

# APPENDIX 2 THEME PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES

Theme 1 Environment

## A thriving environment in the Derbyshire Dales

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### Overall aims:

- Protect and enhance the Derbyshire Dales environment
  - Derbyshire Dales is a great place to live, work and visit; our decisions must secure that for future generations. Our Council will have sustainability at its heart: sustainable communities in a sustainable environment

### Priorities

- **Net zero and biodiversity net gain:** facilitate District carbon neutrality by 2040 and biodiversity net gain (BNG), including more than 10% BNG in new developments through policies in the revised Local Plan, working with other stakeholders and facilitating householders and businesses
- **Future of Dales agriculture and land management:** work with other stakeholders to help farmers adopt sustainable agricultural practices and contribute to the Dales carbon footprint reduction, biodiversity and water retention in the land
- **Landscape:** protect and enhance the landscape initially through policies in the revised Local Plan and a subsequent revised strategy
- **Pollution:** actively monitor, identify and proactively address air and water pollution sources in the Dales in conjunction with other authorities; encourage communities in monitoring through citizen science
- **Recycling:** increase recycling and reduce landfill particularly associated with organic waste, plastics, rare and dangerous elements
- **Homes and infrastructure:** work with utilities and infrastructure providers to facilitate householders reduce their carbon footprints, un-recycled rubbish; enforce planning conditions including on site management companies regarding biodiversity requirements

Programme	Outcomes
Climate change and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A “web of green” is incorporated in all Council policies and functions with an emphasis on Clean and Green, Planning, Economic Development and Housing</li> <li>• The climate action plan is extended to set a goal of carbon neutrality for the District by 2040 working with partners and stakeholders in business, housing and voluntary sectors</li> </ul>
Dales agriculture and land management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm diversification grants are allocated and implemented</li> <li>• DDDC supports Parish councils in gaining access to resources to increase the number of allotments</li> </ul>
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policies in the Local Plan address strategic landscape protection and enhancement</li> <li>• Revision of the Landscape strategy SPD once the Local Plan is adopted</li> </ul>
Pollution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AQAP in Ashbourne is finalised and adopted as a priority action</li> <li>• Measures to minimise the impact of vehicle and other sources of air pollution (including particulates) in the District are developed and implemented</li> <li>• Severn Trent Water is proactively and assertively lobbied through all available means to reduce river pollution and overtopping of drainage and foul water sewers</li> </ul>
Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledging the success of recycling in the Dales, higher targets and measures to achieve them are implemented</li> </ul>
Housing and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulation and heat pumps to reduce the Dales carbon footprint are in widespread use</li> <li>• Developers are required to provide designs for critical infrastructure with applications</li> <li>• Planning conditions and building regulations are enforced</li> <li>• Standards for site management companies are adopted following work at a national level to which the District Council has contributed</li> </ul>

## Housing that meets the needs of Dales residents

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### Overall aim:

- To deliver a 'whole District' Housing Strategy which has at its centre the belief that everyone should have the right and ability to live and prosper within their own community, and that the existing and future housing stock should be 'fit for purpose' in the context of the challenges of climate change

### Priorities

- Maximise the number of affordable homes built each year over the period of the plan, and beyond, to meet the determined District housing need with availability matched with local housing need across the whole District and available funds and land.
- Maintain our good track record on homelessness. Minimising homelessness within Derbyshire Dales.
- Stem the loss of housing stock to second and holiday homes so that they are managed and communities are not lost. This will be accomplished by utilising the council tax and planning system.
- Work to ensure that all rented housing, private and social, is fit to live in with a robust council team to support tenants.
- Noting the legal framework in which Home Options is provided, maintain the Home Options scheme and seek new ways of using housing services to maintain and enhance communities
- Provide support and guidance for improving the housing stock to cope with climate change and the cost of living
- Urgently work with communities, and the gypsies and travellers themselves, to provide safe, secure and properly serviced temporary and permanent sites for travellers and gypsies to comply with the law and the Local Plan

Programme	Outcomes
Increasing the affordable housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A housing and related financial and land banking strategy to support maximising the delivery of affordable houses (2024)</li> <li>• An understanding of where new houses are needed and growth targeted to meet the local demand</li> <li>• Providers, experts, PDNPA and local groups have been brought together to input in delivering the housing strategy</li> <li>• The Housing development function is reinforced to support the growth activities</li> <li>• Affordable Housing delivery has been maximised year on year</li> </ul>
Prevent and minimise homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed and implemented the Homelessness Strategy due June 2024</li> </ul>
Second and Holiday homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisions within the Local Plan that changes from residential to Holiday/Second homes require planning permission. These provisions apply across Derbyshire Dales and the Peak Park</li> <li>• Council tax premium is in place and agreement on how the extra income is used to support the local communities</li> </ul>
Improving Housing stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A one-stop centre to advice householders exists for guidance, trusted trader and grants (County, Citizens Advice, Rural Action Derbyshire and Age UK undertake these services)</i></li> </ul>
Quality of Rental stock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A support and maintenance charter for providers and tenants developed and enforced</li> </ul>
Housing allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home Options, S106 and Derbyshire Dales clauses are reviewed</li> </ul>
Travellers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary and permanent sites are found and a strategy developed for the future</li> </ul>

# Prosperous and sustainable Dales communities and businesses

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## Overall aims:

- Encourage the provision of attractive well-paid employment and local career opportunities for residents through a focus on higher value adding and growth sectors
- Maintain support for existing sectors/individual businesses focused on advice, grant funding and investment for micro, small and medium-sized businesses
- Use the planning system to facilitate sustainable, thriving, resilient communities across the Derbyshire Dales

