

Vision for Essex and the Essex Organisation Strategy

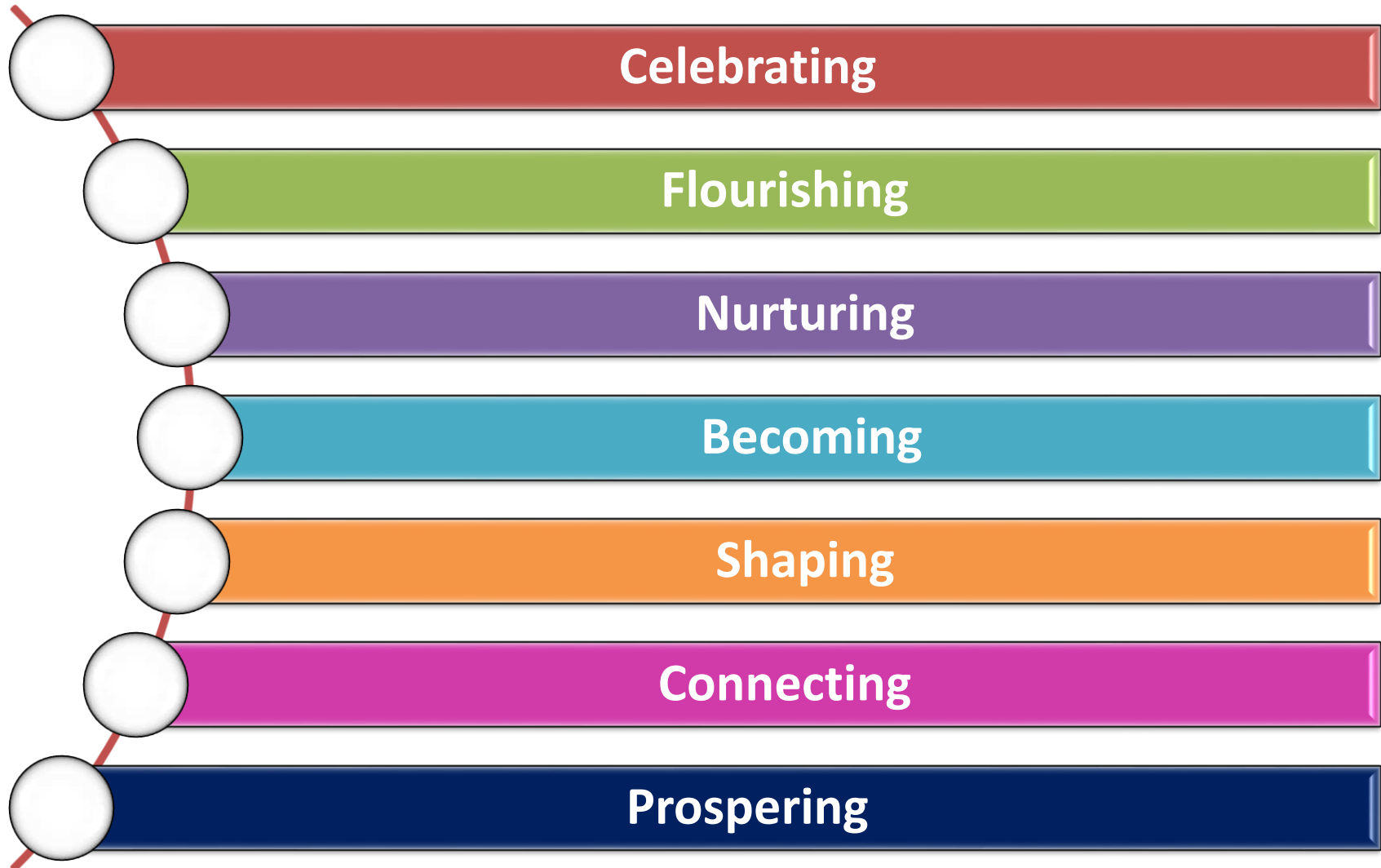
The following slides provide an overview of the six ambitions that have been identified by partners for the new Essex Vision.

They also provide an update for colleagues at UDC on the development of ECC's Organisation Strategy 2017-21, which will set the compass and focus for its work to implement the Vision.

