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## Healthy Workforce and Employee Engagement Survey November 2016

## BACKGROUND

- The Council's Healthy Workforce and Employee Engagement Group conducted a survey in November 2016. The group asked questions designed to assess how employees felt about a number of areas, such as communications, leadership and general health and wellbeing as well as asking how well our corporate values were being applied.
- This was the first Healthy Workforce and Engagement Survey, the questions were a mix of questions previously asked in the biannual Employee Survey and the annual Lifestyle Survey as well as some new questions, which were selected carefully to address issues raised by staff anecdotally in response to events during 2016.
- The survey was undertaken using internal resources and expertise. In a change from the Employee Survey, respondents were not asked anything about themselves or their work area to ensure that responses were confidential. The response rate was $81 \%$ this equates to 243 employees and is broadly in line with past Employee Survey response rates. However, there was a great deal more qualitative information provided in response to this survey through the comments. The accompanying report provides the statistical survey results and comparison data for specific, repeated questions. The individual comments are not being released in order to protect confidentiality.
- The survey results are being communicated to staff and members via briefings as part of the Employee Health and Wellbeing Week of activities during week commencing $23^{\text {rd }}$ January 2017. The Health and Wellbeing Group have formulated a Health Improvement plan, starting with a Health and Wellbeing week in January and continuing with a series of initiatives throughout the year.
- We recognise that we are operating in a changing and challenging environment and we need to address the issues that are currently affecting us so that we can continue to deliver exceptional services to the residents of South Ribble, with this in mind the Healthy Workforce and Employee Engagement Group has shared the results of the survey with all staff, Senior Management Team and Members so that as an organisation we can work collectively to address the issues that impact on staff morale and our ability to deliver exceptional services.
- The survey will be repeated in June 2017 by the Healthy Workforce and Employee Engagement Group.

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Q1 My working environment is stressful.


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 15.23\% | 37 |
| Agree | 32.92\% | 80 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 32.10\% | 78 |
| Disagree | 18.11\% | 44 |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.65\% | 4 |
| Total |  | 243 |

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Q2 Overall, my job is stressful.


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 12.76\% | 31 |
| Agree | 35.39\% | 86 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 32.51\% | 79 |
| Disagree | 18.11\% | 44 |
| Strongly Disagree | 1.23\% | 3 |
| Total |  | 243 |

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## Q3 I am able to deal with stress at work.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{5 . 7 6 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{4 6 . 9 1 \%}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{3 5 . 3 9 \%}$ |  |
| Disagree | 114 |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{1 1 . 5 2 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{0 . 4 1 \%}$ | 86 |

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## Q4 I have been bullied or harassed in work.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{5 . 3 5 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 1 \%}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{1 3}$ |  |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{1 9 . 3 4 \%}$ | 44 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 2 . 1 0 \%}$ | 47 |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 5 . 1 0 \%}$ | 78 |

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## Q5 I have come into work when I have felt too unwell to do my job.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{1 8 . 1 1 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{3 7 . 4 5 \%}$ | 44 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{1 8 . 9 3 \%}$ | 91 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{1 9 . 7 5 \%}$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{5 . 7 6 \%}$ | 46 |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |  |

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## Q6 I am kept informed about what is going on across the Council.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 2.09\% | 5 |
| Agree | 19.25\% | 46 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 30.13\% | 72 |
| Disagree | 34.31\% | 82 |
| Strongly Disagree | 14.23\% | 34 |
| Total |  | 239 |

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Q7 I feel proud to work for the Council.


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 6.69\% | 16 |
| Agree | 25.94\% | 62 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 39.33\% | 94 |
| Disagree | 21.76\% | 52 |
| Strongly Disagree | 6.28\% | 15 |
| Total |  | 239 |

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## Q8 I feel that morale is generally good in my service area.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{0 . 8 4 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{1 8 . 4 1 \%}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{2 6 . 3 6 \%}$ | 44 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 4 . 3 1 \%}$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{2 0 . 0 8 \%}$ | 63 |
| Total |  |  |

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## Q9 Overall I feel that morale is generally good across the Council.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $0.00 \%$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{0}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{3 . 7 7 \%}$ |  |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{1 6 . 7 4 \%}$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{5 0 . 6 3 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 8 . 8 7 \%}$ | 40 |

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## Q10 I feel that the work of my service area is valued by the councillors.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{0 . 8 4 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{2}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{1 5 . 4 8 \%}$ |  |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 2 . 6 4 \%}$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{2 8 . 8 7 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2 . 1 8 \%}$ | 78 |

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Q11 I feel that the council has high levels of ethical standards and behaviour.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 2.09\% | 5 |
| Agree | 20.92\% | 50 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 33.89\% | 81 |
| Disagree | 28.03\% | 67 |
| Strongly Disagree | 15.06\% | 36 |
| Total |  | 239 |

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Q12 The following statements relate to the core values of the council. I think that these values are being applied at present.


