

Appendix A - Draft 2020-24 Corporate Plan (text only)				
'Sustainability and Regeneration'				
	Environment	Homes	Economy	Community
Sustainable and Prosperous Communities	<i>Our villages and towns need affordable housing for local people. We aim to build more social rented housing and housing for purchase that is truly affordable. We seek to bring higher skilled and better paid jobs to the district, promoting economic development and greater economic diversity. Local businesses need incubation space, grow-on space, and places to expand - and digital businesses need the capability and capacity to work from home as well as a business park. Long distance commuting will have to drastically reduce in future to deliver on our carbon objectives, and we will support people seeking to lead a more 'local' life; living, working, eating, shopping, and spending locally. We aim to ensure that new housing and commercial developments support, and are consistent with, the Council's policies on Climate Change. These objectives will be achieved by encouraging and, where necessary, intervening in the market to deliver the jobs and sustainable communities, and by working in partnership with statutory and non statutory bodies to win the resources we need.</i>			
	Encourage retro-fitting of measures to reduce energy use in buildings	Deliver more affordable housing and greater numbers of social rented homes	Work with developers to secure our ambitious plans for J27 'Devon Gateway' development site	Work with developers and DCC to deliver strategic cycle routes between settlements and key destinations
	Encourage "green" sources of energy supply new policies and develop plans to decarbonise energy consumption in Mid Devon	Work with Community Land Trusts and other organisations to deliver homes retained in perpetuity for local need	Consider acquiring or creating new business parks to accelerate economic growth	Secure decent digital connectivity for all of Mid Devon
	Identify opportunities to work with landowners to secure additional hedgerow planting, biodiversity and reforestation	Work with landlords to ensure the quality of homes in the private rented sector	Identify strategic and tactical interventions to create economic and community confidence and pride in the places we live. This includes a continued focus on Town Centre Regeneration.	Work with education providers to secure appropriate post-16 provision within the district to minimise the need to commute out for A/T level studies
	Consider promoting the designation of the Exe Valley as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).	Lobby to see the abolition of the 'Right-to-Buy' or the devolvement of discounting powers to individual local housing authorities	Facilitate the creation of exciting new commercial opportunities within strategic developments at Culm Garden Village and Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension	Lobby DCC and others to introduce 20mph speed limits where children play, and take opportunities to pilot car-free days/routes
	Encourage new housing and commercial developments to be "exemplars" in terms of increasing biodiversity and reducing carbon use.	Promote the regeneration of our Town Centres by working with landlords and property developers to improve and increase the supply of quality housing	Produce business plans for the creation of a commercial Economic Development function perhaps in partnership with other agencies	Promote new, more integrated approaches to promoting good health and healthier living especially in the context of planned new developments.
			Explore commercial opportunities that deliver new or innovative services for customers that can generate revenue for the council	Seek opportunities to address public health issues and disparities to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in Mid Devon
Sustainable Planet	<i>Rural Devon is a great gift to us and the planet. We will challenge the suburbanisation of the countryside while encouraging growth in locations that provide low carbon homes for our children, our relatives, our colleagues and the communities of tomorrow. This will sit alongside the economic opportunities of greater digital connectivity in rural areas, our support for clean growth industry sectors, and a thriving agricultural industry that showcases sustainable food-to-fork practices and low food-miles to market.</i>			
	Increase recycling rates and reduce the amounts of residual waste generated	Introduce zero carbon policies for new development	Promote zero carbon exemplar sites within commercial settings	Enable communities to deliver their own projects to reduce carbon emissions
	Explore large-scale tree-planting projects and re-wilding to enhance biodiversity and address carbon pressures	Encourage the piloting of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) and self-build opportunities	Use car park pricing mechanism to effectively balance the needs of vehicular access with those of reducing car use	Facilitate networking across volunteer and community groups to spread knowledge, expertise and awareness on climate issues
	Promote sustainable farming practices in partnership with local farmers, District and County Councils; including research into best practice re better soil management and animal husbandry.	Use new development as opportunities to help communities to become increasingly sustainable and self-sustaining at neighbourhood level (district heating, energy use, recycling/re-use systems etc)	Promote the development of the farming economy and local food production. Working in partnership with farmers to develop and grow markets on the principle of reducing carbon emissions and sustainability.	
Sustainable Participation	<i>We will enable and support local decisions made by local councillors using local funds and resources aimed at local problems in our community. Working in partnership with parish and town councils, voluntary and community groups, we will seek to deliver positive outcomes where the district no longer has the means to directly commission services.</i>			
	Work with Parish and Town councils to promote the development and retention of parks and play areas across the district	Work with local stakeholders to initiate delivery of the new garden village at Culm	Support the creation of South West Mutual Bank and seek opportunities to encourage new branches being opened in areas that aren't well-served by existing banking services providers	Work with the NHS and other health bodies to promote use of our leisure centres
	Support community activities that improve the environment such as litter-picks, guerilla gardening, or community adoption of assets	Support and grow active tenancy engagement	Develop and deliver regeneration plans for all 3 main towns in partnership with Town and Parish Councils	Promote community involvement in council activity
		Support the establishment of Community Land Trusts in partnership with Parish Councils and other local bodies		Promote new approaches to Rural Transport in partnership with Town and Parish Councils through the deployment of emerging technologies
				Work with County, Town and Parish Councils to identify safer walking journeys to school