

North East Derbyshire Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Live Well –
Update October to December 2025**

25th February 2026

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

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Contact Officer: As above

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - “A great place to live well” for the period ending 31st December 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan “A great place to live well” objective 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 - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <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>	N/A
District Wards Significantly Affected	All
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
<p>Stage 1 screening undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	N/A - information only report
<p>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
<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>	Yes Details:

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

- A great place to live well council plan objective:
- A community with lifelong good health
 - A place to live that people value
 - A place where people enjoy spending time

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

1.1 The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment

Information on the work undertaken this quarter under the live well objective is contained at appendix one.

- 1.2 Under the live well objective there are three strategies - A community with lifelong good health, A place to live that people value and A place where people enjoy spending time. Underneath are tactics - our approaches to positively influence the strategies.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1.1 Key achievements include the opening of the new 3G pitch at Clay Cross Active, the expansion of mental health and wellbeing initiatives, and delivery of seasonal activity programmes attracting more than 100 participants. Targeted health work continued through winter wellness messaging, partnership-led public health interventions and the award of grants supporting older people, youth activities and biodiversity. Housing developments continue with Warm Homes installations on track, and new supported housing schemes progressing. The Council also completed property refurbishments, progressed public realm improvements through the UKSPF, and strengthened community safety through CCTV installation, public consultations, and enforcement activity. Tourism and leisure promotion continued to grow, with 46 businesses now part of the Food and Drink Trail and expanded marketing activity supporting increased engagement.

2.1.2 Regarding metrics, one measure has been flagged as red. The long-term empty homes target remains challenging, with only two properties returned to use to date, due to complex cases requiring significant officer time. It is unlikely the challenging target of 6 will not be met this year. The other metrics have reported strong performance this quarter.

2.1.3 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 26th January 2026 for consideration and oversight.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for a great place to live well.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for a great place to live well.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place to live well – for the period ending December 2025
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)	