

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan 2020/21 final draft 070920

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

<i>Theme: Progressive custodian of our rural environment</i>					
We Will:	Activities	Outputs/Milestones	Resources	Lead Member	Further considerations
<i>1. Take action on Climate Change</i>					
<i>a. Adopt policies to meet new environmental national guidelines/standards as they emerge</i>	Develop a Climate Change Action Plan, prioritised by impact, cost, and deliverability.	Action Plan developed by March 21	Officer time in 2020/21. Funding allocated for the plan actions of £333K per annum for years 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<i>b. Drive policies to deliver low carbon buildings</i>	Implement policies that reduce the carbon footprint of new development e.g. passivhaus; mandate carbon neutral local energy generation, such as solar panels or heat source pump, aiming for no new gas boiler installations in line or ahead of government timescales.	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan March 21	Within existing officer resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning	No further changes identified subject to general caveat

<i>c. Improve average energy efficiency of Council housing stock</i>	To be included in the Review of HRA business plan	Measurable improvement in energy efficiency of housing stock. HRA business plan by March 21	Within existing officer resources	Portfolio Holder for Housing, Youth and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<i>d. Increase the number of trees in the district (and protect existing trees).</i>	Introduce a tree planting initiative in partnership with town and parish councils	TBC as this is the first year of the initiative	£15,000 capital budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues /Assistant Director of Planning	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<i>e. Oppose a second runway at Stansted Airport</i>	Respond to Government consultation on Carbon Emissions and Aviation before Aviation Strategy 2050 white paper published. Complete	A response has been submitted by the Assistant Director of Planning	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning	Continue to monitor but unlikely to require action
<i>f. Set a Net Zero Carbon goal for the Council and implement supporting policies</i>	In making every policy decision, consider the opportunity to reduce the Council's carbon emissions, including: Review viability of replacing Council vehicles & equipment with electric alternatives at end of life.	Review capital programme to consider vehicle replacement and acquisitions programme for 21/22 Produce business case regarding grounds maintenance equipment replacement programme to be completed by Dec 20	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Portfolio Holder for Finance and Budget/Assistant Director of Environment	No further changes identified subject to general caveat

	Switch to Green Energy tariff	Complete	The new energy tariff has increased the budget by £32k.		
<i>g. Increase walking, cycling and sustainable transport</i>	Improve connectivity for walking and cycling	S106 contributions and liaison with ECC to secure the implementation of additional walking and cycling facilities.	Within existing budget.	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/ Assistant Director of Planning	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
	Introduce EV charging point provision	Four 22kw fast charging posts with twin ports at London Road Council Offices. Future projects identified as part of the Climate Change Action Plan	£15k in capital programme for EV chargers	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure/Transport and Stansted Airport and Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director ICT and Facilities	
<i>h. Recognise the district's 'greenest' businesses and developers</i>	No work is scheduled on this item in 20/21			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning	
2. Conserve our natural resources					
<i>a. Implement and enforce policies that protect water and reduce energy consumption</i>	Include in Climate Change Action Plan	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan March 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Action Plan	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning	
<i>b. Drive programmes that increase biodiversity</i>	Include in Climate Change Action Plan	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan March 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Action Plan	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning	

<i>c. Support local energy production initiatives</i>	Include in Climate Change Action Plan	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan March 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Action Plan	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Director of Corporate Services	
<i>d. Implement programmes to reduce single-use plastics</i>			BAU: opportunities will be taken to jointly promote recycling with wider Essex campaigns, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director Environment	
e. Work to reduce per-capita landfill in the district			BAU: campaigns will be run, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/Assistant Director of Environment	
3. Protect and enhance our rural character and heritage					
<i>a. Meet or exceed national standards for open and green spaces</i>	Explore potential for PPGs having regard to the work required and weight that can be attached.	Interim Planning Policy guidance that sets out the Council's expectations for open and green space standards by Dec 2020	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan/Assistant Director of Planning	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<i>b. Encourage positive planning that values and protects our heritage</i>			BAU: heritage considerations will continue, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan/Assistant Director of Planning	

<i>c. Work with others to increase access to the heritage and history of our district</i>	Complete Walden Castle project Complete Lottery-funded Audience Development Study and Options Appraisal for Saffron Walden Museum	Castle to reopen to the public early summer 2020 Final consultant reports detailing approaches to developing and improving museum service delivered by November 2020	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Sports, Leisure, Education and the Arts/Assistant Director of Corporate Services/Assistant Director of IT, Facilities and Assets	The official reopening of the site was delayed and the bookings for this summer cancelled due to Covid. No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<i>d. Work with our rural partners and developers to maintain habitat and wildlife corridors</i>	Include in Climate Change Action Plan	Detailed proposals to come from the Climate Change Action Plan March 21	Resources identified as part of the Climate Change Action Plan	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Planning	
<i>e. Target littering and fly-tipping</i>	No proactive work is scheduled on this item in 20/21			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Environment	
4. Take strong action on dealing with pollution					
<i>a. Increase air quality monitoring across the district</i>	Further work is paused pending the outcome of the annual report.			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities	
<i>b. Deliver reductions in pollution at identified problem areas</i>	No proactive work is scheduled on this item in 20/21			Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues/ Assistant	

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