

PnG - projects, policies & expected changes 2021/2

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| Topic | Actions & aims | Priorities (1-6) 1. Enriching lives 2. Safe, Strong Communities 3. A Clean and Green Borough 4. Right Homes, Right Places 5. Keeping the Borough Moving 6. Changing the way we work for you |
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| Local Development Scheme | Revised programme for the preparation of local plans. | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Local Plan Update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masterplanning options • Preferred strategy • Reg 18 to Exec • Reg 18 consultation <p>Identification of robust land supply that meets development needs, supported by infrastructure improvements. Introduction of ambitious policy to respond to climate change emergency.</p> | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Central and East Berkshire Joint Minerals & Waste Local Plan | <p>Plan submitted for examination 25 February 2021. The Inspector will set out procedural matters in due course. Anticipated programme is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examination: summer 2021 • Receipt of Inspector's report: autumn 2021 • Adoption: winter 2021/22. | 2 |
| Neighbourhood Development Plans | <p>Plans led by parish/town council will latter procedural stages undertaken by WBC. WBC required to provide technical support to parish/town council.</p> | 1, 2 |
| Major Roads Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Distributor • Northern Distributor • Nine Mile Ride Extn | Mitigate new housing from 2026 Local Plan commitments | 1, 5 |
| Drain sensors. potential implementation of data based, proactive maintenance | Pilot scheme for smart drainage which if successful will provide an invest to save business case for the role out of borough wide smart drainage schemes | 1, 3, 5, 6 |
| Flood mitigation scheme for Loddon | Bidding for funds to remove housing from flood risk | 1, 2, |

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| Planting of 250k trees | CO2 reduction - Climate change funded scheme Appointment of PM Commencement of project & action plan | 1, 3 |
| Landscape & green infrastructure compliance | Quicker resolution of landscaping fails. Set up new compliance group | 1, 3, 6 |
| Gray's Farm Sports Hub | Strategic site delivery commitments from 2026 local plan Masterplan. Application & Construction | 1, 3 |
| Greenways project - | Connectivity between strategic sites, leisure and amenity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of Route B | 1, 3, 5 |
| South Wokingham Planning applications | Planning committee - maintaining housing land supply | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| Tree Strategy | Commission consultants Improved tree management, clarity of policy. Climate change funded | 1, 3, 6 |
| Air Quality action plan | Delivering PM2.5 monitoring and Anti- idling Zones across the borough | 3 |
| Climate emergency action plan (CEAP) and next steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second CEAP progress report to Council in July. Report on carbon savings, present a costed-up plan when possible and provide the Borough's plan to become net-zero carbon by 2030 Create a robust framework to assess the carbon emissions for budget setting, procurement and decision making processes Select and Implement community deliberative processes for the CEAP Possible review of CEAP by audit/peer review Explore possibility to introduce a Green Bond to fund climate emergency actions. To increase funding to support the delivery of the CEAP while giving residents a chance to do something meaningful to help the decarbonisation of their communities | 1,2,3,5 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create the Borough's vision for a 2030 net zero Borough • Produce a Local Climate Impact Profile -Provide the council with information to inform new policies, and actions to be ready for the impacts of climate change • Sustainable schools support: Support 10 schools to create a climate committee or eco-club, tree planting campaign, Youth Climate Conference, Decarbonisation toolkit for schools | |
| Improving our overall approach to contract management | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a Waste and Recycling Strategy and road map – To reduce waste and increase recycling 2. Review the Grounds Maintenance contractor performance 3. Review street cleansing schedules 4. Reviewing the Wokingham Highways Alliance (WHA) Performance Management Framework to ensure that KPIs better reflect the Councils priorities. | 6 |
| Covid Recovery Plan | Contribute towards the detailed Covid Recovery action Plan action plan and reviewing impacts on service delivery | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| Improving our customer relationship | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IT efficiencies and improved customer journey for planning 2. Moving H&T from reliance on email Inboxes and web forms to a Dynamics based CRM system (including some processes). | 6 |
| Defending the Council's position in respect of speculative planning applications and appeals | Carry forward of special item funding to procure barrister and planning staff | 1,2,3,4,5,6 |

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| Planning Enforcement – Local Planning Enforcement Plan review, member training | Update Local Planning Enforcement Plan to enable continued prioritisation and action in relation to breaches of planning control | 1,2,3,4,5,6 |
| Procuring and installation of a replacement Planning IT system | Critical system required in the next 12-18 months | 6 |
| Dinton Pastures and California Country Parks business case/plan | To maximise income | |
| Disaggregation of the BC shared service | TUPE transfer of staff to RBWM & West Berks Full Options appraisal for the future of the service and mobilisation of the new arrangement put in place asap post September | |
| Bringing back in house PPP functions | New operating model, staffing structures, processes, IT and systems to improve the customer journey and implementing future operating model by April 2022 | |
| Local Walking and Cycling Implementation Plans (LCWIP) for the borough | 1. Public Consultation on draft LCWIP. 2. Adoption of final LCWIP | 1,2,3 & 5 |
| Active travel improvements as part of the successful Active Travel Fund bid in Wokingham/Earley/Woodley. | 1. Public consultation on detailed scheme 2. Approval of detailed scheme 3. Delivery of detailed scheme | 1,2,3 & 5 |
| Local Transport Plan 4 (alongside and dependent upon the LPU) | 1. Information gathering engagement activity. 2. Public Consultation of draft LTP4 3. Adoption of LTP4 | 1,2,3, 4 & 5 |
| Preparation of a Low Carbon Transport Strategy and EV Charging Strategy as part of our CEAP contribution (including potential pilot project using DfT ORCS funding) | 1. Information gathering engagement activity. 2. Public Consultation of draft Strategies 3. Adoption of Strategies | 1,2,3 & 5 |
| Bus Service Improvement Plan (including the establishment of the Enhanced Partnership) | 1. Approval to set up an Enhanced Partnership. 2. Consultation on draft Bus Service Improvement Plan. 3. Adoption of Bus Service Improvement Plan. | 1,2,3 & 5 |

