

A new vision and priorities for West Suffolk 2014-2016

Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Councils now have a joint Strategic Plan which sets out our vision, priorities and key actions for West Suffolk in 2014 -16

Our vision:

“Working together, Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury councils will support communities to create the best possible future for people in West Suffolk.”

Our priorities:

To help us deliver our vision we have developed priorities. They provide direction for focusing our efforts and resources in those areas which are the biggest priorities for West Suffolk over the next two years.

Priority 1 Increased opportunities for economic growth

We want to see:

1. beneficial growth that enhances prosperity and quality of life;
2. existing businesses that are thriving and new businesses brought to the area;
3. people with the educational attainment and skills needed in our local economy; and
4. vibrant, attractive and clean high streets, village centres and markets.

Priority 2 Resilient families and communities that are healthy and active.

We want to see:

1. a thriving voluntary sector and active communities who take the initiative to help the most vulnerable;
2. people playing a greater role in determining the future of their communities;
3. improved wellbeing, physical and mental health; and
4. accessible countryside and green spaces.

Priority 3 Homes for our communities

We want to see:

1. sufficient housing for current and future generations, including:
 - more affordable homes;
 - improvements to existing housing;
2. new developments that are fit for the future, properly supported by infrastructure, and that build communities, not just housing; and
3. homes that are flexible for people's changing needs.