

Appendix B

BVPI Survey 2006/07 – local priorities

Factors rated as “most important” by residents	No of Responses			%
	MBDC	SBDC	CB	
1. The level of crime	754	682	1436	12.7
2. Health services	692	563	1255	11.1
3. Clean streets	480	429	909	8.0
4. Affordable decent housing	459	405	864	7.6
5. Education provision	439	380	819	7.2
6. The level of traffic congestion	310	455	765	6.7
7. Shopping facilities	366	317	683	6.0
8. Parks and open space	278	271	549	4.8
9. Access to nature	298	243	541	4.8
10. Public transport	310	218	528	4.7
11. Road and pavement repairs	298	212	510	4.5
12. Activities for teenagers	285	215	500	4.4
13. Job prospects	193	268	461	4.1
14. Facilities for young children	176	133	309	2.7
15. The level of pollution	147	120	267	2.4
16. Sports and leisure facilities	119	132	251	2.2
17. Wage levels and cost of living	109	113	222	2.0
18. Community activities	131	81	212	1.9
19. Cultural facilities	68	136	204	1.8
20. Race relations	21	37	58	0.5
	5933	5410	11343	

Factors rated as “most in need of improvement” by residents	No of Responses			%
	MBDC	SBDC	CB	
1. The level of traffic congestion	477	746	1223	12.7
2. Road and pavement repairs	624	469	1093	11.4
3. Activities for teenagers	593	479	1072	11.2
4. The level of crime	393	413	806	8.4
5. Public transport	348	256	604	6.3
6. Shopping facilities	244	282	526	5.5
7. Affordable decent housing	300	226	526	5.5
8. Health services	227	243	470	4.9
9. Cultural facilities	194	233	427	4.5
10. Clean streets	241	181	422	4.4
11. Job prospects	157	191	348	3.6
12. Sports and leisure facilities	166	177	343	3.6
13. Facilities for young children	180	160	340	3.6
14. The level of pollution	114	166	280	2.9
15. Community activities	147	115	262	2.7
16. Wage levels and cost of living	121	136	257	2.7
17. Parks and open space	115	126	241	2.5
18. Education provision	76	105	181	1.9
19. Access to nature	56	39	95	1.0
20. Race relations	23	32	55	0.6
	4796	4775	9571	

A Vision for Bedfordshire 2013

Priority Areas

1. Growing the economy:
 - New jobs
 - Developing skills in the workforce
 - Improving the image and profile of Bedfordshire
 - Tackling the infrastructure deficit and reducing traffic congestion
2. Sustainability:
 - Waste treatment & recycling
 - Green infrastructure provision
 - Sustainable housing growth
 - Reducing CO2 emissions
 - Improving air quality
3. Raising the aspirations of children and young people:
 - Improving child and adolescent mental health
 - Improving outcomes for looked after children
 - Raising exam results
 - Improving victim engagement in restorative justice
4. Safer and Stronger communities:
 - Providing sustainable and affordable housing
 - Ensuring social housing meets the Decent Homes standard
 - Regeneration in the Luton/Dunstable/Houghton Regis conurbation as a major retail centre and transport interchange
 - Regeneration neighbourhoods in priority estates
 - Reducing crime and fear of crime
 - Increasing engagement in volunteering
5. Reducing health inequality:
 - Improving health and reducing health inequality
 - Increasing opportunities for healthier lifestyles
 - Improving access to health, social care and well-being services
 - Improving the independence of vulnerable older people and adults