

Corporate Plan - Delivery Plan 2022/23

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

Progressive Custodian of our Rural Environment				
We Will:	Activities	Outputs/Milestones	Resources	Lead Member
1. Take action on Climate Change				
<i>a. Adopt policies to meet new environmental national guidelines/standards as they emerge</i>				Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>b. Drive policies to deliver low carbon buildings</i>	Develop appropriate policies in the emerging Local Plan. Develop a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) to provide further guidance on the climate change policies in the Local Plan.	Regulation 18 consultation in May 22. Regulation 19 publication period in Spring 23. Adoption of the Local Plan in Summer 2024. Publication of the SPD for consultation during 22/23 followed by adoption of the SPD in Summer 2024.	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Director of Planning
<u>Comment:</u>				

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<i>c. Improve average energy efficiency of Council housing stock</i>	Review the HRA business plan, ensuring this is included	Measurable improvement in energy efficiency of housing stock. Details to be included in the HRA business plan to be developed by Sept 22	Within existing resources and subject to Business Energy and Industrial Strategy grants	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Health Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>d. Increase the number of trees in the district (and protect existing trees).</i>	Work with parishes to identify land available for tree planting.	Trees planted subject to land becoming available/ being put forward.	Within existing resources allocated within Climate Budget.	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>e. Oppose a second runway at Stansted Airport</i>	Respond to appropriate consultations.	Respond to appropriate consultations as per the timescales on the consultations.	Within existing resources - Local Plan & New Communities Team, involving others as appropriate.	Portfolio Holder for Planning, Stansted Airport, Infrastructure Strategy and the Local Plan Director of Planning
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<i>f. Set a Net Zero Carbon goal for the Council and implement supporting policies</i>	Complete the Fleet Replacement Strategy	Review of draft strategy by Energy Saving Trust (EST) in April 23. Completion of strategy is dependent on feedback from EST, timescales currently unknown.	Within existing resources allocated within Climate Budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues
	Complete energy efficiency review of the estate	Completed energy efficiency review by March 23		Portfolio Holder for Finance and Budget
	Model growth of district and associated increases in carbon emissions from Council operations	Modelling complete by March 23 (work linked to Spatial Strategy of Local Plan)		Assistant Director of Environmental Services
	Provide options to Council on pathways to Net Zero	Options to be presented to council by March 23		

Comment:

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<i>g. Increase walking, cycling and sustainable transport</i>	Develop appropriate policies in the emerging Local Plan.	Increases in people walking, cycling and using sustainable transport such that there is a measurable difference by the 2031 census.	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning & the Local Plan
	Map the results of the active travel survey and seek projects that can be brought forward outside the Local Plan.	Results reported by June 22	Within existing resources allocated within climate budget	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Director of Planning
	Produce a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan	Plan commissioned by June 22 Draft plan available by March 23		Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>h. Recognise the district's 'greenest' businesses and developers</i>	Uttlesford Business Awards to be held with categories specifically for the "greenest" businesses and developers.	Awards scheme to be developed during 22/23	Economic Development Team	Portfolio Holder for the Economy, Investment and Corporate Strategy Assistant Director of Resources
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2. Conserve our natural resources				
<i>a. Implement and enforce policies that protect water and reduce energy consumption</i>	Develop appropriate policies in the emerging Local Plan. Following their adoption, implement and enforce these policies.	<p>Regulation 18 consultation in May 22.</p> <p>Regulation 19 publication period in Spring 23.</p> <p>Adoption of the Local Plan in Summer 2024.</p> <p>Implementation and enforcement milestones to be developed after the content of the policies is known.</p>	Within existing resources	<p>Portfolio Holder for Planning & the Local Plan</p> <p>Director of Planning</p>
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>b. Drive programmes that increase biodiversity</i>	Map the results of the biodiversity study to seek projects that can be brought forward outside the Local Plan.	<p>Map of biodiversity projects for short, medium and long-term delivery. The estimated completion date for this falls outside the 22/23 year, in June 23</p> <p>Regulation 18 consultation in May 22</p>	From existing resources within climate budget and Local Plan Budget.	<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues</p> <p>Portfolio Holder for Planning & the Local Plan</p> <p>Assistant Director of Environmental Services</p> <p>Director of Planning</p>

