





Commitments towards our Vision

Strategic Planning 2018-2019- Six month update



East Cambridgeshire
District Council

Performance Measure	Link to Corporate Plan Priority	Target and reporting timescale (i.e. 6 monthly or annually)	Baseline from previous year/output from previous year	Owner and co-owners	Status (at 6 month stage)	Outcome or output (at 6 month stage)
Maintain a clear planning policy framework which will help facilitate the creation of safe, vibrant, inclusive and sustainable communities	(2)A Fantastic Place to Live, Work and Visit	Continually review all existing service web pages to ensure that only up to date, accurate and relevant information is live on the Council's website. Ongoing.	Thorough update took place 2017/18	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer	↔	Ongoing process, linked to Local Plan preparation. Website content regularly reviewed and updated.
	(3)Genuinely affordable housing					
	(4) New Jobs and Funding	Publication of an Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR) covering period to 31 March 2018, which reports on the performance of the previous year in terms of planning matters (statutory item). By 31 December 2018	AMR last published in Dec 2017	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer	↔	AMR preparation commenced, and due for completion before 31 December 2018.
	(5)Improved Infrastructure. (6)Improving Local Transport.	Prepare an updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), setting out how the Council will consult on a variety of planning matters, for approval by Full Council in first half of 2018/19	Last SCI adopted October 2015	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer	↔	Updated SCI adopted by Full Council on 12 th July 2018
To keep our planning policy framework up-to-date, clear and in line with corporate priorities	(2)A Fantastic Place to Live, Work and Visit	Continue a review of the Local Plan in line with statutory provisions. Ensure the Local Plan facilitates delivery of the Council's priorities.	3rd Draft Local Plan approved at Full Council October 2017	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer	↔	Examination on going. Too early to draw any conclusions. The Inspector has split the examination into 2 phases. This has delayed slightly the examination. Adoption now anticipated in early part of 2019.
	(3)Genuinely affordable housing	Examination of the Local Plan during 2018.				
	(4) New Jobs and Funding	Adoption by end of 2018.	Local Plan 'submitted' for examination February 2018			
	(5)Improved Infrastructure. (6)Improving Local Transport.	Consider whether any Supplementary Planning Documents need to be approved by Full Council for the purpose of public consultation, in support of the emerging Local Plan. Details to be confirmed.	N/A	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer	↔	This activity will commence in second half of year, once clarity on new Local Plan policy is achieved.

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		Work with those communities wishing to undertake Neighbourhood Planning, ensure ECDC meets its statutory requirements. Timing and demand uncertain, due to lead being Parish Councils.	Advice regularly given to communities, and especially parish councils.	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer		Worked with a number of parish councils (PCs), including progressing Fordham NP to a successful examination, with a referendum due in Nov 2018. Sutton and Witchford PC also actively preparing NPs, with ECDC assistance. Other PCs have made a variety of general enquiries.
To influence, for the benefit of East Cambs, the sub-regional strategic planning framework	(2)A Fantastic Place to Live, Work and Visit (3)Genuinely affordable housing (4) New Jobs and Funding (5)Improved Infrastructure. (6)Improving Local Transport.	Play an active role in sub-regional strategic planning work, including attendance at Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Planning Policy Forum (every 6 weeks) and contributing to Combined Authority strategic planning activities. Ongoing.	Mostly Ongoing, though the Combined Authority is a new area with the potential for considerable new Strategic Planning activities	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer		Target being met. Ongoing activity. Combined Authority proposals expected in greater detail in second half of year.
Maintain high quality working relationship with the Service Delivery Champion	(1) Delivering a Financially Sound and Well Managed Council	To provide regular updates to the Service Delivery Champion on the work of the Strategic Planning Service and to provide an opportunity to work in partnership on key issues/areas of work. Monthly meetings, and other briefings	Monthly	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer		Monthly meetings have predominantly taken place, and regular telephone / email updates throughout the Local Plan examination.
Ensure that the Council's Corporate risks are managed effectively and mitigations are put in place to reduce impact	(1) Delivering a Financially Sound and Well Managed Council	To regularly review higher level corporate risks, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New legislation, impacting on work in progress New legislation, resulting in a resource pressure to implement Failure or delay of Local Plan, resulting in resource implications, reputational risks, and unplanned for development. 	Ongoing	Strategic Planning-Richard Kay- Strategic Planning Manager Edward Dade-Strategic Planning Officer Harj Kumar-Strategic Planning Officer		On-going matter. New national planning policy (NPPF) issued in July 2018. Further amendments expected this autumn (post national Budget)

Name of Service Delivery Champion: Councillor Coralie Green

Comments

I continue to be pleased with the progress made by the Strategic Planning service at this six-month review stage. The Local Plan, which is obviously the focus for the team's attention and workload, continues to progress through its independent examination stage, and we look forward to a positive outcome from the Inspector in due course.

I, however, remain concerned with national policy, particularly the 'five year land supply' challenge, and the forthcoming (and equally difficult) 'housing delivery test' due from Nov 2018. For districts like ours, where developers are not building as many homes as we would like despite numerous sites allocated and permitted, these two national policy items can cause considerable confusion, anxiety and unwanted speculative development in our communities, especially in our smaller settlements. Tools available to councils to counter these threats are limited, however we are committed to: (a) keeping our policies up to date; (b) working with and encouraging developers to build on permitted land and (c) via Palace Green Homes, investing as a Council in the delivery of homes ourselves, including affordable and community-led homes.