Built and Natural Environment as least important this does not mean I think the council have to neglect this going forward.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
130	No Response	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people is a must, if we don't look after the old now then what are we saying about the way we want to be treated in older life?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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131	No Response	Council Priorities	More Police Officers on the streets of West Lothian,	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
132	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of the above are important it is difficult to prioritise them. Noted health as least important as surely the NHS should be dealing with this more than the council	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
133	No Response	Council Priorities	1 waste of time get the lazy parents to do more(2) yes to improving employment but not at the cost of putting up the council tax(3) the teachers get payed more than enough to be doing a better job try cutting the school holidays there off far to many over the year and how does this prepare young people for work when most jobs give you five weeks not over four months(4) older people the ability to get help from charity organisations and other groups for day to day help stop wasting money or get then to pay for it(5)your having a joke most people on benefits are far better off than the people who have to work for a living(6) again your having laugh try getting help from the council about antisocial behaviour is a waste of time you just get fobbed off with a lane excuse(7)a healthy lifestyle is a personal choice and wasting public money on it should stop(8) the council is only intrested in building more homes to fill then with people on benefits so the taxpayer has to foot the bill	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
134	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I believe that the eight priorities are still the right ones to focus on going forward	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
135	No Response	Council Priorities	Very difficult to prioritise. No one should be living in poverty, so that's my number 1. Giving pre school children a positive start is vital for the next generation, as if we don't get that right, any subsequent investment is less effective. We also need to take care of our elderly and keep our villages and town safe.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
136	No Response	Council Priorities	Some of these have equal value, in my opinion, but there is no option to give the this on the scale.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
137	An individual	Council Priorities	The police budget should be used for policing and not council money. As a pensioner I would like some information on health and well-being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
138	An individual	Council Priorities	Falling standards and lack of resources within schools requires more urgent addressing than some perceived environmental issues	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
139	No Response	Council Priorities	low income working families in private lets need more affordable housing	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
140	An individual	Council Priorities	Education must be the top priority to benefit the children of West Lothian. With a rising immigrant population the teaching of English is very important for all immigrants, adults and children alike, in order that they might integrate into West Lothian society. If the adults have a proper grasp of the English language, it will improve their chances of gaining employment thus helping in the reduction of unemployment in the county. I know that there are services available to aid the immigrants and I would hope that these services would be maintained to accomplish the aims of West Lothian Council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
141	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I am very surprised that no where in the priorities of the council are people with disabilities mentioned, those with learning difficulties and who need support with everyday living.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
142	An individual	Council Priorities	As usual the councils priorities will only benefit the people who do not work and claim benefits it certainly does not benefit the hardworking but not very well paid people. Yet again you are talking about helping people into employment but a vast majority of people do not want to work and are quite happy claiming the benefits they get. Why do you not make them work for their benefit money as they would in any kind of employment they could be cutting grass doing an orderly persons garden this would save money as I know that people can claim to have this done. This would also give an elderly person who may be lonely bit of contact. This will also help the person on benefits feel better about themselves and get out in the fresh air will also help the NHS. Surely there should also be a charge for this service even if the claimant is on benefits or disabled. This would also help your crime levels. I also think there is too much money spent on the environment which could be better spent elsewhere. The NHS has been lacking in money for years and all your other points should not even be considered until this is sorted. This needs better management and all the NHS workers a better pay for their hard work.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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143	An individual	Council Priorities	I firmly believe educational services should be protected. The Scottish Government had invested heavily in early years education and Childcare and this needs to be continued throughout a child's school life. However, I do feel children who are not in receipt of free school meals and attend breakfast clubs within primary schools, could be asked to make a donation towards the cost. Free lunches for p1-p3 are good in theory, it in practice how much could be saved by withdrawing the initiative?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
144	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education both primary and secondary must be priority! More support for teachers and more onus on parents to take responsibility for their children's behaviour and attitude to School and staff.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
145	No Response	Council Priorities	The closure or further reductions in facilities for the disabled will have a huge effect in the physical & mental welfare of the people who need these facilities and their families. I will also cut jobs within this sector. If the council took the time to monitor fly tipping, littering & people who fail to lift their dogs poo. And fined the offenders then the local areas would be cleaner & funds would be collected to create jobs for park keepers or bin men to walk around local areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
146	No Response	Council Priorities	The council has little power to influence a lot of these matters, given that funding for education and social care is ring fenced. A lot of council services cannot be pigeon holed into these categories.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
147	An individual	Council Priorities	Scottish govt already pouring money into attainment funding, need to make sure positive destinations stay positive. eg council taking on apprentices then telling them there are no jobs	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
148	An individual	Council Priorities	A good start forms the basis for building a positive life afterwards.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
149	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Need to protect older people as they are on fixed incomes and have more health problems	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
150	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that all eight priorities are extremely important and find it impossible to rate any as most or least important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
151	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	As a West Lothian Council employee I believe that CLD youth services should be valued. In section 1 e emphasis is on MCMC work and achievement as the process here is a beginning middle end and exit however CLD practice is on going and not a destination. I believe Youth clubs and children's clubs in west Lothian give real value for money and makes communities connect. For example services running in a community centre can signpost as they have knowledge of other services council has to offer. In terms of CLD lunch club Summer and October activity programmes these have had a huge impact in the Armadale area seeing 37 young people turn out each day running 5 weeks at summer and in October one week provision. This should not be cut as it provides in the community centre a hub in which children young people and parents can congregate and access lunch club, early years work, access to computers to do cvs and go to work club whilst children are catered for it joins up its not a destination its a process. Satisfaction surveys show the value. Youth Work saves lives I firmly believe this. Closing these services will disadvantage communities coming together. I am angry that CLD Youth services section 1 e did not use the terms youth clubs and children's clubs as the public when reading this paper will not be aware these provisions are under this section. CLD Youth services is a valuable service - we should not ignore this fact or leave it off this consultation paper. It would be helpful if the public know how the cuts will happen i.e. how many jobs will go how many clubs will shut. talk in direct terms please.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
152	An individual	Council Priorities	Taking care of, looking out for and providing constructive outlets for our most vulnerable people (children, elderly, special needs) should be the highest priority of any community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
153	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree. However we must prioritise. We can't do everything in this financial climate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
154	No Response	Council Priorities	It's very difficult to rate the priorities as they are all very important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
155	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above and why define early intervention as early years. Early intervention comes in many forms	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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156	No Response	Council Priorities	These are very emotive statements. Of course they are all very important. I have voted this was as I feel now. If I had young children it would, of course, be different	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
157	An individual	Council Priorities	Please describe these in language we all understand - "positive destinations"	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
158	No Response	Council Priorities	Struggling to understand what is meant by most of the statements above. What is wrong with correctly constructed sentences? Is this symptomatic of the lack of focus on basics and efficient, effective delivery of any initiative?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
159	An individual	Council Priorities	No mention of road repairs, the state of the roads would shame a third world country.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
160	No Response	Council Priorities	New housing is being built in Broxburn where are the amenities to go with this I don't think we need more take always how about a mayor supermarket in the town as to be honest we are nearly a suburb of Edinburgh	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
161	No Response	Council Priorities	A proper use of the financial budget is a priority. To this end why can our M.P.s and those at a higher level of pay make up the short fall needed to meet the monies that required. All areas mentioned about are equally important in its own right and all need support.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
162	An individual	Council Priorities	Hard decisions	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
163	No Response	Council Priorities	If I could, these would all be marked a 1!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
164	No Response	Council Priorities	More things need to be done to get young people in jobs and course so they are not hanging around the street, in turn this would lower the crime rate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
165	An individual	Council Priorities	Early childcare provision?! My daughter turns three in January but discriminated with no nursery place straight away like three year olds three weeks before her but you give two year old places I might as well reduce my hours at work to get her a place at 2!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
166	No Response	Council Priorities	The elderly have earned their position as the number one priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
167	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I disagree with prioritising one necessity over another. Those that shout the loudest will be heard and that won't necessarily be the right choice. All these things need doing but the budget should be set by working out where you can achieve the most and setting budgets accordingly rather than asking whether people care most about the elderly or the young.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
168	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe there needs to be more help and support for young children, those with additional support needs and the elderly. At the moment there is not the funding required to support children with additional support needs in mainstream school.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
169	No Response	Council Priorities	All are equally important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
170	No Response	Council Priorities	Although I had to rate these priorities, the above are all interconnected in my view. Improving the employment position in WL is linked directly to improving positive destinations for school kids which will minimise poverty which in turn would most likely help with outcomes on health, similarly although not an absolute priority when compared to health, early years improving life for older people, the Built and natural environment plays a significant part in achieving the above. Outdoor areas, parks, schools, health care facilities will impact on peoples well being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
171	No Response	Council Priorities	I think its important that we support the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our society from all aspects from health mental and physical to social inclusion. Our community should come 1st and so should the people in it. Education also plays a crucial role and these are all important services which should not be cut. Education Police Health are all priorities if we focus on this it should help in all other areas that branch from this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
172	No Response	Council Priorities	Very difficult to prioritise. Felt health is first priority as without health you have nothing. Then children because if children are not brought up feeling safe secure and loved then we will have troubled future generations. Then older people because people are living longer and this should be a happy time of life not one filled with isolation and neglect.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
173	An individual	Council Priorities	As long as this is shared in all communities and not just larger towns as it usually is!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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174	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe all of these priorities are very important, however, found it very difficult to prioritise one over another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
175	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	More focus on educating teenagers on life skills - ie digital transformation (online banking, forms), social skills (interviews, know your rights).	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
176	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	These priorities take into account people at all stages of life and are aligned in that they will all positively impact each other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
177	No Response	Council Priorities	I support the 8 priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
178	No Response	Council Priorities	By investing in children's education, and ensuring that they grow up in a safe and crime free environment, all other areas such as reducing poverty and improving the employment position will improve over time.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
179	No Response	Council Priorities	This was a very difficult task as I believe all of these priorities are important and having to prioritise one over another is like a "Sophie's choice". I may be mistaken but health priorities may also benefit from different funding from NHS links than other topics which is why I rated these as less important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
180	No Response	Council Priorities	These priorities should not be ordered. Unless the basics are right the more aspirational aims cannot be achieved.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
181	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is not in the council's gift to cut crime and improve health. A properly funded police force and bus should do these. Likewise jobs and poverty issues are for central government to fix.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
182	An individual	Council Priorities	It is crucial that education and health services are protected to ensure a better future for everyone	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
183	No Response	Council Priorities	We should empower the people who can help themselves and support those who cannot	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
184	An individual	Council Priorities	As an OAP aged 79, I am most interested with care and support towards senior citizens.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
185	No Response	Council Priorities	While all the above are important and in terms of priority are interchangeable, reducing austerity and poverty and improving the quality of life for residents has to be crucial. Without that the rest of the Council's priorities would be meaningless to many.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
186	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Whilst I believe that all of the priorities are more or less equally as important I feel that improving the employment position in West Lothian needs to be number 1, the more people in employment leads on to a much healthier, wealthier community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
187	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I am becoming more and more disillusioned as I read this consultation. The council is in a terrible situation and more money is needed from Government. I don't know what can be done but if the public can lobby either Westminster or the Scottish Parliament I think we should all be doing so	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
188	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes there is a growing elderly population. This having an impact on healthcare housing adaptations poverty and isolation for this group. An added and often hidden impact is being inflicted on carers as they tend to be close family members who are also experiencing isolation and poverty. Many carers have a limited awareness or understanding of their loved ones illness and support services and they too experience hardship. Many carers are hard working unsupported and lonely. I would like to see services to both groups either maintained or improved	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
189	An individual	Council Priorities	There is a growing elderly population which not only impacts on health housing poverty isolation. I would like to see either services maintained or improved. This also means that people and close family are having to become carers and there should be services for them as their health poverty and isolation is affected by taking on this role. Not all carers have understanding of illness access to services and care for other person which can add more pressure to everyone concerned. Please remember most carers are family members who are at times hard working unsupported and are struggling at times financial emotionally and isolated themselves.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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190	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The ongoing welfare reform agenda continues to put significant pressure on members of the local community who rely on benefits administered by the both central and local government to meet their basic living costs. Poverty and deprivation has a debilitating impact on those affected by it, including the working poor and has a detrimental effect on all other priorities identified above from school attainment levels to the quality of life of our elderly population.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
191	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All too vague and high level for most people to objectively rank these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
192	No Response	Council Priorities	I think the proposals the council are planning will be affecting the most vulnerable in society. The majority of these individuals are in able to read and write!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
193	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The Council should consider carefully whether protecting the built and natural environment should be the eighth of the council's eight priorities. Without a quality environment everything else is unsustainable.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
194	No Response	Council Priorities	If education was improved, class sizes made smaller and teachers incentivised to stay in their positions and not move onto better ones, then in the long run, this would affect the economy of West Lothian as the young people are going to be the future and they're the ones who should be investing in.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
195	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people is a very important priority because these people require a lot of support due to the health issues that they suffer from that comes with their age so a lot of the time they require that extra bit of support from services to allow them to live their lives with the best help/ support possible as often they will struggle. Delivering Positive outcomes on health - This works well for those who are being referred by Health Care professionals to services that can help them in any way possible. However, there is still a massive increase in illness i.e MacMillian customers/ dementia customers that still require the help of services and who have not been referred to services that can assist. therefore we need to ensure that these people do not go unnoticed/forgotten. to resolve this we need to ensure that we are being proactive in advertising the services that are available to those who are ill by reaching out to the local community/hospitals/GP surgeries to ensure that they now the help available to them so they do not miss out in any financial, occupational/ practical help on offer not only to them but their families as well.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
196	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Disabled people are not mentioned and I feel it is important that emphasise the importance of improving the quality of life for disabled with regard to access to services and receiving support at the times they need it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
197	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Early Years intervention is cost saving in the long run as if people can access support and services from birth they are less likely to need services later in life when the services potentially cost more. By providing small, non threatening and universal interventions early on in a child's life can set them up to reach their full potential and lead to good relationships, communication skills and behaviour. This allows the child to get the most from their education and builds families trust in services at what ever level the family needs. Investing in West Lothian's future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
198	No Response	Council Priorities	Continuing to allow the influx of newly built housing in a county that is struggling to cope is not helpful. School places, Doctors appointments, employment all are suffering and increasing one side of the problem and not the other is damaging for the county.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
199	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree on priorities, keep changing what should be what scoring though	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
200	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Focusing on ensuring school leavers go to positive destinations will help the community in the long run. Having more positive destinations will help to reduce the unemployment, minimise poverty cycle and create a better lifestyle.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
201	An individual	Council Priorities	There are things mentioned above that I don't feel are specifically the council's job to do or provide services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
202	An individual	Council Priorities	It is important that any budget reductions do not adversely affect any of the crucial aims above.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
203	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree these eight priorities must be maintained.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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204	An individual	Council Priorities	The Police should lead on community safety. The NHS should lead on positive outcomes on health (Health Scotland). Education Scotland should lead on raising attainment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
205	No Response	Council Priorities	Yes. I'm trying to be constructive. What else/how else do you differentiate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
206	No Response	Council Priorities	I would agree that the priorities are still the right ones on which to be focusing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
207	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The difficulty for me of this questionnaire is that it is not addressing the primary question, namely the reason for the proposed cuts. Clearly a reduction in overall budget is not a demographic matter. Increasing population should result in increased income, by Council Tax income and per capita grants. Change in demographics (eg increasing proportion of elderly) implies a reallocation of budgets, not a reduction. The necessity to reduce spend in order to produce a balanced budget implies only that income is reduced. Evidently any income reduction is not in Council Tax and so the root of the issue must lie in government grants. I would like to know and be able to comment on the reasons why our grants are being reduced. I suspect we are being required to make these cuts and play cards for priorities because of ideological decisions that consider austerity and the privatisation of public services as the preferred outcome. In the light of the above, being asked to prioritise services to save or cut feels a bit like rearranging the furniture in a burning house without asking who set the house on fire. Having said that, in this scenario I would rather rescue an aging relative than a park bench.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
208	No Response	Council Priorities	If every choice for a priority means that others will suffer and if we really believe that we are doing the right thing at the moment perhaps the choice should be to reduce spending in all areas equally.?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
209	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	These priorities will only be effective if they invest (upstream) in evidence based interventions that are sustained over time to close the health, education and opportunity gap between rich and poor in West Lothian. Council talks the talk about 'evidence based' service delivery and public service reform - but the reality is that accountancy (and the self serving needs of WLC as an organisation) appear to be the driver as opposed to the needs of citizens and the best/most effective (and enabling) services. The list of priorities are unlikely to be disagreed with as they are too broad in their scope. Better to focus on specifics and, for example, increase education funding (of face to face delivery) to 50% of the total annual spend AND reform education and learning so that parent and family and early years interventions have the greatest spend with the spend tapering to much lower levels by S3 (by which time and effective education service will have equipped these students to be capable and confident lifelong learners).	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
210	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Help with child care costs or more affordable childcare options in WLC. Promote school clothing grants and free school meals more.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
211	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	This certainly does set a very challenging context to the key issues facing the Council and when trying to prioritise them, it brings to life the "real" challenge the cuts will bring.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
212	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that the 8 priorities remain of high importance however i do consider there is an issue re: early intervention for all ages and a lack of resources which then prevents a situation turning into crisis resulting in the use of more services, extra staffing and time to address the issue consequently a false economy	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
213	No Response	Council Priorities	They are all important but as usual west lothian council do not give the public the right choices	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
214	No Response	Council Priorities	you cant cut back anymore hours or cut the staff for school cleaners again. they are struggling at it is with the cut backs you made a year ago with cutting the hours and staff... bins and waste have to be sorted. back to bigger black bins. and charge people that abuse the blue bins system. cut back on sending the bulletin paper out. do a survey and only supply the paper who doesnt have access to computers. as people with computers can read the bulletin.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
215	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree these priorities are all important and have made my choices based on what I think will make the long term picture better on a going back to basics approach i.e spending our resources on what will make the biggest difference to the most people rather than what works best for me. Hopefully getting that right will share the hit evenly with minimum knock on effect.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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216	No Response	Council Priorities	This is too difficult because ALL the above matters are very important and I don't think any of them are "least" important but I've thought about it and marked them as best as I can.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
217	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree but certainly early years elderly care and school have a much higher priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
218	No Response	Council Priorities	Start at the beginning. if you start with the children and their education it will help positively impact on all the other priorities in future years.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
219	No Response	Council Priorities	Pay less on benefits and stop taking away from working families trying to make ends meet working hard - outwith of the area. We have had to find work outwith of locality and pay extortionate commute to enable us to get there. Less influx of benefit seeking non nationals or they be paying into the system and reducing budget deficit adding value rather than draining society and using up the meagre services still available	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
220	No Response	Council Priorities	The NHS budget should take care of priority 8. Police Scotland funding for priority 7.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
221	An individual	Council Priorities	If there was less money wasted within council such as taxi'service going to schools to pick up children who are not at school but taxi still has to be paid. Roads fixed by council workers then has to be done again by proper contractors waste of resources. Unemployed should have to help councils by undertaking jobs such as grass cutting etc to get benefits if they don't do it then no money.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
222	An individual	Council Priorities	Although I have ranked protecting the built and natural environment 6th it is vital to the first 5 priorities I see as the most important - let the police do the policing and let the Health Service heal. They have their budgets - Invest in our youngsters and families and they will stay safe, keep healthy, bring and create the jobs and look after the old folks. Give them a great environment to do this in.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
223	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Trying to choose which is most important is almost impossible. The above are all equally important, the all should be most important. These all working together make a community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
224	No Response	Council Priorities	Community police is a must in West Lothian and also we need to look after the elderly and young people of this area	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
225	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All above are a priority and as important as each other - rating them is impossible.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
226	No Response	Council Priorities	I hope the council will be able to restore their wealth and being West lothian back up to the good old days (pre 2007)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
227	No Response	Council Priorities	Impossible to choose as they are equally important in my opinion	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
228	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed but this could be split in two. One, to make West Lothian a better place, and two, to make West Lothian a better place to live. I think these are 2 separate questions to address and should be split rather than combining.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
229	An individual	Council Priorities	Disappointed there is no mention of the vulnerable or disabled (regardless of age)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
230	No Response	Council Priorities	Many if not all of these are linked to proactive support services for the most vulnerable.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
231	No Response	Council Priorities	I think these are all priorities and essential to our community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
232	No Response	Council Priorities	The key areas I feel we need to focus on are Health in the community looking after and supporting the less disadvantaged and our Police elderly and Schools.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
233	No Response	Council Priorities	There are many people in West Lothian who are poor because they choose to be. There are plenty of opportunities for improving skills & there are jobs out there if people are willing to take them but it is easier for them to sit around with their hand out.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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234	No Response	Council Priorities	Difficult to rank. All should be a priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
235	No Response	Council Priorities	Many of these areas can be improved by improving social care for those most in need. eg adequate day/respite and residential support for elderly, mental health and Learning disabled. These are issues which effect almost everyone personally or as a carer at some point during their lives. With proactive support in place many expensive crisis's/crimes/adult and child protection procedures can be avoided. What kind of world do we want to live in? The mark of a civilized society is how we look after our most vulnerable. This is how we are judged in the world stage and a long term view is needed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
236	An individual	Council Priorities	help get young people into positive destinations or employment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
237	No Response	Council Priorities	i agree but i think they are all equally important, one should not suffer at the expense of another	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
238	An individual	Council Priorities	Prioritise people - young and elderly	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
239	No Response	Council Priorities	West Lothian council like to waste money for example the work thats being done just now in Bathgate there was nothing wrong with it in the first place. Then you make cuts and closure on vital service like the Ability Centre in deans Livingston this is many peoples life line	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
240	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel all of these were very important so to rate them is not helpful	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
241	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Impossible to rate, every one equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
242	An individual	Council Priorities	Investing in and ensuring that the next generation has the skills, health and ability to contribute to a robust society must be a top priority. In order to achieve this families need to be supported and encouraged to work, thrive and the cost for and responceability of childcare to be distributed evenly throughout society.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
243	An individual	Council Priorities	This survey is all about money, so the first priority has to be employment. If everyone can afford to pay their bills, the council will be able to collect the money required to provide essential services to a dwindling proportion of the population; 'dwindling' because if we are all fully employed we can afford to pay for more of our own needs rather than rely on the council or the state.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
244	An individual	Council Priorities	Equality of opportunity and fairness are key across all eight priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
245	No Response	Council Priorities	Children and older people should always be prioritised in west Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
246	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of the above are important and it is hard to prioritise one over the other however i believe children need the best start in life to improve their prospects in the future and older people need social inclusion / secure housing to continue to keep well emotionally and physically.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
247	No Response	Council Priorities	(2) Give young people jobs instead of older ones. (3) Class nos as low compared to years ago and the level of learning was good than 48 in class. (5) Unsure about this are food banks necessary. A lot of people smoke so this is where the money goes. I was poor once but survived. (6) Sentences need to be increased to suit the crime. (7) Can't complain care is v g. (8) Environment is good but vandals should be penalised and made to pay.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
248	An individual	Council Priorities	West Lothian has become a SOCIAL CARE L KE GREECE, no investment from companies outside that generates money not using council money to encourage young to stay in school, nor paying my business to take on workers. Got rid of career officers! If you look carefully at the 1-8 you will see that extra money is needed (yet more council tax). Most in the community will to help out even if it means shopping or keeping an eye on the elderly, just ask us (at no cost). As for crime and antisocial behaviour, well West Lothian are at the bottom of the list, it takes over a year and more to solve anything, but most of the time never. Waste of time. Stop the nanny state on people about health . Exercise, walking, simple but you have built over everything.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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249	An individual	Council Priorities	Where priority 4 is concerned, be willing to change bathrooms (e.g. take out bath for shower not necessarily a wet room) no matter what age a house is to give people who cannot use a bath or struggle to step into bath to shower the ability to stay in their homes longer.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
250	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with these priorities. 8 of them for now to see how they work out. Thank you.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
251	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Young and old should be looked after.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
252	An individual	Council Priorities	Many children need extra help at school but teachers have lost support staff in many schools. This makes teaching a large unruly class more difficult.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
253	No Response	Council Priorities	They are all as important as each other - so the way you have requested feedback here is flawed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
254	An individual	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes on health should be every village, town across West Lothian not just in certain areas, i.e. Livingston, Broxburn. Example, I use a wheelchair and to have access to exercise gym would need to travel to Broxburn for the facilities required. In Armadale area access to suitable for people power chairs - no taxis in area suitable - too expensive. Handicabs great service but due to the demands on service require in most cases to book weeks in advance. Better employment opportunities required in this area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
255	No Response	Council Priorities	Yes but Linlithgow academy is a dump and there is only so far you can cut things. The answer is tolls on major bridges, prescription charges, stop the methadone program, tax raises to improve the funds available	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
256	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think most of the questions are all high priorities but as we cant choose most them have 1 makes hard to decide what ones best	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
257	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe all aspects surrounding early education and ongoing education is most important looking in a forward projectory. Also support groups and facilities for parents especially young parents will and for a better outcome when it comes to improving early education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
258	An individual	Council Priorities	I think the greatest focus should be on education and employment. However, the early years intervention for children could best be helped by good quality primary schools and parents taking an active role in their children's education. I question the merit of "teaching" preschool children who actually learn more big social interaction and play.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
259	No Response	Council Priorities	I isn't the priorities that I am concerned about it is the way the Council is going to achieve it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
260	No Response	Council Priorities	Raising attainment in schools from early years right through to secondary must be the top priority. Any disruption to this service will have a knock-on negative impact to other priorities e.g. employment positive destinations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
261	An individual	Council Priorities	I would like to more priority on infrastructure, schools, roads, town centre. Also affordable homes need to be give more focus.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
262	An individual	Council Priorities	Referring to point 1b music lessons are very important they have helped me got through my transition to the academy and fit in/make friends	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
263	An individual	Council Priorities	If the economy is strong and the environment is a good place to live then all the other areas improve in line with these.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
264	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	These are from DBO and would benefit from refreshing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
265	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	If you wish to build a strong community, improve employment, deliver better health and better outcomes for our youth then you need to intervene as early as you can in our children's lives. Play the long game.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
266	No Response	Council Priorities	The schooling for the future generation is the most important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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267	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	some of these priorities go hand in hand and have a direct impact on each other which is why I have put them in the order I have, e.g. minimising poverty should reduce crime rates.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
268	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	reducing councilors waist of funds	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
269	An individual	Council Priorities	These are a bit "motherhood & apple pie" and I would expect to see this for any local Authority organisation. You need to provide a clear line of sight between the overall vision and strategy and the strategic activities that you are undertaking "on the ground" to achieve the vision. Also need to look at how you are publicising/communicating what you are doing to the communities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
270	No Response	Council Priorities	The council needs to take a more pro active approach to fining those who do not obey the environmental aspects within our community. For example. Fly tipping, dog fouling and contamination of recycling. A percentage of funds should be looked to be raised via those who are working against the system!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
271	An individual	Council Priorities	I also believe that these are the right priorities for the council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
272	An individual	Council Priorities	They are all encompassing - it has hard to prioritize each 8 and I am not clear why we need to. This shouldn't be about putting one vulnerable priority against another, it is looking at making efficiencies to all to do the best with less money.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