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|  | Strongly <br> Agree | Agree | Neither Agree nor Disagree | Disagree | Strongly <br> Disagree | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Positive Attitude | 2.51\% | 29.71\% | 30.13\% | 30.13\% | 7.53\% |  |
|  | 6 | 71 | 72 | 72 | 18 | 239 |
| Integrity | 2.94\% | 22.27\% | 26.47\% | 33.19\% | 15.13\% |  |
|  | 7 | 53 | 63 | 79 | 36 | 238 |
| Learning Organisation | 2.94\% | 41.60\% | 30.67\% | 16.39\% | 8.40\% |  |
|  | 7 | 99 | 73 | 39 | 20 | 238 |
| Teamwork | 7.14\% | 37.39\% | 29.41\% | 17.65\% | 8.40\% |  |
|  | 17 | 89 | 70 | 42 | 20 | 238 |
| Excellence | 5.08\% | 27.12\% | 38.56\% | 19.49\% | 9.75\% |  |
|  | 12 | 64 | 91 | 46 | 23 | 236 |
| The behaviours displayed by the Senior Management Team are consistent with these values. | $\begin{array}{r} 1.69 \% \\ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 20.25 \% \\ 48 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.86 \% \\ 85 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24.47 \% \\ 58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17.72 \% \\ 42 \end{array}$ | 237 |
| The behaviours displayed by the councillors are consistent with these values. | $\begin{array}{r} 0.42 \% \\ 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.38 \% \\ 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 17.30 \% \\ 41 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30.80 \% \\ 73 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48.10 \% \\ 114 \end{array}$ | 237 |
| The behaviours displayed by Staff are consistent with these values. | 11.02\% | 47.03\% | 31.78\% | 7.63\% | 2.54\% |  |
|  | 26 | 111 | 75 | 18 | 6 | 236 |

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## Q13 I have experienced unfair or abusive treatment at work.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{5 . 8 6 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{2 1 . 3 4 \%}$ | 14 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{2 1 . 7 6 \%}$ | 51 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 3 . 0 5 \%}$ |  |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{1 7 . 9 9 \%}$ | $\mathbf{5 2}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{7 9}$ |  |

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## Q14 I am having to work long hours with insufficient breaks.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 3.35\% | 8 |
| Agree | 8.37\% | 20 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 23.01\% | 55 |
| Disagree | 46.86\% | 112 |
| Strongly Disagree | 18.41\% | 44 |
| Total |  | 239 |

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## Q15 I feel that my skills are underused in my day to day work.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{8 . 7 9 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{2 1}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{1 6 . 3 2 \%}$ | 39 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 3 . 4 7 \%}$ | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 5 . 9 8 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 . 4 4 \%}$ | 8 |

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Q16 I have felt unhappy or depressed because of work.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{1 1 . 3 0 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{2 7}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{3 7 . 2 4 \%}$ | 89 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{2 1 . 3 4 \%}$ | 51 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{2 3 . 4 3 \%}$ |  |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{6 . 6 9 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |  |

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## Q17 I have people in work that I can talk to when I have problems.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{1 0 . 8 8 \%}$ |
| Agree | $\mathbf{4 1 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{2 6}$ |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{2 1 . 3 4 \%}$ |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{1 0 . 4 6 \%}$ |
| Please let us know if you have any comments | $\mathbf{2 . 5 1 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 3 . 8 1 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 n}$ |  |

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## Q18 I think the council communicates openly about change and involves people in the big decisions.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{1 . 2 6 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{8 . 3 7 \%}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |  |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 3 . 8 9 \%}$ | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 4 . 3 1 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 2 . 1 8 \%}$ | 81 |

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Q19 I think that the staff's views are listened to, acted on, and help improve the council's services.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{0 . 4 2 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{9 . 2 1 \%}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{3}$ |  |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 3 . 8 9 \%}$ | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 7 . 2 4 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 . 2 5 \%}$ | 81 |

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## Q20 I have recently lost sleep because of work.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{8 . 7 9 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | 21 |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{2 9 . 7 1 \%}$ | 71 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{1 8 . 4 1 \%}$ | 44 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{3 2 . 6 4 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 . 4 6 \%}$ | 78 |

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## Q21 I feel motivated in work.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Strongly Agree | $\mathbf{2 . 0 9 \%}$ |  |
| Agree | $\mathbf{5}$ |  |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | $\mathbf{2 7 . 2 0 \%}$ | 65 |
| Disagree | $\mathbf{3 6 . 4 0 \%}$ | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree | $\mathbf{2 3 . 4 3 \%}$ | 56 |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 0 . 8 8 \%}$ |  |

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## Q22 Taking everything into account I am satisfied with the Council as an employer.

Answered: 239 Skipped: 4


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strongly Agree | 5.44\% | 13 |
| Agree | 26.36\% | 63 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | 34.73\% | 83 |
| Disagree | 25.94\% | 62 |
| Strongly Disagree | 7.53\% | 18 |
| Total |  | 239 |

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## Q23 What initiatives would you like to see as part of the Health \& Wellbeing day/week in January 2017?

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## Q24 If you could change anything at the Council what would you change?

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## Q25 Do you feel optimistic about the future of this Council?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 12


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $\mathbf{2 5 . 9 7 \%}$ |  |
| No | $\mathbf{2 4 . 6 8 \%}$ | 60 |
| Not sure | $\mathbf{4 9 . 3 5 \%}$ | 114 |
| Total |  |  |

