

Spotlight on The Council Plan 2011-2015 transcript

Interviewer said: "What is the Council Plan 2011 – 15?"

Harry Dyke, Chief Executive of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "Well the Council Plan is a clear statement of the priorities for Allerdale Borough Council for the next four years. The Plan outlines our projects and our services that we wish to undertake as a priority to make Allerdale a great place to live, work and visit. The Plan has been prepared in full consultation with the public, with our members and our partners and we are hoping that it will make a great deal of difference to our communities and our neighbourhoods."

Interviewer said: "How will the Council Plan affect the general public?"

Harry Dyke, Chief Executive of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "Well I think because it is a clear statement of what we want to do, the public will clearly understand what we have planned for them and indeed, as I have said, they have been fully involved in the consultation process. So it is really concentrating on those things that they want to see and hopefully in the four years period of the plan we will be able to deliver exactly what the public want."

Interviewer said: "How will the Council Plan tie into the problems facing local government with regard to the economic situation?"

Harry Dyke, Chief Executive of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "All local authorities are going to face some very difficult times I think in the next three or four years – due to the extent of central government cuts in grants. So I think it is for that reason specifically why you need to plan adequately and this Council Plan actually matches the priorities which we think are out there with the resources which we think we will have available".