

Our Co-operative Council



Future Town Future Council

Stevenage
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Summary Action Plan 2023/24

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

Transforming Our Town

We will:

- Progress the new Multi-Storey Car Park and secure cycle storage facility to become fully operational
- Work with partners to develop and deliver the nine projects funded through our successful £37.5m Towns Fund bid
- Progress the proposals for a new Public Services Hub offering a one-stop location for public services including health, voluntary, council and charity services
- Deliver a new events programme for the Town Centre and Event Island Stevenage

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

More Social, Affordable and Good Quality Homes

We will:

- Handover the 29 new social rent apartments at Helston House and Symonds Green
- Progress the 27 new homes for supported accommodation at Dunn Close
- Work towards the delivery of 17 new homes for private sale at the former Courtlands site
- Hold further public consultation on the development proposals for The Oval
- Continue to invest in our housing stock (£24.6 million in 2023/24) to provide safe & decent housing for residents through the delivery of our capital and revenue programmes
- Implement our new duties under the Building & Fire Safety Act and the Regulator for Social Housing consumer standards

... enabling us to increase the number of homes and provide safe and decent housing for residents

Co-operative Neighbourhoods

We will:

- Fully establish the creation of resident led Co-operative Neighbourhoods Plans for each of our neighbourhood areas
- Further strengthen our ability to engage, listen to and support residents through both traditional and digital consultation
- Continue to deliver local improvements based on resident feedback through our UK Shared Prosperity Fund Local Investment Plan

... 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
- Work with our young people to increase awareness of what Stevenage has to offer in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) sectors.
- Deliver initiatives and partnership work across the six key priorities in our Community Safety Action Plan
- Build the capacity of the local creative sector and look for funding opportunities to expand our cultural events programme
- Continue to work with partners to develop Stevenage as a sustainable travel town
- Develop our Young People's Health Hub programme and integrate it with our Adult Healthy Hub

... 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 that gives residents good value for money
- Search for new income sources to help us to re-invest in the services we provide for our community
- Grow the number of online service options to enable customers to engage with us when it is convenient for them

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

Cross Cutting Corporate Priorities

We will:

- Help local people to cope with the cost of living crisis
- Continue to support local people in addressing their housing needs
- Continue to improve our approach to recruitment, retention, learning and development for our workforce
- Modernise our IT systems to improve service delivery for residents and business