273	An individual	Council Priorities	Full employment is the main priority to maximise income thereby allowing the others to be attempted. Anything that diverts WL Councils attention from this is to indulge in theatrical politics	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
274	No Response	Council Priorities	If you get it right for the young in terms of education and employment, then crime will reduce and all will prosper.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
275	An individual	Council Priorities	Making employment in the area as a top priority would help with achieve the other priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
276	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Must get the balance right.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
277	An individual	Council Priorities	To be blunt all are important and its hard to "believe" that these cuts are necessary. This feels like the first actions of our "unofficial" Labour-Tory coalition that we have at West Lothian council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
278	An individual	Council Priorities	The protection of the environment is critical for generations and should not be compromised.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
279	No Response	Council Priorities	As a long term resident of the council is believe that the priorities laid down are correct. However I feel the pursuit of an Autistic friendly county should be stepped up. And not just for higherrrors functioning.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
280	No Response	Council Priorities	From the priorities above I noticed 3 that are being earmarked for huge cuts. I don't understand how cuts to these areas will make a better west Lothian? Elderly services Education and early intervention need to be the priority in protecting them from these pending cuts. Holmes garden limecroft and whitdale day resources are to close as one example. As a working carer i depend on such services as Holmes gardens which is earmarked for closure. I would be willing to contribute more to the service as I'm sure others like me would. Yet this has not been considered or consulted with citizens like myself before descisions to close are made. This is not good practice for a local authority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
281	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Very hard to put them in order. Depends on your current age and family life!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
282	No Response	Council Priorities	The population in WL is aging like we've never experienced before. There needs to be funding in place to support people aging well and living with long term conditions in their own homes. WL is attracting lots of young families to move into the area as their are good transportation, safe communities and quality housing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
283	An individual	Council Priorities	More focus on young children and positive school attainment should help with unemployment and help lower the crime rate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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284	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Addressing homelessness should be one of the top eight priorities for the Council	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
285	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It's hard to priorities so many important areas, these are all vital to the healthy and successful future for West Lothian residents	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
286	An individual	Council Priorities	Success in some will lead to success in others - eg success in early years will make achieving positive destinations for school leavers much easier. Done well it can also help break the cycle of deprivation and reduce crime and lessen health issues.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
287	No Response	Council Priorities	I think social care needs to be protected and invested and I don't think shutting centres like Eliburn is the way forward as ██████████ suggested as an option.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
288	No Response	Council Priorities	Care packages need to be protected	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
289	No Response	Council Priorities	the council needs to manage its staff better re putting up Christmas decorations around West Lothian at the weekend when it could be done during core business hours.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
290	An individual	Council Priorities	The above are very important priorities but I feel money is wasted needlessly on each section and money could be spent better to improve the priorities in other ways. e.g. Free school meals for Primary 1-3s. Friday packed lunches are a waste of money. Majority of children don't eat them. Could there not be a better way of funding this?? A major concern I have is lack of teaching staff available for our young people. This would improve our young people's education then their employment prospects. The Paper that comes out to every household every so often about West Lothian must cost a lot of money. There should be a better way/cost effective way of communicating news. Better outcomes for early years I agree with but these outcomes must start at home also. Health check ups in the early years should be carried out so that things can be addressed sooner rather than later, more social groups for young children to go to like playgroups. Don't think closing vital services e.g. centre in Livingston to help people with a variety of needs will have a knock on effect to your healthcare, quality of life for older and young people and their families. Closing the recycling centre in Linlithgow will have an impact on your environment. Does the council tax not include rubbish uplifts, the brown bin payment could work for a small charge to help raise money but some households will end up disposing of this in your grey bin causing more problems. I live in Bathgate and the money being wasted on the precinct works I feel is shocking, especially since the council is trying to save money. This amount of money could have been put towards better resources. Could money to be made say £1 parking at St John's, perhaps even paying some money on prescriptions based on people's income.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
291	An individual	Council Priorities	Too much spent on children. My generation was poorer and better educated.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
292	An individual	Council Priorities	Some of the options are quite similar. Maybe give an example to help people decide	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
293	An individual	Council Priorities	I think employment and reducing should be top priorities as this will encourage companies to invest and also encourage people to move to West Lothian which will increase the revenue for the council to enable them to provide more of their other priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
294	An individual	Council Priorities	Many of the eight options provided are interlinked. For example positive outcomes for early years and improving the quality of life for older people have components of delivering positive outcomes for health (including mental health) within them. It is too simplistic to rank these given the complexity interdependency.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
295	An individual	Council Priorities	Many of these are not in the Council's gift - concentrate on the things that are the council's direct responsibilities, starting with statutory education and planning	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
296	An individual	Council Priorities	The obvious one missing is providing a safe environment for west Lothian residents (which includes recycling services etc.)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
297	An individual	Council Priorities	By tackling poverty and inequalities first, there will be improvements seen across the other areas of early years, attainment, crime and safety and health. To ignore poverty means any measures elsewhere will be of limited use.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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298	An individual	Council Priorities	there is no mention of special needs	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
299	An individual	Council Priorities	As an individual who has been through the education system within West Lothian, I believe that the opportunities given to younger people are what make West Lothian a desirable place. The amount of art and culture that the county produces defines the area. Unfortunately due to recent cuts to 'extra' education programs (namely, music programmes) this colourful nature of West Lothian is slowly dying away. As someone who feels strongly about this subject and wants to advance my own career in creating equal opportunities for every child in West Lothian. Do to so though is to only possible with government investment, and belief, in the next generation of pupils talents and passions. This is an excellent opportunity to send a message to the rest of Scotland by putting education first.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
300	An individual	Council Priorities	No mention of disabilities!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
301	An individual	Council Priorities	Which priority pertains the disabled or carers? An explanation of what specific services are covered by each priority would be helpful for this questionnaire. The loading of this questionnaire is heavily bias towards service cuts and the Councils main priority should be in back office efficiencies, reviewing all private contracts, immediate freeze on non-service delivery hirers and a cessation of the use of expensive day rate contractors. Cutting services should be the last possible option and spending money more efficiently and in a less wasteful way for back office staff and services should be the main initial focus of the council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
302	No Response	Council Priorities	What about disabilities? Which priority does that come under? What about carers? Your priorities are vague. There is no explanation in this questionnaire as to what each priority covers. What about Council Head office staff? Are you looking at making savings within your teams in West Lothian Council Corporate services? Cutting any services should be the last resort, only after the back office services within West Lothian Council are fully reviewed and optimised, hiring freeze implemented, all expensive day rate contractors have contractors converted to salaried roles or the contracts terminated. Freeze on all staff training not directly pertaining to delivery of services. Delivering services is the priority and financial waste within back office services in the council, must be immediately stopped.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
303	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that capacity building for communities to empower them to take on more responsibility and for their selves as individuals and communities could or should mean the burden for the priorities at bottom of my selection in regard to environment, positive health and community safety could be shared allowing cost reduction measures?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
304	No Response	Council Priorities	There is NO MENTION of DISABILITIES. Do people with DISABILITIES not matter or CARERS????? Very loaded questions which highlight the councils agenda.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
305	No Response	Council Priorities	All the highlighted priorities would be focused on by the council and not one of these should be unless rated than the other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
306	An individual	Council Priorities	Do not increase Council Tax Keep the Linlithgow Recycling Centre open Reduce Council duplication of services and share back room services with other Authorities. Reduce council salary costs Reduce Councilors salaries and expenses Make the costly role of a useless Lord Provost redundant Stop wasting money on excessive planning requirements and unnessary planning inquiries Reduce the number of Local Authorities across Scotland	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
307	An individual	Council Priorities	WLC need to realise that all of the other priorities mean Z P, if we don't solve the environmental crisis w all face. BUT instead of looking at climate change adaptation and mitigation as another problem to solve, the council should open their eyes and realise that it's actually the catalyst you need to change society to be low carbon, healthier, improved local economic opportunities, cleaner air, better prospects for our children. To meet COP21 targets, we need to achieve 10% reductions in emissions per annum. That's a massive challenge but could transform the council if they realise the benefit in controlling energy generation, reinvesting profits properly across the whole region, and getting behind active travel, local food and circular economy activities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
308	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Yes I would agree. Health, early years and education are the most important for the future of the next generation	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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309	No Response	Council Priorities	No words as I am still annoyed the budget is cut....	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
310	An individual	Council Priorities	One opinion I believe in is if there was less crime and vandalism committed then it would cost everyone less money, the Council in fixing broken/damaged things, the public as no need to fix/replace broken/damaged items and hence bring down insurance.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
311	An individual	Council Priorities	children are the future please protect them with teachers and schools	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
312	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree but without raising the Council Tax they will be impossible	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
313	An individual	Council Priorities	Impossible task to grade these as all are important in their own way	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
314	No Response	Council Priorities	the only thing mentioned about young people is raising attainment- no mention of youth work outcomes	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
315	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	protecting services for people with severe disabilities that don't have the same opportunities in employment. Elderly people should still have services available to. A way of saving money would be to look at the age of the building, like rely old building that don't get used and have a lot more things going wrong with them. They should be knocked down to make money from that and build user and eco friendly buildings Pool cars should be renewed after 3 years where the council could sell them and get more money for them Keeping them longer means more things likely to go wrong with them. Which means spending more money on them. Another option would give them back after 3 years where they wouldn't have depreciated quite so much.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
316	No Response	Council Priorities	I think all of the above are important - by implementing early years intervention it will, through time, massively reduce the strain on budgets at the other end i.e. reducing crime and producing a better society overall. Likewise reducing poverty will help reduce crime so it is not a case of one being more important than the other, they are all linked. The environment doesn't fall within any of the categories I've mentioned above but is still an important factor.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
317	No Response	Council Priorities	A focus on early years provision, through support for parents, and therefore improving children's attainment in education and more positive outcomes for the family as a whole, will enable the future resilience of West Lothian's population, leading to a more effective community connectedness and less reliance on support from Council services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
318	An individual	Council Priorities	Crime, poverty and having places for kids to go to like clubs, classes etc is connected. If we provide affordable places that kids and teenagers can go to will prevent them turning to crime and being bored in the streets disturbing others. This is a cycle we must stop and put money in to make the kids and youth life better and the community feeling safe. We should put efforts and resources from preventing crime but this starts with our kids and young adults. As a community we want to have solutions to this cycle and you must see it as 1 connected goal we must achieve.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
319	An individual	Council Priorities	I THINK THAT THE COUNCIL FACES A DIFFICULT TIME TO MANAGE BUDGETS AND MY PRIORITIES REFLECT THE LEVELS I FEEL ARE MOST IMPORTANT. I THINK HEALTH-CHILDREN-JOBS ARE MOST IMPORTANT	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
320	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above is important, however, if this changes then the area will not be a better place to live and work.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
321	No Response	Council Priorities	All of these priorities have an impact on each and every one of us. It is unfair to rank these in any order of importance. This is especially unfair as it obviously depends on what stage of life those who are most likely to answer your consultation are at.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
322	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Investment in our Youth is the most long term moral obligation a Council has. It is easy to get bogged down by the challenges of the "now" whilst simply storing up double problems for a later administration. Investment in the Health and Wellbeing of our youth now, produces a mature socially aware community both today and for generations in the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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323	No Response	Council Priorities	The priorities are designed in a way to promote selfish responses from residents, of course we all want to be safe and live in a nice environment, that shouldn't be a priority it should be a given. The other categories are real priorities i.e. quality of life for the old, giving the children the best possible chance in life. there is an opportunity to consolidate the number of community centres and village halls. It is proposed to review the provision of facilities at community centres. This statement alone shows where your priorities really fall, i.e. not for your communities but for your accounts. Closure of local community centres and village halls goes against at least 3 of your priorities as it is detrimental to the young and old of residents in the towns and villages affected.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
324	No Response	Council Priorities	there is no mention of people with learning difficulties. The need for care can range from a little support to those who have profound needs and the fact that there is no mention of such care reflects on where they come on the scale of importance in council matters	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
325	An individual	Council Priorities	Without good quality of health and well managed conditions it is difficult to focus on anything else in your life I would imagine.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
326	No Response	Council Priorities	Crime and Community Safety is a job for the police - we already pay for the police.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
327	An individual	Council Priorities	Obviously every single item listed will be rated as a number one priority. It's like asking a parent which is their favourite child. Hopefully as I continue this survey, there might be a bit more clarity as to how these particular areas can be improved and at what cost/timescale is planned. So that I can make a more informed decision as to which group of people will be denied the chance to make their lives better.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
328	An individual	Council Priorities	Health and Community Safety should not be part of local Government's responsibilities - time that local government focussed on their own statutory duties and stopped trying to deal with issues that are the responsibility of other partner agencies. Take these priorities out as they give the wrong impression of what the council is about.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
329	No Response	Council Priorities	I strongly believe in order to address outcomes on health we need to invest in our teachers of physical education to better prepare our children for independent and healthy living which they can share with family members.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
330	An individual	Council Priorities	Why only these 8? You have missed out disabled people as a priority group, yet they are the biggest target for your proposed cuts.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
331	No Response	Council Priorities	Schools and care for the elderly is all that matters that should be too priority...	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
332	An individual	Council Priorities	all these priorities should really get a one rating but in the current climate and due to a serious gap in funding I have selected them accordingly. if they are west lothian council priorities they are all equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
333	An individual	Council Priorities	School and hospitals are the key to everything, I hate to think of the money wasted over the years in golden handshake deals to companies to come to Livingston only for them to leave when the deal is over	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
334	An individual	Council Priorities	better use of resources and training.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
335	No Response	Council Priorities	Health and young people need a strong focus the amount of children and young people over weight in schools is on a rise and families needing more 1:1 support with healthy living choices should be increased.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
336	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the priorities are important. If we have a strong local economy there will be more money coming into the Council to support the other priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
337	No Response	Council Priorities	I find it hard to separate poverty, education and crime as they are all linked and dependent on one another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
338	An individual	Council Priorities	The Community Centre in boghall offers so much warmth - companionship - always something interesting to do. 4b - Support for Community Groups and organisations would affect me and my friends. we like attending various groups offered there in boghall community wing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
339	No Response	Council Priorities	Our main priority should be to re gain the trust in strategic decision making by honestly and confidently taking a common sense approach without fear of political backlash.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
340	No Response	Council Priorities	Trying to rate these priorities is almost impossible as they are, in many ways, interlinked - highlighting the difficulties in trying to plan a realistic way forward.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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341	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I believe all of these are extremely important. Cutting any of these essential services is tantamount to abandoning large swathes of our population. We should be doing more at a local council and government level to increase budgets, not cut them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
342	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The DWP should be bearing the cost of employment. I pay Tax for this so why am I paying twice and then loosing services to deliver it. We are spending money on building homes, schools etc but do not have the infrastructure to accommodate them. To remove Community Buildings would destroy what little bit of our society that is left. Crime would increase as the kids have nothing to do, vulnerable adults and children will be left with nothing and the elderly will simply sit at home waiting for death. S that one move would make a mockery of 6 of the councils s called 8 priorities!!!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
343	An individual	Council Priorities	Is reducing crime not the responsibility of the police.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
344	An individual	Council Priorities	This is so wrong. Loaded questions that are ALL priorities. What about building up the economic success of West Lothian, creating the well paid and highly skilled jobs that we all deserve, making us one of the most successful Council regions? The priority is about delivering a great life experience for EVERYONE living in WL, not just those on the priority list above. Those working hardest are also making the biggest investment, with least return, in WL and society.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
345	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The priorities overlap and should not be seen as absolute choices	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
346	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that the eight priorities continue to be relevant.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
347	No Response	Council Priorities	no mention in these outcomes about homelessness, housing and young people/adults	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
348	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	With the strong national emphasis on early childcare (at the expense of other public services) at a national level, then I think the council has to refocus its priorities and resources to address any imbalance. We can not have expanded universal free childcare provision at the expense of attainment for older school children, or in reduced services for our more vulnerable groups in society.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
349	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that in many ways all the priorities are equally important and whilst it appears that it is necessary to cut the budget to maintain the level of service to the community it is sad that it has come to this. There will be winners and losers but I think it is important that the Council officials appreciate that every section of the community believes that there's is the most vital. I would like to put in a word for the Community Education Service who do a wonderful job and could not do so without the great group of people who give up their leisure time in voluntary service. Also a word for the staff who provide great support to those with mental health issues. These vulnerable people are extremely dependent on the great care they receive from the excellent staff and in line with the Scottish and British governments are and should be a priority in Social Care.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
350	An individual	Council Priorities	Completing this question gave me an insight into the difficulties facing West Lothian Council and the hard decisions to be made in the future. I feel all eight priorities are important and found it extremely difficult to put in order of importance. However we need our Health to enable us to be effective and positive contributor to the West Lothian Community. We also need to give our young people a good start in life and also bring back a respectful approach to our older generation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
351	An individual	Council Priorities	The Council should consider very carefully who the most vulnerable in our society are. It is distressing to see such savage cuts to social work services for those with an absolute and genuine need (elderly, disabled) while the Council continues to devote large amounts of money to 'anti-poverty' work. Social work services are the Council's direct responsibility - no-one else's. 'Anti-poverty' work is not statutory, not a specific duty of the Council. There is very little evidence to demonstrate that an organisation such as WLC can change the socio-economic situation in the short or long term. 'Quality and Improvement' work is imbedded in services - this is where innovation and improvement actually happens The central team 'quality and improvement' team continues to grow, however. The services provided to those in absolute and genuine need (elderly, disabled) make a huge difference to quality of life. Withdrawing them whilst continuing other discretionary activities is cruel beyond measure.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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352	An individual	Council Priorities	Each of the above are important but 5 of the above can be influenced by individual drive and commitment e.g. Health - I see a great many unhealthy overweight people and I suspect the majority are not medically caused. However, their lack of self improvement does impact on their health and if a person chooses to overeat, smoke or indulge in anything which shortens their life or impacts on their mobility, then they should pay. These days, ignorance is not a mitigating factor so people are very aware of what is right, healthy, nutritional and basically good to help reduce the burden on an overburdened health service.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
353	No Response	Council Priorities	Council should stop wasting money and should listen to the people. I can give you two examples, where my requests were completely ignored by the council and are prime examples, where poor council decisions and no common sense lead to wasting money. If you do something, do it properly. Why decision maker who approved the Heartlands plan did not bother to reply? Why person responsible for works in Polkemmet Park did not bother to reply? Answer is simple, because they do not care, because they do not spend their own money. Council is not a carer for all lazy people, who do not wish to work and prefer to spend money on alcohol and fags and then they go to food banks for food. Any money given to such people should be given as vouchers with whole list of exclusions, so they children in such homes would not be hungry and have alcohol/drugs/fags free childhood.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
354	No Response	Council Priorities	All are equally high in the priority stakes.. but if unachievable; reduce the number allowing the opportunity for at least some (4/5) to be achieved, instead of none of them being realised.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
355	No Response	Council Priorities	Overall i believe the priorities are linked, and go hand in hand	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
356	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	1:Nothing in these priorities specify anything that relates to disability, social care. 2:Environment - for some people that means the natural environment but for others it means how accessible is the community, buildings, services. Needs to be clearer. 3:Council requires to be more open, honest and transparent regarding the priorities and what they include i.e. detail information on what the priorities are to enable a more informed choice 4 By not including anything about disability and accessibility its not clear whether its implied or included in any of the eight priorities. 5:If the council had provided more in depth information about the priorities then a more informed choice could be made. 6:Not providing information in a format that's suitable for everyone to fully participate in the consultation i.e. Easy Read, large font, plain English 7:Information on the document advising that's its available in different formats is in fact not in a format that is accessible/suitable and does not follow the "SAFE" guidelines.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
357	An individual	Council Priorities	More employment would in turn reduce poverty	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
358	No Response	Council Priorities	Main priority for the future is our children , early years , education and leading them to employment .	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
359	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree, it is difficult to prioritise as I consider several to be of equal importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
360	No Response	Council Priorities	Stop all free meals in schools ,and free breakfast clubs ,except for the children who qualify .	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
361	No Response	Council Priorities	Only free meals for the children who qualify ,and stop free breakfast . I am sure most people can give there children a breakfast .	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
362	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	the council must protect is community safety and safer neighbourhood teams, anti social behaviour in all its form is still one of the top items which prevent residents and communities from living safely and in enjoyment of their homes. Providing and assisting private and public bodies to provide quality employment opportunities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
363	No Response	Council Priorities	I do not think there are enough jobs for people. I also think that nurseries allowing children to attend additional hours is not encouraging parents to return to work, it is merely a babysitting service.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
364	No Response	Council Priorities	Support for families with very young children is vital. Early intervention should be a priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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365	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Extremely difficult to prioritise these in any order as they all pose social problems within themselves if they are not properly managed and funded. Social care is a huge demanding area within the council these services are crucial in our communities to continue to help people live meaningful lives.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
366	No Response	Council Priorities	It appears that provisions for special needs and disabilities for both children and adults are not present (or obviously present) in any of the eight priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
367	An individual	Council Priorities	I work with schools on a regular basis and have concerns that the money going into early years intervention is not being used properly and that unless the parents are on board it is very much a waste of money	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
368	No Response	Council Priorities	To rank them is difficult, they could have been ranked equally	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
369	No Response	Council Priorities	Why must we choose - surely none of these 'priorities' are no less important than the other. The council is a service the community pays for why should we be forced to give up on one or more because the council has failed to budget accordingly. All of the above are necessities to make a better West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
370	No Response	Council Priorities	It's impossible to 'rank' the above priorities in descending order as they are all equally important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
371	No Response	Council Priorities	input into early education and secondary schools.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
372	An individual	Council Priorities	I cannot see why any council tax payer could not for these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
373	No Response	Council Priorities	Whilst it is important for all services I think at times we could better utilise services. So much money is invested in people who are not willing to make changes and then people who need these services such as vulnerable adults and children and mental well being are penalised. Think people who refuse to work could also be utilised to help our environment that surrounds us by voluntary work for crimes and job seeking being further used in areas	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
374	An individual	Council Priorities	As many of us commute to other areas for work, ensuring a reliable train and bus service, reduced roadworks on link roads and being able to withstand severe weather is paramount.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
375	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I don't believe it is the council's responsibility to deliver positive outcomes on health especially when the NHS funding is protected and local government funding is being hit	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
376	An individual	Council Priorities	While protecting the environment is a laudable cause, given the current economic climate it is time to get back to brass tacks. Do not penalise the vulnerable. Reward the elderly for all they have invested in society and provide them with good quality care services instead of streamlining and tendering out care to care services of questionable quality. Invest in the already well established qualified and highly trained workforce within West Lothian Council. Secondly, invest in our future generations. We all want the best for our children and money spent now will reap rewards in the future as will tackling unemployment, thus aiming to reduce inequality within West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
377	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree that these are the main priorities but these things are not easily placed in order of importance. One priority not mentioned is additional support for children with additional support needs in schools and services for adults with additional support needs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
378	No Response	Council Priorities	All of these are important, however the early years and schooling of our children will have the biggest and longest term impact on all of the other priorities..get it right early.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
379	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education should be a high priority for WLC. Teachers are under enough pressure due to excessive workload without budget cuts to ASN and key primary school staff. How are classes meant to learn if ASN needs cannot have extra support? How is this closing the attainment gap in Scotland?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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380	An individual	Council Priorities	Education is at 7and8. Money has been poured in here yet again this is a priority. Change the way it is governed and the Curriculum for Excellence. No more bright ideas but get back to basics. Number 1 is deprivation especially in the west of the county. Compare Blackburn to Uphall. Whitburn to Linlithgow. Put trouble in communities communities have to swim harder to stay afloat. Instead of free meals for P1-3 get money and support to those who need it. Number 2 is employment as employment may get people out of poverty. Number 5 protecting the built environment. Have you seen the state of The Mill Centre Blackburn with the cigarette Gardens and dirty kerbs. How will the new partnership look in 10 years? People need to be made to be responsible for their property/social housing/shopkeepers etc.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
381	An individual	Council Priorities	Without good health the rest cannot follow. BTW the use of 'positive' and 'improving' are useless words; we are hardly going to vote for negative and destroying. Here may be a good place to state that the savings which you suggest are difficult to access without the budget figures you have been working to up to now. Likewise 'Modernising'; this is the introduction of good practice which the Council should be undertaking without the threat of budget cuts by Central Government	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
382	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree with the statement above. If you tackle unemployment and encourage under 30s into work there will be less strain on the overall budget.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
383	No Response	Council Priorities	I have chosen these however I feel one should have been only asked to choose the top 1 or top three. It is unfair to suggest that any of the priorities have a lesser importance than another	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
384	An individual	Council Priorities	the young , health and the aging population should be the main areas for WLC to focus on . Too much is spent on the ones who dont want to contribute or feel that the rest owe them a life without the need to contribute	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
385	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree, and many of these are inter-connected. However it still seems as if the council is trying to prioritise too much. Perhaps a longer term vision is needed to meet some of these goals. By removing funding or emphasis on things like community safety, to meet a short term goal, will only lead to more pain over the longer term. People also have to take responsibility for self. So much good work done in recent years to make communities feel safer - please do not take this away. If Police funding is to be reduced, which is fair enough, council staff are needed two-fold to deal with issues and should be able to pick up a lot of the more trivial matters that the police can't (which can turn into serious matters if left). Please don't lets go back to 8 years ago when gangs of armed youths roamed the Livingston streets.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
386	An individual	Council Priorities	Many of these priorities are closely related and reducing support for one may implicitly damage another, and vice versa. For instance, improving employment would help to reduce poverty; cutting early years support would damage attainment and positive destinations for school children. I would hope that all the 'priorities' are considered together, as an inter-related whole. Reducing crime should be the role of the Police.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
387	No Response	Council Priorities	Every one is a priority. It does not feel right to rob Peter to pay Paul. Surely there is another way. How are we going to survive in the future with poorly educated children because of cutbacks? You state they will be educated properly but already they are suffering with not enough support to help them grasp the basic of education. Even the health service is suffering, how often do we here about staff shortages, not enough time to spend with patients, not enough doctors to bring down waiting lists etc. Surely with a larger population more revenue is gathered through taxation, why do we need to cut back? Why can we not increase tax by one or two % which we can then use for all these departments which are facing cutbacks. Why do we give money away to people who do not pay into our taxation? We pay tax from the day we start working to then be told that we may not get a pension when we retire. Is that not one of the reasons we actually pay tax? All this putting money into space, wars, etc does not help our own at home. We need to prioritise what the government waste money on, not on what we can cut back on to give them more to waste. Every country is responsible for their own people, maybe if concentrating on this, we as a world would not be in the mess we find ourselves in today.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
388	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Our future depends on our young people being properly educated and having a chance of employment on leaving education. There must be investment in local employment & our schools for this. Our elderly need cared for, but should be means tested. Crime reduction to protect our citizens is vital to allow all to live safely and securely.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
389	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Seems rather limited to more focus on children when plenty choose not to have them due to funds.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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390	No Response	Council Priorities	This is a priority you say and you aim to cut it by 1 5 million - can't really be a priority can it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
391	No Response	Council Priorities	Another priority being hit - how is it a priority?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
392	An individual	Council Priorities	It is really difficult to choose between the above. However, I believe that prioritising lifting people out of poverty, improving people's health and providing a good and healthy environment for all to live in will go a long way to addressing some other issues such as outcomes for school children and quality of life for older people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
393	An individual	Council Priorities	I firstly believe the most focus should be first on the children ensuring they are well looked after before, during and after school. And secondly, focus and spending on those who actually pay council tax.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
394	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think 8 is too many priorities, it should be reduced to 5 or 6.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
395	An individual	Council Priorities	I have prioritised the things that I feel individuals have the least control of. Some of the categories are strongly influenced by individuals making good choices etc so that's the only reason they are lower down the scale.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
396	No Response	Council Priorities	Although, as a teacher I clearly highly value education and equity of opportunity, I have to wonder as to the logic of putting all this effort into educating and nurturing young people when they are in an increasingly unequal and hostile environment when they leave school. It's depressing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
397	An individual	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to make one more important than the other - youth over the elderly. However I do not agree that people who do not work or actively looking for working should be entitled to free nursery care for their 2 year old, as this shouldn't be seen as a babysitting service. This money could be allocated to the elderly. Employment is important as this could have a positive outcome for all the priorities - one feeds the other - Employment- Improves the Quality of life - reduces crime- minimises poverty.. etc, etc, etc.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
398	No Response	Council Priorities	Improve the resources available to school to teach our young people and give them a positive start in life. Budget cuts, lack of resources and stressed and over worked staff and not the way to do this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
399	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Yes I would agree the priorities are correct - they are so interlinked however that it is difficult to rank one over the other. Attainment requires investment in early years, which requires positive health outcomes etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