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| | 4. Establishment of Enhanced Partnership. | |
| Delivery of a successful 21/22 Structural Maintenance programme | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Surface Dressing Programme (May 21). 2. Resurfacing Programme (May-Oct 21). 3. Micro-asphalt Programme (August-Sept 21) | 3 & 5 |
| Review of the H&T structure following the first 2years of Wokingham Highways Alliance (WHA) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of Service structure. 2. Development of service improvement Plan. | 5 & 6 |
| CTU service delivery model | Improved governance, procurement arrangements (DPS) and route optimisation. | 1,2,3 & 5 |
| Delivering 3 new park and rides | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thames Valley Parkway, 2. Winnersh Triangle 3. Coppid Beech. | 1, 2, 3 & 5 |
| Twyford Parking Management Plan (Pilot) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation on draft Twyford Parking Management Plan. 2. Adoption Twyford Parking Management Plan. 3. Implementation of Twyford Parking Management Plan. | 1, 2, 3 & 5 |
| Borough wide Parking Management Plan | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consultation on draft Borough wide Parking Management Plan. 2. Adoption Borough wide Parking Management Plan. 3. Implementation of Borough wide Parking Management Plan. | 1, 2, 3 & 5 |
| Housing Strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of new housing strategy and accompanying year 1 action plan focusing on 4 key priorities. • Exec approved March-21 • Full-Council May -21 | 1, 2, 4 |
| Allocations Policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further consultation to be carried out. Potential banding changes for how the Council prioritises its own stock to those on the Housing Register. • Forward Plan for October Executive | 1, 2, 4 |

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| <p>Affordable housing delivery on s106 sites</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivered primarily through our RP partners. Projected delivery is down this year with over 230 affordable housing completions expected. Covid has had an impact in terms of both staffing and materials shortages, however the number of larger strategic sites are nearing completion. Potential changes to Government policy including introduction of First Homes – autumn 21. Will impact affordable housing tenures on s106 sites. Also expected new planning bill which will introduce new infrastructure levy based on land values replacing s106 system. All affordable housing will be delivered on site dependent on viability. | <p>1, 2, 4</p> |
| <p>Specialist housing delivery - ASC/Learning Disabled and Mental Health Accommodation delivery programme</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More fit for purpose accommodation for learning disabled and mental health service users meaning cost savings on care and support. Schemes completing this year include Danywern, Clifton Road, Highwood, Ryeish Green Former Respite Centre, supported units at Hatch Farm Dairies. These will accommodate 32+ service users. A further property is being purchased for Transitions service users which will accommodate a further 3 service users. | <p>1, 2, 4</p> |
| <p>Specialist housing delivery – Children’s/Young People’s Accommodation delivery programme</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> London Road scheme to be complete and operational from September 2021, providing 7 units. Purchase of Seaford Court expected summer 2021 which will be progressed as an | <p>1, 2, 4</p> |

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| | additional scheme for young people. | |
| Homelessness accommodation funded through the Governments Next Steps Accommodation Programme | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WBC received funding to purchase 5 x one bedroom flats to be acquired on the open market by June 2021. | 1, 2, 4 |
| Self-Build | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> progressing an affordable self-build scheme in the borough. This will include around 13 units with a mix of 2, 3 & 4 bed houses. | 1, 2, 4 |
| Gorse Ride estate regeneration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration phase 2a site fully vacated for demolition and construction commences Completion of phase 1 site and residents moved in | 1, 2, 4 |
| Housing 145 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of the 1-4-5 development programme (corporate priority- delivering 1000 homes, over a 4 year period, generating 5% return rate on the Council's investment). | 1,4 |
| Promoting the borough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a Wokingham Borough Brand Set up an ambassadors programme of business and community leaders | 1,2,6 |
| Economic development Business Recovery Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business engagement programme – recruiting 5 new members of staff, set up new CRM and engagement protocols Employment & Skills Support Hub Continued overview of the business grants process – supporting the distribution of new grants as they arise Work with operational property to support the opening up of the high streets Gather and analyse business intelligence and data Completion of the Superfast broad band project in | 1,2,6 |

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| | <p>collaboration with other Berkshire authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Berkshire wide Digital Infrastructure Strategy | |
| Developing a new crematorium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete site feasibility • Master planning of chosen site • Design low carbon service delivery operating model • Planning application submitted | 1,3,4 |
| Arts & Culture Strategy and 1 year Action Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued work with the Cultural Alliance to develop and deliver Action Plan • Develop programme of events as easing out of lockdown allows • Take forward proposals for the Carnival Hub as a cultural as well as leisure destination and linked proposals for iconic public art (led by Arts4Wokingham) • Further develop and promote the Wocca app for cultural events happening across the Borough as activity increases. | 1,2,6 |