

COUNCIL PLAN – 2011 to 2015

Vision — That the Council will provide value for money services that help meet the needs of local people.

Community Priorities –

The Council provides an extensive range of important and valued services for the benefit of the people who live and work in Huntingdonshire. By listening to what local residents tell us, thinking about their needs and considering our resources, we have chosen six of our objectives as priorities for the next 3-4 years which we will publically report progress against.

Our priorities are to:	How we will know if we are successful (outcome to be achieved):
Keep the district clean, provide recycling services and collect rubbish	We will keep at least 94% of streets at an acceptable level of cleanliness We will encourage residents to create less than 550kg of waste per household for collection We will achieve a recycling rate of more than 50%
Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Working to keep public spaces free of litter, fly tipping and graffiti. Ensuring that rubbish is collected regularly from homes. Encouraging households to reduce the amount of waste which needs to be collected and maintaining a high recycling rate.</i>	
Prevent and deal with homelessness	We will prevent at least 250 households from becoming homeless in the year On average, less than 90 households will need to be housed in temporary accommodation
Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Providing advice to help to prevent people from becoming homeless and housing homeless people, where appropriate.</i>	
Help vulnerable and disadvantaged people to live independently	We will enable 240 vulnerable and disadvantaged people to remain independent in their own homes
Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Giving advice and (where appropriate) providing financial assistance to help improve housing conditions. Helping to adapt the homes of disabled or older people. Helping to minimise fear and isolation by addressing concerns of disturbance and anti-social behaviour. Reducing the risk of disabling injury by keeping older people active; reducing the risk of falls and encouraging mobility.</i>	
Support strong communities	To be agreed - we are still developing our approach to the Localism / Big Society agenda and the outcome(s) will depend on this
Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Supporting and encouraging community-led activity aimed at reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. Assisting individuals to take responsibility for their health and well-being. Encouraging community involvement, volunteering and service, particularly to support those who are less able.</i>	

Our priorities are to:	How we will know if we are successful (outcome to be achieved):
Encourage new jobs, homes and facilities to meet our needs	The total number of homes in the district will increase by at least 560 per year
	The total amount of employment floorspace in the district will increase by at least 15,000 square metres per year
	We will seek to raise at least £xxx via developer contributions to be spent on infrastructure and facilities benefitting the area <i>(target amount to be confirmed)</i>
<p>Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Ensuring an appropriate supply and mix of new housing to meet future needs, including maintaining a 5 year supply of housing land through the local planning process. Enabling the provision of the social and strategic infrastructure to meet current and future needs, including promoting the early adoption of the Community Infrastructure Levy provisions to maximise community benefits. Promoting sustainable development opportunities and completing agreed planning led schemes for promoting sustainable growth in and around the market towns. Monitoring growth of office, retail and leisure use in town centres. Encouraging the provision of a wide range of jobs appropriate for existing and future residents, including reviewing Employment Land in the District and ensuring a sufficient supply of employment land through the local planning process.</i></p>	
Safeguard the environment and successfully manage the impacts of growth	At least 200 energy efficiency and renewable energy installations will be carried out as a result of HDC schemes and promotions
	At least 75% of designated sites (such as County Wildlife Sites and SSSIs) that we have some management responsibility for will be in a 'favourable' or 'improving' condition
	At least 29% of new homes will be built on land which has previously been developed
<p>Activities to help achieve this include: <i>Supporting initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and encouraging energy efficiency and renewable energy. Protecting, via the planning and conservation processes, the places, heritage assets and habitats that make Huntingdonshire special.</i></p>	