400	No Response	Council Priorities	It is critical that we put focus on the children of West Lothian as they are the future. I believe that we can help with this at no additional cost to the council but making full use of the Community Benefits. Our children and community are already benefiting on the council's tenders and contracts, however, more can be done with the support of Senior Management. Employment has also been and continues to be greatly improved by utilising Community Benefits, we help the unemployed and disadvantaged persons by securing training, placements and work experience at no additional cost to the council. PPE is provided, travel allowance and face to face contact with our supply chain, to help the community gain confidence and support. At present Community Benefits are not evaluated and the council continues to provide the West Lothian community with additional benefits that really do make a difference. Community Benefits are a fantastic way of helping the most needy at no extra cost to the council, reducing costs by providing support and work in the community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
401	An individual	Council Priorities	I think mental health gets taken off the agenda, a lot of the time. People with mental health issues need to be supported in a positive way, so that they can feel a valued member of their community. This in turn should see a reduction in crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
402	An individual	Council Priorities	I think crime and looking after the older people and bring in employment into West Lothian and bring in more school and teacher into West Lothian and also bring more mental health issues to make people aware and get help	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
403	An individual	Council Priorities	I think health and older people and crime should be and schools should get more money and there should be more police and more doctors and nurses	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
404	No Response	Council Priorities	There should be consideration for creating a new priority such as: Developing and encouraging innovation, creativity and cultural capital/growth. As innovation and creativity relate to education and economic well-being and cultural capital/growth also relates to people's education, well-being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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405	No Response	Council Priorities	Improving childrens services in the area will support the future generations	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
406	No Response	Council Priorities	These priorities don't appear to cover young people and adults with disabilities or mental health issues	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
407	An individual	Council Priorities	Good health and a feeling of security underpins all the other priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
408	An individual	Council Priorities	I think supporting children and teenagers is very important so you save money in future. If you can help children and teenagers then this makes savings in years to come.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
409	No Response	Council Priorities	schools education and education that has got to be the way forward as we are trying to build a future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
410	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree that the eight above areas are priority targets. They are all important in order to promote positive community growth and public well-being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
411	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education and early years provision are the most vital in my view which will reduce crime and increase concern over the environment and consideration for employment and the elderly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
412	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The priorities cover the areas I think need focused on.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
413	An individual	Council Priorities	If people are healthy, have prospects and are employed, the rate of crime will decrease on its own. Getting people involved in their community is the way to preserve it as that's when people form an attachment to it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
414	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agreed which is why it was a difficult exercise to rate in this way as they are all very important. For some of these I rated them at the top end of importance because if this intervention takes place then some of the problems I have rated later on will be significantly reduced.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
415	An individual	Council Priorities	Questions very vague & difficult to determine outcomes. Should not be choosing between old & young.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
416	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities and their services and rising attainment should always be the council's main priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
417	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree with the 8 priorities, however I think that the priority related to 'reducing crime and improving community safety' is primarily one for Police Scotland, hence I have ranked it as priority 8 for the council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
418	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Employment and education should remain top priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
419	No Response	Council Priorities	Priorities has to be reducing crime and helping a aging population	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
420	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Only issue is with using the word improving as trying to improve something that is already performing well may have a detrimental effect.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
421	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Need to look at resources and analysis the impact on what works in the community and what does not. Streamline the services by looking at the role of workers and cross over of work.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
422	An individual	Council Priorities	Promote a better life for the ones willing to contribute to it or who have contributed throughout their life . Early intervention and education must be at the heart of any plans for future or we will be in the same or worse place for next generation. Push back against unrealistic demands of Scottish government! If you increase council tax you can start to make west Lothian a nicer place to live again . Roadside verges and communal areas are a disgrace whilst money is thrown at repaving eyesores !	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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423	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Done correctly, minimising poverty and the cycle of deprivation will lead to better health outcomes, more positive destinations for children, and will of course involve early years interventions for children stuck in this cycle.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
424	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	all of these issues are important. I think when you improve health and the environment, other things fall into place as a consequence and many things can be improved jointly - such as improve health outcomes and people are more likely to be in work.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
425	An individual	Council Priorities	West Lothian Council seem to focus so much on children rather than focusing on the disabled and elderly. I feel there is already a lot of services out there for children. Children have support within schools and from friends and family, without places like the ability centre disabled individuals like myself would have no support. I feel that disability services should be included within the priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
426	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The above columns are not a true reflection on my views for each of these issues as the grid does not allow for having more than one issue scored at the same level as another issue e.g I have a number of priorities that I would consider to be of equal value yet I am unable to select two priorities and score them both an 8 for example. So unfortunately in my opinion this is not a good format to be obtaining people's views and certainly does not accurately represent my views.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
427	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree that the priorities are correct, I believe with early intervention being the main priority we will save money in the future and the other priorities will fall into place.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
428	No Response	Council Priorities	Education. Disability poverty and health are the main concerns for me.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
429	An individual	Council Priorities	I think to save money lots of services could be working from home and free up office spaces that could be rented out to generate more money. i.e. perhaps admin roles, HR and accountants etc could all work from home and other services could perhaps work at least once a week from home.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
430	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Council should look at the amount of hours some area coordinators are doing. Some are doing excessive hours by doing more than one job or doing overtime. These extra hours could create more jobs for unemployed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
431	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Investing in early years has to continue as research shows that money spent in this area will reduce money spent further down the line. There is a real issue in Scotland at the moment with the mental health and well-being of children and young people. We need to focus on what we do for children during the early years and most critical stage of brain development as this has major implications for their mental health and well-being throughout the life span.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
432	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these priorities are vitally important and should continue to be so.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
433	No Response	Council Priorities	How do you prioritise these? They are all extremely important and equal.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
434	No Response	Council Priorities	Every council has to buy food, gas, electricity, petrol and diesel. In the last 10 years, every one of these commodities has gone up in price, and yet the council tax has remained frozen. Therefore, Council tax needs to be increased just to cover the cost of these goods! Police Scotland is not funded from Council budget so how does the council have the remit for reducing crime and improving community safety?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
435	No Response	Council Priorities	The only issue I see with these priorities is the use of the word 'improving' as it may not be possible to improve. For example, if the attainment are very good it may be better to try and maintain rather than improve as trying to improve it may have a detrimental effect.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
436	An individual	Council Priorities	The Council should concentrate its resources on the things it has a legitimate interest in and control of.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
437	No Response	Council Priorities	The continuation of statutory council services should be made a priority within West Lothian, a review of non-statutory services to highlight areas where there is a) less demand and b) not cost effective for the council to run, should take place. Improving the employment position is the main priority, however as this is still a priority, does that mean that council jobs will be safe from these cuts? I think it may be contradictory to maintain the employment situation within the county, when the council itself is facing potential job losses.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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438	An individual	Council Priorities	why does the council give money away in grants, to charities out with west Lothian when it could be maintaining roads, pathways of all the towns in west Lothian not just the few	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
439	An individual	Council Priorities	Employment is big factor on stimulating our local economy and generating growth and prosperity for all , we have aging population which needs good care for all of them	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
440	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	BY minimising poverty and promoting equality across the life span's will go a long way to ensuring that all of the other priorities within the council are met.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
441	An individual	Council Priorities	I find this very difficult to order 1 to 8 as these are all of extreme importance. If I had to say which was the least important I'd say protecting the built and natural environment as that is less directly impacting people's outcomes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
442	No Response	Council Priorities	I think that instead of getting a better employment scheme they should keep the music lessons in school and keep the community centres open	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
443	An individual	Council Priorities	recycling/zero waste initiatives	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
444	No Response	Council Priorities	It is most important to give new generations the best chance possible at success, employment and fulfilment. All doors should be wide open and from a young age people should be exposed to as many outlets and industries as possible. I believe children should also be educated early on about mental health as well as physical health, how to seek help, and coping methods for when things aren't going so well such as meditation and mindfulness. That combined with ensuring positive healthcare for all, equality and lack of poverty will naturally reduce crime and promote healthier physical and mental choices for all ages, which would hopefully carry out a domino effect on the environment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
445	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Yeah they are important but so are the extra curricular activities after school like bands because most young people are too afraid to be them selves or are too scared to talk to others but with the help of music and being able to express your self in such away without being judged is the one of the best ways to move forward.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
446	No Response	Council Priorities	More money needs to be spent to encourage people to become teachers. The lack of teachers is disgusting. People are better of working in an office than teaching the kids we expect/hope to succeed. Focus more on education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
447	An individual	Council Priorities	Our school children are our future and need as much stimulation and encouragement as possible. Children thrive when they take on new activities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
448	No Response	Council Priorities	How will we solve our community's challenges and issues? Not by cutting budgets..... but by prioritising investment into our childrens' broad general education. Council members must provision funds to effect all areas of the curriculum, in equal measure, now and in the future, if the attainment gap is to be reduced. Our young people are becoming positive contributors and will in time resolve many of its challenges. Without appropriate funding for all aspects of the curriculum now and in the future we risk losing the chance to help resolve society's problems in a renewable and sustainable way....through our next generations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
449	An individual	Council Priorities	Opportunities for students, within music and scientists	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
450	An individual	Council Priorities	With completely understanding that the Scottish Government yet again fails to provide funding which is as a result of the Westminster Government also failing to produce enough funding for county councils to fund essential facilities such as Educational facilities like the instrumental service: with regards to prioritizing I believe above all else, education should prevail over all, greater understanding of the arts and sciences will in turn provide future solutions to the problems we face today. This has always been the case and shall always continue to be. Cuts should be made elsewhere in the budget, Never to education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
451	An individual	Council Priorities	Education is most important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
452	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe education is the most important priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
453	No Response	Council Priorities	The council would not be having to prioritise so mercilessly if they had raised the council tax yearly instead of trying to get votes!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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454	An individual	Council Priorities	If there is good early intervention and educational outcomes this will have a direct impact on employment opportunities, health and level of poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
455	No Response	Council Priorities	School children should be of the utmost importance and community groups etc should receive the highest amount of funding and time spent in this area to improve the lives of school age children (age 4-17)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
456	An individual	Council Priorities	Rehabilitation for people recovering from strokes etc as supplied by The Ability centre is of very high importance and should not be cut!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
457	An individual	Council Priorities	Given the cuts at hand, you may consider pursuing fewer objectives. Health is an NHS responsibility and no end of joined up working will reduce NHS responsibility. Similarly Police Scotland are centrally funded and should be held accountable for their local performance. Although I have ranked creating employment in the County as number 2, it isn't clear how you might achieve this. Local Authorities, on the whole, are not effective economic development agencies - though who is?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
458	An individual	Council Priorities	Really impossible to prioritise these headings as all equally important and interlinked	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
459	No Response	Council Priorities	Shutting the recycling depots would be a crazy idea	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
460	An individual	Council Priorities	Please do not take away Youth & Childrens clubs. These are important to me	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
461	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think more focus on older, vulnerable and children and young people is key at this point for public services. There are too many universal services that benefit the middle classes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
462	No Response	Council Priorities	Community Policing is essential especially in Linlithgow where the reduction in Police numbers is causing serious illegal parking, speeding and jumping red lights	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
463	An individual	Council Priorities	If the council is able to focus in on school children and younger ages, this will set up the future nicely and help make West Lothian a healthier and happier environment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
464	No Response	Council Priorities	Do we really need all the people at the top of the tree. Earning 135 thousand a year, when front line staff are struggling and under staffed at it is.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
465	An individual	Council Priorities	Jobs are essential to continue progress. Children are the future apprenticeships etc needed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
466	An individual	Council Priorities	What feels important is more community led solutions (bottom up approaches) to improve quality of life for adults and protecting the build and natural environment. Where community led initiatives are driven by link offices the benefits will be great for instance insisting a threshold of engagement to enable some communities to seek to have access to resources needed would be really important. In West Lothian there is not enough being strongly developed around leadership at a local level that has a strong cohesive feeling.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
467	An individual	Council Priorities	Repeat prescriptions should be reviewed monthly as people have masses of medication UNUSED!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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468	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree with the priorities. I would prefer to see more investment in early years so that less support and intervention is needed later on when those young people attend schools, as the groundwork has already been done. However, my priority would be to concentrate on crime reduction and improving community safety as residents and visitors to West Lothian need to feel safe on the streets. Where people feel safe, they are more likely to go out and participate in activities, spend money, and feel healthier. This in turn supports the other priorities such as delivering positive outcomes on health, and improving the employment position in West Lothian through supporting local business. I believe we should also protect the environment and create attractive public spaces as this impacts on wellbeing. Although I believe it is important to support older people and their quality of life, this should not come at the expense of those who are in genuine financial need and do not have resources themselves. I say this because, there are a lot of wealthy and comfortably off older people and also wealthy disabled people, who qualify for financial assistance or other help who could quite easily afford to pay more for the services they receive. Older peoples health and care services must be means tested more than they are now. For example, older people who get help with care and health costs who can easily afford to pay.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
469	No Response	Council Priorities	If you use a particular service you may consider that to be most important, therefore I am unable to decide which is more important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
470	An individual	Council Priorities	Should the council try to solve a combination of priorities at the same time. E.g. weeds appearing at the road kerbsides / path kerbsides that aren't being tackled and will cause more damage/cost to repair vs. creating employment opportunities, training schemes. E.g. you could have training resource helping.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
471	An individual	Council Priorities	Removing or reducing funding from any of these priorities will make West Lothian a worse place to live.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
472	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree that these are still priorities for West Lothian to take forward over the next five years.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
473	No Response	Council Priorities	Should not be mutually exclusive.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
474	An individual	Council Priorities	The list is too long and could be better grouped under fewer headings ie PEOPLE, HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, CRIME, ASPIRATION	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
475	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	An attractive and safe environment can assist with mental health and other issues, encourage health and wellbeing and encourage a community spirit. Protecting the built environment can therefore assist with a number of other priorities so should not be left in last place as a priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
476	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Employment opportunities drive all the other priorities. Promoting growth is the key.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
477	An individual	Council Priorities	Community Consultation is vital at each step in the process! Individual communities should be able to stand up and voice their concerns about changes to services, some which may become irreversible. Employment is key to all proposals, the more people in good, well paid jobs equals rent being paid back into the local authority, council tax being paid, money being spent locally within the area. All this will generate revenue to keep our services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
478	An individual	Council Priorities	Community Consultation is vital at each step in the process! Individual communities should be able to stand up and voice their concerns about changes to services, some which may become irreversible. Employment is key to all proposals, the more people in good, well paid jobs equals rent being paid back into the local authority, council tax being paid, money being spent locally within the area. All this will generate revenue to keep our services. We have to invest now in our futures as the past 10 years have been shambolic due to an SNP administration that froze council tax to buy their way into power. They should have concentrated on the day job. We have gone from being UK Council of the year in 2006 to this. Cut backs. We need investment in encouraging businesses to have confidence in West Lothian. We need people in good jobs that in turn will spend money locally. We need the education back to where it once was. We need crime free streets, better health for young and old. We need to move with the times and get the fundamentals right. Our towns and villages are suffering as well. The infrastructure needs looked at. Once we were proud to walk around. The cut backs to roads and NETS is unnecessary. If it means increasing the council tax then so be it. Lack of investment now means we will all suffer later in life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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479	An individual	Council Priorities	Community Consultation is vital at each step in the process! Individual communities should be able to stand up and voice their concerns about changes to services, some which may become irreversible. Employment is key to all proposals, the more people in good, well paid jobs equals rent being paid back into the local authority, council tax being paid, money being spent locally within the area. All this will generate revenue to keep our services. We have to invest now in our futures as the past 10 years have been shambolic due to an SNP administration that froze council tax to buy their way into power. They should have concentrated on the day job. We have gone from being UK Council of the year in 2006 to this. Cut backs. We need investment in encouraging businesses to have confidence in West Lothian. We need people in good jobs that in turn will spend money locally. We need the education back to where it once was. We need crime free streets, better health for young and old. We need to move with the times and get the fundamentals right. Our towns and villages are suffering as well	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
480	No Response	Council Priorities	I would agree they are the correct ones which is why it was a difficult exercise to rate them in this way. Some which were rated in the first few if carried out, should impact on some of the ones at the end-which is why I rated some towards the lower end of importance. For example if early intervention is carried out it should impact later on minimising deprivation, positive destinations and so on.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
481	No Response	Council Priorities	Apart from health and the environment, all of the priorities are linked to increased investment in education and in young people. Any cuts to that area will massively impact on all of those outcomes - equality, crime, poverty, with concomitant costs for the council rectifying problems after they have arisen.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
482	No Response	Council Priorities	You cannot rate these options as more important than the other as they are all as equally important. Asking people to put in order of importance is subjective and there for irrelevant as the people making the decision will have their own views. I mean a couple with no children will not see school as important employment. People with children will see anything with children over older people. I just find this question irrelevant.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
483	An individual	Council Priorities	Education and health are the most important priorities to myself and my family.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
484	No Response	Council Priorities	Using contractors that don't inflate their costs tenfold because it's a council job!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
485	No Response	Council Priorities	Early education is so important ; if we get that right everything else falls into place - further education, health, employment, achievement and quality of life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
486	An individual	Council Priorities	It's very hard to prioritise from these 8. All are as important as the other. I am a teacher and see daily the impact on my school and children due to cutbacks. Yet I see the importance of health, employment & policing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
487	An individual	Council Priorities	Impossible to put these in order as I feel they are all equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
488	No Response	Council Priorities	Continued neglect of the natural beauty and continued restoration of ugly concrete structures only decreases beauty in our area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
489	An individual	Council Priorities	Education, social care and older citizens are important, but if you continue to cut budgets for roads and transport the infrastructure will get so poor children will not be able to get to schools or essential facilities. Invest in what we have and stop paying for nonessential services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
490	No Response	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to rate these priorities - all 8 are essential to create to ensure a fair and prosperous West Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
491	An individual	Council Priorities	The schooling is the most important and the budget cannot affect this as this is our future generation!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
492	An individual	Council Priorities	Minimising poverty and cycle of deprivation should be the top priority in my opinion as this will help improve many of the other priorities particularly in regards to health, crime, and positive destinations for school children.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
493	An individual	Council Priorities	These priorities are expressed in such general terms that it is very difficult to grade them. I would really want to be commenting on much more specific proposals. "Positive outcomes on health" for example is so vague as to be meaningless. "Positive outcomes" on anything are always to be hoped for - one would not be seeking "negative outcomes".	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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494	No Response	Council Priorities	Education and healthcare should be saved at all times. If you do not invest in children and health this will ultimately be more costly in the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
495	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that some of these priorities follow on from each other, so that of and in itself, the priorities I have listed lower, will be naturally helped by concentrating on the priorities I have ranked higher.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
496	No Response	Council Priorities	some of the priorities I feel are not being used to full potential. for instance the last one there is lots of areas needing things built and protected but no one dose anything about it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
497	No Response	Council Priorities	By delivering positive outcomes on health, it will improve the quality of life for all not just older people. Focusing on employment opportunities should reduce crime, minimise poverty and hopefully contribute to attainment in schools by giving examples of what can be achieved through education and "hard work" at school	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
498	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed that these are good priorities - however it is very difficult to rank them individually as they are interdependent, eg improving employment should reduce poverty; and improving early years intervention should lead to improvements in later education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
499	An individual	Council Priorities	They are all of equal priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
500	No Response	Council Priorities	My three most highest priorities: Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children Improving the employment position in West Lothian Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality For me, these go hand in hand. Education should always be a priority as it breaks the cycle of poverty. Children who are given opportunities to excel and to find a positive destination in school move on to better, steady jobs. This has to be supported by the council. If we remove or reduce this funding, we are effectively funding a system wherein only those of independent wealth will have the best career prospects. Those without, will be forced to rely on what we know is a financially crippled system to support them. We have to prioritise education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
501	An individual	Council Priorities	No, too much on younger people. If the schools just had to do one plan for that primary year it would free up time for the next year. I e. pr 4 plan for year one, could be used for quite a few years after. Freeing up teachers time to teach. This would help the attainment and more positive destinations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
502	An individual	Council Priorities	Council have for far too long ignored needs of the elderly in closure of res. homes, lack of sheltered housing & home support! Improving the cycle of deprivation or poverty cannot improve unless you keep trained staff to assist. How can you protect local environment by cutting services? Many drains in roads don't work in heavy rain as blocked up.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
503	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Yes the right priorities are important. They are graded according to one's specific needs the population is growing regarding the elderly and must be regarded with the future in mind.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
504	An individual	Council Priorities	Rate all priorities at 1	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
505	No Response	Council Priorities	Whilst all the priorities are still the main priorities, getting the balance right on how much to spend on each priority will be key.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
506	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Having looked at the questions in the "Transforming your Council" consultation, I think most individuals (and I have consulted many colleagues at work and we are in agreement) will have difficulty understanding what exactly you are asking of them. t might have been easier and more open and honest to ask "what do you think if we reduced the bulky uplift from 3 to 1" as an example. Ask the question and you will get an answer that you can work with to streamline, reduce costs etc. I am keen to take part in this but a questionnaire would have been more beneficial and fair and a more user friendly format. It has put me off as I don't want to answer anything incorrectly as I may not have the knowledge to do so.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
507	An individual	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes on health / Improving the quality of life for older people - should not HNS be focusing on this rather than the Council? Reducing crime and improving community safety - should not the Police be focusing on this rather than the Council? Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality - aren't these outcomes partially addressed by improving the Improving the employment position in West Lothian and Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
508	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It's important to look at the long term picture and not just at what will save money/produce results straightaway. Whilst it is probably easier to demonstrate successes or improvements through direct causal actions, the perspective must be on building sustainable and resilient communities in years to come.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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509	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe these eight priorities are all important in their own right and all deserve equal attention and dedication to ensure improvements are made promises are delivered. Children and young people are an important part of our society and will be the individuals who endure the consequences of the proposed changes for many years to come. Many young people choose to leave the community due to a number of reasons including negative schooling experiences and other conditions they cannot control themselves, which ultimately impact negatively on their quality of life. This is my reason for rating these the highest in terms of importance. Although I have rated reducing crime as the 7th most important priority, I believe that if the other priorities were met (such as improving employment and delivering positive health outcomes) then the crime rate has the ability to reduce by its own accord, ultimately improving community safety in the process. Albeit crime would not disappear completely through this method, it may certainly be reduced.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
510	An individual	Council Priorities	Retaining health service provision in WEST LOTHIAN for children's ward which looks likely to be withdrawn.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
511	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The priorities are aligned and will all impact positively on each other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
512	An individual	Council Priorities	Health, education and safety should always be the main priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
513	No Response	Council Priorities	Music lessons	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
514	An individual	Council Priorities	To me, the most important priorities relate to poverty and looking after the health of the community and in particular the young.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
515	An individual	Council Priorities	These are still valid priorities but I am not sure the internal working and culture of continuing work silos within the council structure support these as the main 8 priorities. As a result there is not an obvious joined up thinking on how to share best practice among each other or build on synergies to improve the overall cradle to grave lifeline of all citizens. Each key service supporting the key priorities could work better as a continuum in the cradle to grave supply chain.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
516	An individual	Council Priorities	I have made Positive outcomes on health Number 1 because if everyone's health is improved that impacts on all age groups. Number 2, minimising poverty impacts greatly on children and if improved employment is available this would help decrease poverty. Children are the future and if 1 - 3 have a high priority this should help children and then positive outcomes for children could build on this. If all the above are in place this should put more money into the public purse to help improve the quality of life for older people. Attainment in schools is improving and this needs to be maintained. Our built and natural environment, along with a feeling of safety, has an important impact on people's health and wellbeing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
517	No Response	Council Priorities	Very difficult to rate these priorities in order of importance,. These priorities are equally important , to make a more educated I need to see some more specific policies	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
518	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree these are suitable priorities. Very difficult to favour most of them against the others but recognise this is the problem the Council is faced with. However, I believe employment support should be a top priority as this should have the widest beneficial effect and is an area where I feel the Council could be doing more. Maybe there is limited scope for direct action but I think much greater pressure should be applied to the Scottish and UK governments and their agencies.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
519	An individual	Council Priorities	Whilst I agree that these are the right priorities for West Lothian, I don't understand why we had to rank them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
520	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I fully agree that these priorities should set the agenda for improvement in our authority. Ratings them is virtually impossible as they are all vital to the future of WL.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
521	No Response	Council Priorities	A priority should be to cap the number and salaries of senior officials and wherever possible act collaboratively with other councils to provide services - cutting managerial posts and increasing the numbers of face to face workers. All those leaving prison should be offered throughcare, housing and employment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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522	No Response	Council Priorities	It's so difficult, all of the points above are very important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
523	An individual	Council Priorities	Invest in keeping people healthier for longer - campaign for people to volunteer	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
524	An individual	Council Priorities	Although I have listed these 1 to 8 I believe all these aims are almost equally important. Differing ages & circumstances of WL residents will obviously affect the way these are prioritised.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
525	An individual	Council Priorities	Environment must take a higher place from a long term, strategic thinking standpoint.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
526	No Response	Council Priorities	Each one has importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
527	An individual	Council Priorities	All of the priorities are important and very difficult to put them in order of which should be classed as more important. However, children are our future and improving the outcomes for young people can have an overall positive effect on most of the other priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
528	An individual	Council Priorities	Key services must be protected. Schools Healthcare Refuse Roads	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
529	No Response	Council Priorities	Policing and creating safe neighbourhoods are the biggest concern as well as mental health care.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
530	No Response	Council Priorities	improve the teachers more of them	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
531	No Response	Council Priorities	Unfortunately I believe that all of the above are priorities and it is unreasonable to ask your residents to choose between them. That being said, I have chosen the priorities that are relevant to me.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
532	An individual	Council Priorities	Some of these priorities are equally important and the survey does not allow me to choose the same number more than once. That will skew results as it forces a different choice. Some of the services are interdependent (to me). For example. Better library provision, putting more resource into libraries, offering more facilities would be a way of offering options that make a positive contribution to at least 1,2,4,5 above. Parenting groups, reading groups, nutrition groups, digital participation (with sponsorship) classes for older people and people out of work for long periods etc, etc,	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
533	No Response	Council Priorities	I think the priorities are right, but the obvious problem is that the Scottish Government have frozen Council Tax for 10 years to get votes and we are now left to pick up their mess.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
534	No Response	Council Priorities	Crime prevention is very important for the wellbeing of all. I am less impressed by equality for all, as equality also means taking responsibility for one's life and this is often not the case.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
535	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	A difficult exercise as all aspects are important. I would agree that these are the right priorities and that the focus should be on continuing to support families and those that require additional assistance due to circumstances out with their control.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
536	No Response	Council Priorities	There seems to be a lot of focus on children here	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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537	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All the above are important and in many ways interlinked. So ranking them is an arbitrary exercise. The list could also be added to - what about for example "keeping West Lothian moving (including through sustainable and active travel)" There needs also to be recognition that the council does not have to be the lead organisation in delivering these priorities. Given the scale of the financial challenge, reducing crime and improving community safety as an example should be left to Police Scotland to lead on - it is their responsibility. There is also a limit on what the council or indeed any public sector body can do to influence some of these priorities - eg improving the employment position in West Lothian is so dependent on external economic influences, Brexit, the general economic cycle and the investment decisions of global businesses. So the focus of the council should be on doing the things that can make the biggest difference and where it has a specific role (ie not provided by other arms of government or indeed through the private sector) Finally, the wording of the priorities could be improved, including to make them understandable to the wider populous. "Improving the employment position in West Lothian" is not particularly clear on what this really means - a better descriptor would be "Building a strong economy and improve employment opportunities for West Lothian residents"	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
