

Flagship Activities for 2019/20

Effective and responsive services

- Support vulnerable people to maximise take up of Universal Credit and Support, including implementing a simplified Council Tax Support Scheme.
- Reduce residual waste collection and increase recycling (including considering food waste) by working with the West Sussex Waste Partnership.
- Implement the County-wide policy and funding for Disabled Facilities Grants in 2019/20 to enable people to stay in their own homes and return home sooner after a hospital stay.

Sustainable economic growth

- Devise a Strategic Plan for the future development of the Orchards Shopping Centre.
- Refresh the Council's Parking Strategy to support growth and improve the customer experience.
- Deliver the Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan 2019/20 – facilitating delivery of full fibre, delivering more electric vehicle charging points, a masterplan for Haywards Heath, a Conservation Area Appraisal, a Management Plan for East Grinstead and completing the Shop Front Improvement project.

Strong and resilient communities

- Work with Homes England to determine the planning applications and delivery of community infrastructure associated with the Northern Arc Strategic Allocation.
- Prepare the Site Allocations Development Plan to identify new housing and employment sites across the District to meet the need identified in the District Plan. Identify and safeguard associated community infrastructure needs required to support this level of development, including GP surgeries, schools and community assets.
- Develop strategies for: investment in the Council's Playing Pitches, Playgrounds, Parks and Open Spaces, and in the Council's Community Buildings.
- To improve the health of our residents, develop and deliver a comprehensive community Wellbeing programme that meets the requirements of the new three year wellbeing service contract specification from WSCC Public Health.
- Focus on reducing crime and anti-social behaviour on a) public spaces and b) involving and affecting youth by contributing to the development and delivery of partnership projects agreed by the Community Safety Task and Finish Group.
- To get people to start or restart cycling, and scope and develop a Mid Sussex Cycle Network with the involvement of the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum.

Financial independence

- Improve the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless households by acquiring temporary accommodation in the District to meet their housing needs.
- Invest in commercial property to generate a return that can be used to finance services in an era of reducing government subsidy.
- Deliver efficiency savings through the increased use of digital approaches to services by implementing Windows 10, increased use of mobile working and service and reporting apps.
- Invest in our assets to increase their income-earning potential.