

2016/17 Council Plan Commitments

1.1 Our Priority – to make Chesterfield a thriving borough

1. Agree local labour clauses in 100% of new eligible major developments and fill at least half of the jobs locally where those clauses are in place
2. Working with Sheffield City Region to facilitate business access to apprenticeships and workforce training via the Skills Bank programme to further reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training.
3. Implementing a growth strategy and action plan to achieve planned sustainable growth within the borough and continue to increase business numbers.
4. To have started work on the infrastructure to the first phase of Waterside Basin Square enabling the development of the Basin Square and Station Approach character areas.
5. Implementing the delivery plan for the regeneration of the Staveley and Rother Valley Corridor.
6. Increasing the occupancy at the Markham Vale Enterprise Zone.
7. Developing an implementation plan for the town centre with a strong focus on town centre management.
8. Refreshing the town centre events programme to maximise footfall.
9. Exploring alternative delivery models for cultural services to ensure quality and sustainability.
10. Working with the market traders and other stakeholders to agree a programme of improvement for the outdoor market to be delivered during the course of this plan.
11. Working with private and public sector partners to develop the infrastructure to facilitate the delivery of Peak Resort.

12. Working with private and public sector partners to secure the redevelopment of the Co-Operative building in the town centre and are assisting with securing tenants.
13. Continuing to improve digital connectivity within our business and leisure and cultural venues to prepare for future needs and aspirations.
14. Developing the delivery mechanism for the priority actions from the Chesterfield Digital Strategy and associated action plans.
15. Completing reviews of key transactional services to identify where it is possible, cost effective and customer focused to move services online.

1.2 Our Priority – to improve the quality of life for local people

16. Publish a new Local Plan for growth in the Borough.
17. Launching the Community Infrastructure Levy to help meet the infrastructure needs and priorities necessary for the sustainable development of Chesterfield.
18. Producing an Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document to simplify the mechanisms for securing new affordable housing.
19. Agreeing a strategic approach to allow the Council to build its own housing for sale and rent and developed a plan for site delivery.
20. Investing a further £29million in our Council Housing Stock to ensure that it continues to meet the Decent Homes Standard and delivers affordable warmth for our tenants.
21. Delivering a further £200,000 of assistance to vulnerable homeowners through the provision of an interest free loan.
22. Introducing a new affordable warmth strategy reflecting and strengthening partnership working with local authority energy partnership, health and social care and private property owners and voluntary organisations.
23. Completing an options appraisal and make recommendations to members with regard to the possible implementation of selective licensing.

24. Introducing a new Empty Homes Strategy – reflecting new legislative opportunities and in view of financial incentives currently available from central government.
25. Reviewing our Private Sector Housing Strategy in light of recent changes in enforcement legislation and changes to benefits regulation and social care legislation.
26. Extensive progress on delivering estate regeneration programme at Barrow Hill and explored options for investment in other areas.
27. Developing and submitting a funding bid to the BIG Lottery for King George V Playing Fields.
28. Seeking funding to implement the Stand Road Bowls Pavilion project and for a children’s play area at Langer Lane.
29. Adopting a masterplan for improving Staveley Memorial Gardens.
30. The parks improvement programme will continue with a refurbishment of Thirlmere Road Play area and the development of plans for improvements in Hollingwood.
31. Retain the five Green Flags for Queen’s Park, Eastwood Park, Holmebrook Valley Park, Poolsbrook Country Park and the Crematorium.
32. Complete a Management Plan as the first step to enable Stand Road Park to achieve Green Flag status by 2020.
33. Continue to identify parks where improvements are required and where there is potential to release assets to fund improvements.
34. Developing a Health and Well-being strategy and action plan that focuses on community level initiatives and improvements.
35. Organising and promoting a wide range of events and activities at our parks with opportunities for the whole community.
36. Developing plans for an off-road Mountain Bike centre at Pools Brook Country Park to increase park usage for this activity.
37. Working with our partners to deliver the Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Locality Plan and launch the Healthy Workplaces initiative at Chesterfield Borough Council.

38. Developing the evidence base and process for designating a Public Space Protection Order for Chesterfield Town Centre to reduce problem drinking and the use of psychoactive substances.
39. Exploring with our communities the potential for community asset transfer.
40. Achieved a reduction in the number of tenancies breaking down.
41. Improved tenant participation activities and events to improve service delivery and encourage further take up of services.
42. Reviewing and re-prioritising our community and voluntary sector funding.
43. Reviewing our Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion Strategy.
44. Extending our partnership financial inclusion project into four more key areas.

1.3 Our Priority – to provide value for money services

45. Completing the Town Hall restack which includes freeing up space within the town hall for income generation.
46. Developed a new operating model for the council so that we are prepared to meet future challenges.
47. Developing a project management office which will increase the effectiveness and co-ordination of project management and allow us to prioritise resources for maximum benefit.
48. Achieved a balanced budget for 2016/17 and a revised four year plan for financial stability.
49. Commenced delivery of a revised Asset Management plan.
50. Increased commercial trading to secure a profit to reinvest in council services.
51. Continued to roll out agile working practice to reduce processing and travel time.

52. Further improvements to the Council's website to make it easier for residents and businesses to report issues, carry out transactions and to find relevant information they need about our services or the area.
53. The crematorium will launch a new online booking system for funeral directors, which will improve service access and free up staff time for improved service delivery.
54. Planning service improvements via the council's website will allow residents, developers and consultees to submit information online.