

# UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL

## CORPORATE PLAN 2015 - 2020

By 2020 we will:	We will do this by:
Remain a <b>low tax</b> Council	<p>Cutting Council Tax in 2015-16 and keeping the Council Tax as low as possible thereafter, and increasing our income whilst maintaining or improving our services and providing support to the vulnerable</p> <p>Continually improving financial management and ensuring the Council remains financially sound</p> <p>Increasing the emphasis on demonstrable value for money</p> <p>Planning for a future in which there will be little or no “core” Government funding, including a strategy for the measured and careful use of reserves</p>
Continue to listen and respond to our communities so we stay focused on our customers’ needs and the delivery of <b>high quality</b> key services that matter	<p>Effectively consulting with our partners and local communities, councils and the voluntary sector to ensure value for money, democracy and localism are at the heart of everything we do</p> <p>Working closely with the Armed Forces at Carver Barracks</p> <p>Keeping Uttlesford safe</p> <p>Focusing on key services that are deliverable so that what we do we do well</p> <p>Promoting equitable, diverse, healthy and safe living and working</p> <p>Setting a high example by exemplary corporate governance and standards</p> <p>Creating a single point of access to services provided by the public and voluntary sectors</p>
We will have shared the benefits of growth with our communities in a <b>responsible</b> way that protects and enhances our environment	<p>Having a robust and relevant Local Plan so we continue to meet local housing needs, especially high quality affordable and local authority housing.</p> <p>Enabling communities to develop neighbourhood plans that protect and enhance local facilities</p> <p>Working closely with Essex CC including to ensure our roads and pavements are maintained to a high standard</p> <p>Delivering on our energy efficiency policies</p> <p>Improving environmental management and enforcement against planning contraventions and environmental crime</p> <p>Encouraging the renovation of heritage assets</p>
Delivering <b>thriving communities</b>	<p>Enhancing economic prosperity through the Local Enterprise Partnerships, the London Stansted Cambridge Consortium, the West Essex Alliance of local authorities and businesses and working with local businesses to encourage future skills development and growth</p> <p>Working with partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities</p> <p>Promoting our town centres and enhancing town centre car park provision</p> <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 2<sup>nd</sup> runway</p>

**THE HIGH QUALITY AND LOW TAX COUNCIL**