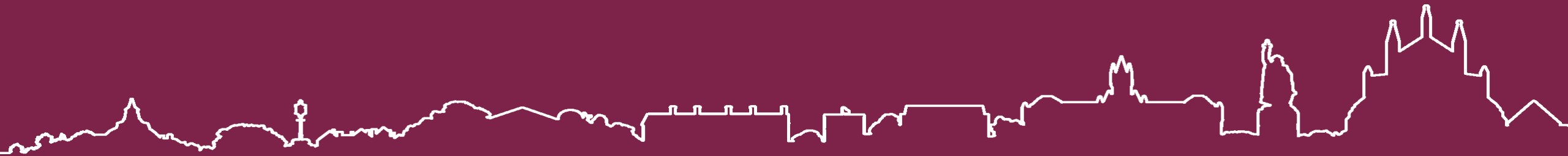


COUNCIL PLAN 2025 – 30

Presentation to Scrutiny Committee

14 October 2024



CONTEXT

Purpose:








The Council Plan is a high-level document covering what the council wants to achieve and informs other strategies and plans including the Local Plan and individual service plans.

This presentation summarises the work undertaken to develop the next Council Plan that will cover the period 2025 to 2030.

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

Consider the priorities in the current Council Plan and review and comment on the direction of the new Council Plan, including the vision, themes and priorities.

BACKGROUND

-  Current Council Plan adopted by Council in January 2020
-  Now into final year of the five-year plan (2020-25)
-  Plan runs until 31 March 2025
-  Opportunity to review the outcomes and priorities for the council and district
-  Priorities will be evidence based (e.g. Residents' Survey, members, parishes, businesses and staff engagement).
-  Five year forward look to 31 March 2030
-  Supports the Council to deliver a balanced budget in the future

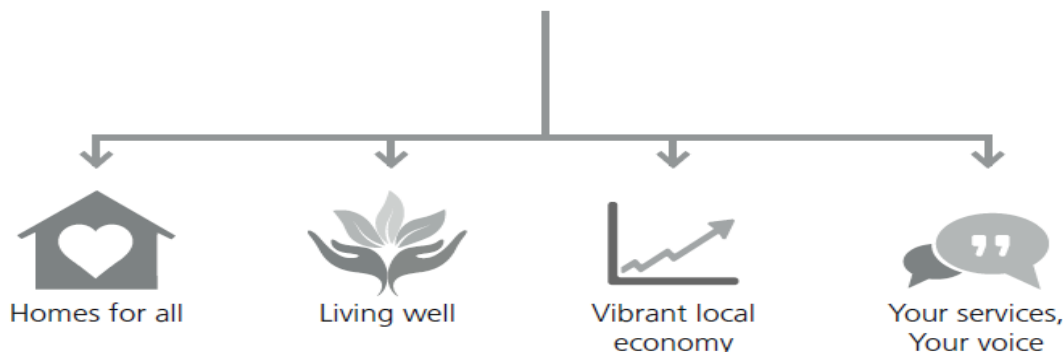
COUNCIL PLAN 2020 - 2025

We will make a real difference
to the lives of our residents, the strength of our business and the quality of our
environment.

We will listen and work alongside the people and businesses of Winchester district in
tackling the challenges we face.









Tackling the climate
emergency and
creating a greener
district



With a continued focus on:



Cost of living	Greener faster
Pride in place	Listening better

PLAN ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT




-  Liaison with parish councils undertaken in June
-  Residents' Survey and Young Persons' Survey completed
-  Presentation to Economy & Housing and Health and Environment Policy Committees and feedback received
-  Engagement with Winchester BID & voluntary sector
-  Scrutiny Committee discussion on cross-cutting priorities, performance and overall Plan
-  Draft Plan to be considered by Cabinet on 11 December with recommendation for adoption at Council on 15 January 2025

ROLE OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEES IN PLAN REVIEW:




Economy & Housing

-  Homes for all
-  Vibrant Local Economy
-  Pride in Place

Health & Environment





-  Living Well
-  Cost of Living
-  Climate Emergency / Greener Faster

The Scrutiny Committee







-  Overall Plan Performance
-  Your Services, Your Voice
-  Listening Better

SCRUTINY: EMERGING CHALLENGES?


Political

-  New Government policies
 -  Devolution
 -  Focus on Growth
 -  Possible decrease in public spending







Economic

-  Cost inflation and interest rates
-  Place based budgeting
-  Chancellor's Autumn Budget
-  2025 Spending Review
-  Balanced budget
-  Transformation Challenge


Social

-  Ageing population
-  Inequality / pockets of deprivation
-  Changing expectations
-  Customer access
-  Stakeholder engagement
-  Equality, Diversity & Inclusion







Technological

-  Cyber resilience/ Data Protection
-  New technologies / sectors
 -  Digital acceleration/ integration
 -  Automation/ AI
 -  Cost
-  Digital access

Legal







-  Employment Rights Bill
-  Digital Information & Smart Data Bill
-  Cost of compliance

Environmental

-  Accelerating environmental challenges
 -  Climate Emergency
 -  Nature Crisis
 -  Nutrient pollution
 -  Air quality
-  Sustainable Procurement







ENAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Environment – Greener Faster

-  Need to protect our waterways and watercourses
-  Respond to the Climate Emergency and Nature Crisis
-  Planning and resilience to extreme weather
-  Better rural transport options
-  Improved air quality
-  Minimising the environmental impact of new communities/ developments







ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Healthy communities

-  Support for young people, including those with mental health problems and anxiety
-  Aging population, vulnerable pensioners
-  Impact of cost-of-living crisis
-  Focus on real life connections, social inclusion
-  Access to healthcare, GPs and dentists
-  More opportunities for sport and recreational activities

ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Housing – good homes for all

-  More affordable housing to meet diverse needs
-  Support for growing elderly population
-  Private rental market concerns, fewer landlords
-  Need for energy efficient homes with lower bills for tenants
-  Customer service for our tenants
-  Affordable homes for young people

ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Economy – thriving places

 Support for vibrant market towns

 Regeneration

 Low cost start up space for individuals and new businesses

 Support for small businesses with digital connectivity




 Support for rural businesses

 Need for improved public transport in rural areas

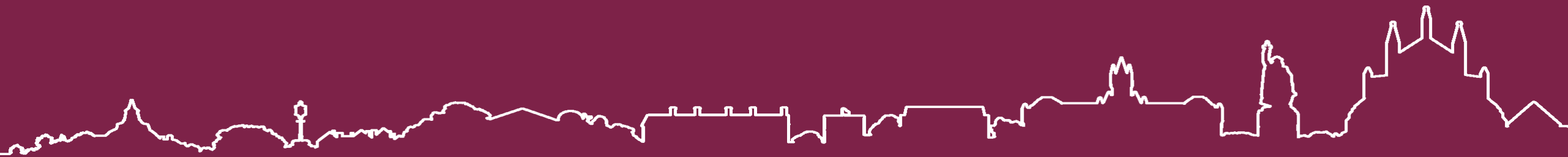
 Local skills shortages to deliver new homes and regeneration

ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK







Our services – how we do it.

-  Digitalisation to improve services and drive efficiency
-  Listening better to our residents
-  Provide value for money services

Questions



KEY QUESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

-  How has the demand for our services changed since 2020 and how might it change over the next five years?
-  What further challenges and changes will we see by 2030?
-  How well has the 2020-25 Council Plan delivered to improve services for our residents and performance of the council? What strengths should we maintain? What are the gaps or opportunities?
-  What are the areas our residents and businesses tell us we need to improve?
-  What does success look like in 2030?
-  What are the critical projects to deliver that success?