

GETTING FOCUSED

CORPORATE PLAN 2012 - 2017

By 2017 we will have:	We will do this by:
Reduced the Council Tax burden for our residents in real terms (FINANCE)	<p>Continually improving financial management and ensuring the Council remains financially sound, updating and implementing our MTFs and <i>Strategic Solutions</i> workstreams</p> <p>Delivering effective and sustainable procurement and asset management</p> <p>Increasing the emphasis on demonstrable value for money</p> <p>Keeping the Council Tax as low as possible and increasing our income whilst maintaining or improving our services</p>
Built partnerships that make a difference with Councils, volunteers and other providers (PARTNERSHIPS)	<p>Working closely with our partner Councils in West Essex and with local communities, councils and the voluntary sector to ensure democracy, localism and the Big Society is at the heart of everything we do</p> <p>Continuing to support Police Community Support Officers and effective CCTV systems to deal with anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Encouraging community participation through effective consultation and engagement and improving community forums to reflect closer working with all sectors of the community</p> <p>Improving the experience of visitors to the museum</p>
built more affordable homes (ENVIRONMENT)	<p>Meeting local housing needs, especially affordable housing, for local people.</p> <p>Having a robust and relevant Development Plan</p> <p>Developing sustainable communities by protecting and encouraging local facilities</p>
Recycled more (ENVIRONMENT)	<p>Delivering on our energy efficiency policies</p> <p>Improving the energy efficiency of suitable council houses.</p> <p>Keeping a weekly food waste collection</p> <p>Introducing garden waste collection services, kerbside collection of glass and the introduction of kitchen caddies.</p>
Protected and enhanced our environment (ENVIRONMENT)	<p>Working with the owners of Stansted Airport to ensure economic and social benefits that also secure an overall environmental improvement - and maintaining vigilance against a 2nd runway</p> <p>Implementing the Localism Act</p> <p>Improving environmental management and enforcement against environmental crime</p> <p>Introducing a local highways panel to deal with minor repairs, especially potholes</p>
Improved prosperity (PEOPLE)	<p>Enhancing economic prosperity through the West Essex Alliance of local authorities and businesses and working with local businesses to encourage future skills development and growth</p> <p>Promoting equitable, diverse, healthy and safe living</p> <p>Improving access to our services and those of our partners and introducing fast broadband services across the district</p> <p>Setting a high example by exemplary corporate governance and standards</p>