

Our Vision: Making Uttlesford the best place to live, work and play

Theme: Putting Residents First	
<p>Why this is important:</p> <p>We are elected by residents. Their needs and welfare are our first and highest priority.</p> <p>They expect us to be open, honest and responsible. They demand high standards of governance and trustworthiness.</p> <p>They want good levels of service and expect their council taxes to be used efficiently and wisely.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Be a council that listens to and acts for residents 2) Deliver local government that is transparent, accountable and inclusive 3) Be responsible with your money 4) Encourage town and parish councils to better represent their communities 5) Mitigate the impact of government cuts
Theme: Active place-maker for our towns and villages	
<p>Why this is important:</p> <p>A focus on strategic master-planning in partnership with towns and villages will create better resident-centred places to live.</p> <p>Our unique connectivity, location, and character can be used to drive a local economy that creates local jobs and prosperity.</p> <p>Taking an active role in providing homes and services for in need will safeguard the health and welfare of all our residents.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Masterplan our new communities for and with residents 2) Support our towns and villages to plan their neighbourhoods 3) Secure greater benefits for our community from new development 4) Work with the airport on issues of concern to communities 5) Nurture and use employment areas to create and retain businesses 6) Protect and grow our town centres as economic hubs 7) Increase tourist spend 8) Enforce good business standards in our district 9) Deliver more affordable homes for those in need in our district 10) Provide refuge to protect the vulnerable women and men who live in our district 11) Promote healthy lifestyles in diverse and inclusive communities 12) Support communities in their desire to deliver play, exercise and sports facilities

Enclosure 1: DRAFT UDC Corporate Plan

Theme: Progressive custodian of our rural environment	
<p>Why this is important:</p> <p>Residents live here because of our beautiful and historical rural character. We need to protect it for those that live here now.</p> <p>We need to act quickly to play our part in trying to avoid a climate catastrophe. We must do this for those that will live here in the future.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Take action on Climate Change2) Conserve our natural resources3) Protect and enhance our rural character and heritage4) Take strong action on dealing with pollution
Theme: Championing our district	
<p>Why this is important:</p> <p>In its role as a place-maker the council must work with other authorities and organisation to influence, prioritise and coordinate s our actions so we collectively deliver their best for our district and its residents. This will include, when necessary, holding others to account.</p> <p>Residents don't care who is responsible, they just want someone to step in and own their problems. The council is the only authority that can fulfil this role.</p>	<p>We will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Improve Uttlesford's connectivity2) Support our students, schools and libraries3) Work with partners to keep the district safe4) Work to create a better local Health Service for residents