538	An individual	Council Priorities	No priority for people with disabilities and the services they use	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
539	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with the priorities. I would prefer to see more investment in early years so that less support and intervention is needed later on when those young people attend schools, as the groundwork has already been done. However, my priority would be to concentrate on crime reduction and improving community safety as residents and visitors to West Lothian need to feel safe on the streets. Where people feel safe, they are more likely to go out and participate in activities, spend money, and feel healthier. This in turn supports the other priorities such as delivering positive outcomes on health, and improving the employment position in West Lothian through supporting local business. I believe we should also protect the environment and create attractive public spaces as this impacts on wellbeing. Although I believe it is important to support older people and their quality of life, this should not come at the expense of those who are in genuine financial need and do not have resources themselves. I say this because, there are a lot of wealthy and comfortably off older people and also wealthy disabled people, who qualify for financial assistance or other help who could quite easily afford to pay more for the services they receive. Older people's health and care services must be means tested more than they are now. For example, older people who get help with care and health costs who can easily afford to pay.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
540	No Response	Council Priorities	Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children/ Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years - unsure what is meant by these comments?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
541	An individual	Council Priorities	I think all the priorities are of equal importance, however, some priorities are also covered by other public service providers and the elements that are delivered by the council should perhaps be reduced. There is a danger that individuals do not see themselves as users of council services and reducing the services that everyone uses, such as roads and waste, there will be a public backlash if the council continues to provide universal services which are not statutory.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
542	An individual	Council Priorities	We must improve the quality of life for the elderly. The closure of Bield care homes in West Lothian is a disgrace, these homes are closing due to lack of funds from West Lothian Council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
543	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	These points are all just as important as each other and very difficult to prioritise. It has also been noted that learning disabilities has not been mentioned as a care population.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
544	No Response	Council Priorities	This was really hard to choose and prioritise due to them all being very important resources in West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
545	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel that less poverty and deprivation is important because this has an effect on children and how they learn, early intervention can also have a positive impact on children who find themselves in these circumstances through no fault of their own. In turn this may lead to a way of breaking the cycle for them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
546	No Response	Council Priorities	Easier access to schools in Edinburgh catchment area, improve and extend kids playparks, fence off playparks, build more shops / shopping centres outside Livingston, retain the easy access to recycling centres	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
547	No Response	Council Priorities	Education from school level is key to changing all these 8 priorities for the future. If funding is removed from any school based learning then this will surely be counterproductive to improving these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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548	An individual	Council Priorities	Possibly looking at early retirement for wlc staff bringing in a leaner way if working and introducing agile working for people	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
549	An individual	Council Priorities	This consultation should not be used as a tool to the detriment of any stakeholder, thus non completion of number grading.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
550	An individual	Council Priorities	"Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality" is not a goal in itself. It is the outcome of improving opportunities and education for kids and improving the employment position.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
551	An individual	Council Priorities	Despite having been established in 2012, the priorities are broad enough to encompass all that is expected of a council and more. I believe that they remain appropriate in 2017 looking forward for the next 5 years but clearly focus may have changed since establishment - hence the need for this consultation. During my working life I was exposed to more that my fair share of "corporate speak" and the priorities as described on page 5 of the consultation document are classics that can only have left the majority of readers scratching their heads. Why not just use simple heading such Children or Health & Wellbeing rather than "Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years" or "Delivering positive outcomes on health"? The Council is hardly going to be seeking to deliver negative outcomes is it?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
552	An individual	Council Priorities	Providing an all round all encompassing education for the children of West Lothian will in the long term improve all of the other listed priorities. Children who have an education involving, not only the standard subjects but, opportunities to shine creatively and with hands on subjects as well are more likely to go on to work in ways which benefit the whole of society. With out inspiring our young people we will fail to encourage them into productive employment and we will fail to help them to come out of the poverty cycle. This is why I have put positive destinations for school children. It is not all about grades but it is about giving each child the chance to explore things they can not do at home.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
553	No Response	Council Priorities	Deliver a better proportion of money in the right areas, for example to the elderly who have mostly worked all their life and putting in to the community and to the children because they need values in life as they are our future	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
554	An individual	Council Priorities	I think old people should be look after care even if they going to live until there 100 yrs maybe.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
555	No Response	Council Priorities	I am scoring these only as a way to proceed with the survey since you cannot continue unless this activity is performed. However, all of these should be of equal priority and funded appropriately by WLC.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
556	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to rate the above priorities in a particular order of importance as they are all very relevant and in many ways linked. The priorities relating to early years, school children and elderly are all clearly important but there is a particular group of vulnerable citizens - ie adults [post school but not elderly] with severe and complex disabilities whose needs should be prioritised but only partly fall into the 8 priorities noted above.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
557	No Response	Council Priorities	Education for me is key. If a child is encouraged and supported throughout their school lives, this will give them better opportunities for further education or job opportunities. Cutting school funds is never acceptable, especially extra curriculum activities. My daughter plays in the West Lothian Concert Band and the School band and there is a threat to this funding. Many children gain a lot of confidence with Music, this would be a great loss.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
558	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree with the priorities but priority 3 should be a more holistic focus on school she's children not just employability and attainment. We need to focus on young peoples aspiration, motivation, self esteem through developing their skills, attitudes, values and self worth. Do this and many of the other priorities will be achieved too.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
559	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I feel that each of the above areas all link and feed into each other and should not be rated in range of importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
560	No Response	Council Priorities	The priorities remain, however I feel the priority on young people should be about more than positive destinations and attainment, we need to improve young peoples aspiration, motivation and self esteem, focus on their personal and social development to enrich their lives, make positive choices and play a more active positive part in their lives and their community. Our communities are dying a death, we need to invest in them again.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
561	No Response	Council Priorities	New housing should be done only on brown land sites such as the old brickworks at Armadale. This site is an eye sore. leave all green sites as they are.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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562	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	By improving the employment of the people of West Lothian you increase the tax base.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
563	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above priorities are important and it is impossible to rate one over the other in terms of priority. This is overly simplistic and not helpful in determining priorities for funding, as they are all inter-linked. A more complex approach is clearly required.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
564	No Response	Council Priorities	I think these priorities are still the right ones.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
565	An individual	Council Priorities	It is important to prioritise the youngest, to invest in the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
566	An individual	Council Priorities	All "apple pie" objectives - guess the real question is to what degree can WLC (or any local government) impact these lofty aspirations. Health, Education, Reducing Crime, Increased Employment are all areas I guess very few people would argue against - but for Health - for example the key input from WLC is probably Social Care as opposed to NHS (which I think is Scottish National Government's responsibility. Education is (at the moment) under the auspices of Local Government - but there are moves to empower the larger schools and hopefully cluster the smaller schools - so they have greater say in their own destiny - and budget spend. As WLC area employment is predominantly in the private sector - WLC's ability to influence future employment levels - is more associated with the Council Tax, Services, Infrastructure and Transport (including parking) it provides - as opposed to direct involvement in businesses is probably more effective. I am sceptical of how greater influence the various Business Gateway offshoots have on stimulating lasting businesses as opposed to star-burst type operations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
567	An individual	Council Priorities	giving jobs to local people	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
568	No Response	Council Priorities	It is difficult to prioritise these accurately in relation to each other as some of them may be in a relatively good position to start with. However, if any of them were in a relatively poor starting place, these would be the priorities to concentrate and improve on.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
569	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Personally I think the most important thing to do now is save jobs in the Council. If the Council keeps paying off staff they cannot possibly provide a good service. Then the staff will be pressured more and more to do the impossible and improve performance and stats with even less staff causing people to go off with stress. Once the economy improves which it will the Council will then need to apply for more staff again. Increase Council Tax as much as is needed to maintain the services. Make service area's charge upfront for services rather than waiting till after for the revenues team to chase the money. This would also mean revenues could focus on Council Tax and Business Rates. Also they have to collect Bid Levy's which the Council also put funds into. Why not get rid of the bids also meaning the revenues team can focus on collection of more important funds that the Council needs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
570	An individual	Council Priorities	This is a very difficult series of priorities to make. Ideally they are all as important as each other. These priorities have been listed in order of importance relative to me and my family and our perspective on West Lothian at present and its needs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
571	An individual	Council Priorities	An additional priority should be considered: Developing and supporting innovation and creativity, in education, culture and the arts. The rationale behind the addition of this priority is to acknowledge that people's involvement in education, culture and art directly affects their health and economic well-being. If in any doubt about the above statement, please see the link below for the Government white paper: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/510798/DCMS_The_Culture_White_Paper__3_.pdf	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
572	An individual	Council Priorities	None of these priorities should take precedence or override any other. They are all interdependent, interlinked and impact equally significantly on West Lothian communities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
573	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The environment is cross-cutting and impacts on all the above. Improving health and minimising poverty go hand in hand.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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574	An individual	Council Priorities	The key priority for the council should be putting any available capital reserves to use re-establishing West Lothian as a viable economic base. We should be using these funds for investment in our physical infrastructure as well as a focus on developing the skills of the local population. The long term sustainability of our communities, and every other identified priority, relies on a healthy local economy that we won't get without investment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
575	No Response	Council Priorities	All "apple pie" objectives - guess the real question is to what degree can WLC (or any local government) impact these lofty aspirations. Health, Education, Reducing Crime, Increased Employment are all areas I guess very few people would argue against - but for Health - for example the key input from WLC is probably Social Care as opposed to NHS (which I think is Scottish National Government's responsibility. Education is (at the moment) under the auspices of Local Government - but there are moves to empower the larger schools and hopefully cluster the smaller schools - so they have greater say in their own destiny - and budget spend. As WLC area employment is predominantly in the private sector - WLC's ability to influence future employment levels - is more associated with the Council Tax, Services, Infrastructure and Transport (including parking) it provides - as opposed to direct involvement in businesses is probably more effective. I am sceptical of how greater influence the various Business Gateway offshoots have on stimulating lasting businesses as opposed to star-burst type operations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
576	An individual	Council Priorities	Health is important but is dealt with by other agencies	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
577	An individual	Council Priorities	The priorities listed above ar very vague, and seem to ignore matters such as provision of services (waste, education, social care etc)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
578	An individual	Council Priorities	More emphasis should be applied to caring for older people. Young children have parents who should be looking after them but a lot of older people have no-one.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
579	An individual	Council Priorities	I have only scored these because the survey will not allow me to continue unless I do this, however every single one of these is a no.1 priority and as such, every element above should have it's own workstream, and be of equal priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
580	An individual	Council Priorities	Should there not also be a priority on affordable housing and on 'infill' on gap sites, brown field areas, gaps - small scale development to add to housing stock bringing into use land that is not being developed. Should there not also be an intervention on the private rental sector to raise quality and standards. Prioritising 1-4 on the list is key to generate and sustain community creating resilience to see West Lothian through challenging times that seem to lie ahead.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
581	No Response	Council Priorities	Safety within West Lothian is key. If we live in a safe area everything else can develop. if the area in which we life is not safe nobody will want to live within West Lothian so your priorities wont matter	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
582	No Response	Council Priorities	provision of affordable has to be a priority as well	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
583	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Health and crime should be priorities for the NHS and Police. Council services should support their initiatives where appropriate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
584	No Response	Council Priorities	Difficult to prioritise, but how much real influence does WLC have on levels of employment - obviously WLC employees - but decisions by private Companies are dictated by national/international markets - so good aspiration but WLC can realistically only have minimal impact. Health and Education are in my opinion the 2 big ticket items - although I'm unclear as to the level of influence WLC has, compared to National Government over NHS or Education budgets/policies. The same can be said for Crime and Safety - not sure of the borders between Local Government and national Government. Eliminating poverty and the cycle of deprivation - is a great aspiration - and help for those in these situations is what we should all strive for - but again is this really in the hands of UK or Scottish Government as opposed to Local Government?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
585	An individual	Council Priorities	Some items are / should be the responsibility of the individual not the council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
586	No Response	Council Priorities	It's hard to prioritise but if our children are properly educated this could reduce the impact on crime and unemployment in later life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
587	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that if we put resources into educating our young then West Lothian will become a better srea	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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588	No Response	Council Priorities	Education especially equality within the council. For instance, Linlithgow children seem to have greater access to quality facilities and more importantly provision than a child in Armadale.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
589	An individual	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to comment/prioritise on such broad, sweeping areas. It is not really possible to give an accurate prioritisation based on the above criteria.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
590	An individual	Council Priorities	Giving children opportunities in education to improve their self confidence and self worth are vital to closing the attainment gap and reducing the effects of poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
591	An individual	Council Priorities	It's difficult to be clear exactly what these mean. However we need to invest in our children and their future. Giving them the best opportunities in schools is vital, and this includes the extra services beyond core subjects. It's encouraging a wide range of activities and learning. Music is vital for this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
592	No Response	Council Priorities	Think that a big priority should be attracting employers to this area. West Lothian is slowly becoming a commuter town for Edinburgh/Glasgow.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
593	An individual	Council Priorities	The council should spend the minimum amount possible on functions that are non value added for the citizens of West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
594	An individual	Council Priorities	Very difficult to choose here however I suspect the council has deliberately tried to confuse the issues by having 8 priorities and 7 categories of savings with no direct correlation between the two which is very disappointing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
595	An individual	Council Priorities	They are all really important and interlinked. Although I have put protecting the built and natural environment in last place this is extremely important. Neglecting it will have a detrimental effect on all the other dimensions. However this question does not acknowledge this relationship.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
596	No Response	Council Priorities	The council needs more housing, they should sell the houses to the people who can afford them and build new ones for people who can't. People in higher paying jobs with 2 working single people are getting council housing? Doesn't seem fair. Or single people in 2,3,4 bedroom houses- they should be moved into homes more suitable for them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
597	An individual	Council Priorities	All of the above are in my opinion equally important but I was unable to show this using the 1-8 scoring system. Not sure this is a good way to gather this information.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
598	An individual	Council Priorities	I do believe that improving early intervention, early years and schooling will longer term provide reduced crime, poverty and improved employment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
599	No Response	Council Priorities	The reduction of inequality will be the key to achieving the other outcomes. Whilst the focus on getting it right in the early years is important this should not be at the expense of those who have already faced adversity as those are often our most vulnerable (and costly) citizens. Continued support in this area can reduce the generational impact of adversity and assist in reducing future costs	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
600	An individual	Council Priorities	The school instrumental music service has been of great benefit to my children and they have gained so much from being part of orchestras and exchange trips with German students. The concerts bring families in to the school and make parents feel more connected to the life of the school, resulting in greater support for other activities. I do feel it would be a great loss to lose this service.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
601	An individual	Council Priorities	I am completing this survey with the knowledge of the proposed cuts to the music tuition in schools. I myself benefited from this tuition when I was a pupil between 2008-2014, and it opened up so many positive opportunities for me. I definitely believe that without the music I did at school, I would not have performed so well at school.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
602	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that the primary health care provision within West Lothian has room for improvement. In order to deliver better outcomes within health care we should have stricter appointment cancellation policies within GP surgeries and more over-the-phone consultation to reduce waiting times. Approximate waiting for an appointment at my clinic was 8 days. Secondly, I believe that primary and secondary education is also a priority within West Lothian Council. With discussion regarding budget and service cuts (i.e. Music Lessons) it concerns residents and teachers. The children of West Lothian deserve a well rounded and diverse education to ensure that every child is given an opportunity to grow in an area they are interested in.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
603	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel that the music program is a very helpful and useful way for people to experience and explore there sides and without people may feel like they don't have a talent music is just as important as sport	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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604	An individual	Council Priorities	Many of the priorities above have an equal rating and it is very difficult to rate them in order of importance. I would say all have an equal weighting except for perhaps Protecting the Built and Natural environment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
605	An individual	Council Priorities	I would agree that the priorities are still the right ones.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
606	No Response	Council Priorities	There needs to be some more activity surrounding crime, there is still a lot of fly tipping that goes on. Plus the older people need a bit more support/care in the Community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
607	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I feel that providing and encouraging affordable, good quality housing is a priority. It is widely recognised as a basic human right to live in tolerable conditions that you can afford. I would like to see this stand alone and given the recognition it is due rather than as a subtext of other priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
608	No Response	Council Priorities	very difficult to prioritise these priorities, prioritising work within the various priorities slightly easier	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
609	An individual	Council Priorities	fix employment and everything else will fall into place. Better health, reduced crime, less poverty, etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
610	No Response	Council Priorities	Every one of them are important, however the top priority must be employment, as this can improve the health, reduce the crime rate, minimise poverty and cause the domino effect of improving all priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
611	No Response	Council Priorities	There is no mention of disability (Physical/learning) included within these priorities. I would say these are vulnerable groups within the community which services should be included within the priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
612	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The development of our children is the future of our community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
613	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that all of these priorities will make for a better West Lothian, however I feel that education has to take top priority in that. Only by improving the attainment and positive destinations for young people will they go on to make for a better West Lothian which will see many of these priorities fall into place e.g. improved attainment will most likely lead to better job prospects which should therefore minimise unemployment rates and hopefully reduce poverty. I would also like to think that a highly educated young person would also make the correct choices when it comes to making important lifestyle choices on health and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
614	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I am in agreement with the existing priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
615	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel all these areas are highly important for West Lothian. I believe education from early years up to be key to tackling employment, poverty, equity and health.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
616	No Response	Council Priorities	These are the the important ones to address	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
617	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel that crime and health are shared priorities with Police Scotland and the NHS which is why I have ranked them lower within these council-specific priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
618	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	supporting our children and young people to access opportunities and get the support they need early in life will help them growing up in west Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
619	An individual	Council Priorities	A strong economy and employment position will aid the delivery other outcomes such as crime, minimising poverty. Money should be prioritised on decent housing, equipping people for employment and providing employment opportunities so the demand for resources for unemployment, the crime associated with being unemployed / bored, temporary accommodation is reduced.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
620	An individual	Council Priorities	There has been a suggestion around removing the council recycling centre in Linlithgow. I cannot find the specific 'box' for this however I want to note that I am very against this. (I have already been through this consultation form and I think it is an omission to not have a another other comments box before the the submission)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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621	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Early intervention and reducing inequalities key focus much else will improve if that is tackled well	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
622	An individual	Council Priorities	Music education in schools should NOT be cut in any way. My children have reaped enormous benefits since learning to play the violin in P6. They are now in S2 and S5, are still receiving school lessons, have achieved Grade 3 and Grade 5 through school lessons. They are part of the school orchestras. They participate in music exchange trips, concerts, and music camps. These opportunities have not only benefited their music abilities but developed other areas such as confidence, the ability to persevere, being part of a group, commitment, dedication. The talent when you hear the school orchestra plays is incredible. PLEASE don't take these opportunities away.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
623	No Response	Council Priorities	It's wrong to charge for brown bin collections. Fly tipping will surely increase as a result. Reduce the level of senior management.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
624	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Although I have rated the priorities above, providing Lipreading classes crosses several of the priorities. 1) Helps with delivering positive outcomes on health - as recently published in the press hearing loss can affect mental health, through isolation leading to a greater risk of developing dementia 2) Promoting equality. 3) Employment - Can help people of working age remain in work longer. 4) Improves the quality of life for older people -Keeps them feeling part of society	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
625	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel that a large number of these priorities were equal and not more or less important however this was not an option given on this consultation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
626	An individual	Council Priorities	These proposals seem to cover all aspects of the Council remit	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
627	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe these eight priorities are all important in their own right and all deserve equal attention and dedication to ensure improvements are made promises are delivered. Children and young people are an important part of our society and will be the individuals who endure the consequences of the proposed changes for many years to come. Many young people choose to leave the community due to a number of reasons including negative schooling experiences and other conditions they cannot control themselves, which ultimately impact negatively on their quality of life. This is my reason for rating these the highest in terms of importance. Although I have rated reducing crime as the 7th most important priority, I believe that if the other priorities were met (such as improving employment and delivering positive health outcomes) then the crime rate has the ability to reduce by its own accord, ultimately improving community safety in the process. Albeit crime would not disappear completely through this method, it may certainly be reduced.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
628	No Response	Council Priorities	These priorities seem to cover all aspects of the Council remit	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
629	An individual	Council Priorities	Health to be better would improve the wellbeing of local people. In our community. Supporting economic growth for business. Would be helping the people into employment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
630	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree these are priorities council should focus on. They all interconnect and will ultimately impact on each other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
631	No Response	Council Priorities	Although I have rated these priorities in an order which reflects my views, there is no doubt that all are actually important across the Region. As you point out you have very challenging Budgetary Targets and realistically certain services will have to be curtailed, or disappear altogether. Why and how did it all get to this stage? Easy, it is down to insane Scottish Government Policy where Council Tax has been frozen for Ten Years. What did the Government think was going to happen? Any Primary School Kid could work out that it was going to end in disaster.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
632	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Reducing homelessness should be a key priority, people are more important than buildings	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
633	An individual	Council Priorities	A do also believe that these priorities are right however I don't believe that taking away the already privileges for school pupils would not benefit the whole community and young people. But instead you could only grit the roads when it is actually going to be icy or give people a limit of when they can dump large items in the dump.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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634	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is hard to rank these priorities as some influence others - for example by improving the employment provision in West Lothian, attracting companies to invest in their business within West Lothian will ultimately provide incentives for children in schools and also minimise poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality. Protecting the built and natural environment can have an influence on delivery positive outcomes for health as residents will go out and about more and also perhaps reduce crime and improve community safety as people start feeling pride in where they live.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
635	No Response	Council Priorities	Would have been nice to see some of the other options too?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
636	An individual	Council Priorities	It is almost impossible to put the above into an order of importance as many of them are inter-related. For example improving the quality of life for older people will only happen if reducing crime and improving the community safety of the vulnerable occurs as well as supporting positive outcomes on health and provision of appropriate rehab and community groups to address isolation and health support. Again improving attainment and positive destinations for school children will be hampered if nothing is done to address the ever increasing incidence of Child and Adolescent mental health problems with inadequate provision of personnel at CAMHS, (surely falling into the 'delivering positive outcomes on health' heading, as well as cuts in school support staff. Not prioritising the employment issues will also directly affect the positive destinations for school children. There are also obviously huge overlaps in what contributes to poverty & deprivation, with health, employment, crime & education. Therefore, I'm not sure that it is a helpful exercise to ask to list the above in order of importance given they are so interdependent on each other. Also, the headings are too general, detail within each would allow easier prioritising. For example within protecting the built and natural environments, I would happily accept a decrease in how often my local pavements are gritted but would be far more concerned about a deterioration in our High Street and public parks and loss of facilities for waste disposal and recycling.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
637	An individual	Council Priorities	West Lothian residents are very passionate about their community. This should be utilised in providing a blended approach of providing local services by local people for local people. Reducing the contracting of services out to private agencies: in relation to personal care / domiciliary care this would 1) improve standards of care provided to elderly / vulnerable people and families, 2) ensure consistency of care instead of care agencies struggling to provide care to complex needs of some people / families, 3) improve employment for local people in their local area, 4) build on the strong community links already in evident West Lothian residents.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
638	No Response	Council Priorities	Underfunding over the life of the SNP government has led to the challenges now facing all L.A. Effective services cost money.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
639	No Response	Council Priorities	I think they are all important, so very hard and somewhat artificial to rank.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
640	On behalf of a Group/Organisation	Council Priorities	Peel Primary Pupil Council would like the following things to happen in West Lothian: - All old people have enough money to live on - We want all school staff to keep their jobs - All our bins to be collected regularly - We want to help people in debt - Musical and artistic experts to continue coming to schools	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
641	An individual	Council Priorities	Mental health support has had huge cuts in recent years which I feel has put a heavier burden on the NHS. Local hospitals are unable to cope with the large admissions due to lack of community programmes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
642	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't feel there is anything else to add.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
643	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes, but with an increasingly elderly population, we require appropriate service provision	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
644	An individual	Council Priorities	Education is the foundation of improving society for all.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
645	An individual	Council Priorities	Health issues feature largely within West Lothian and I think this should be a priority. I found it very difficult to prioritise all of the other choices but well being, a living wage and education are definitely the most important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
646	An individual	Council Priorities	Health - healthy population would provide people with the opportunity to gain employment and reduce the pressure on local government with housing benefits, social care, etc	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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647	An individual	Council Priorities	Inform tenants and householders about free uplifts of large items like mattresses, suites, white goods, etc as dumped items of such make the place look like a slum. Also, if possible when allocating houses to tenants it would be beneficial if they were "interested" in having a garden. If not then a flat would be better as streets of unkempt gardens look of deprivation and encourages antisocial behaviour!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
648	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Investment in early intervention, education will save the council money in future years as there will be less demand for services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
649	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel that all of these are very important half for the now and half for the future and its a shame that I am having to pick what one I find most important as they're all important to me and shouldn't be cut.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
650	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that schools and education budget should be ringfenced. We must invest in our future adults.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
651	No Response	Council Priorities	All are valuable outcomes and it is impossible to rate them in order	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
652	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes, but what about affordable housing and also quality and standards in private rental market. There has to be sustainability and resilience built into our prioritising to create community that is best placed to face the many challenges that are to be faced in the next 10 or so years	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
653	An individual	Council Priorities	To rank these priorities in numerical priority does not allow for equal value to any two or more services. Therefore to be required to rank as such gives an unfair value on some services and priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
654	An individual	Council Priorities	Looking after people whatever age they are is the most important priority as far as I'm concerned	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
655	No Response	Council Priorities	Woman coming from domestic violence should get better help. Counselling services more of it. People needing homes better suited to there needs getting them. And education transport for primary and secondary levels.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
656	No Response	Council Priorities	Form is allowing five responses	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
657	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that through investment in education, health and employment will automatically reduce poverty and reduce crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
658	An individual	Council Priorities	Improved employment opportunities will help reduce crime and assist in better attainment at school as it will lift people out of the poverty trap. This too along with a good environment will help with health, both physical and mental as it encourages walking/cycling etc and provides an attractive and hopefully relaxing place to live.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
659	An individual	Council Priorities	Promoting equality and peace should be high on the list.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
660	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree with the 8 priorities. It is important that the budget reflects these strategic priorities (rather than a % across-the-board cut).	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
661	An individual	Council Priorities	These are your and your Council officers' priorities and in no way reflect the extreme changes proposed. The changes concerning the closure of Eilburn Day Care Centre and the Ability Centre and their relocation to Pathways Day Care Centre are unrealistic. This in no way reflects the views of good, ordinary citizens who would, given a choice, find many of the above applies across the board concerning their families and everyday life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
662	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	We need to remember cuts now can have long term impacts later.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
663	An individual	Council Priorities	These policies are difficult to view in isolation. If a subsidised bus service is cut, for example, this will impact across multiple policies, putting employability beyond the reach of people without car access including young people and diminishing the quality of life of older people, with a negative impact upon equality.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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664	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I am not sure if the eight priorities can be easily achieved without looking at them all at the same time. Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality is at the heart of improving young people's lives/prospects. promoting health, improving life for older people, creating jobs and making neighbourhoods safer. Protecting the built and natural environment is a big part of all of this too as you need to ensure that West Lothian is an area in which people are able to be active and healthy, that its buildings do not add to the inequality in living standards and health etc. I would suggest that the council should be doing more than protecting the environment but make it an active priority to protect AND improve both the built and natural environment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
665	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Very difficult to rank, as all are equally important in their own right.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
666	No Response	Council Priorities	you could cut back on head management at the very top of tree and stop give big Golden hand shakes. As a tax payer i have worked all my days and still pay tax on my pension for all them.I dont want work, I try to get help but get too much pension by two pounds and can't get rent rebates etc. when people out there works and on low wage and them dont work get ever thing that going	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
667	An individual	Council Priorities	Very difficult to prioritise as all very important. I can't choose	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
668	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above are extremely important if we want to improve the quality of life for the people of West Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
