

# Vision and strategic priorities for 2020 to 2024

From 2020-2024, councillors and staff across West Suffolk Council are committed to:

**Being ambitious in supporting and investing in our West Suffolk communities, businesses and the environment, to encourage and manage growth in prosperity and quality of life for all.**

In practice, this will mean continuing to focus our energies and resources on the following strategic priorities:

| <b>Growth in West Suffolk’s economy for the benefit of all our residents and UK plc.</b>  | <b>Resilient families and communities that are healthy and active.</b>   | <b>Increased and improved provision of appropriate housing in West Suffolk in both our towns and rural areas.</b>   |
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| <p>We will use our influence, investment, partnerships and regulatory and public protection powers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• encourage economic growth in West Suffolk that benefits our local economy, our workforce, our families and communities and</li> <li>• our global and local environments in particular by tackling climate change</li> <li>• secure improved infrastructure and facilities to support new and existing communities</li> <li>• invest in our towns, villages and countryside areas by building on their unique strengths</li> </ul> | <p>We will use our leadership, local connections, commissioning role, investment and assets to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support communities to fulfil their ambitions so as to improve the lives of residents and the local environment</li> <li>• work with partners to build resilience in families and communities, so that problems can be prevented at the earliest opportunity</li> <li>• use our community, leisure, public open space, countryside and heritage assets so that they give maximum benefit to West Suffolk communities</li> </ul> | <p>We will use our roles as a local housing and planning authority, a regulator, an investor and local influencer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ensure a variety of new housing is provided in appropriate locations, that meets the needs of current and future generations</li> <li>• improve the quality of housing and the local environment for our residents</li> <li>• support people in accessing suitable housing, including by working in partnership to address their wider needs.</li> </ul> |

The full version of the strategic framework document is available at <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/strategicframework>. You can read more about West Suffolk Council including examples of our work in partnership with residents, communities and businesses in our annual report at: <https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/annualreport>