

DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENT 2012-13

Our vision

The Council has a clear vision for the future of our city, a vision which we share with Cambridge citizens and with partner organisations.

Cambridge – where people matter

- A city which celebrates its diversity, unites in its priority for the disadvantaged and strives for shared community wellbeing
- A city whose citizens feel they can influence public decision making and are equally keen to pursue individual and community initiatives
- A city where people behave with consideration for others and where harm and nuisance are confronted wherever possible without constraining the lives of all

Cambridge – a good place to live, learn and work

- A city which recognises and meets needs for housing of all kinds – close to jobs and neighbourhood facilities
- A city which draws inspiration from its iconic historic centre and achieves a sense of place in all of its parts with generous urban open spaces and well- designed buildings
- A city with a thriving local economy that benefits the whole community and builds on its global pre-eminence in learning and discovery
- A city where getting around is primarily by public transport, bike and on foot

Cambridge – caring for the planet

- A city in the forefront of low carbon living and minimising its impact on the environment from waste and pollution “

The strategic objectives we are working towards in 2012-13 are set out in seven portfolio plans which are available in full on the City Council [website](#).

These plans include a range of actions to protect everyday services, protect services for vulnerable people and make sure we do well what we only have one chance to get right. For instance:

- Working on a framework for the City’s growth over the next two decades in the new Local Plan;
- Supporting economic development in the City and its surrounding region, in partnership with businesses and other agencies;
- Working with developers, housing associations and others to ensure that the city’s social and market housing stock continues to grow, including additional houses for City Homes;

- Improving support to rough sleepers and taking action to prevent homelessness, including completion of the Jimmy's assessment centre project;
- Setting high energy efficiency standards for new homes and helping residents improve the energy efficiency of existing homes
- Planning and delivering community facilities in the new communities being built on the city's fringes;
- Improving facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users, including consideration of extending areas with a 20mph limit;
- Widening participation in domestic recycling by inclusion of plastic pots, tubs and trays and exploring further opportunities;
- Commencing a programme of providing new recycling bins in streets and open spaces;
- Establishing a model of restorative justice appropriate to Cambridge that helps to reduce re-offending, anti-social behaviour and low-level crime;
- Initiating a health partnership for Cambridge working with GPs and others to improve the health and wellbeing of Cambridge residents;
- Delivering inclusive public events including the Big Weekend and Olympic Torch Relay evening celebrations;
- Devolving decisions on environmental and community projects funded by developer contributions to councillors and residents in their own areas;
- Investing in projects to reduce our carbon footprint and our energy bills;
- Improving the efficiency of council services to maintain high standards and value for money;

In addition to these improvements we will deliver the core services that those who live, learn and work in Cambridge rely on, including housing, planning, waste collection, street cleaning, maintaining the city's open spaces, parking, bereavement services, community development, and arts and recreation.

We will consult residents and others on key issues that affect them and their communities. We will redevelop our website to make more information and data more easily accessible to residents, and to allow residents to do more of their business with us online, at their convenience.

We will continue to speak up for Cambridge; to support diversity, equality, respect and tolerance in the city; to promote a high quality and sustainable environment in all parts of the city; and to work in partnership wherever this will help us achieve our goals more effectively.

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