669	No Response	Council Priorities	a say this form is very important as a community with also professionals too look at helping the public environment and making sure wee all work together	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
670	No Response	Council Priorities	It's impossible to rate the priorities in order of importance. Each one links and affects the others that.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
671	An individual	Council Priorities	Ridiculous state of affairs asking to rank these items.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
672	An individual	Council Priorities	The number of older people is increasing. Sadly with old age more and more health issues arise. The Council along with the NHS have a duty to mitigate these issues as much as they can.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
673	An individual	Council Priorities	Crime and environment are being dealt with by other agencies	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
674	An individual	Council Priorities	The outline priorities are the correct priorities, however it isn't clear if the ranking of the priorities actually makes any difference in the allocation of resources, review and importance. I understand there are statutory obligations to be met in all areas of the council's undertakings, however as the priorities outlined above cover every area of the council then it is unclear as to why they should be ranked in level of importance as this has to reflect in changing the way services are delivered, funding allocated or scrutiny undertaken.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
675	No Response	Council Priorities	Ranking these priorities is pointless since each one impacts the others. Improving employment reduces poverty. Reducing poverty reduces crime and also improves health, the quality of the environment, increases tax revenues, and frees extra funding for the elderly. Early intervention for young children increases the chances of positive outcomes for school children and improves employment prospects. A better environment has a proven impact on health and well being, improving the quality of life for old people reduces demands on Health services and so on and on.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
676	No Response	Council Priorities	I would have put 1 for all of them! The health and well-being of our community is paramount, and all aspects above contribute to that, not least protecting the natural environment. Society needs to promote greater kindness and compassion, and sadly this is overlooked in the rush for economic returns.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
677	An individual	Council Priorities	Pay more council tax? These are interconnected and impossible to separate. Get all the unpaid tax.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
678	An individual	Council Priorities	Fine but I think the council should also look inward to making savings and spend money wiser. Challenge if it is right to have senior managers yet contract specialists to do the management job instead	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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679	An individual	Council Priorities	Mental health is becoming a major issue for our children. Most are waiting 6 months on a waiting list for camhs - if seen earlier treatment would cost less. Teachers and schools need investment here to introduce strategies as part of the school curriculum to help	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
680	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel that all these things are very important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
681	No Response	Council Priorities	Start prioritising self responsibility. If you break it you pay for it, if you eat far too much, lose weight before you get treatment, if you smoke you don't get full benefits... Measures to encourage self reliance and responsibility	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
682	No Response	Council Priorities	Priorities the old and young over those who choose unemployment as a life style choice	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
683	An individual	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to rank these - clearly, all are important and many are interlinked. It would be helpful to know where WL sits in relation to the rest of Scotland regarding, for example, child poverty or unemployment rates. Without this insight objective judgements cannot be made.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
684	An individual	Council Priorities	In order to keep the community safe, it is important to protect local community police and not make job cuts. Important to keep the towns looking good and to make sure people who buy buildings are held to account when they become dilapidated (e.g. Victoria Halls in Linlithgow) - tourism is something West Lothian Council could do better by ensuring the upkeep of each town and marketing the towns more effectively (especially Linlithgow) so they bring money into West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
685	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with these priorities - difficult to rate them 1-8 given the inter-related nature of them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
686	An individual	Council Priorities	Special care groups missed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
687	An individual	Council Priorities	All of equal importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
688	An individual	Council Priorities	Providing better care for the disabled should be on this not merging services which will have a negative effect on this service	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
689	An individual	Council Priorities	Many of the priorities are inter linked. Protecting and improving the environment for example can lead to positive health outcomes and reductions in deprivation and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
690	An individual	Council Priorities	By tackling the first 4 priorities identified, this should help support the work in the other 4 areas	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
691	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving health is a key driver for all other outcomes. Without good health residents cannot work or enjoy the outdoor environment, attainment decreases along with positive destinations for pupils. Poor health is a correlating factor with poverty. Good health also improves outcomes for older people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
692	An individual	Council Priorities	All of the above are important. However if young people are not given the chance to succeed at an early age then there will always be difficulties for local and national government.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
693	No Response	Council Priorities	I don't think I can put these into order of importance as they should all be priorities and are all important in their own right. Also, if employment is improved then naturally poverty will decrease and if the natural environment is protected and crime reduced then quality of life for everyone, not just the elderly, and positive outcomes in health will improve as well.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
694	An individual	Council Priorities	This consultation is very vague, lacks detail and impact of proposals. Reads as if decisions already made. Where is the evidence base? Evidence totally lacking in this document. Would you make critical decisions based on this? I have commented, reluctantly, and consider this document and the approach seriously flawed. It gives no confidence that council and services are in capable hands. I hope the politicians take note and improve on this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
695	No Response	Council Priorities	They are broadly correct. I think every priority must be given to Education as it will secure the future of West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
696	An individual	Council Priorities	More employment opportunities for younger people and flexible hours for single parents. Reducing crime by giving people equal opportunities and helping ex prisoners rebuild their life afterwards with support programs and support with work / housing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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697	No Response	Council Priorities	Education and the improving life of elderly is my priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
698	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	This was difficult to prioritise as they are all equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
699	An individual	Council Priorities	If employment is improved there should be less need to minimise poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
700	An individual	Council Priorities	These points are all equal in importance.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
701	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Living healthier lives creates a healthier community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
702	An individual	Council Priorities	Support assistants in schools are vital in improving the education of children from poorer backgrounds. They provide extra support particularly for those who do not get the extra support at home. They are one of the biggest contributors to reducing the attainment gap.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
703	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The natural and built environment is very important and there is scientific evidence to prove that good open space is vital for health and well being. Also green spaces are essential for biodiversity and wildlife and alleviating problems of flooding and climate change.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
704	No Response	Council Priorities	This is a nonsense. Everyone of these categories contains an element that is essential. This is like choosing which of your children you love most! Furthermore, I declare an interest in the area of "disabilities" so, again, everyone of these priorities has a direct impact on the welfare of people living with a disability. I have made a selection so as to progress the survey. I sense an element of "direction" in this section.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
705	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The more jobs, the more prosperous West Lothian will be, the more money will go into taxes, inc. council tax and the more will be available to spend in improving services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
706	An individual	Council Priorities	Education is of the essence according to the Scottish Government and yet they are not giving the appropriate funding to the Council. How can one grade the above when they are all very important (They all should be 1). Case in point is Instrumental Music. West Lothian has been at the forefront of Instrumental Teaching and results have shown (particularly in brass instrument tuition) with West Lothian Schools Brass Band gaining Scottish, British and European Titles over the years. Surely this highlights the quality of teaching required and should not be cut from the curriculum.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
707	An individual	Council Priorities	All these bullet points are of great importance and with the past 5 years of cutbacks there has been a great reduction in how West Lothian looked and felt from previous times. You go on about improving this, that and the other when in actual fact life is going to be really terrible. It matters not a jot what we write down here because you have decided what you are going to do. How much is this costing as well? And why?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
708	No Response	Council Priorities	I would have put a against all of these - they are all important. Savings could be made in the way that services are delivered. There are so many gross inefficiencies in the way that councils are run.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
709	An individual	Council Priorities	Children should have the best start in life, which means security in their home, having enough food and clothing, and not fretting and seeing their parents worrying about how to make ends meet. Should also feel that after doing their best at school they have a chance of a decent job. Tenants who are anti social should be warned about losing their houses. Neighbours should not be afraid to report these people to Housing Dept and should expect action to taken against them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
710	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education should be the main priority to give our young people opportunities and to provide them with life skills. This includes early education with nursery teachers remaining in post in all nurseries.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
711	An individual	Council Priorities	To be completely honest.. Why even give us the choice when any simple minded person with a calculator can work out that they're all getting budget cuts anyway. Why does it even matter what we think, you're never going to put our opinions into consideration... It's cynical to be honest. Thanks for either damaging my future child's future, My parents income, the health system, the eco system, the criminal justice system and even my siblings future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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712	An individual	Council Priorities	I think you have to look after peoples health most importantly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
713	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree these are still the priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
714	An individual	Council Priorities	I am not able to prioritise these as I believe it is a very personal reflection of individual circumstance that would inform these by members of the public. I would hope however that the West Lothian Council staff Councillors would take a holistic approach to any decision made.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
715	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	So you have given up on housing the local populace? The natives? You don't deserve to be in power these are the very people who paid taxes to you. Read the Magna Carter! Immigration is failing the country more now than ever. The doctors are not coming here. If a nurse of St Johns can be paid nearly £500 for a 12 hour shift on the back why work f/t in a hospital.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
716	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The underlying cause of inequalities is poverty so minimising this will improve life chances for all. However, promoting equality is not the same as reducing inequality which was the previous outcome. Promoting equality will not reduce the inequalities gap., the gap will remain the same or widen further. I would like to restore the outcome to reflect that the council is trying to close the inequality gap, to reduce inequalities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
717	An individual	Council Priorities	Tackling global warming and climate change starts at home. "Protecting the natural environment" does not capture that well. The Council should play a leading role in reducing carbon emissions, and increasing carbon sequestration, from West Lothian as a whole (not just the Council's own emissions). That should be a stated priority. In relation to health, public safety and employment, the Council should not purport to be the central player. It can support the NHS, the police and the employment/economic development agencies but should not prioritise these issues above those where the Council is undeniably the lead authority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
718	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel there is no mention of disabilities within these priorities or other vulnerable groups such as those affected by drug and/or alcohol issues	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
719	An individual	Council Priorities	Difficult choices as all have impact	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
720	An individual	Council Priorities	Difficult to make comments without having fuller background information as to each of the 8 priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
721	No Response	Council Priorities	I think these priorities are still the right ones.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
722	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to separate one from the other as they are all essential.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
723	An individual	Council Priorities	Sad to note that the needs of people who have a learning disability and who have associated physical disabilities alongside high health care needs are not included in the above priorities. These people are some of the most vulnerable people living in society today.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
724	An individual	Council Priorities	If the council were to improve services for children in west lothian it would have a far reaching positive benefits for the whole of west Lothian in the long term rather than swathes of cut to relieve the current budget demands	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
725	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Improving employment would have a knock-on effect I feel with helping improve the anti-social problems by giving people hope of a future plan in their life, giving them more self respect and confidence in their abilities which in turn would help improve their family life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
726	No Response	Council Priorities	There is no mention of either physical or learning disabilities, or mental health within these priorities. I also feel there is no mention of drug or alcohol issues which also are vulnerable groups, which I feel should be mentioned within these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
727	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It was difficult to rate these in order as Education has to be our number one priority at all levels but all these other priorities are equally as important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
728	No Response	Council Priorities	The categories above are still the right ones but it is not as clean cut as number them 1 to 8. Each category has numerous outcomes and directions that can be taken. This makes it difficult to simply say this is my number 1, number 2 etc.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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729	No Response	Council Priorities	Very difficult to decide on this - all crucial for West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
730	An individual	Council Priorities	no one should be living in poverty in this day and age - improving this as a top priority could improve some other priorities too.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
731	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I feel having the right and appropriate employment options gives people of all ages something to strive for, creates a better feeling of self worth, should give a better quality of life and shows other members of their family, friends and people around them the benefits of striving forward with a positive future. In my experience this also supports mental health in a positive way and supports improving peoples lives in general. Having said that there is still much support needed for our younger children from early years through to those ready to leave school and early intervention would break down many barriers that prevent people from going into employment, training and or education. I have worked in employability in different geographical areas and worked with people of all ages and I have seen if the right support is given at an earlier age (early years, primary and secondary) then the person is in a much better place to be ready to achieve their goals and aspirations. Unfortunately I have worked with adults who have been long term unemployed and I worked with them as teenagers who didn't receive the right support when needed causing their barrier to not be removed. Over the years and currently the mental health of young people I feel has been on the increase and the support for this is very important, currently I support young people move towards being work ready and I have been very fortunate in my partnership working with a variety of agencies (where appropriate) to support young people break down many barriers including health, enabling them to continue to move forward, achieve their goals and sustain employment, training and or education where they wouldn't have before. The young people come back to let us know how they are getting on and fantastic to hear the success stories; they have confirmed without the right support they wouldn't be where they are. Longer term the young people will be adults contributing to the economy of West Lothian and other parts of Scotland if they move and will be less dependant on services but this requires the right support at the right time. Of course supporting the quality of life for older people is important but if the right support is given in younger years then maybe there wouldn't be as many people dependant on different services but of course this is dependant on the reason as to why they are accessing services and there should be support for this age group to. The other areas are very important but if more people are working or in Education and have a variety of responsibilities then I feel this would contribute to less crime, more responsibility for where they stay and hopefully minimise poverty somewhat but there needs to be appropriate employment with decent pay.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
732	An individual	Council Priorities	i think that keeping people in jobs is very important but also looking after children and their schools. I think this also involves youth clubs too but because i don't think the council see those as important which is a shame.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
733	An individual	Council Priorities	Ranking these in order of importance is an entirely artificial exercise, comparing apples with oranges! All are important, and the question is what the council should do within each category to improve efficiency and effectiveness.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
734	No Response	Council Priorities	People with disabilities are not included which is disappointing to say the least, considering their duty of care and their equality duty that they are required to adhere to by law.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
735	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of above are important. Massive focus has been on all of these in West Lothian in recent years so difficult to rate.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
736	An individual	Council Priorities	Children and vulnerable people must be given priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
737	An individual	Council Priorities	Education has to be made a top priority if the others are to be achievable	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
738	No Response	Council Priorities	The problem we have here is that all the eight choices are equally as important, some are not items that should be part of the local government budget.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
739	No Response	Council Priorities	health care should also be funded by central government, the big giveaway is that it is called the National Health Service for a reason.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
740	An individual	Council Priorities	Very generic - impossible to disagree with these.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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741	No Response	Council Priorities	Education is the key.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
742	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education and improving outcomes/attainment must be protected. Investing in future is key to achieving all other objectives.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
743	An individual	Council Priorities	These are all important priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
744	An individual	Council Priorities	Putting money into educating young people about gaining employment and creating a good life for themselves is key to 2 other areas - unemployment & minimising poverty & promoting equality.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
745	No Response	Council Priorities	Education should be at the forefront. In order for future generations to be deterred from crime, become educated and employed therefore reducing poverty, education and early intervention is key. If the other areas are prioritised over education the cycle will just continue to repeat itself.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
746	An individual	Council Priorities	Health should be for the nhs. Their budget is protected as is the police	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
747	An individual	Council Priorities	These priorities are the right ones	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
748	An individual	Council Priorities	Education is the most important way to break out of poverty cycle in the long term.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
749	No Response	Council Priorities	Not enough information to provide comment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
750	No Response	Council Priorities	Older people and children should always be priority when decisions are made to make a better west Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
751	An individual	Council Priorities	Young people are the future of West Lothian and as such, I think the council should continue to put as much as it can afford into early intervention and the quality of our schools. But without jobs for these young people to take up, that effort becomes redundant, so safeguarding employment opportunities is also vital. And helping to lift many people out of the cycle of deprivation, can only come from the above AND continuing to improve and add to our housing stock and community facilities. Health Services and the battle against crime should be more the responsibility of the police and the NHS.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
752	No Response	Council Priorities	I find it hard to rate as all as important as each other and require immediate action.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
753	No Response	Council Priorities	Eight targets but not all positive outcomes are in your gift. Many other factors come into play. All are important, but just how does any council deliver positive outcomes on health? and what does that mean? Goobledygook. Minimising poverty and deprivation is up there with achieving world peace, but unlikely to be achieved. A little more detail on what you actually mean and then I might be able to put things in some sort of perspective and organise what the priorities are.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
754	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe some priorities are equal to each other and that should be an option to decide on. Things like education and employment are just as important as each other. Poverty and health are important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
755	An individual	Council Priorities	Children are paramount in importanc do believe ... look after them, and you look after the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
756	An individual	Council Priorities	All of the above have value but over generalising like this is meaningless.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
757	An individual	Council Priorities	Of these priorities, the council has significant influence over some (eg. education) but very little influence over others (eg improving the employment position in WL) where factors are outside the control of the council. The council should focus effort on those priorities that it can influence.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
758	An individual	Council Priorities	The Council's main priorities have to be to deliver the best possible education for every child in West Lothian and the best care for the elderly and vulnerable.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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759	No Response	Council Priorities	It is not really helpful to present a number of generalised topics such as the ones above. We would all love to have all of them but we need to know which ones contain before we can really identify priorities. Specific legal requirements that the council must provide should be highlighted.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
760	An individual	Council Priorities	Health improvement initiatives in WL are on going at present and well established - I believe that health services should prioritise this in the current climate so it should be less of a priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
761	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Mental health in young people is an issue I feel strongly that has to be dealt with. As a parent of a young person with mental health issues, and as a youth worker with young people with mental health issues, I do feel that there are not enough provisions for young people with mental health issues in West Lothian. even when they have access to provisions in Camhs it is a box ticking exercise and they are passed onto to social work who are not provided with the resources to help these young people. I have only gained help for my child by going to a local counsellor and MP. even after four years of Camhs, And social work he past year my child is no further forward. They are 16 after xmas and the help available via social is ridiculous. No blame to our social worker. We waited 6 months for access to their referrals and only got access after the local counsellor being involved.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
762	No Response	Council Priorities	The business leaders in West Lothian should be held more accountable for employment and economic development - West Lothian is ideally situated on the M8 corridor and many large employers take advantage of situating their business here. Let them work with schools and the college to ensure our young people are ready for the world of work. I have marked health and community safety lowest as NHS and Police Scotland are abdicating too much to the local authority and they need to deliver as funded agencies whose budgets are protected by the Scottish Government	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
763	No Response	Council Priorities	Don't feel I can prioritise as all the above areas in a 1-8 range. They all have important emphasis and by asking us to rate, you are belittling the communities needs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
764	No Response	Council Priorities	Prioritising dealing with poverty should have a positive impact on the other priorities. You have stated that attainment has already improved in schools. Maintaining this level of achievement may be enough in these challenging times. In fact, just filling teacher vacancies is a challenge, without putting more pressure on those who are in post.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
765	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Concerns about the quality of life for older people and the increase of dementia and other such illnesses.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
766	No Response	Council Priorities	I appreciate that this is a difficult time for the council but having to prioritise the list above is not an easy task - discussing this with a friend, she said it's like choosing which one of your children is your favourite - every priority is a priority for a reason with equal worth. All services should be working in partnership both internally as well as with partners and volunteers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
767	An individual	Council Priorities	Needs to be more clarity on the use of the overall budget and how that budget is allocated. The current plan has suggestions for certain areas but does not provide enough options for other suggestions / budget reallocation. Also in light of the recent BBC item showing that West Lothian is more urbanised than the UK average and has less farming is an indicator that the focus has been on building rather than improving our food production and the environment. The proposed new plan will also adversely affect the environment in an age where climate change will destroy much food production and lead to loss of land and priceless assets. Long term sensitive and insightful planning rather than short term thinking is needed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
768	No Response	Council Priorities	Needs to be more clarity on the use of the overall budget and how that budget is allocated. The current plan has suggestions for certain areas but does not provide enough options for other suggestions / budget reallocation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
769	No Response	Council Priorities	Don't disagree though they are generic enough to cover pretty much all of the local authority responsibilities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
770	No Response	Council Priorities	No priorities for adults for learning disabilities to ensure equity across the services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
771	An individual	Council Priorities	By providing a good standard of housing and looking after shared/green spaces, the council will also be improving health and wellbeing (both physical and mental) for all citizens.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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772	An individual	Council Priorities	some of the objectives are intangible and cannot be measured. I notice that reducing costs is missing. citizen satisfaction is important in the decisions you make. opening up information to the public for their scrutiny by issuing minutes of meetings and allowing items for discussion at area council meetings. access to the budget.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
773	An individual	Council Priorities	Main priority should always be children and youth health and education. They are the future of West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
774	An individual	Council Priorities	Impossible to prioritise these areas as they all contain services which are essential and should be better funded so that vulnerable people do not suffer - areas within them all could be cut and tolerated. No amount of spin about 'savings' or 'transforming services' can hide the fact that you are proposing cuts. If the council requires more money to provide adequate services, you should be lobbying central government for more funding - not lying down and accepting less in order to be certain of being voted in on the next election.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
775	An individual	Council Priorities	I think that protecting the environment is the top priority because without that we are unlikely to achieve the other goals. For example heavy slow moving traffic through our villages causes a level of pollution which damages small children disproportionately. As a council WL needs to play its part in addressing climate change. I find it concerning that section 7 is more about 'environment' in a small way - which suggests that the big picture is not being addressed. I would say that the priority to 'Improve attainment and positive destination for school children' is actually part of 'Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years'.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
776	An individual	Council Priorities	We should be improving health care and improving public transport	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
777	No Response	Council Priorities	Impossible to prioritise these areas - they all contain services which are vital and should have more funding instead of cuts, and areas where small cuts could be tolerated. No amount of spin about 'savings' and 'transforming services' can hide that any cuts you make will be detrimental to vulnerable people. 1(b) is especially worrying.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
778	An individual	Council Priorities	I think the eight priorities are right however some which are of equal importance and hard to prioritise from one another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
779	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	People with disabilities are not included in the priorities - why?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
780	No Response	Council Priorities	People with disabilities are omitted from the priorities - Why?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
781	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Carer pointed out that disabled people are not listed under the council's priorities - this says it all in relation to their view of disabled people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
782	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Why are People with disabilities are not mentioned in the list of priorities?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
783	No Response	Council Priorities	Unless it is implied that the priorities which do not specify a group, eg. children or the elderly, deal with the needs of vulnerable adults then I find it odd that no where is it a priority to focus on improving the lives and care for disabled adults. It is further emphasised by the juxtaposition of "Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children" and "Improving the quality of life for older people" which leaves a jarring gap for the needs of adults who are as vulnerable as children or the elderly. They are absent from the priorities unless they fall under a broader spectrum like "Delivering positive outcomes on health" - although this covers far more than the social care needs of disabled adults. Or possibly the priority to help disabled adults is "promoting equality" thus placing the care needs of individuals alongside priorities to deal with crime and deprivation which is inappropriate and confusing to say the least.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
784	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Disabled people are not mentioned. Why are older people seen as a priority and disabled people are not?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
785	No Response	Council Priorities	Important to provide services to keep the elderly in their own homes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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786	An individual	Council Priorities	By improving employment and keeping education a top priority we should improve revenue into the council and government in the long term. We are in this mess because of the nonsensical policy of freezing council tax. The fact the party in power has used it for political gain is ridiculous. The government and local authority should base decisions on what is best for the communities they serve not on what is best for their reelection chances. I am appalled it has come to this level of decisions - there is no way council services will not be adversely affected by this round of spending cuts. A sad day for west Lothian indeed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
787	An individual	Council Priorities	My main priority is protecting the rights and services of our children, families and adults who have disabilities. I feel these services should not be impacted by the budget cuts.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
788	An individual	Council Priorities	I consider all of the above important however without information on how the above are to be achieved it is difficult to prioritise.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
789	An individual	Council Priorities	Think that the first 7 are all around 2 or 3 but have ranked within the 1 to 8n scale	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
790	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to prioritise as ALL of these are required and interlinked .	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
791	No Response	Council Priorities	As these are interlinked, it is difficult to rate them as being more important than another. ALL have importance in the quality of life for West Lothian residents and workers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
792	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	To support and build the capacity of community groups to assist WLC to deliver their priority areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
793	No Response	Council Priorities	All council buildings including schools need to have their heating turned down.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
794	No Response	Council Priorities	I very much doubt if you have the quality of staff to carry this out.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
795	An individual	Council Priorities	Giving people access to help to assist in them being employable is important. People are desperate to find affordable public housing and the need to continue to increase the stock is vital to eradicating poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
796	An individual	Council Priorities	They are all important! Older people, of which I am one, have extremely good services at present.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
797	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these priorities are important making it very difficult to choose between them. I believe that some of them such as raising attainment & ensuring positive destinations will in turn positively impact on others such as reducing unemployment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
798	No Response	Council Priorities	Minimising poverty, ending cycle of deprivation is extremely important but should be a result of the other priorities I have ranked more highly. Equality between the sexes is less important to me than the gap between rich and poor.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
799	An individual	Council Priorities	Most of these feed into each other anyway so prioritising does not really make sense. Improving poverty will have an impact in most areas such as health, attainment and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
800	No Response	Council Priorities	An ageing population requires care and support not cuts and lower provision of services	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
801	An individual	Council Priorities	Reducing poverty levels, looking after our older people, creating opportunities for our children and providing a quality health service I would claim are top priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
802	No Response	Council Priorities	Privatise the roads department because every job they do costs twice the budget ie roundabout at deans north road at Carmondean Centre Road	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
803	An individual	Council Priorities	The reduction of inequality is key to achieving all the other outcomes	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
804	An individual	Council Priorities	Providing safe environments for elderly and disabled residents is a must. They are the most vulnerable members of our community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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805	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All priorities are essential. More must be done to foster positive outcomes in the early years.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
806	An individual	Council Priorities	All these are equally important in their own way. You appear to have missed some however. Providing services such as cleaning the streets, regulating car parking to stop all day parkers blocking the High Streets, maintain the public car parks eg at the Vennel, doctors surgery and introduce time limits in them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
807	No Response	Council Priorities	Breakfast clubs important as it's sometimes all kids have eaten from dinner if at all. Heating in schools should be regulated by schools no point in having heating full pelt and all Windows in school open cos no one can breathe and are overheating because of heat. School dinner menus nice as they are the kids just don't like them some days there are over a hundred packed lunches someone needs to check out what kids actually like rather than second guessing cos thats whats happening. One way to save money is by listening to what folk want	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
808	An individual	Council Priorities	Economy key to success of the area and will support all other priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
809	An individual	Council Priorities	A key priority should be services for disabled children and disabled adults	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
810	An individual	Council Priorities	The priorities have overlooked people with disabilities which in this day and age is shocking considering the Council's Equality Duty and the contribution they make across West Lothian in a whole range of volunteering posts.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
811	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Council Priorities. Community Council members expressed strong views on this subject. The listed headings are so anodyne, so blindingly obvious, so plainly things no right-minded people could disagree with, that they contributed nothing to our consideration of the issues. We suspect they will play no real part in your consideration of the responses. We will play no part in ranking these.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
812	An individual	Council Priorities	Care of elderly should be priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
813	An individual	Council Priorities	I would agree with the outcomes being the priorities but they should not always be set in stone and as circumstances change the council should make the necessary changes to the priorities or indeed set new ones.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
814	An individual	Council Priorities	1 waste of time and money get the lazy parents to do more 2 yes to improving employment opportunities but not at the cost of increasing the council tax 3 the teachers get paid more than enough to doing a better job plus cut the holidays schools get far to many how does this prepare young people working life when most jobs give six weeks not five months 4 older people have the ability to use charity organisations to help them out day to day stop wasting money 5 your having a joke most people on benefits are much better of than people who have to work 6 again your having an other joke if you complain about antisocial behaviour your just wasting your time the council just fobbes you off with some lane excuse 7 health is a personal choic and trying to get people fitter is a waste of public money 8 the council only wants to build new houses to fill then with people on benefits so the scottish government has to foot the bill for the rent and council tax what a joke and as far as the local environment you can barely walk or cycle on a path without being hit by all the overgrowing trees and bushes	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
815	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe these are the right eight priorities, particularly those involving the younger generation. Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children outweigh anything else. Their success is the most important and WLC has to ensure they do everything they can to prepare them for working life, no matter what industry/field of work they want to pursue their career. Education has to be at its strongest for the children of WLC to give them the best opportunities in life as possible.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
