

Our Co-operative Council



Future Town

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Summary Action Plan

2022/23

Our ambitions for Stevenage and what we're doing to achieve them

Transforming Our Town

We will:

- Begin to deliver the first phase of the Town Centre regeneration (SG1)
- Work with partners to develop and deliver the nine projects that form the Town's Fund
- Open the new multi-storey car park and cycle hub near the train station
- Transform the former bus station into a large multi-purpose events space for our community

... contributing to our ambition to **create a vibrant town centre where people want to live, work and play**

More Social and Affordable Homes

We will:

- Complete and let 73 new council homes and 14 private sale homes
- Start work on a further 44 new homes across a range of planned schemes
- Seek planning permission on a further 160 homes across two schemes
- Provide ongoing support and housing supply for the Housing First Model
- Continue to work with partners to enable the delivery of affordable homes
- Look at other potential areas of affordable housing development across the town

... contributing to our ambition to **increase the number of social and affordable homes in Stevenage**

Co-operative Neighbourhoods

We will:

- Continue to build on our Co-operative Neighbourhood approach across the town
- Further strengthen our ability to engage, listen to and support residents
- Continue to highlight and deliver local improvements based on resident feedback
- Continue to improve our garage blocks
- Further improve our garage blocks

... contributing to our ambition to **work with our communities to improve our neighbourhoods**

A Clean, Green, Safe and Thriving Town

We will:

- Enhance the town's landscape provision through a programme of targeted projects and cyclical works
- Enrich Stevenage's biodiversity by conserving, restoring, recreating and reconnecting wildlife habitats
- Continue to look at ways to reduce our carbon footprint and encourage residents to make changes to contribute to our goal of being net zero by 2030
- Invest in local voluntary organisations and businesses as part of the Community Renewal Fund
- Provide a whole housing approach to support victims of domestic abuse and their families
- Undertake targeted work that improves cultural engagement and representation, particularly amongst marginalised communities
- Continue to work with partners to develop Stevenage as a sustainable travel town
- Continue to focus on supporting the mental and physical health of the people of the town

... enabling us to **improve the quality of life of Stevenage residents and enhanced experience for visitors**

To deliver these promises we're also making internal changes

Making Your Money Count

We will:

- Continue to set and deliver a balanced budget
- Actively look at how we can make our services more efficient so we are less reliant on funding from Government
- Search for new ways of making money to reinvest in the community
- Improve and develop the way customers choose to interact with us digitally

... enabling us to **be a financially resilient council with enough resource to deliver our priorities**

Cross Cutting Corporate Priorities

We will:

- Determine a local response to the cost of living crisis to support local people and businesses, as well as considering the impact for the council and our staff
- Work to address the significant pressure faced by many local people and their housing needs
- Respond to government requirements in respect of provision of asylum seekers or refugees
- Implement our Workforce Strategy to improve our approach to recruitment and retention, and learning and development
- Improve our IT infrastructure to support effective and efficient working
- Procure a new leisure management contract