

Corporate Strategic Priorities 2021 to 2022

Sustainable

Local Government Re-organisation – plan and negotiate where possible for improved services, resident engagement, and employment. Work with central and local government, and other agencies, to deliver all required process and changes efficiently and in good order.

Organisational Transformation - move to one operational site; embed a Customer Experience Culture across the organisation; create a dynamic agile organisation, focussing on customers, service delivery, digital technology, accommodation, workforce skills and income generation.

Local Plan/Planning – undertake (i) a partial review of the Local Plan, to strengthen policies on two key areas: climate change and design and (ii) a settlement study.

Zero Carbon Strategy - deliver the Zero Carbon Eden District Council Strategy & Action Plan 2020-2023, making progress on reducing the Council's carbon footprint to zero by 2030, by improving energy use and biodiversity in EDC estate, promoting community projects in the district, e.g. community energy schemes.

Biodiversity – manage our own land sustainably, collaborate with external bodies develop and deliver integrated protection and enhancement of natural habitats within Eden ecosystems.

Sustainable waste service - develop a new waste and recycling service which is compliant with the governments waste and resource strategy, and aims to reduce the service's carbon footprint and remove plastic waste wherever possible.

Eden Economic Strategy – deliver a work plan and strategy to support growth, business development, and higher wages in a post Covid, 21st Century Rural economy

Place making – sell Mansion House & develop Town Hall site to enhance the public realm through provision of Hotel, leisure, economic and cultural facilities.

Healthy, Safe & Secure

New Homes - deliver a pilot new build sustainable affordable housing scheme, which is both environmentally sound and capable of being replicated within a reasonable cost envelope; use the learning gained to work in partnership with Homes England and other agencies to deliver similar schemes to meet local needs.

Low Carbon Housing Retrofit Programme deliver the existing programme , secure new funding where possible, and assist other authorities with Green Homes LAD schemes, ensuring that resources are available to make maximum use of government grants to tackle the triple challenges of low carbon, health and wellbeing and fuel poverty in the housing sector.

Young People & Families – to be active members of the Eden Children and Families Locality working group with the aim to retain and attract a working age population to overcome the increasing demographic imbalance, improve health & wellbeing, and to provide our young people with education, training, employment opportunities and good affordable housing.

Public Realm - support communities to improve their local open spaces, allotments, and play areas, for active leisure, safe outdoor play, and improved biodiversity.

Housing Strategy – we will develop an action plan to deliver our new housing strategy setting out our vision for affordable decent homes for our local people, and to help us retain our young people and families.

Poverty – we will work across the Council to ensure that all residents struggling due poverty and inequality to have access to advice and assistance. Through this work the long term aim is to reduce levels of poverty and financial inequality across the district.

Connected

Community Devolution of Assets – work with CALC, parishes and others to progress the mutually agreed transfer of assets to parish and town councils in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Digital Eden - support the work of partners, agencies and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to deliver broadband and improved digital signal to all parts of Eden district.

Cycling - to promote cycling in the District through improving safe storage facilities in towns; be an active member of the County cycling strategy, and to support the work of partners in developing better cycle routes.

Equality & Diversity - to carry out a review of our current internal practices, and to develop new policy and staff training with outside consultants.

Creative

Town Centres - work with partners, including Borderlands, prepare plans for funding bids to reinvent our town centres for the future, to increase investment, promote their uniqueness and explore creative ways to bring empty units and historic buildings back into use.

Low Carbon/Greening Eden Businesses - improve the financial and environmental sustainability of local businesses by adopting an EDC First procurement policy, and helping local businesses reduce their carbon foot print.

London Road – creation of zero carbon commercial/industrial units.

Arts & Culture – develop and deliver an Arts & Culture Programme to enhance the creative and cultural lives of all through greater community participation in Arts and Culture activity throughout the District - sustaining healthy communities and establishing Eden as a great place for young people to live, creative enterprises to thrive, and visitors to enjoy.

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