816	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe the biggest priority should be improving attainment for children. This will, in my opinion, have a massive effect on the community as a whole as well as the child's life. However, it is very important to remember that attainment is not only provided by maths and literacy. There are many other areas, with particular reference to music! Attainment is helped by inclusion and social justice.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
817	An individual	Council Priorities	Top priorities must be for education as that will impact upon the future of West Lothian, We are currently educating the residents, tax payers and decision makers of tomorrow's West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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818	No Response	Council Priorities	I believe that investing in children and ensuring that parents and carers have support and access to wlc services enabling them to improve and reach positive destinations is the priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
819	An individual	Council Priorities	Early education appears to be at the crux of all these, without education citizens do not know how to maintain health, care for the aging population, look after the environment etc around us.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
820	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree that the eight priorities are correct but a balance must be found to support all of them to some extent	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
821	An individual	Council Priorities	It is not right that this survey is forcing people to choose between 8 equally important priorities. to prioritise is irrelevant now as the last consultation established the eight priorities for a constructive and positive society. the success of any priority relies upon the success of all others Elected members are not doing their job and protesting strongly against all cuts throughout this council and the priorities they proclaim they are delivering.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
822	An individual	Council Priorities	Whilst I have prioritised, I do not believe this can ever accurately reflect the situation given the impossible choices	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
823	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	As you have already indicated that attainment in schools has improved, less focus need be put on that. Simply filling the teacher vacancies is enough of a challenge without putting additional pressure on the existing staff to do more. Tackling poverty will have a positive impact on health and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
824	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Some will take more precedence than others though both from a council and citizen perspective. Priorities will be different for each dependant upon circumstances.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
825	An individual	Council Priorities	One of your priorities has been re-cycling waste, therefore closure of a local re-cycling waste facility would be hugely detrimental	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
826	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Health and crime should be the priorities of the NHS and Police Scotland, not the Council. The council should work alongside its partners where appropriate but should focus on its own responsibilities, not the responsibilities of other agencies.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
827	An individual	Council Priorities	All of them impact on each other.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
828	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes I agree these are all important priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
829	No Response	Council Priorities	It is hard to rank, all priorities seem right and sensible. Moreover they are not mutually exclusive i.e. investing in early years contributes significantly to other outcomes, which is why I put it first.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
830	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is important that all council activity considers the impact on equality and poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
831	An individual	Council Priorities	Start with making children's lives better so that there are opportunities and prospects for the next generation. All these cuts could be too devastating to our children's futures with lots of parents out of work. Better to put up Council tax and save jobs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
832	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	These priorities are still very relevant and intertwine each other to help tackle and reduce health inequalities, poverty and improve the quality of life to individuals and communities within West Lothian. As all these areas are shown to be influential in the prevention of, and the recovery from substance misuse it is very difficult to prioritise them over each other. We know that each of these have an effect to play in the prevention of poor physical and psychological health outcomes as well as successful outcomes of interventions designed to improve the health of individuals, vulnerable and adults and narrow the inequalities gap. In this survey we will only comment in the areas that effect the beneficiaries of our charity and that we believe we have the evidence, knowledge or experience to comment on that are	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
833	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All the above are equally important, Asking us to rate them in any sort of order is unhelpful and misleading as they are all inter-related eg. if vulnerable children are helped in their early years this will also help them attain positive destinations after school; having good quality housing and parks and places to walk can have a greater impact on physical and mental health than a new health centre. All these services are required put there is a need for the service provision and the outcomes to be better linked and explained.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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834	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Provide better care for those with disabilities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
835	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that the 8 priorities above would make a better West Lothian. However I do not think that prioritising them in order of importance is a good thing and that all the priorities should be given equal importance and not labeled in order from 1 to 8.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
836	An individual	Council Priorities	Need to protect those who are least able but also the natural environment of West Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
837	An individual	Council Priorities	Only a healthy economy with increased jobs can get more money to spend on other services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
838	No Response	Council Priorities	By increasing employment you can get more money in the economy and through tax that can then increase spending in other areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
839	No Response	Council Priorities	Should seek to focus in on priorities, single outcome agreement and outcomes of the priorities need to be more focused. Should also stop doing other agencies jobs particularly the police, NHS and DWP we should highlight there shortcomings and challenge them more rather than filling the gaps. We need to focus on our priorities and not be driven by theirs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
840	No Response	Council Priorities	Very difficult to put these in order..all important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
841	No Response	Council Priorities	These choices are far too wide in scope and depends on definitions of what these 8 priorities are.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
842	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that these are key priorities and that they match well with current Scottish Government policy priorities. It is impossible to truly rate these priorities as they are each as crucial as the other in building a better, fairer, wealthier and healthier West Lothian. Investing in our young people will give them better life chances, providing adequate early intervention will in itself contribute to stopping the cycle of poverty, deprivation, ill health, justice and will give young people positive destinations. Providing strong education and social work services is key to the success of the young people, and their families, in the most deprived part of West Lothian. Education is crucial to any change, whether it be in a positive or a perceived negative direction. Budget cuts are, unfortunately, a necessity in the current climate, educating people (not just young people) about the system, where the finance comes from and the process and policy behind the allocation of budget would be helpful for the council in taking policy changes forward.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
843	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	None of these priorities should take precedence or override any other. They are all mutually dependent, interlinked, and impact equally significantly on West Lothian communities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
844	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	We as a Parent Council want the very best for our young people and this can only be done by improving attainment and positive destinations for them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
845	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Without a strong, diverse and protected "built & natural environment" West Lothian would not be an attractive location for people to live, work or play. We must have a quality environment, that is robust and strong, something that attracts people and acts as the sound base upon which everything else is built and maintained. Personally I feel that "Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years" and "Improving attainment and positive destination for school children" should be grouped together as one priority perhaps "Learn, teach and support Childhood years"	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
846	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of these priorities are important depending on your own circumstances, family situation etc and therefore it is difficult to put in any particular order of priority. All of these priorities will become more or less important to individual citizens as they go through different stages in life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
847	An individual	Council Priorities	By getting the environment in which the community live in right then all of the other priorities will be automatically improved or enhanced. Those in charge need to recognise this and invest in the natural environment which will pay dividends for the future of the County.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
848	No Response	Council Priorities	All priorities above important. Difficult to put in any particular order	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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849	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Education is the most important thing for the future and it should be protected as much as possible. Helping parents become better parents and bring up a their children to give them the best possible chance in life. Up-grading schools - to my knowledge the school I work in in Craigshill, has had very little money spent on it and yet it was one of the first to be built in Livingston. t is in real need of money being spent on it now. Many other schools in the region seem to have had money spent on them, but for some reason Letham school seems to have been missed out?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
850	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	If West Lothian Council is committed to improving and delivering these priorities it should minimise the impact of the efficiency measures on front line staff who work with and deliver services directly to customers. The council's priority must be to protect customer-facing staff and services if it is genuinely committed to delivering any of the above priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
851	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Falkirk and West Lothian Local Senior Officer Area supports the councils continued focus upon the eight priorities identified in 2012. By having 'Reducing crime and improving community safety' and 'Delivery positive outcomes on health' as the two top priorities, residents will be supported to feel and be safer and healthier, which allows them to have a fulfilling life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
852	An individual	Council Priorities	I am dismayed and indeed disgusted that very little value seems to be given to youth services . The services are critical to engaging with the young people in our communities and to help shape them into valuable citizens for future . The clubs and groups foster inter race , religion and cultural diversity . They do great work in teaching about all subjects ...from healthy eating and exercise , to community projects such as our own Armadale War Memorial fundraising group ...the club learned about the war memorial and the names of the 152 who are named on the memorialthe kids used enterprise kills , worked as individuals and as groups and raised almost Â£800 for the memorial . At Christmas they attend the Old Folks residential places and entertain with songsthey are off the streets and actively participating in community beneficial activities . Please, please don't take this away from them ...they are the future lifeblood of West Lothian. I am also concerned to see the massive rise in senior posts of salary 50k and over . an increase of 36% at the same time a drastic reduction in front line operatives ...eg NETS -20.4%....does the term too many chiefs and not enough Indians not ring true ?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
853	An individual	Council Priorities	Taking care of people in most need is the top priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
854	No Response	Council Priorities	these are all really important none of these service should be cut	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
855	An individual	Council Priorities	If you get education right, you then have a good workforce, companies will invest here, more people will be working, poverty and deprivation should reduce and you will then have more money for all the other things you want to do.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
856	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	So basically these priorities cater for school children and pensioners, what about the working classes, the ones who actually contribute to the council budget with the payment of income tax and council tax, and before you say it, I know the council tax only makes up a small percentage of the budget but you even chose not to raise it last year when there was an election, that shows me the councillors are only out for them selves. Why are you doing a five year budget, what happens in year three when the scot gov reduce the bulk grant again, is it another re-design again, then again and so on where does this stop. This consultation is pointless as the changes that you have suggest look like the they are already being implemented so whats the point you wont listen you will do what you want and to hell what the public say, as long as you get results you don't care.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
857	No Response	Council Priorities	I am dismayed and indeed disgusted that very little value seems to be given to youth services . The services are critical to engaging with the young people in our communities and to help shape them into valuable citizens for future . The clubs and groups foster inter race , religion and cultural diversity . They do great work in teaching about all subjects ...from healthy eating and exercise , to community projects such as our own Armadale War Memorial fundraising group ...the club learned about the war memorial and the names of the 152 who are named on the memorialthe kids used enterprise kills , worked as individuals and as groups and raised almost Â£800 for the memorial . At Christmas they attend the Old Folks residential places and entertain with songsthey are off the streets and actively participating in community beneficial activities . Please, please don't take this away from them ...they are the future lifeblood of West Lothian . I am also concerned to see the massive rise in senior posts of salary 50k and over . an increase of 36% at the same time a drastic reduction in front line operatives ...eg NETS -20.4%....does the term too many chiefs and not enough Indians not ring true ?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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858	No Response	Council Priorities	Difficult to rank the above as they are all of equal importance depending on perspective.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
859	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that the eight priorities are still appropriate. I would however like to see "improving employment" widened out to include a broader reference to the economic regeneration of our county.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
860	No Response	Council Priorities	1. Residents should feel safe and protected. Stop making / treating the victims of crime as the villains. 2. Sack half the managers & get more workers who know how to do the work. 3. Help needs to be continued as this has been pushed onto the elderly. Too many day centres/hospitals have been closed and privateers set up expensive care homes with many poorly trained staff. 4. Not sure of your intent here but building land needs to be more carefully picked. Maintenance of buildings needs to be in situ. Protect/save the environment and stop horrendous air pollution from the latest flight path over premises (which were not under the path), bigger planes flying lower and over more hours. 5. Education and more parental responsibility to bring back respect for people/teachers/employers. 7. Don't know enough but genuine casualties need help & those who exploit this system need dealt with. 8. If parents can't afford to look after their kids they should not have them (sterilisation if need be!)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
861	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Most of these priorities have a knock on effect on others. Aiming to improve attainment does not work unless the cycle is broken. The cycle begins with parenting and the values and attitudes they are instilling in their children. Teachers are expected to change pupils' attitudes and values but parents are not expected to do this. Schools are being held accountable for far too much and yet parents are not. This is where the cycle begins. The council should work with services to shift accountability back to parents.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
862	An individual	Council Priorities	Is reducing crime not primarily a Police Scotland responsibility, who are the professionals and better suited to lead on this matter. Whilst WLC may have an involvement from a community aspect, I wouldn't expect that this would necessarily then factor as a priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
863	An individual	Council Priorities	Rating these on a 1 to 8 scale suggests that there is the same priority difference between each issue and the subsequent one however I believe priorities for people in terms of health, opportunities and quality of life far exceed environmental priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
864	No Response	Council Priorities	This is typical of the Council's arrangements. The consultation does not operate properly. All the points cannot be billed in.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
865	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years - this directly links to our education services which are already stretched to breaking point with staff leaving or planning to leave the employment of WLC in droves due to being over-worked and under-supported.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
866	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Improving the employment position in West Lothian - this should be a national not local priority. The type of employment that people can choose to do will be drastically narrowed if there are any more cuts to education.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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867	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children - this is a crucial priority. I've worked within education for the last 16 years and I have never seen a more demoralised staff body throughout West Lothian council's schools. School teachers are being stretched to breaking point and pupils are well aware of this. Office and administration staff are being forced to take on pupil support duties even though they are not being trained for, or being paid for, such duties. Primary teachers are having to give up entire weeks of their summer holidays in order to prepare their rooms and teaching to suit whatever the latest buzzwords or acronyms dictated by people who have no idea how late they already stay up marking and preparing every night of the week. Staff rooms are largely empty at breaks and lunchtimes as most staff are continuing to work straight through their breaks in order to complete the copious amount of bureaucracy and paperwork/PC work that they have to do just in order to tread water. Meanwhile, in the Civic Centre, you can pop downstairs for a vanilla latte and some lovely home baking yet, in schools, the water fountains/stations were removed 10 years ago and not replaced. To top it off, the proposal to remove what equates 100% of free instrumental music tuition is utterly disgraceful and will make the Council a laughing stock throughout Scotland. I know from years of experience that the I.M.S. is already broken. What it needs is guidance, repair and re-modelled to better suit the needs of schools and their pupils. The provision in West Lothian for music tuition is a valuable resource but has been unfairly balanced toward wealthier schools like Linlithgow Academy meanwhile those schools at the lower end of the socio-economic scale such as Armadale Academy are already working with skeletal support from I.M.S. This is despite protests and requests from the head teachers of these schools that are completely ignored. This is apparently because the provision of music tuition in schools is "historic". Is the provision of road-works and council housing repairs "historic"? Should one area get better roads or council housing just because those in our county with the majority of wealth have children attending the local high school. I think not. Music should be a priority for our pupils as it enhances most other areas of children's learning and develops fine motor skills, memory skills and social skills.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
868	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people - I can't pretend I know how the money is spent on this area but it is surely a national concern given the way that the NHS in our country is in rapid decline and also stretched to bursting point. Nurses and doctor's, like education staff, give their all to their "customers" - I have first hand experience of this. Due to the way I was treated by my employers I experienced several bouts of ill health, both mental and physical, which could largely have attributed to stress. However, the way our local health centres are being run is a complete disgrace. I don't know if this due to a lack of NHS or council funding or poor management but it need's to change rapidly in order to save the money that has to be then spent in our hospitals both regionally and nationally.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
869	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality - if any more cuts are implemented in education this will only exacerbate these factors. Removing choices and good education for young people in problem areas will magnify the cycle and it is schools that are leading the way in promoting equality.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
870	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Reducing crime and improving community safety - this is again surely a national priority? The closure of local police stations has lead to areas of the county becoming almost completely lawless. I see the lack of Police enforcement on our roads as an increasingly serious issue. We need to intervene in this matter, if even for a short time, to educate drivers about their poor choices regarding excessive speeding, tail-gating and the use of mobile phones. I would reckon about 15-20% of the vehicles on the road in this area are driving without correct lighting (particularly brake lights). I haven't seen a Police Patrol car on a road in West Lothian for years unless it has been attending a serious accident.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
871	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Delivering positive outcomes on health - this is both a national priority from the Scottish Government and the NHS. However, positive outcomes on health can be taught in schools - again highlighting the need to invest in education and young people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
872	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Protecting the built and natural environment - this is a council priority but one that in, my line of work and where I live, I don't see being handled effectively. The roads in my area are uneven and littered with pot holes and ill-conceived and implemented utility company roadworks. Meanwhile the main road to Linlithgow is an absolute delight to drive! Older high school buildings are pockmarked with broken glass, terrible roofing and, in some cases, awful teaching spaces.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
873	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree that this should remain the priorities. But partnership working should play a significant role in all of these which are not a sole responsibility of the council such as health.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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874	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	It's not very clear where young vulnerable / disabled people fit into this. I assume health. People with autism and other mental health issues.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
875	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The Environment is often taken for granted and its benefits overlooked. As soon as you walk out your front door the first thing you see is the environment and the environment affects everything. Your mental health, physical health, feeling of safety if well maintained. If not looked after can affect how people treat it. fly tipping, graffiti, feel unsafe to go out, places become unloved looking.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
876	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	I agree with the priorities, however, although I have ranked them as requested, it is extremely hard to prioritise them in areas of importance. All aspects need to be assessed and monitored carefully with resources provided to all areas, in order to achieve an effective and prosperous community. I have prioritised minimising poverty as the highest, as it is impossible to play an active part of society if people are caught in a poverty trap. As an organisation, we are experiencing far more families dealing with poverty, particularly those on low incomes within insecure and zero hours employment contracts, who struggle to access additional support. This is impacting on their health, ability to support and encourage their children to achieve, it may also lead to involvement in crime. All the priorities need to be considered holistically, if they are addressed and funded in silos the community of West Lothian will suffer.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
877	An individual	Council Priorities	This is my second part of one submission. My last submission included answers for questions 1 and 2. My computer switched off so here are my responses from question 3 onwards	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
878	No Response	Council Priorities	This is really hard to rate as all areas are as important as the next, this includes protecting the built and nature environment as previously lived in a place with no greenery it was very depressing and demotivating. Minimising poverty and improving employment should be closely linked as one impacts on the other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
879	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that the greatest priority should be given to improving the quality of life for older people. Prioritising this area would be a proactive thing to do and should prevent crisis and fire fighting and ultimately save a lot of money. People would be supported effectively within their own homes, with care being delivered there. Addressing loneliness would be a huge step forward in preventing illness, both physical and mental, and there is abundant research to show the benefits in addressing loneliness.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
880	No Response	Council Priorities	WHAT ABOUT THE LACK OF HOUSING ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE BORN IN WEST LOTHIAN	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
881	An individual	Council Priorities	The Priority should be rejecting the austerity agenda of the Scottish Government and not making cuts to services. Services at the moment are at a low level to provide a civilized quality of life for all citizens. Investment is needed in all services to halt decline in standards, improve quality and stop the rise in poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
882	An individual	Council Priorities	would like to see more young people getting help to get council housing, instead of wasting money on silly projects (like the precinct in Bathgate) ect	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
883	An individual	Council Priorities	All of the above are important in delivering the tapestry of services we all expect and need to build a thriving community. Each stitch builds the whole picture.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
884	No Response	Council Priorities	It's fundamentally important for residents (both physically and mentally) to feel safe in their neighbourhood and to live in surroundings which are cared for and managed - with respect to buildings, landscaped areas and other green spaces. Individuals also need to realise that it's not always the responsibility of 'someone else' (the local authority) to look after their environment. We should all be encouraged to take ownership of our surroundings and do our bit to make our neighbourhood as pleasant as possible to live in.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
885	An individual	Council Priorities	I think the bucket men are paid far too much and there is too many of them! They sit in car park till their finishing time. I think too many I think in the education board too many people doing the talking and paid a lot of money for it, I think too many secretary helping council worked out do you own paper work and letters.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
886	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	All are important priorities and choosing between them is not straightforward. The Council needs to concentrate on what it has most influence on and responsibility for.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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887	No Response	Council Priorities	These priorities are still very relevant and intertwine each other to help tackle and reduce health inequalities, poverty and improve the quality of life to individuals and communities within West Lothian. As all these areas are shown to be influential in the prevention of, and the recovery from substance misuse it is very difficult to prioritise them over each other. We know that each of these have an effect to play in the prevention of poor physical and psychological health outcomes as well as successful outcomes of interventions designed to improve the health of individuals, vulnerable and adults and narrow the inequalities gap. In this survey we will only comment in the areas that effect the beneficiaries of our charity and that we believe we have the evidence, knowledge or experience to comment on that are	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
888	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	██████████ 1Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early yearsPartnership working within areas of regeneration, early intervention and prevention groups, health and wellbeing, poverty alliance, children & families forum. Attendance at related PDSPs e.g. education. 2Improving the employment position in West LothianWorking with volunteering organisations, supporting recruitment, sustainability and raising of standards through the Volunteer Friendly Award. Working with individuals to support them into volunteering and up-skilling for employability. Partnerships working with DWP job coaches, promoting the core function of volunteering. Attendance at PDSP: Development & Transport and working in partnership with West Lothian Social Enterprise Network (WLTSEN) and alongside Business Gateway. 3Improving attainment and positive destinations for school childrenWorking with schools and youth organisations to promote SALTIRE awards for the recognition of young people, aged 12 -25years) and their volunteering contributions. PDSP: Education, and Culture & Leisure 4Improving the quality of life for older peopleEngaging and empowering relevant organisations to come together to share best practice. Attendance at Health & Social Care PDSP, Integrated Joint Board. 5Minimising poverty, the cycle of deprivation and promoting equalityWorking with a range of organisations across West Lothian, CAB, Advice Shop, Financial Inclusion, and Women's Aid with a focus on improving engagement. 6Reducing crime and improving community safetyFacilitating organisations involved in community safety and community justice work to engage with Community Planning. PDSP: Social Policy 7Delivering positive outcomes on healthAttendance at Health & Social Care PDSP, Integrated Joint Board. 8Protecting the built and natural environmentAttendance at PDSP Development, Transport and Environment. Linking with Development Trusts and other heritage organisations.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
889	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these have importance. In an aging population the needs of the elderly must be protected.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
890	An individual	Council Priorities	Education should be protected - this would help ensure a lot of these issues would be addressed in future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
891	An individual	Council Priorities	These are all very important so apart from 8 it really didn't matter which order I put them in. I am concerned there is no priority to improve lives of disabled people and Carers, they are invisible in this and will be left behind unless brought out as a priority for WLC.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
892	No Response	Council Priorities	Early intervention is key as this establishes values and behaviours that people carry through life.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
893	An individual	Council Priorities	All are important it's almost impossible to rank justifying cuts to services in another area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
894	An individual	Council Priorities	Your priorities are not mine. I would like to live in a clean tidy and safe environment. Other aspects which you list would follow in a natural progress if West Lothian was loved and cared for by the population and council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
895	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that these priorities are the right ones. Some of the middle ratings (from 3-7) I have given would be interchangeable as there is a case for re-ordering the priority of these. 1,2 and 8 are where I think they should be.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
896	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	We are of the opinion that protecting essential services should always be at the forefront of the councils priorities. West Lothian council is the biggest employer in West Lothian and therefore maintaining jobs and job security can only help to maximise the economy in West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
897	An individual	Council Priorities	This has been a difficult exercise & I realize how hard it must be for those involved in final decisions. Jobs & jobs or apprenticeships for school leavers is a priority they are our future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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898	No Response	Council Priorities	priorities do not include anything related to promoting positive outcomes for people with disabilities and in my thought they should as this would better promote equity across the services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
899	No Response	Council Priorities	i believe that early intervention and tackling poverty biggest priorities as research shows they have biggest impact and have knock on positive impact in other areas	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
900	No Response	Council Priorities	Priorities do not include the promotion of equity of service for people with a learning disability to enhance quality of life and social inclusion.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
901	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with these priorities and recognise the difficulties of prioritising these issues. However, I believe that by focusing on positive outcomes on health, minimising the cycle of deprivation and promoting equality, many of the other priorities will also be delivered. The priority should be a 'whole of life' approach and health and equality are the roots of this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
902	An individual	Council Priorities	The reason I put my option one as supporting children so they can have the best start to life is because its really important for kids to be able to work to there full potential so that they can have the best start and have an amazing future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
903	No Response	Council Priorities	t does not include promoting equity for adults with disabilities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
904	An individual	Council Priorities	The eight priorities cover the full range of service areas that the Council provides and are the right ones to make a better West Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
905	An individual	Council Priorities	My priority is peoples health because doctor practices and hospitals have really gone down hill at the moment and the treatments aren't at the same standard that it should be. Also I don't think it is one of the main issues but people who are unemployed and on the dole should be getting jobs instead of seeking money from the council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
906	An individual	Council Priorities	Without my help and support I would not be able to move on and improve my situation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
907	An individual	Council Priorities	Keep helping people who have health problems to gain better living situation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
908	An individual	Council Priorities	A focus on early intervention and prevention is essential to avoid peoplesâ€™ issues escalating and becoming crises. To be effective this strategy must be multi-layered and ensure appropriate interventions and supports along a continuum. This ensures that people get the help that they need, when they need it, to prevent escalation and crisis. I am, however, concerned that reducing or cutting provision at lower tariffs is contrary to the principles of early intervention and prevention and may result in more costly crisis intervention, at a later stage, being required. How does Council plan to assess the potential impact of this on people and budgets?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
909	An individual	Council Priorities	People with mental health and disabilities should get more.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
910	An individual	Council Priorities	Feel can't make a decision on any as they are all important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
911	An individual	Council Priorities	The council of 2012 no longer exists. t was replaced by an undemocratic de-facto coalition: The LaboraTory Party, which no one voted for. 38% of the electorate who voted SNP have had their participation snubbed by the unholy marriage of Scottish Labour and Conservative parties. Neither this coalition nor the proposals were put to the electorate a mere few months ago at the Local elections. Therefore this whole consultation is invalid. The electorate and citizens have no idea who is behind or responsible (names please) for any of these proposals, what rigour has been used in developing them, or what scrutiny they have been subjected to. The above priorities are so vague they are meaningless. They should include a commitment to protect services for those who cannot protect themselves (children and vulnerable adults and their carers/parents). The above exercise is fairly pointless - most things are of equal priority - and few more besides.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
912	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	A focus on early intervention and prevention is essential to avoid peoplesâ€™ issues escalating and becoming crises. There are key issues around parenting, early childhood development and a widening attainment gap in schools that need the support of local community organisations to effectively address. Health & wellbeing should be a priority, especially mental health and physical health. Through working together we can continue to be an effective partner in addressing these issues.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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913	An individual	Council Priorities	Can only improve employment if they attract businesses into WL offering incentives. How can you ask this - your reducing but wanting to increase contravening what's been done already. How can you improve if you are cutting costs. This is all Utopia! Whoever designed these questions should be sacked!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
914	An individual	Council Priorities	All important and difficult to prioritise.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
915	An individual	Council Priorities	How can you prioritise one of these over another? All very important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
916	An individual	Council Priorities	?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
917	An individual	Council Priorities	Employability is the most important as the more people helped into employment will help other factors such as poverty and crime.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
918	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree these are important its very difficult to prioritise	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
919	An individual	Council Priorities	Because crime rates have risen in the past few months (explaining his priority rating on previous page).	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
920	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	If we are effective in our early intervention and delivering positive outcomes in the early years then it will prevent more complex and costly interventions further down the line.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
921	An individual	Council Priorities	In my opinion the 8 priorities are relevant however the focus and how they may be ranked needs to be reviewed. If a holistic, rather than a shorter term and reactive, approach is taken towards the strategic planning across each of these priorities, lifestyles would be different and greatly improved in West Lothian. A greater focus and genuine investment in health, sport and leisure from an early age would provide a platform for people to lead healthier more positive lives. A healthier, fitter, more active population would have a positive impact on pupil attainment; the number of young people in turn moving onto positive destinations in life, in turn reducing crime and in particular youth anti-social behavior, giving them better employment prospects and helping to minimise poverty. If individuals participate in a healthier, more active lifestyle from an early age they will be more likely to be far healthier and have an improved quality of life in their latter years.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
922	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel the two year old provision for nursery should not be continued. We are allowing for these times and placements for children to attend to a placement when the qualifying criteria is when a parent is on benefits. Why should the parents on benefits be presented with this option when others who work full time need to pay for care. Those who receive the benefits and income support etc do not work so should be spending the time with their children themselves, you say it's to assist in having them look for a job...there aren't jobs these days to work around the the times of the playgroups.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
923	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't feel comfortable filling this in. Young people and also old people are equally important. I do think crime could be reduced by involving the community more. All other priorities are important and should be treated the same.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
924	An individual	Council Priorities	There have been cuts left right and centre for some time now. These cuts never achieve anything as there always seem to be more. We have taken in many nice individuals from other towns and countries. This according to our Government should boost our economy. Why then the lack of new schools, health centres and cuts of staff?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
925	No Response	Council Priorities	All of the above are very important policies.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
926	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Everything on the list of councils priorities comes back to poverty and deprivation and equality. if that is dealt with then the others will ultimately improve.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
927	An individual	Council Priorities	All important priorities. Difficult to prioritise one over the other.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
928	An individual	Council Priorities	Think I agree with the 8 priorities. Each one of importance different to each family. I think improving employment would have a ripple effect that would minimise poverty, reduce crime and deliver positive health.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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929	An individual	Council Priorities	We have an increasing elderly population, and I am concerned that budget cuts will see a vulnerable demographic group being neglected. Also very important to maintain high education standards and assign more than adequate resources for our local schools, to ensure our children get the best education they can, which will increase their chances of getting fulfilling jobs in future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