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	<p>Develop an ambitious policy in the Local Plan on Biodiversity Net Gain</p> <p>Work with ECC and neighbouring authorities to create a Nature Recovery Network.</p>	<p>Regulation 19 publication period in Spring 23</p> <p>Adoption of the Local Plan in Summer 2024</p> <p>ECC is designated as Lead Authority on this project; the timelines are currently unknown and beyond UDC control</p>		
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>c. Support local energy production initiatives</i>	Provide support to community energy production initiatives as appropriate should they come forward.	Outputs dependent on number and types of initiatives	Support from existing resources within climate budget	<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues</p> <p>Assistant Director of Environmental Services</p>
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>d. Implement programmes to reduce single-use plastics</i>				<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues</p> <p>Assistant Director of Environmental Services</p>

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e. Work to reduce per-capita landfill in the district				Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<u>Comment:</u>				
3. Protect and enhance our rural character and heritage				
<i>a. Meet or exceed national standards for open and green spaces</i>	Develop appropriate policies in the emerging Local Plan.	Adopt policies that meet or exceed national standards for open and green spaces as per the timescales for the Local Plan	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan Director of Planning
<u>Comment:</u>				
<i>b. Encourage positive planning that values and protects our heritage</i>	Explore a programme with Historic England for capacity building within parish and town councils to deliver proactive work either through Neighbourhood Plans,	Quarterly meetings with Historic England during 22/23 Programme in place by March 23	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Planning and the Local Plan Director of Planning

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	Conservation area Character Appraisals or bespoke Article 4 Directions			
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<i>c. Work with others to increase access to the heritage and history of our district</i>	<p>Promote new tourism website Discover Uttlesford alongside individual apps Discover Saffron Walden, Discover Dunmow, Discover Thaxted and Discover Stansted.</p> <p>Submit Development Phase application to National Lottery Heritage Fund for phase 2 of Saffron Walden Museum's long-term development plan</p>	<p>The website is being launched in March 22.</p> <p>An extensive marketing campaign will link to the website and individual apps, beginning in March and continuing throughout 22/23</p> <p>Close working with Visit Essex and Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre using their websites to promote tourism in Uttlesford.</p> <p>Submission of grant application documents by June 22</p> <p>Development phase to commence if application successful (NHLF minimum assessment period is 12 weeks)</p>	<p>Within existing resources</p> <p>Grant submission process is within existing resources</p>	<p>Portfolio Holder for Sport, Leisure and the Arts</p> <p>Assistant Director Resources</p> <p>Assistant Director of Corporate Services</p>

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<i>d. Work with our rural partners and developers to maintain habitat and wildlife corridors</i>				Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Assistant Director of Environmental Services
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<i>e. Target littering and fly-tipping</i>	Deploy the fly tipping surveillance camera across know fly tipping hotspots Take action to reduce littering from vehicles	Monthly deployment Engage in one enforcement patrol per calendar month	Within existing resources Resources will be required to fund the penalty service software, although this should be covered from the civil penalty receipts	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues Assistant Director of Environmental Services
<u>Comment:</u>				
4. Take strong action on dealing with pollution				
<i>a. Increase air quality monitoring across the district</i>	Using an additional 36 diffusion tubes monitor NO2 concentrations at school locations	Installation of tubes and monthly collection of data	Within existing resources	Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues

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	Publish annual Air Quality report	Publication of Air Quality Report by December 22		Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities
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<i>b. Deliver reductions in pollution at identified problem areas</i>	<p>Identify problem areas through ongoing air quality monitoring</p> <p>Where required, develop a planned response with partners including Essex Highways to mitigate against areas of poor air quality</p> <p>Promote air quality awareness through the Clean Air Day (CAD) initiative</p>	<p>Ongoing monthly assessment of air quality data</p> <p>Review approach following the publication of the Air Quality Report in Q3 22/23</p> <p>Deliver CAD initiatives within the district – Clean Air Day is 16 June 2022</p>	Within existing resources	<p>Portfolio Holder for Environment and Green Issues</p> <p>Assistant Director of Housing, Health and Communities</p>
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