

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan 2020/21: Annual Progress Report

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



Theme 4: Champion for our district

We Will:	Activities	Outputs/Milestones	Resources	Lead Cabinet Member	Changes due to Covid-19
1. Improve Uttlesford's connectivity					
<i>a. Hold ECC to account: Work to set the agenda for ECC highway maintenance and pothole fixing</i>	Develop a communications plan to encourage residents to use the ECC website to report potholes, footpath and street light repairs.	One awareness campaign by March 2021	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning/Assistant Director for Corporate Services.	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
<p>Progress Update: Rebuilt and promoted the 'Report a pothole, damaged road or footpath' section on our website to use plain language and clearer signposting to the Essex Highways site. Further significant re-building of this area of the UDC site is planned to provide a 'one stop shop' area for reporting a wide range of street issues to both UDC and ECC. New-look website to be promoted across social media and e-newsletter channels to raise awareness of the ways in which residents can report potholes, footpath and street light repairs. This campaign will be carried out in a concentrated period of activity in the coming weeks, and will complement the existing/rolling programme of social media activity to highlight the work of Essex Highways (as an example, this includes regular Twitter shares/likes of Essex Highways work that is carried out in the district).</p>					
<i>b. Hold ECC to account: Work with ECC and communities to develop the highway improvement schemes we need</i>			BAU: We will continue to work with (and lobby) ECC colleagues and members in relation to specific projects as they arise as well as through the planning application	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning	

			process and Local Plan policy development.		
Progress Update: The Council continues to liaise with and press ECC to develop high quality highway improvement schemes.					
<i>c. Promote and support sustainable transport initiatives, such as bus, rapid transport and rail upgrades</i>			BAU: Work can continue through lobbying ECC and allocation of existing S106 monies to projects. A combination of existing resources and members' efforts will be involved.	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning	
Progress Update: The Council continues to liaise with and press ECC to develop high quality public transport initiatives in and around Uttlesford.					
<i>d. Lobby Highways England to improve the capacity and safety of the M11</i>			BAU: Liaison with the Consortium will continue, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning	
Progress Update: The Council continues to work closely with ECC to lobby Highways England regarding the capacity and safety of the M11. Officers have a commitment to hold regular meetings with Highways England as part of the new local plan process to ensure that this key piece of infrastructure is maintained and improved to sustain growth in Uttlesford and the region as a whole.					
e. Work with ECC and hold them to account to deliver rural superfast broadband in our district	Monitor the progress of the delivery by Superfast Essex and the provider	Target is 4,627 premises where full fibre broadband service has been installed and is ready for service by Dec 2021. Half yearly reports will identify progress.	£500,000 UDC grant Monitor progress within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport/Assistant Director of Planning	The delivery programme has been affected but the timescales included factor that in
Progress Update: The Council continues to press both Superfast Essex and Gigaclear to ensure delivery of superfast broadband across the whole of Uttlesford. Some delivery targets have been missed by Gigaclear in the past and so a new Recovery Plan has been demanded to demonstrate how it proposes to meet its objectives in a timely way.					
2. Support our students, schools and libraries					

<i>a. Conduct a wholesale review of school transport to understand the gap in provision of what ECC provides</i>				Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Transport and Stansted Airport	
Progress Update: No work is scheduled on this priority for 20/21					
<i>b. Ensure that developer contributions are collected for ECC to provide our local school and Early Years places</i>			BAU: There is a process for identifying and collecting s106 contributions, within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan/Assistant Director of Planning	
Progress Update: The Council works closely with ECC to ensure that all monies required for educational purposes are secured through the appropriate S106s.					
<i>c. Create and support new services inside our libraries to increase their viability</i>				Portfolio Holder for Sport, Leisure, Education and the Arts/ Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities	
Progress Update: No work is scheduled on this priority for the 20/21 year.					
3. Work with partners to keep the district safe					
<i>a. Work with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable to reduce crime on our area</i>	Work with partners to produce the annual Strategic Assessment Deliver identified priorities of the Strategic Assessment	Achievement of targets and milestones as detailed in the specific action plans and reported in the annual report	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Communities/Assistant Director for Housing and Environmental Health	No further changes identified subject to general caveat
Progress Update: The Strategic Assessment has been completed and will be signed off at the CSP meeting in March. It has been difficult to complete all of the projects under the priorities due to Lockdown and the inability to be working in our communities, however a report will be completed at the end of the financial year for the PFCC detailing the work that has taken place.					
<i>b. Continue to be an active partner of the</i>	Further develop the activities of the Community Safety Hub	Targets identified in the work plans	£20,000 plus existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Communities / Assistant Director of	No further changes identified subject to general caveat

<p><i>Community Safety Partnership</i></p>	<p>Work with partner agencies within the Community Safety Partnership to reduce and prevent crime and anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Continue partnership working with town councils, parish councils and the PCSOs to address the fear of crime.</p>			<p>Housing, Health and Communities</p>	
<p><u>Progress Update:</u> The Community Safety Hub was not able to meet on a regular basis at the beginning of the pandemic as the Community Safety team were involved in setting up and running the Community Response Hub, however there were regular calls to our police colleagues and telephone conversations took place with partners when necessary. During the easing of restrictions, a virtual hub was created for all partners and this takes place on a fortnightly basis. There is also a dedicated time for any Parish or Town Council to contact the hub with any problems /queries concerning Crime and Disorder.</p>					
<p>4. Work to create a better local Health Service for residents</p>					
<p><i>a. Work with NHS on in-district local healthcare provision</i></p>			<p>BAU: Work towards the ICP will continue, within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing, Youth and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>	
<p><u>Progress Update:</u> Much of this work to include partners was delayed by Health colleagues due to the pandemic. The Health and Wellbeing Manager will be attending ICP meetings to begin in March. Close working with our CCG partners and our PH colleagues continues and the Communities Health and Wellbeing Manager is a member of the Health inequalities committee.</p>					
<p><i>b. Work to secure Addenbrooke's, The Princess Alexandra Harlow, and Mid-Essex hospitals as our recognised local hospital providers</i></p>			<p>BAU: Work towards the ICP will continue, within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing, Youth and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>	

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<p><i>c. Deliver programmes to support our ageing population</i></p>	<p>Overlaps with 8a: Active Place maker for our towns and villages</p>			<p>Portfolio Holder for Housing, Youth and Health / Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>	<p>Work to support older residents will continue in new/different formats, as required by Covid19 practices, as set out in the HWB plan, within existing resources.</p>
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Progress Update: Work through the Community Response hub has led naturally to supporting the older residents of the District. Although not limited to, a huge amount of work has taken place around the Clinically Extremely vulnerable and those that needed to self-isolate, facilitating prescription deliveries, befriending, shopping. Strong links have been made with volunteer groups across the District which will strengthen when we are working back within our communities. Unfortunately due to COVID 19 restrictions there has not been the ability to run/commission group activities that have been identified through the Health and Wellbeing Board however they will be taken forward once lockdown has been lifted and restrictions eased. The hub work has allowed us to identify gaps in provision for residents including our elderly and this will be reflected in the Health and Wellbeing strategy going forward.