930	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I strongly believe and support these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
931	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that the council should stop focusing so much on the elderly, health and early years and school pupils attainment and destinations. There are many other services that should take responsibility for these services not the council. The council should be concentrating on the existing services that are being depleted, these services are the back bone of the council and provide a excellent service (support workers, intervention workers)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
932	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	This response is from a primary school parent council and for this purpose will only involve educational changes although we are mindful of the integration of education, health and social services and therefore changes to one service will undoubtedly have a knock on effect on others	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
933	No Response	Council Priorities	I have placed 'Improving the quality of life for older people' as last in my list of priorities due to the following: - I believe that older people in a strong financial position should not automatically be allocated the same financial support and some services as those in poorer financial positions. - I believe that older people without any emotional or financial support from their families should be higher priority than the latter.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
934	No Response	Council Priorities	The way in which this consultation is set out actually means it is not a consultation process. Cutting services has a knock on effect and as such then becomes counter productive and short sighted. on most occasions it causes issues elsewhere that then need more money spent to fix. I feel there is something inappropriate about prioritising the resources above as each of them add to the fabric of our society and are all important in different ways. There is also the fact that all of the above are interlinked and cuts to one effectively puts pressure on the other areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
935	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Too much money and time spent on crisis intervention which costs a lot but delivers poor outcomes. More money and resources should be spent on avoiding children getting accommodated and keeping them at home	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
936	No Response	Council Priorities	Most of these are interconnected, so prioritising doesn't make complete sense. Minimising poverty and promoting equality feeds into almost all areas, e.g. school attainment, employment, health and crime - you can't achieve one without the other	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
937	An individual	Council Priorities	If we get the early years right, then in the future crime etc will be less. We must remember our old people. However we must keep west Lothian clean - some aspects of the natural and built environment can change eg reduce grass cutting - but not litter picking - a dirty litter filled environment is a depressing one and this has direct influence on health and well being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
938	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The [redacted] agrees that these priorities remain relevant. The group would place 'Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years', 'Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children' and 'improving the quality of life for older people' in joint third place. 1. minimising poverty 2. delivering positive outcomes of health -3. delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years -3. attainment and positive destinations for school children -3. improving the quality of life for older people 4. improving the employment position 5. reducing crime 6. protecting the environment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
939	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The [redacted] agrees that the priorities remain relevant and have rated these priorities in order of importance. The group does not feel there is enough detail contained within the individual budget proposals to make informed judgements on what the impact of these changes might be. The group would like to know if an equality impact assessment has been carried out to assess what the impact of all of these proposals will be on protected characteristic groups. It is important that this is carried out at the earliest possible stage.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
940	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Health and Education have an effect on everything else.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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941	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with the above priorities, and would suggest that a focus on getting the right support in place in the early years, school readiness and attainment will alleviate the pressures of the other priorities identified later in life, enabling a more robust and resilient population which is less reliant on council services in West Lothian in the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
942	No Response	Council Priorities	Very hard to rank, as all are important!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
943	No Response	Council Priorities	I think these are impossible to rate as they are all of equal importance	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
944	An individual	Council Priorities	It is essential to support services which provide opportunities for positive life outcomes for young people in particular. You should focus on fostering sustainable and transferable skills in and for the community, and a sense of teamworking, esp in the young. Therefore you should not lessen provision of sports and arts opportunities for the young. Learning an instrument for example will pay off in much richer and longer term ways than many other of your activities. Collect the bins less often if you must but let the children play.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
945	An individual	Council Priorities	I think all of the above should be very important, if I could put a 1 for all then I would have done so.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
946	No Response	Council Priorities	Spend less on the environment. Make older people pay when they can afford to pay.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
947	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these items are important. Suggesting prioritizing only shows the limited financial resources available. It's the ability to organise infrastructures in a synchronized way that is important. Loathed ALL link to a better future for the many not the few.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
948	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree that priorities are the right ones	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
949	No Response	Council Priorities	Virtually impossible to rightly choose the priority of the above. By choosing 1 over another you are putting real people at risk. I still feel strongly that if the UK government focussed on the big cats that avoid tax etc this country would thrive. Hitting essential services is playing Russian roulette with people's lives.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
950	An individual	Council Priorities	For 10 years the council has made a hash of things and the questions above are immaterial and not the correct ones that should be addressed to the area. This with little notice or publication on this for locals means most don't even know this consultation is ongoing, which is probably what the council would like.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
951	An individual	Council Priorities	How can one grade the above priorities as they are all important (i.e. they all should be 1). The Scottish Government have failed to grasp the importance of appropriate funding to councils via the council tax to provide the necessary services at the highest level.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
952	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	There is no mention of disabled people. Why?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
953	An individual	Council Priorities	Council has very limited powers in several of these areas, eg 'minimising poverty and the cycle of deprivation'.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
954	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Leave outcomes on health to the NHS.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
955	An individual	Council Priorities	All are equally valuable	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
956	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Disabled people appear to be overlooked. Why are they omitted from improving their quality of life. Are they not to be afforded the same standards as older people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
957	An individual	Council Priorities	All 8 priorities are important some more so. Elderly requiring extra help at home saves spending on care homes. Health is important through	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
958	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Yes, they cover all aspects of the Council Service and as agreed only 2 years ago not much point in revising.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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959	An individual	Council Priorities	While I understand the council works with partners and has a role to play in health - this really should be priority of NHS and Health & Social Care Partnerships. The council should prioritise other areas	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
960	An individual	Council Priorities	I can only be hoped that they are as all are important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
961	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that reducing crime is the responsibility of Police Scotland, minimising poverty is mainly in the hands of the UK and Scottish governments and health is the mainly responsibility of the Lothians NHS Trust, but I do believe that health and social care should be tightly linked in a co-operative manner. If cash is tight, its best for WLC to focus on areas where it has direct control.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
962	An individual	Council Priorities	Where are the proposals alluded to throughout this document? It is very woolly and without detail. What services are not affected by these proposals? It appears front line workers have bore the brunt of previous savings and this looks to be similar with these sketchy proposals. Use the five years to look at regrading all roles so that there is parity with roles across the council and not the current disparity with newer services and others where roles don't appear to be rewarded appropriately.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
963	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think the council need to focus on council services. Health should be done by NHS, Crime by police and justice services and employability by SG and Enterprise.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
964	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is very hard to rank these as they are all important and have an impact on the residents of West Lothian	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
965	An individual	Council Priorities	A balanced approach is needed in setting priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
966	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	all these areas are important & it's difficult to choose one over the other, however I do think if certain things are improved, like employment then hopefully in the natural course, other things like crime & poverty will be better as well	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
967	An individual	Council Priorities	given the demand on finance - health inequalities should be managed by health as their priority not the council at this present time I am aware of the excellent health initiatives taking place but at this time of financial constraints I do not think this is a high priority. In general compared to other authorities the unemployment rate for WL is below average so this at the present time is not a high priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
968	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	All of the above priorities are extremely important. I feel that it is too simplistic to rate one over the other. Clearly all are interlinked and therefore, more complex consideration is required.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
969	An individual	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to rate these priorities. They all have great value to the community and all integrate with and affect each other in many ways. I have put the 'protecting the natural environment' last but the outdoors and beautiful surroundings affects physical and mental health which I feel is the most important and have put it first. I wish we didn't have to choose..	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
970	No Response	Council Priorities	all above are of equal importance. We need more people with practical skills and simplification of paperwork.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
971	An individual	Council Priorities	The most important priority should be to ensure that those that need the help most are able to access high quality services at best value.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
972	No Response	Council Priorities	the eight priorities is not the best way to review what the cost implications are regarding savings. but a key improvement would be better use of the existing resources (staff) working directly with the people carrying out the service who would be best fitted to see the areas savings could be made.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
973	An individual	Council Priorities	More help and support for those in low paid work.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
974	An individual	Council Priorities	One very important priority that has not been mentioned here is the natural environment at least not in much detail. It is actually the most important item. Too much development is taking place and not enough consideration for the natural world.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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975	An individual	Council Priorities	1, 2,3,4, 5, 6 and 8 I agree. 7. I kind of agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
976	An individual	Council Priorities	1 This should be parent responsibility and alone without any subsidies 2 Support business without subsidies and bias 3 More quality STEM teachers required and jobs will be easier to find with help with 1 4 Big problem but older people should be forced instead of the "we can't make them do it" attitude 5 Council is take on the responsibility here we should be getting away from the "nanny state" attitude 6 Re offending is the most important - to get out of the continuous prisons cycle 7 Individual responsibly for health should be encouraged more 8 Central government responsibility here and more %age funds should be allocated by them	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
977	An individual	Council Priorities	I think that the council could save money if they spend less time on building sites and turn street lights off at time they are not needed and places they are not needed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
978	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the health and wellbeing of the young and the elderly are vital and would have a positive effect on many other aspects of the council budget.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
979	An individual	Council Priorities	I think that one service which is missing from priorities is one which is in line of cuts & needs to be prioritised is adults with disabilities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
980	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe we should be putting more money into the NHS. There are far too many people in Scotland now to have the service that we need. Nurses and doctors at St Johns are doing their best under difficult circumstances. There simply isn't enough of these to go around.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
981	An individual	Council Priorities	1) no comment 2) need work so money can be recycled locally 3) yes but not to detriment of youth work children's play opps by CLD team 4) inter-generational work looked into 5) new council builds - rented not free! 6) local police - left local 7) more opps to lose weight - without Â£5.00 fee - no one can afford this! 8) keep wild spaces for wildlife! Firstly this consultation arrived in my home on 16th Oct 2017. It is not in plain english and so very difficult to engage with - not a good start. Also no detailed time line. Not clear how/when comments will be fed back.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
982	An individual	Council Priorities	I am in utter disbelief this doesn't include improving services of those with disabilities. I would put this at number one.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
983	An individual	Council Priorities	There is no priority. Particularly for adults with a disability and more than half the estimated savings within modernising social care (2b & 2c) involves adults, so looks like this group are not a priority at all. In this climate of budget savings/gap, I was bemused to learn that the council has rebranded its logo. I would consider this to be a waste of money.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
984	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes I believe still correct priorities and they have many areas of common ground and overlap. Relative poverty I would identify as being the most important as effects, health, parenting, childrens attainment business, crime, quality of life for all including the elderly. I feel that physical poverty is only a part of the equation and poverty of the "soul" for a want of a better word has a greater impact on well being for families and communities. Partnership with communities requires building on and more local priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
985	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe West Lothian Council is right to start a debate about priorities with the population. I believe as a community we value the quality of services the council provide and only notice when they are not there and the negative impact that will have on our communities. We expect and have got very used to the level of service we have and that level is what we now expect.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
986	An individual	Council Priorities	No I don't think so that you can make any difference. You are incompetent to do anything. You are not bothered about people, you are overpaid by our taxes. You don't care about anyone except yourselves, and posing with latest picture for your bulletens. Your priorities it's you, and not giving 5 pence about people in West Lothian. 1 - Your easy money it's priority number one	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
987	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree with all priorities in principle but a little dubious about implementing in practice - remains to be proved. Some managers on the ground need to be updated with modern technology and have up to date training re-same.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
988	An individual	Council Priorities	No more budget cuts please enough is enough. West Lothian has already become over grown littered with bins overflowing fly tipping. Grassland bushes country parks plays parks all unkempt to their usual standards, I could go on and on... "End austerity now" "My vote will matter this time"	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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989	An individual	Council Priorities	You can't ignore the fact that West Lothian has an ageing population and plans need to be put in place now. More sheltered housing complex need to be built, keeping care homes as a last alternative. Offering more clubs & social groups will keep the elderly more healthy & independant - saving money on care homes. The quality of learning & teaching in our schools is diabolical. We have children leaving school who can't even read or write. Disgraceful.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
990	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	We have a number of general points: t was not possible at the meeting to rate the priorities in order of importance. The conclusion of the meeting was that all were equally important. t may be that individuals may be able to rate priorities based upon their own situation. Considerably more thought needs to go into each of the proposed savings to fully cost all of the implications. t is difficult to comment on proposed savings in specific areas when we do not know what the cost of the service is today and how the proposed savings are to be made. A yearly cash flow forecast would be helpful in promoting understanding.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
991	An individual	Council Priorities	I have rated the 8 priorities but I think they are of equal importance.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
992	An individual	Council Priorities	I would say that Health, Education and Policing are the most important before going on to help other centres. Police should be visible i e.. community police a must. Priorities: No 5 reduce the sums given to promoting equality - this is not used as necessary - not appreciated by a large no of the public.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
993	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I truly believe more should be done in helping young people. As a young worker I have helped many young people and gave them huge support . Youth clubs work. I also feel the level of anti social behaviour goes down when there is a youth club in place.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
994	An individual	Council Priorities	Supporting children - young people is paramount given that they are our future Support in old age re services and health care is a mark of a civilised society. Jobs in West Lothian will keep people living here - supporting our community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
995	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving learning and teaching because we need more doctors and nurses	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
996	An individual	Council Priorities	1) early years - supporting children and young people to get the best start in life. 2) school children - improving the quality of teaching and learning in schools and helping young people to succeed. 3) older people - offering care and support to help other people to live well and have more control, choice and independence.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
997	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree on the current list of priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
998	An individual	Council Priorities	Without more detailed information it is not realistic for me to grade them. The are all most important to some.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
999	An individual	Council Priorities	A healthy community would put less pressure on existing services. Many older people are lonely and feel neglected - neighbours could help if they could call in now and again. It is very difficult to prioritise what are all important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1000	An individual	Council Priorities	First priority should always be health. 2nd the elderly why should they have to suffer in their older years. They should have free heating in the winter and extra money for food - as well as electricity. They should not have to pay lots of money to save in a nursing home.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1001	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	We should all look after the elderly and make sure they have a good quality of life. We should all support young people for the future so they can be the best they can be. Schools and teaching should always be improved for young people. Employment is important for West Lothian Council so all areas of work can be met. The people at West Lothian should be to keep the environment strong and sustainable with the help of West Lothian Council.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1002	An individual	Council Priorities	No I don't agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1003	An individual	Council Priorities	I have put education 7 & 8. Lots of money has been spent here yet this is still a priority. Money doesn't solve everything changing who governs it and the curriculum for Ex will. The west of the county has lots of deprivation. This needs prioritised. If you put trouble in communities, communities have to swim harder to stay afloat. Blackburn has a new partnership. Have you seen the state of the Mill centre and car park? More needs to be done generally about litter, untidy social housing gardens and the state of town centres.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1004	An individual	Council Priorities	Including all age groups with physical and learning disabilities. Including mental health care.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1005	An individual	Council Priorities	I have put these in order but these are all important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1006	An individual	Council Priorities	These cuts are going to be felt by all residents of West Lothian and will reduce living standards within the area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1007	An individual	Council Priorities	With the loss of traffic wardens in West Lothian, many drivers are abusing parking laws. I would like to see more community policing or traffic wardens reinstated.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1008	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	I would like to see a new surgery also a new post office. The new surgery at the new part of Armadale Southdale. The post office central with more than one attendant.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1009	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't mind paying extra council tax as long as it's spent on schools, education and other priority areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1010	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	There should be provision for young adults.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1011	An individual	Council Priorities	Why are council budgets being cut year after year but millions of pounds are sent abroad to help other nations? Why are we not using this money to better fund our own services?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1012	An individual	Council Priorities	Extremely difficult to rate. Although I have indicated the order of importance using the scoring system, I very firmly believe that it is impossible to distinguish many as being less important than others. For example, elderly care, community safety, education and employment are all equally important. Health is very important but should be undertaken by NHS Scotland with appropriate overlap and grant working.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1013	An individual	Council Priorities	This survey misses out an extremely vulnerable group of people who have disabilities, which as you know extends across all age groups and not merely confined to the elderly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1014	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these priorities are important but I have heard that a society is judged on the way it supports and cares for its older members.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1015	An individual	Council Priorities	These are very general headings so it is difficult to know what they mean in real terms and at a practical level what is involved! Generally I support caring for old & vulnerable people as a priority. Also, maintaining and improving the quality of parks & open spaces as these add to the quality of life for residents.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1016	An individual	Council Priorities	My priority is for the council to carry out the duties it was elected to do. The council was chosen to make the judgement on the budget and take the big decisions. If any member is not up for the challenge then they should resign and make way for big decision makers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1017	An individual	Council Priorities	My priority is for the council to carry out the duties it was elected to do. The council was chosen to make the judgement on the budget and take the big decisions. If any member is not up for the challenge then they should resign and make way for big decision makers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1018	An individual	Council Priorities	The council need to focus on getting young people the best possible education, which will help with employment (it will help attract employers because of the skills WL offers) and will have an impact on everything else. Employment impacts on the whole community. The council needs to focus on its services and not get involved in others because police & health are all getting more than local government - so why give them more!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1019	An individual	Council Priorities	All prioritised as 1 apart from natural environment - 3	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1020	An individual	Council Priorities	Would like to support for people on benefits increased - not more money; but more help understanding system and entitlements. Universal credit it a joke.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1021	An individual	Council Priorities	Need to fund mental health services. 3 months 4 psychiatric appointment ridiculous.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1022	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe they are all the right priorities which makes the choices very difficult to rate many of the choices are linked to each other I believe. All recovery places should stay open for the people who are going through recovery has a safe place to go rather than not having a safe place to go to what while reduce the relapse and addicts that are out there will know there's a safe place to go to	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1023	An individual	Council Priorities	Rate all as 1	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1024	An individual	Council Priorities	The health service is in a mess just now. Everywhere you turn, there's waiting lists.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1025	An individual	Council Priorities	Providing good services for people with mental health problems e.g. 121 project, Bathgate Partnership Centre. I am having problems with crime in my area.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1026	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Yes I do agree. Most important is poverty and care of children and old people think most people would agree.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1027	No Response	Council Priorities	Yes I do agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1028	An individual	Council Priorities	I have picked my top 3. Can't comment on the rest, they are all important in there own way.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1029	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't think there is enough priority for people with mental health problems. I think we are seen as the problem.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1030	An individual	Council Priorities	Rank all as 1. Except 'Improving attainment & positive destinations for school children' and 'protecting the built and natural environment' which are ranked 3.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1031	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree these are West Lothian's priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1032	An individual	Council Priorities	In order to avoid duplication and waste, local authorities should adhere to provision of mandatory services and not encroach on the remit of other agencies such as the NHSIS, Scottish Government etc. Economic Development is a permissive function and should not be a major function of an overstretched local authority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1033	An individual	Council Priorities	people centre your priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1034	An individual	Council Priorities	2. Protect the vulnerable - be a caring society.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1035	An individual	Council Priorities	Protection of vulnerable needs to be priority -2.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1036	An individual	Council Priorities	It is difficult to prioritise between these areas as they are all important. The health & wellbeing of our children & our elderly are of equal importance. Coming from a deprived area, I believe poverty should always be addressed & adequate funding given to help minimise the gap. Our community is suffering because of the decision to cut local policing - already in place in Knightsbridge.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1037	An individual	Council Priorities	We must take care of vulnerable, old and ill in society and look after children and poor people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1038	An individual	Council Priorities	Rank all as 1 except Improving attainment and positive destinations for children.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1039	An individual	Council Priorities	Stop benefit cheats. Stop paying for alcohol for alcoholics. You do not pay for cigarettes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1040	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Young children catered for, older ones catered for but nothing for the under ages!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1041	An individual	Council Priorities	Everyone helping within health care provisions and all the volunteers help is very important to local community as it stops crime, antisocial behaviour and supports people in need with addiction and mental health issues and supports centres i.e. hub, serenity cafe and open cafe for people to go, get fed help with money issues & someone to talk to.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1042	An individual	Council Priorities	Where possible emphasis should be placed on families to assist in improving the quality of life for older people. For too many individuals/families shirk responsibilities. In the same vain this principle could be applied to early years positive outcomes and positive destinations for school children.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1043	An individual	Council Priorities	Most important is education for young people in West Lothian and this includes music and drama tuition. The other priorities are all very important. A number of the budget measures are difficult to fathom because I do not believe that they are well written in plain english.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1044	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	1. In 2017 we still have children going hungry surely this is wrong. 2. our children are the future they must get the best start in life. 3. drug crime is disgusting and people who hurt or even kill should pay. 4. health should be sorted via a political think tank and not a football. 5. the elderly deserve a decent life. 6. schools and libraries should promote education for all rich and poor. 7. employment that provides a decent living standard is essential. 8. we all hope to thrive from a better environment so our own contribution is important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1045	An individual	Council Priorities	Where is promoting social care in this framework?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1046	An individual	Council Priorities	Helping into employment . But cutting staff budgets so as staff are poorer worse jobs and conditions that anyone else. Staff are valuable . Stop/ monitor benefits to persons whom do not pay for any thing. Rent C- tax who drive big cars provided by mobility are not needed better off than council staff who are working. Get people into work without unfair treatment to the disabled or persons with mental health problems. School should concentrate on Reading, Spelling and counting. No child should leave primary school without this	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1047	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The two important groups are early years of childrens lives and older people as they need care, assistance to have a good quality of life. health is important too but can be part of intervention also improving qualities of their lives. Minimising poverty and reducing crime can be done together if the agencies involved worked together.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1048	An individual	Council Priorities	(First 3 are ranked 5, the rest are ranked 1)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1049	An individual	Council Priorities	Services for the elderly need to be improved NOT CUT. Too big a focus on early years - where do parents come from? Police Scotland should be paying for community policing - not local councils. They must make better use of their own budgets. Helping people into employment should be done through job centres - again from their budget. Greater emphasis on prioritising for low income families - perhaps basic cooking classes would also help instead of relying on foodbanks.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1050	An individual	Council Priorities	What about disabled adults?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1051	An individual	Council Priorities	There is really no least important - all are vital and interwoven. However, a community that cannot care for its poor and which does not provide a sense of fair and equal opportunity for its young people is failing. We must always look to Scandinavia to see how things could and should be.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1052	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving employment and the number of people in work generates money in the local community and has many knock on effects to benefit the community right down to minimising poverty and reducing crime, and improving health. Next priority is providing a good future for next generations children. Overall the West Lothian Council does a good job. The main failing of the councillors themselves is the tribal behaviour of SNP and Labour. ALL COUNCILLORS SHOULD PRIORITISE THEIR CONSTITUENTS NOT THEIR PARTY!!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1053	An individual	Council Priorities	1. Delivering positive outcomes and early intervention for early years : new buildings are no use without teachers (Blackridge some nursery pupils have to go to other schools out with Blackridge). 2. Improving attainment : no child should leave primary school until they can read write and basic arithmetic. 3. Reducing crime this has to start with young children, under 16s know that they cannot be held accountable for their actions, but few use the law to flaunt authority by committing serious and dangerous offences, suggest that special classes be created after school hours (funded by wind turbines monies, this would be better use for this cash than fairy lights, hanging baskets etc.) encouraging self discipline respect for other people, encourage hobbies, and shown how their actions effects others, including their parents. 4. improve employment position in West Lothian. Small businesses do not produce apprentices, and importing skills only make it worse for school leavers. Robots and computers are being promoted in manufacturing. Who is going to buy the products they make or will unemployed be paid more than the employed, all people are not academics most have only their labour to sell, unemployment does not help reduce crime nor help improving education why get a certificate when there is no employment. 5. Ref protecting the built and natural environment, more support for rural community centres ref access, adult education. Implementing 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 can only lead to better health less poverty and improve quality of life for older people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1054	An individual	Council Priorities	Good priorities but what about looking at sustainability or services i.e. remodelling services to be sustainably financial for the next decade. Just a thought.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1055	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	All ranked as 1. As a community group we feel all of the priorities are of equal importance. In order to keep communities fully functioning & sustainable any cuts to these priorities would be a disaster. There must be other avenues that could be considered in any cuts required. If anyone from the council would like to come along to one of our meetings we would be happy to discuss our ideas further [REDACTED].	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1056	An individual	Council Priorities	The Council must focus on the needs of the community. Especially young people. We need to keep partnership and community buildings and all the facilities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1057	An individual	Council Priorities	Poverty is a key issue in West Lothian and needs to be addressed to give people a better quality of life. The elderly pop is up so demand for services is going to rise - this costing more money. Aim is to allow people to stay in their communities in the right accommodation. There is a greater demand for affordable housing; advice services and employability services important that people are aware of what benefits they are entitled to (move up awareness). Aim to eradicate the poverty premium this is wrong.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1058	An individual	Council Priorities	You have listed too many things we need. I am a carer to my 80 year husband. I think that the elderly needs are a priority. My husband now attends once a week a day centre which helps to integrate him into the community. To people like him and those carers one day a week carer getting a day off is necessary or you will have a bigger elderly budget. I have nursed him 4 years. I know also other areas need finance but the elderly are a priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1059	An individual	Council Priorities	The priorities listed are admirable, it is important to provide more education/training for 15-17 year olds to make them more employable and to provide them with skills to match the job market in the county. Everybody gets old and there should be places for looking after all older people in their homes if possible or in council owned and run nursing homes/hospitals. It is important to maintain or increase the passenger transport system especially for the elderly travelling to hospital/doctor surgeries etc. - eg. 1 bus an hour to St John's from the Linlithgow area is not enough and what about travelling to the "private" hospitals in Edinburgh (the Royal). Looking at the number of proposals put forward it is difficult to comment on each in turn. I am very disappointed that it would appear that we are going to see reductions in every area, particularly staffing, amenities and help to the people of West Lothian. Generally I would like to see less central government i.e. Edinburgh, more local input and control of budgets particularly for the young, teenagers and the elderly. All you seem to be doing is getting rid of staff (so more poverty) and reducing services. Why not try putting up taxes across the board to let everybody see that you are doing something constructively and not destructively.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1060	An individual	Council Priorities	I'm not sure where your health role is as would have thought NHS would deal with most health needs & problems could be referred to them. I'm very keen to see roads and Council buildings well maintained however many of us don't understand why you repeatedly resurface the precinct in Bathgate when it has always seemed perfectly ok.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1061	An individual	Council Priorities	The elderly and disabled need more services to help them through daily life. They need to find the money and stop paying high wages on council workers or cut somethings like council tax, bus services, street lights off at set time.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1062	An individual	Council Priorities	Eldely folk need more care and they need to be reassured that their needs will be met. Community care and the person giving care is essential.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1063	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life of older people applies to me it is important to me	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1064	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1065	An individual	Council Priorities	More houses. West Lothian is growing.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1066	An individual	Council Priorities	I want the quality of life for older people to be most important	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1067	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people is important to me	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1068	An individual	Council Priorities	Helping people out of poverty and into work improves their well-being, not just mental health but self belief and confidence.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1069	An individual	Council Priorities	Building more affordable housing will help reduce homelessness and allow low income families to have a home of their own that is affordable.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1070	An individual	Council Priorities	Health and Education Services should also be top of the agenda with vital day centre's for young and old to be supported.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1071	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	the real truth is we have to look after the jobs!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1072	An individual	Council Priorities	Priorities 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are ticked	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1073	An individual	Council Priorities	Create jobs, ensure everyone has opportunities to flourish that will help those in poverty.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1074	An individual	Council Priorities	Most important to me is the quality of life of older people	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1075	An individual	Council Priorities	Depending on your age + circumstances each one of these priorities would deserve to be placed first. You cannot say that children should take priority over the elderly, and viceversa. Both play an important part within the community. Reducing poverty & crime prevention are also fundamental to improving living within West Lothian.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1076	An individual	Council Priorities	My thoughts are to protect the services that assist the area. Within employability, within early years, child care, within our elderly citizens. We must reduce crime. I agree with consultations but will anyone listen?