

North East Derbyshire Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Live Well –
Update January to March 2026**

13th May 2026

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

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

- 2.2.1 The Council continued to support residents to live well by promoting lifelong good health, improving homes and neighbourhoods and enhancing places people value, with record leisure participation of 350,141 visits in the quarter and over one million visits achieved across the year, reflecting strong demand and inclusive provision. Preventative health and wellbeing activity was sustained through new Healthy North East Derbyshire funding arrangements, including a £90,000 Financial Inclusion Grants Fund and extended Social Connectedness funding to November 2026, alongside targeted community support delivered through Community Action Grants and voluntary sector infrastructure funding.
- 2.2.2 Work to support residents to live independently progressed, with energy efficiency, damp and mould interventions completed in over 90 homes, continued delivery of adaptations and access works, and improved Disabled Facilities Grant delivery through the in house design service. All 22 UK Shared Prosperity Fund shopfront improvement grants awarded committing £210,000, progress on supported housing schemes, finalisation of the Successful Places Design Code, and ongoing regeneration activity including public realm improvements and pedestrianisation works in Clay Cross. Leisure and cultural activity was further enhanced through 46 businesses now participating in the Food and Drink Trail as well as a submission for Clay Cross UK Town of Culture bid.
- 2.2.3 Regarding metrics, one measure has been flagged as red. The long-term empty homes target remains challenging, with only three properties returned to use to date, due to complex cases requiring significant officer time. Two new supporting KPI have been introduced to provide a more complete and realistic picture of activity and progress. The other metrics have reported strong performance this quarter.
- 2.2.4 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 20th April 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 March 2026
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)	