

Strategic priorities

Over the next four years, our focus will be on delivering against our vision by taking action in the following four priority areas



Affordable, available and decent homes

- Use planning powers to significantly increase the supply of affordable housing in West Suffolk, particularly for social rent, and explore other options for increasing provision.
- Investigate options to address the specific market conditions in West Suffolk that make it challenging for local people to afford to buy or rent.
- Use the council's planning, regulatory and other powers to ensure all housing is of good quality and sustainably built and has minimal environmental impacts, including noise.
- Work with communities to ensure all housing is supported by the right infrastructure.

Environmental resilience

- Bring about environmental improvements that support progress to net zero, including by working in partnership with businesses, residents and others.
- Work together to implement actions to adapt to climate change in West Suffolk, in line with the third National Adaptation Programme.
- Promote improved public and active travel opportunities in West Suffolk and work to reduce the impact of heavy goods vehicles in communities.

Sustainable growth

- Support new and existing businesses to grow, for example, through start-up support and skills development.
- Work to ensure West Suffolk is an attractive place for businesses, in order to ensure growth is supported by employment. This will have a particular focus on attracting higher-skilled enterprises to support wage growth.
- Continue to support West Suffolk's local high streets and markets as the vibrant centres of thriving local communities
- Seek to develop infrastructure that supports growth.
- Maximising what makes us distinctive.

Thriving communities

- Ensure all West Suffolk residents are able to access appropriate services, benefits and support.
- Enable West Suffolk residents to improve their physical and mental health and wellbeing through sport, physical and cultural activities, as well as access to health services. In particular, protect and develop parks and open spaces for the benefit of both residents and visitors.
- Work with partners to prevent and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in the district.