

North East Derbyshire Council

Council

Council Plan Annual Report 2023-24

20th May 2024

Report of Councillor Nigel Barker, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the objectives underpinning the Council Plan (2023-2027) for 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 be noted.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details: Ward Members</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
The report links to all Council Plan 2023-27 objectives and priorities.

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The Council plan 2023-27 (approved by Cabinet on the 27th July 2023) has four objectives:
- A great place to live well.
 - A great place to work.
 - A great place to access good public services.
 - A great place that cares for the environment.
- 1.2 Under each objective there are several strategies which prioritise what the Council is setting out to achieve by March 2027. Under each strategy there are specific tactics or commitments that will shape our approach and positively influence the strategy.
- 1.3 The appended annual report sets out the Council's progress towards our priorities by objective including a spotlight on some strategic projects. Each objective is accompanied by metrics to give a wider context including service volumes and district wide data. The basket of metrics is varied including perception metrics, and those compiled by others.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 A Great Place to Live Well

Under this objective notable achievements include the commissioning and delivery of projects under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which benefits the whole district, exceeding our target for leisure centre visits, opening a new skatepark at Killamarsh, launching the food and drink trail, and securing financial contributions and funding as noted in the appendix.

2.2 A Great Place to Work

Under this objective notable achievements include the regeneration work being undertaken at Clay Cross under the Town Deal, supporting businesses through the Derbyshire Accelerator project, digital and green skills programme developed and carrying out four Town Centre retail audits to support new businesses with updated information.

2.3 A Great Place to Access Good Public Services

Under this objective notable achievement include maintaining high prevention rates for homelessness applications, running a district wide residents' survey, being rated best in Derbyshire for website accessibility, administering 111 Community Recovery Grants of £500 to residents affected by Storm Babet, starting work on Clay Cross Active and providing over 300 staff with internal training.

2.4 A Great Place that Cares for the Environment

Under this objective notable achievements include producing and publishing our Biodiversity report for 2023/24 which includes a 5 year action plan, employing a Sustainability Officer to co-ordinate the delivery of the Climate Change strategy, improving 295 council properties through external wall insulation, and nearing the completion of the decarbonisation project at Dronfield Leisure Centre.

2.5 Whilst the timing of the report is ideal for Annual Council, it has required some estimated data for quarter four (Highlighted in the performance report) due to reporting lag. In future it is proposed the Annual Performance Report will be prepared for the first Council following Annual Council.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objectives.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Annual Performance Report for 2023/24
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	