



MSDC Council Core Business Activities

The Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Member Working Group has agreed the below corporate priorities for 2019/20. These priorities have been devised to assist the Council in achieving its strategic objectives of delivering value for money services, and helping to create a strong economy, environment and community.

The priorities are:

1. Effective and responsive services.
2. Sustainable economic growth.
3. Strong and resilient communities.
4. Financial independence.

Whilst these priorities provide the Council with strategic direction, they are not specific enough to provide the foundations for Business Continuity Plans. There will be times when the council will not be able to deliver on all areas of its corporate plan because of an unpredictable disruption. However, there are key areas of business that must continue.

Business Continuity is designed to identify the “time critical” activities of an organisation, and develop plans that will maintain them during an interruption. Key to this process is a clear strategic direction on the areas of business that the council wishes to maintain.

Once identified at a strategic level, the rest of the organisation can easily see how they support these core business activities and develop plans to support them. It is at this point the key services that support core business will become evident and appropriate plans developed.

The following five core business activities are effectively represented by elements of one or more of the council’s corporate priorities for 2018/19.

MSDC Core Business Activities	Corporate Plan Programme Number
1. Preservation of life and support of vulnerable people	1,4,
2. Deliver statutory services	1,3,2,
3. Respond to emergencies and critical incidents	4,3,1
4. Warning and informing the public	3,1
5. Income Generation	4

These core business activities represent the minimum level of service that MSDC should aim to deliver during times of disruption and I therefore submit them to the Management Team for consideration.

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