## Priorities

1. Influence the mayoral authority to increase the attractiveness of Derbyshire Dales to high value adding, growing sectors and business decarbonisation by:
  - a. Encouraging utilities to provide the required telecoms, electricity, water and transport infrastructure for housing and commercial use
  - b. Facilitating increased opportunities for and take up of education, apprenticeships and training in higher value occupations by Derbyshire Dales residents
2. Ensuring sites are available for housing and business use through the Local Plan
3. Working with public and private stakeholders to access grant funding to bring brownfield sites back into use and to support the delivery of infrastructure
4. Continue to improve the attractiveness of Dales towns and villages through targeted grant-funded redevelopment
5. Maintain the business support delivery, alongside external partners, aimed specifically at achieving a high level of grant take-up
6. Adopt a revised Local Plan to guide land development and facilitate sustainable, thriving, resilient communities

Programme	Outcomes
Facilitate town centre regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ashbourne Reborn programme successfully delivered</li> <li>• Matlock's Bakewell Road site redeveloped successfully</li> <li>• A pipeline of other town and large village centre regeneration projects has been enabled with a view to future funding opportunities</li> </ul>
Unlock stalled brownfield sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A masterplan for the development of Ashbourne Airfield phases 1 and 2</li> <li>• Plans for other strategic brownfield sites prepared with support from Homes England and implementation partners in place</li> </ul>
Support small and growing businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The business support role facilitates access to grant aid and financing from other agencies</li> <li>• Focus in particular on manufacturing, engineering, knowledge-based and creative/digital industries, decarbonisation opportunities and the rural economy (including farm diversification)</li> </ul>
Strategic framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised economic plan developed in conjunction with the mayoral authority</li> <li>• Revised Local Plan adopted by end 2026 with related documents including the revised infrastructure plan</li> </ul>
Implement the strategic plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The profile of Derbyshire Dales is raised regionally and with targeted sectors, and infrastructure provision and site availability improved</li> </ul>

## Resources and services to enable communities to flourish

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**Overall Aim:** *Recognising the excellent work done under this theme already, provide resources and services that create resilience in communities and that enable individuals within them to live fulfilling lives*

### Priorities

**Play Areas:** Ensure that children across the district have access to safe and well-maintained District Council play areas.

**Leisure Centres:** Continue to work closely with our partners at Freedom Leisure to ensure the Council's Leisure Centres are operated and maintained to a high standard and meet the needs of residents and visitors.

**Wellbeing:** To promote and look to support the wider wellbeing offer.

**Parks, Open Spaces and Street Environment:** Continue to maintain and improve District Council parks, open spaces and street environment, with a focus on enhancing community use, and where possible, have a positive impact on the environment.

**Events:** Continue to provide and support events that bring together Dales communities and attracts visitors.

**Markets:** To review and enhance the markets offer to the local community and businesses.

**Public Toilets:** To ensure good provision of public toilets across the district for residents and visitors.

**Car Parks:** To develop and implement a car parks improvement plan that supports communities and local businesses.

**Waste & Recycling:** To provide an effective waste and recycling collection service with a focus on waste reduction.

**Emergency Planning:** Maintain the Council's high standard of response to civil emergencies and incidents.

**Community Safety Partnership:** To maintain the low levels of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Programme	Outcomes
Play areas	Undertake a review of play areas; identifying gaps in provision and appropriate management plans and develop a strategy to improve the provision of play areas across the district.
Leisure Centres	To hold regular contract performance reviews and site inspections
Wellbeing	To maintain, manage and promote a variety of physical activity and wellbeing initiative across the district and in communities.
Parks, Open Spaces and Street Environment	To develop a parks and open space improvement plan, which encourages the engagement of community groups
Events	<p>To ensure that events which take place on District Council owned land consider the impact on the local community and the environment.</p> <p>To help promote community events to encourage greater attendance to events in the district.</p>
Markets	Undertake a review of markets, with the aim of increasing stall occupancy and footfall, enhancing the visitor offer and promoting sustainable communities.
Public Toilets	Review the provision of public toilets across the district and undertake a feasibility study to consider the reopening of toilets where there is an affordable and identified need.
Car Parks	Explore opportunities to develop our Car Parks and consider differential charging within the district with local businesses and residents at the forefront.
Waste & Recycling	<p>To consider alternative service delivery options and develop an implementation plan for the collection of household waste and recycling, following the end of the Serco contract.</p> <p>To develop a strategy to support the reduction of waste produced and collected.</p>
Emergency Planning	Continue to play an active role within the wider emergency planning partnership, including the Derbyshire Resilience Forum.
Community Safety Partnership	Continue to work with the Community Safety Partnership, including the Police, and improving communications with the community on crime and safety.



# A financially sound, fair and responsive District Council

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## Overall aims

- The Council is the champion of the Derbyshire Dales community when working with partner organisations in the public and private sectors and in the provision of its own services.
- The Council supports particular vulnerable groups for which it has a responsibility by taking a lead even when unpopular decisions have to be made.
- The Council takes actions to ensure that the Derbyshire Dales are an attractive working and leisure environment, including leading by example with conditions for its own workforce.

## Priorities AND Outcomes

1. **Thriving Local Democracy** – to strengthen the participation of residents and businesses to greater influence the work of the District Council
2. **Future Workforce, Future Workplace**– to improve the competitiveness of Derbyshire Dales as a place to work by enhancing the working environment for staff.
3. **Sound Financial Management** - to manage the financial affairs of the District Council responsibly and sustainably.