



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

Council Plan 2023 - 2027

**A summary of progress for a great place to live well
for the period ending 31st March 2024 (Q4)**



Progress against our objective:



A great place to live well

This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with lifelong good health*

Maximise opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activity

- 1 luncheon club supported in this period, giving a total of 10 grants (£1,468) awarded in 2023/24 benefiting 321 people.

- **5 Community Action Grants (CAGs) approved** in this period bringing the total of CAGs for the year to 15 (£7,010.01). For 2022/23 there were 4,783 beneficiaries from CAGs.

- New monthly **'walking for health'** group established in Holmewood with McIntyre service users and residents (15 attendances).



- Leisure Centre attendances strong in this period culminating in the target for 2023/24 being exceeded at 821,908 (target 804,000).
- Exploring training options in line with changes to Public Health funding for Exercise by Referral.
- Clay Cross Active under construction and due for completion late 2024. Additional 3G pitch is under development with Football Foundation backing.
- Killamarsh Skate Park opened beginning of March (full launch event to be held in May half term) Positive feedback from the users.

Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district

- Public Health has confirmed £79,501 will be allocated each year for Healthy NED Partnership for 5 years.
- Commissioning for young people's mental health support is in progress. Aim to have link workers working with young people social prescribers for 2 years to ensure meaningful activities are in place.

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- Commissioning for Digital Connect underway, to continue free digital training for people aged 18+ across this district. Both fully funded by Public Health.

- **5 council grants** to voluntary/ community sector support organisations approved this quarter (£122,085) for activity covering 2024/25.

- **Wellbeing Wednesday** hosted at The Hub at Clay Cross supporting Live Life Better Derbyshire referrals.



Assist residents in ensuring their homes are suitable and meet their health needs

- The Housing Strategy Team continue to work with Housing Associations and developers, to enable affordable housing schemes across the district. Currently, there are 2 rural exception schemes being considered in Killamarsh and Holmewood. Resident consultation via a postal survey will commence at the end of April.

- In 2023/24 295 council properties were improved by external wall insulation against a target of 333. The shortfall is within project tolerances. The council is on course to meet its target of 640 properties by September 2025.
- Dealt with 68 requests from private sector tenants regarding housing disrepair and health issues during 2023/24. Most cases resolved informally but 8 enforcement notices were served because of non-compliance.

Protect the public from ill health caused by environmental factors and business operations

- Amended damp and mould advice to private sector landlords and website content. This will be supported with the launch of a new private sector Information pack on damp and mould later in the year.
- 9 infectious disease reports investigated in this period. Advice given to 22 businesses regarding food hygiene and 15 businesses regarding health and safety.



This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a place to live that people value*

Develop and continually improve the quality and range of housing providing a nice home and area for all residents to meet all needs

- The Housing Strategy team are currently working with the County Council to deliver a scheme of affordable housing for deaf people. Following a consultation event, it has been recognised that there is a need for such a scheme. The team are currently looking at available land for development and identifying a suitable Housing Association to deliver this type of accommodation.

• **Six applicants in bed and breakfast** (at 27/03/24) with one due to move out. This is the lowest number for some time and follows a concerted effort to move people on more quickly through both bed and breakfast and our own temporary accommodation.

- Total homelessness caseload through the year has seen an average of 150 live cases at any one time. Prevention outcomes rates remain high - 87% received a settled accommodation outcome this quarter and 89% so far in March 24. PRS (Private rented sector) offer being worked on to increase prevention and relief measures.

• In 2023/24 the Housing Strategy Team working with Rykneld Homes has **bought back five former council houses** through the Right to Buy Back process, built 6 new build properties at Pine View, Danesmoor, and acquired 9 properties on new build developments for affordable housing.



- As at March 2024, there are currently **3486 units of accommodation** being delivered through the Planning process of which 581 are for affordable housing to be delivered over the next few years. Estimate of affordable completions for 2023/24 is 94. This will be confirmed by the end of April 2024.

Directly and with partners, improve where people live to ensure they are safe, clean, functional, and attractive

- Five Cuppa with a Copper sessions held in Killamarsh, Eckington, Dronfield, and Clay Cross. Door knocks took place in Unstone around burglary with over 150 households visited.
- Over 70 Operation Shango Patrols done. Operation Shango is an Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) initiative funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Police to deal with hot spot areas.
- Door knocking by the Community Safety Team to gather over 30 households visited across the district. Actions taken include community protection warnings and notices, housing enforcement and potential residential closure orders.

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- Extreme Wheels have been working in Clay Cross, Killamarsh and Holmesfield. **Over 150 young people visited** the sessions in total including spectators.



- Prevent - work undertaken in last quarter around permissive environments and changes made to our venue hire policies to ensure the Council is compliant.

- Work has started on implementing the long term empty council tax premium. This has resulted in a reduction in **empty properties from 310 to 265.**



- Rykneld Homes perception survey results showed 85% customer satisfaction with their home and services provided.

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities

- Dronfield Civic Centre Public Realm works in design, including the external entrance to Dronfield Leisure Centre.

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This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***a place where people enjoy spending time***

Improve and promote places and attractions to spend leisure time

- Google Ads used to promote Killamarsh Active during this period. Results suggest that this approach has contributed to the increase in attendances for this period.

Develop and promote the local 'offer' to ensure a diverse range of high-quality activities and places to spend time

- What's on event guide produced and updated weekly on the council website.

