



STRATEGIC PLAN

INTRODUCTION

The Strategic Plan is designed to help the Parish Council, our community and non-profit organisations within the community, respond effectively to their new situations. In particular, it will guide the Council in making decisions that concern the Council's mandates, the mission, service levels, cost and financing, as the Localism Act matures.

MISSION

The Council's mission is to embrace the principles of "Localism" in our decision making and planning. In doing so, we will aim to lift the burden of bureaucracy, empower communities to do things their way, increase local control of public finance, diversify the supply of public services, open up Government to public scrutiny and strengthen accountability to local people.

TASKS

The Parish Council will:

- In partnership with local organisations, ensure that the following amenities are fit for purpose in line with the wishes of the community; allotments, bus shelters, village halls, children's playgrounds, parks, seats, signs, notice boards, street lighting and playing fields.
- Have a significant input to planning in line with community wishes.
- Support the County Council's Snow and Flood Plans, with effective local plans, to ensure a well-coordinated local voluntary response.
- Play an active role in deciding the use of S106 money and ensure Parish Council control over developers' contributions when the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is introduced in 2014. These funds should be pooled to support local projects.
- Adopt the Parish Plan and assist the groups tasked with carrying the proposals forward.
- Prioritise tasks based on the Parish Plan.

PARTNERING

Partnering will play an important role in the Strategic Plan. It will provide effective communication within the community to ensure that local requirements are understood. Furthermore, partnering with local non-commercial organisations will not only provide effective communication but will enable the Council to tap into specific areas of expertise within these organisations.

Partnerships should be encouraged with the following groups/organisations; Local people, County and District Councils, Voluntary Organisations including Charitable Trusts, Parish Planning Group, Businesses, Schools, Police, Fire Service, Health Authorities, Housing Associations and Young Advisers.

LOCAL COMMUNITY RIGHTS

Parish Councillors must ensure that local communities are afforded their rights which include; the Community Right to Challenge, the Community Right to Bid, Local Referendums, the right to veto excessive Council Tax rises, Community Infrastructure Levy, Neighbourhood Planning and the Community Right to Build.