What is the Vision for Essex

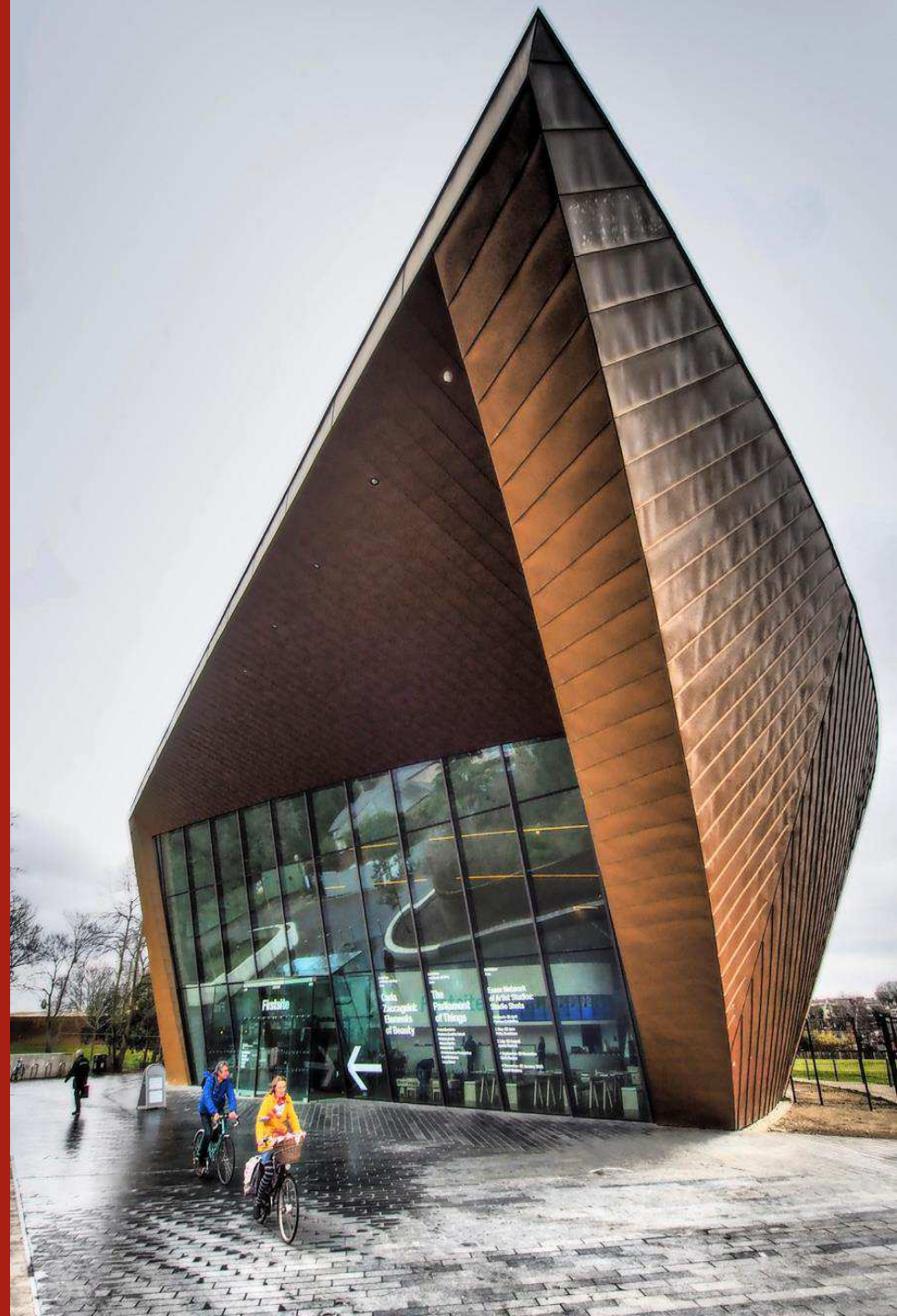
- The Vision for Essex is a collaboration of the Essex Partnership, a collection of organisations dedicated to improving our public services.
- Its been shaped by views of local people of all ages and backgrounds and from every part of the county. Community groups and businesses have contributed through interviews, surveys, engagement sessions and activities.
- The purpose of The Vision is to give all the many organisations, communities and groups of people in Essex a way to shape our future together.
- It sets out the kind of County we want to live in.
- It's a to do list that all partners agree on and something that every person in Essex can own, monitor, take responsibility for.
- It's a framework to develop focus and support the great work that's already going on, and offer a framework to guide us – independent of councils, transcending political agendas and national debate – towards improving the fundamental things that matter to all of us.

Seven ambitions for Essex



CELEBRATING

By 2035, we want to build confidence in a positive Essex identity – so that our image is an asset inside and outside the county.



FLOURISHING

By 2035, Essex will have the best quality of life in the UK – living longer, healthier lives.



NURTURING

By 2035, we will have more people involved in their community than anywhere else in the UK.



BECOMING

By 2035, we will make sure that every child has the chance of a great future by eradicating the gap in opportunity for disadvantaged children.



SHAPING

By putting people and communities at the heart of new developments, we will ensure everyone has a good home to live in.



CONNECTING

By 2035, we will make the most of our unbeatable location by better connecting us to each other, the country, and the world.



PROSPERING

Essex is home to more entrepreneurs for the size of our economy than anywhere else in the UK. By 2035, we will harness this pioneering spirit so everyone in Essex has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.



Essex County Council's Organisation Strategy

The ECC Organisation Strategy sets out areas of focus for the next four years. It articulates how ECC will achieve better outcomes for Essex and contribute to securing the ambitions set out in the Vision for Essex. It is built around four broad strategic aims (below) each of which has been translated into three strategic priorities.





Economic growth

There is enormous untapped opportunity in the economy of Essex and an entrepreneurial spirit that is hard-wired in to our DNA – which is why we can be confident in asserting an overarching ambition not only to accelerate the pace of growth in the economy compared to similar areas but also to ensure that the growth we do achieve benefits local people and places.



Best Start and Age Well

We will never compromise on our paramount responsibilities to keep vulnerable children safer and enable them to fulfil their full potential and to ensure that as people enter old age they can live the lives that they choose for themselves.



Great places

People live their lives in places. We recognise the key role we have to play in ensuring that our communities are safe, neighbourly, and linked to opportunities. That is why, in addressing our housing challenge, our key concern is the quality of the communities that will be created, not just the number of houses that will be built – ensuring that house building is led by the needs of the economy and always supported by the provision of social infrastructure.



Transform our council

Just as our County is changing, so too must the organisation that serves it. We are already a long way down that path – having run local government’s largest transformation programme. But the pace will accelerate during the life of this Strategy. We will invest in our employees to make sure they can drive the transformation our communities need and we will embrace the opportunities created by new technology to make Essex County Council the leading local authority for digital transformation in the country.

Next steps

- The Organisation Strategy will go to ECC Full Council for approval on 11 July.
- The Vision for Essex will be formally launched by the Essex Assembly at an event attended by all partners in September.