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1077	An individual	Council Priorities	I am an older person living in West Lothian - the quality of life for older people is important to me	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1078	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the employment position in West Lothian', 'Improving attainment and positive destinations for school children' and 'Delivering positive outcomes on health' - all 3 are ticked	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1079	An individual	Council Priorities	I absolutely believe that investment in jobs and businesses in turn will encourage confidence that will allow growth. I believe that we have a duty to look after our young, our old and have a healthy prosperous society to be proud of. We must reduce crime if we spend money back into the local economy that will encourage more investment. If we get our fundamental right, we look at the infrastructure, we have to improve networks. We have a duty for our citizens to promote confidence in the area. We need to get rid of poverty. We need people working. We need to attract business promote growth. We need to protect our service, jobs. Look after our young whilst ensuring that they have good well paid jobs to go into. We have a duty to look after our elderly as people are living longer, they require care. We must improve the health of our citizens, reduce crime, improve education. I want our kids to have a future. I am saddened that we have to make big changes but realise the cuts must be made beyond our choice. The whole country is in a mess and the blame must be left with Central Government (Westminister and SNP). If the SNP concentrated more on the day job we would have been in a better position.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1080	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe that WL councils first priority should be to look after themselves, either because of frailty, old age or learning disability.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1081	An individual	Council Priorities	Very difficult to put these in order of importance! All are priorities, but the health and wellbeing of our community is the most important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1082	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Don't agree. The 3 most important priorities are 1. employment outside council; 2. Support of OAP; 3. Additional Police on the streets	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1083	An individual	Council Priorities	Only 1 ranked - Improving the quality of life for older people	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1084	An individual	Council Priorities	Helping the most disadvantaged. Keeping services for children, young people and older people. Health and wellbeing, inclusion and equality.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1085	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with all these priorities. It is very difficult to rank one above the other.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1086	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	We should be looking after our elderly - if employment is good all benefits to the rest of the priorities will follow. All these priorities are inter-linked.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1087	An individual	Council Priorities	The eight priorities are satisfactory and the council should continue to provide services in connection with them. I agree in principle in the main. I would hope that jobs where possible are protected.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1088	An individual	Council Priorities	Firstly I feel health should be a priority as without hospitals or health centres people of all ages could not work or be living in a positive way. The young children should be educated and nurtured whilst the ageing population are cared for. Youth work in community centres have been keeping youths off the streets - saving money for the safety of the community and helping social education of children at the same time.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1089	An individual	Council Priorities	If we get it right for children, hopefully they will grow up to be responsible citizens which will be a good investment. We need to ensure our young people have opportunities to work locally or they will move to somewhere they feel they are more valued. Elderly people deserve to be cared for and respected - we will be old one day ourselves and will want to be valued.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1090	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	More community help toward look after the elderly, work hard all their days paying tax and nat insurance , safe area to live in with policing and reduced crime. Improve employment in area which in turn reduces crime and minimises poverty. Good schooling at early stage will lead to good learning throughout their school life. Good healthy environment helps toward good living learning area to be in protect open spaces for good healthy living.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1091	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	More community social involvement to help towards amenities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1092	An individual	Council Priorities	All priorities ranked as 1 except 'protecting the built and natural environment' which is ranked 3.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1093	An individual	Council Priorities	All these aims are equal and should all get priority	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1094	An individual	Council Priorities	I also think homeless prevention should be protected as its a vital service	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1095	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Strategic Focus ██████ would like to see a strategic focus on value for money, with budgetary savings and efficiencies being measured against the total budget and the outcomes that it needs to achieve. It is unclear how the proposed savings have been calculated, how the proposals sit with strategic priorities of the Council and how cuts may affect the outcomes that need to be delivered.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1096	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	These priorities will vary in order of importance based on the age group and area of residence and while they are all vital some may obtain a greater number of votes. Each area in West Lothian has its own priorities and a majority opinion should not be taken into account.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1097	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I believe getting the fundamentals in place e.g. employment education and quality of life etc. It sets a great foundation to have a good strong vibrant community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1098	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The reach and scope of the 8 priorities outline the position West Lothian are aiming at in the future.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1099	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Our community group feel very strongly that each of these priorities are of equal importance in order to keep our community sustainable and fully functioning for the benefit of all therefore any cuts would be an absolute disaster to our community and in deed would be to the detriment of the excellent partnership relationship we have with west Lothian council and other partners.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1100	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Whilst I appreciate that the priorities listed are all important there are extremely vulnerable people within West Lothian who do not appear to have been given consideration therefore it is up to others to speak up for them as they do not have 'a voice' to do so for themselves.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1101	An individual	Council Priorities	Whilst I appreciate that the priorities listed are all very important there are extremely vulnerable people within West Lothian who do not appear to have been given due consideration therefore it is up to us to speak up for them as they do not have 'a voice' to do so for themselves.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1102	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Giving our children the best start in life will minimise anti-social behaviour in the future. The elderly require a lot of support as they don't all have families to support them. In the list of 8 priorities there is no mention of provision for learning d& other disabilities which is also a vulnerable area. All these listed priorities are important, some are more relevant to some people than others.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1103	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't think they should reduce older people's services	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1104	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	It is practically impossible to prioritise here as these are all essential.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1105	An individual	Council Priorities	All important . Difficult to put one before another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1106	An individual	Council Priorities	I firmly believe that we have to invest now in the future as the last 10 years as been a disaster . Huge job losses , factory closures and lack of investment into our local authorities. I believe the SNP freezing council tax and not concentrating on the day job has impacted on our society now. Education has slipped badly under the SNP. If they would forget about independence and fund the local authorities and NHS - Education. We would all be better off. Surely investing now by concentrating on getting people into work will encourage people to spend back into local economy that can in turn look after elderly (growing population)	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1107	An individual	Council Priorities	Surely it is time to priorities for our future. As a citizen of west Lothian we have to get the fundamental's correct. We have a duty for our youngsters to have a healthy society to be proud of. They need investment now. They need a good education with job to go into to live and be proud of West Lothian. WE have to care for the elderly. We have to encourage business to invest in West Lothian. We need our local authority to be strong and efficient. We also have to reduce crime. This is no easy task and once again the blame lies with the Scottish government for freezing the council tax to buy there way in. Now we are a mess, Education has slipped badly. Once we sort out the fundamentals we can grow and have confidence in investment. We have to modernisation the services and save money where we can. I am horrified a the size of the cuts. We need radical approach in the health & well being in our citizens. Prevention is better that the cure. If people are being working, they free up benefits and hopefully poverty will decrease. Invest now in jobs, employability, care. The rest can take care off itself.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1108	An individual	Council Priorities	Surely priorities should be adults with learning difficulties and physical why is that not in WLC list?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1109	An individual	Council Priorities	What about Adults with severe complex special needs.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1110	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	I find it difficult to prioritise, because we as a committee believe that we cannot prioritise from 1-8 as we believe they are all equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1111	An individual	Council Priorities	All are important services and they are too big headings to prioritise in 1-8!	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1112	An individual	Council Priorities	AE9 million from 2013, AE76 million from 2018 - it seems that everything that has been put in lace over the last 2 decades to make West Lothian services something to be proud of is being stripped away and we will be left with basic and poor services. You cannot seriously expect people to say "cut this" and "cut that" everything in place at present has been put there because there is a need for it - whatever is reduced will hurt different groups of people. WL services in future = :(10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1113	No Response	Council Priorities	I think it is important to support adults and kids	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1114	No Response	Council Priorities	I think it is important to support kids and adults.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1115	No Response	Council Priorities	I feel strongly about the recent proposal to close Holmes Gardens day resource. Improving the quality of life for older people is not done by closing their only outlet for socialising or respite for their carers. I attend Holmes Gardens day resource which enables me socialise gives me a sense inclusion, attainment achievement it gives me a sense of purpose belonging friendship.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1116	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the quality of life for older people like myself is very important to me.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1117	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I feel these priorities are important, as many others are improving the quality of lives for all and not reducing services which will affect people greatly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1118	An individual	Council Priorities	More activities for under 5s	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1119	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Duplication of resources in numbers 6& 7. Wages for employment and business advisors far too high considering their educational qualifications. Too much of family get you into the council rather than possessing a recognised qualification that the private sector would be impressed with. Cut this area cut their wages.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1120	An individual	Council Priorities	more activities for babbys from 0-5 years more arrears for homeless mothers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1121	An individual	Council Priorities	More should be done for people with severe complex special needs. Instead of taking what they know and love away from them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1122	An individual	Council Priorities	I think it is important the children get the best life. Reduce crime and help people find jobs	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1123	An individual	Council Priorities	We need to act now. I know cuts need to happen but investment in jobs, the local economy will help improve the situation. Public Transport is a joke. WE need to do more for poverty and crime. People are lucky to be working are in low paid (zero hour contracts) jobs. Universal credit is unfair. Crime is on the increase Health and Education. Where can we cut? I really think standards have slipped, the streets are a mess. The grassy areas look unkempt very disappointed. People are on low paid and even zero hour contracts , hardly surprising that the country is in a mess. If we invest in employment , abolish zero hour contracts , people will spend again, boosting growth. We need to be role models to our young citizens, look after the elderly, protect our Health and reduce poverty. Reduce Crime. These are my priorities attract business to West Lothian. I knew cuts have to take place . If that lot down in Westminster weren't in such a mess ailing with our "dissolved powers" at SNP we might not be in this mess. I am worried about the future with Brexit looming but my thoughts are once again invest in employment , enlarge businesses. If we get the fundamentals in place we may have a brighter future and if we have to pay more then that is what we have to do.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1124	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe all of the priorities are very important and everyone deserves priority. I would put them equally important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1125	An individual	Council Priorities	If I could all of these are a high priority. Equal rights and providing care. Good help for elder people.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1126	An individual	Council Priorities	I strongly believe that ALL of the priorities are VERY VERY important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1127	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that all eight priorities are the right ones. Each priorities should have their each own budget. Council should be making sure they spend their own budgets accordingly.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1128	An individual	Council Priorities	I believe all the priorities 1-8 are all important or as important as each other so I have been unable to rate. I would of put 1 or 2 on every one. It is as important to look after our older people as it the young ones. I think it is a silly thing to attempt to rate such important areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1129	An individual	Council Priorities	The priorities are still the best way forward	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1130	An individual	Council Priorities	If you deliver positive outcomes and early intervention it removes the need for attainment and positive destinations for school children in the future., so should this be a priority. Why is it two separate priorities? Community safety should be a priority with the police.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1131	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	ts very difficult to rate these as they all have significant importance. My concern is that nature and our green environment will become even less of a priority but we as humans need greenspace and being in touch. With nature for positive health & well being. Employees should be enc. to switch off PC monitors at nights and lights in empty rooms to save money. Use people on community service/low level criminals for litter picking at roadside etc. huge untapped resource for saving Â£ and giving something back to the community.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1132	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The children feel that all the factors are important but have priorities after a lengthy discussion.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1133	An individual	Council Priorities	The most important priority are the children of West Lothian especially the children with special needs - not just those in special schools but those children in mainstream who need lots of support. Cuts to this area would be hugely detrimental to the whole education department - as the knock on effect on mainstream children is also important to consider. Everyone suffer if support for their children went.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1134	An individual	Council Priorities	I am one of the older generation and feel all of 1-8 are very important. However my top priority means the most to me. I attend lip reading class which has helped me tremendously. Being partly deaf brings isolation and fear so attending my class has been a joy to me. Confidence has soared and allows me to partake in extra activities. Next comes children with activities etc to allow them to become happy responsible and decent human being.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1135	An individual	Council Priorities	As a mother of 5 children I lived through the years with helping my children at home. Unfortunately one son was born with a severe learning disability I don't see any proposals to help them expect your proposal to close a magnificent adult training centre at Eilburn . My son [REDACTED] and has been at Eilburn for [REDACTED].	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1136	An individual	Council Priorities	All of these issues are important and really difficult to determine the priority for each. The council will need to do that to help all residents in West Lothian. A number of proposals indicate reduction or changes to staff it touches on a lot of the proposals more consideration should be given to the important fact if we take peoples jobs away then we could in effect increase the number of families who would require either be supported financially by our benefits system create, be more stress and depression with increased mental health problems in our families and therefore although saving made in one area will have a direct impact on other services provided. Older people need to be looked after safely in their own homes this needs to be continued and expanded the use of nursing and residential care or in care facilities should be reduced and more care provided in peoples own homes. Communities need to be encouraged to help their neighbours rather than depending on services to do it for them. People need to be kept in work younger people and families should be taught to be more resilient through our education system More wrap around care should be provided in all nurseries to help young mums and dads to be able to work easier Long gone will be grandparents who can look after the kids when they themselves have t work till 68-70	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1137	An individual	Council Priorities	As a sister of a severely disabled brother who lives in West Lothian I believe and ask WLC to protect all disabled children and adults in this area of the community. The priorities of the council should be t give support to he vulnerable (disabled and elderly) and not to rip everything away from them so that they can provide more for able bodied people who sponge of the system, government needs to be tougher on those to make them work and support themselves as they are capable to do so. This is why I strongly disagree that funds to be reduced on the most vulnerable.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1138	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	all eight are a priority in my opinion so I won't put them in order.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1139	No Response	Council Priorities	By increasing job opportunities in West Lothian you will minimise poverty. Young children would benefit by being looked after by parents with access to playgroup's and toddler groups, "free places at nursery for 3 year olds are not necessarily the best starting blocks for young children" By employing people to look after the environment you make West Lothian a better place to live and create employment, a sense of wellbeing and pride in the community which should help both poverty and crime. I would have liked to been able to rate raising the quality of life for older people in a higher bracket as there can be a huge difference between care homes and providers of care for the elderly, despite the care inspectorate. Health care should always be a priority, but there are areas of waste that could be helped by a few simple adjustments, amount of prescribed tablets on leaving hospital are not always necessary, could those patients who can afford pay, pay something towards food costs whilst in hospital? Does transport to hospital have to be free for those who can afford to pay towards it? To save money could the council charge a yearly amount say Â£20 instead of free bus passes? And therefore help to keep routes open and not cut services?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1140	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is extremely difficult in most cases to prioritise one of these issues over another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1141	An individual	Council Priorities	Police/fire fighters/ hospitals in health care /education staff should be left alone.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1142	An individual	Council Priorities	Looking after young people, people with difficulties and the elderly is paramount. Invest in people and they will give you more money, isn't that how it works?	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1143	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1144	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1145	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1146	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1147	No Response	Council Priorities	AGREE WITH THE EIGHT PRIORIT ES	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1148	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The priorities are still relevant	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1149	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1150	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1151	No Response	Council Priorities	Would agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1152	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	yes	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1153	No Response	Council Priorities	I have spent a long time on this but while some are more important to me than others, I cannot categorise them in this way as it doesn't reflect my views as they are all very important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1154	No Response	Council Priorities	G	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1155	An individual	Council Priorities	Review required as times change	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1156	An individual	Council Priorities	This loaded consultation does not explain the potential outcomes for some services it should give questions that say if we do this then that cannot happen due to limited funding	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1157	An individual	Council Priorities	AGREED	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1158	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1159	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1160	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1161	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1162	An individual	Council Priorities	agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1163	No Response	Council Priorities	What have these questions got to do with rise in council tax ?????	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1164	No Response	Council Priorities	Test	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1165	No Response	Council Priorities	Very hard to prioritise.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1166	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I think that having eight priorities suggests that some are more important than others.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1167	An individual	Council Priorities	We need to ensure that	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1168	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	The survey only allows you to select one priority - so I can't physically respond to this question properly	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1169	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	There was no real explanation as to what each of them meant / represented. It seemed like a lot of catchy jargon phrases with no substance. Hard to vote accurately when you're left guessing what early intervention for early years actually represents.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1170	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that each of these areas deserves to be treated as a priority.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1171	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1172	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1173	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1174	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1175	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1176	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1177	No Response	Council Priorities	agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1178	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1179	An individual	Council Priorities	No comment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1180	No Response	Council Priorities	agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1181	No Response	Council Priorities	yes I agree.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1182	No Response	Council Priorities	As a parent of a "high functioning " autistic teen I have little to no support where is the disability priorities or does it not matter to the council that my child is socially isolated in an education system that is inflexible to his needs where is his priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1183	An individual	Council Priorities	Don't understand the first one - jargon babble	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1184	No Response	Council Priorities	Agreed-it was extremely hard to rate them	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1185	An individual	Council Priorities	After having read through the consultation as laid out in the Bulletin issue no.83, it is very clear that a lot of very painful and careful thought has gone into it. It will be for Council Tax paying residents, business's and communities to read and decide as to how they will reply to it, on the proposed savings of £73 million budget cuts, which has been caused by continuing under funding by the Scottish Government .	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1186	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree they should be maintained	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1187	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes, clear and strong priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1188	No Response	Council Priorities	I live outwith West Lothian therefore, I cannot complete this part	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1189	No Response	Council Priorities	don't really think it's fair to rate the above and try and prioritise individual items as in my view each and every one of them have equal priority as each priority affects different groups its not fair to try and single any out	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1190	No Response	Council Priorities	Almost impossible to put these in order as I feel they are all equally important. These priorities are definitely the right ones.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1191	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1192	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1193	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1194	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Would agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1195	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1196	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1197	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1198	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree they are all important and I would place them all as the most important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1199	An individual	Council Priorities	I don't understand the purpose of this question. You have set these eight priorities - "priorities" being the things you want to focus on first? So by definition they should all have more or less equal weight or would not be included in the list? If you were to ask what are my top 2 and bottom 2 the answers would be relevant to my age and experience - eg I don't know what the quality of life is for older people, so how can I rate this? I don't even know what 'early intervention for early years' means. If I had just lost my job it would be to improve employment, if I was sick I'd probably want more spent on health	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1200	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree - Although forced into an order all are important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1201	No Response	Council Priorities	All of these are interlinked and it is difficult to prioritise one over another.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1202	No Response	Council Priorities	It is very difficult to prioritise as these are all very important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1203	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes, but they should be reviewed annually.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1204	No Response	Council Priorities	M	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1205	No Response	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1206	An individual	Council Priorities	no	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1207	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1208	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1209	No Response	Council Priorities	N/a	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1210	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree with this statement and the priorities provided.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1211	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1212	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1213	An individual	Council Priorities	okay	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1214	An individual	Council Priorities	V difficult to rank	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1215	No Response	Council Priorities	Very artificial to rank	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1216	An individual	Council Priorities	Confirm with these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1217	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Agree in principle with priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1218	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree with the eight	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1219	No Response	Council Priorities	No comment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1220	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree in principle.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1221	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1222	An individual	Council Priorities	agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1223	An individual	Council Priorities	Agreed	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1224	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	We agree. We have prioritised these from an unpaid carer perspective. As they are all interlinked they rely on each other, and therefore an improvement in one would have a positive impact on the others.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1225	An individual	Council Priorities	No comment	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1226	An individual	Council Priorities	There is a very small margin between each of these priorities.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1227	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Agree that eight priorities are still appropriate. Almost impossible to differentiate relative importance.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1228	No Response	Council Priorities	As these are interlinked, it is difficult to rate them as being more important than another. ALL have importance in the quality of life for West Lothian residents and workers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1229	An individual	Council Priorities	Find the points difficult to grade as all have an impact on individuals /society	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1230	An individual	Council Priorities	Very difficult to rank these priorities, all are laudable	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1231	No Response	Council Priorities	These 8 priorities are all important in their own right.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1232	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	It is an impossible task trying to rate the above as many are interconnected.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1233	An individual	Council Priorities	Agree - even those lower ranked priorities are still very important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1234	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Transforming Your Council November 2017 Response from [REDACTED] I have put our entire submission in this one box. [REDACTED], at its meeting on Monday 6 November, considered the WLC consultation described as Transforming Your Council. While we do not argue that change will be required, we are somewhat despondent at the lack of hard information apparent in this consultation. The Council has asked for our responses to particular questions and we will endeavour to comply with that request. Our prime purpose however here is to get our points across which may not fit nicely with the way the WLC wants the answers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1235	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	The Community Council was disappointed to read the same words repeated constantly throughout the document 'rationalisation, streamlining, efficiency, effectiveness, consolidating' usually in sections where little real detail has been given about proposals	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1236	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Section 1H General Balance of Savings. To be fair, this may be the right thing to do, but who knows. The section says 'the Council will develop specific measures' This could mean anything. You cannot expect support for this at the moment.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1237	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Section 5B Properties. Given that we do not know what properties are being referred to, we are unable to support this.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1238	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Section 6 Income and Concessions. Again, we do not argue the basic principle but there is little detail, particularly regarding transport and charges for non-residential care services. Accordingly you cannot expect our support.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1239	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Section 7D Passenger Transport. Like some other headings, we cannot support vague proposals without having an idea of the impacts. I hope these comments are of some help.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1240	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes however there is room within each area that needs looked into	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1241	An individual	Council Priorities	This is typical of the website. I have lost my entry twice and there is no provision for saving the page or section or splitting the entry if you run out of time and have to come back to it. This is why I will give a few general points here.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1242	No Response	Council Priorities	Your poorly optimised website will only allow 5 options to be selected to the 9 questions asked.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1243	An individual	Council Priorities	Yes they are.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1244	No Response	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1245	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1246	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1247	An individual	Council Priorities	totally agree with this	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1248	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1249	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1250	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1251	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	Agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1252	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	I agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1253	An individual	Council Priorities	There is no priority here for vulnerable adults.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1254	An individual	Council Priorities	The outcome priorities are laudable enough in their generality but say little about the efficiency of the Council's £400m of net expenditure on specific items. As such the priorities can be used to justify anything. It is possible for the Council to influence these areas positively without making them priorities or trying to make them the leading players when others (like parents) can play a greater and more influential role.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1255	An individual	Council Priorities	I feel some of the priorities are national, political government aims. These highlighted are both local and national	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1256	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree that these are the right priorities for the council with the caveat that crime is the responsibility primarily of police Scotland & similarly health is the responsibility of the NHS.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1257	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	We agree with West Lothian's priorities although obviously everyone will have their own interests at heart.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1258	An individual	Council Priorities	West Lothian does a first rate job across many areas.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1259	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	These 8 priorities are all important. A lot of this feedback request involves changes we can't comment on as we don't have enough info about what it means for us and how it will affect us.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1260	An individual	Council Priorities	Healthy GPs in some medical practices are in short supply - more need to be recruited to avoid long delays for appointments. St John's Hospital needs to be supported to maintain all its services. Health living messages. Lots of Livingston residents are overweight Litter, especially at roadsides, is a disgrace More education, bins and fines for littering	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1261	An individual	Council Priorities	Things have got so bad I do not know how we are going to get out this situation. I think West Lothian is going to become a dirty place. People are just going to dump rubbish everywhere. I don't know how to get out this terrible situation.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1262	An individual	Council Priorities	All ranked 1	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1263	An individual	Council Priorities	Good positive priorities	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1264	An individual	Council Priorities	I agree but in my order kids first they just starting out us older people have been their. Health is a big issue and must be sorted out and to keep all parts of St Johns open 24/7. Every year jobs essential for up and coming.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1265	An individual	Council Priorities	Improving the care of the elderly especially their health will reduce the burden on the NHS and free-up resources to be spent on essential services such as childrens ward open 24 hours in St Johns.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1266	An individual	Council Priorities	Community consultation is vital at each step in the process. Individual communities should be able to voice their proposals and any concerns around changes to services. Employment is key to all proposals, the more people in work equals rent being paid, council tax being paid, money spent in the area, all of this will generate revenue to save essential services.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1267	An individual	Council Priorities	Community consultations is vital at each step in this process. Communities should be allowed to voice their concerns before any irreversible changes.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1268	An individual	Council Priorities	We must use common sense and invest in our infrastructure getting the fundamentals correct now and that this must be through investment. Invest in services that offer good well paid jobs within employment. Attract business to West Lothian. If people are in work they are more likely to spend back into the local community. Get rid of poverty. Zero hour contracts. Get people into jobs, growth will then happen. I want somewhere to be proud off, our kids, families, friends to be proud of to call home. We must get this right. We are in a mess. I would like to eradicate poverty. The way I see is to invest in the local economy. Get people into work, decent jobs. Get them off benefits. Encourage businesses back. We have the infrastructure in place. We are well positioned in the heart of Scotland.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1269	An individual	Council Priorities	We need sustainable growth. We need people in good well paid jobs. Investing now will benefit generations to come.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1270	An individual	Council Priorities	Too much expected from the working community	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1271	An individual	Council Priorities	To take away important services will have an affect on our community. All service are important.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1272	An individual	Council Priorities	I have looked at the documents you have sent our for consultation. However, the council has the expert advice to enable it to identify where the cuts should be. As a member of the public I do not have enough information for me to decide the right and wrong of the cuts you have identified.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1273	An individual	Council Priorities	Meeting and discussions has got us nowhere. All we get is excuses. In your document you make a point on consultations which is fine if you take on board what people are saying and do something about it.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1274	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	There are obviously very hard decisions to be taken given the financial situation and I do not underestimate the task/challenge for the elected members/senior officers.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1275	An employee of West Lothian Council	Council Priorities	To give my comment on the measures listed I feel rather difficult as most lack sufficient detail.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1276	An individual	Council Priorities	Priorities â€” You state you think your priorities are still relevant and you are not planning to change so lâ€™m not grading them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1277	An individual	Council Priorities	Priorities â€” You state you think your priorities are still relevant and you are not planning to change so lâ€™m not grading them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1278	An individual	Council Priorities	Priorities â€” You state you think your priorities are still relevant and you are not planning to change so lâ€™m not grading them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan

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1279	An individual	Council Priorities	Priorities are still relevant and you are not planning to change so I am not grading them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1280	An individual	Council Priorities	You state you think your priorities are still relevant and you are not planning to change so I am not grading them.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1281	An individual	Council Priorities	I support the 8 priorities to make West Lothian a good place to live.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1282	On behalf of a Group/ Organisation	Council Priorities	Generally agree	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan
1283	An individual	Council Priorities	Without a full working knowledge on these subjects I feel unable to comment. Any comments I made would be based on my limited, personal experience.	10. The respondent commented on the council's priorities	Thank you for your comment. Your feedback will be incorporated into the development of the council's new Corporate Plan