

Planning Service Plan key service objectives for 2022-23

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Looking forward : what we will do in 2022-23 (service objectives)				
Key Service Objectives (please include consultation or procurement activity required) <i>Please highlight any projects so that they may be recorded and monitored in SPAR. See project guidance document for the definition of a project.</i>	Financial/ corporate resource	Lead Officers	Start date	End date
1) Better homes and communities for all				
To draft a robust set of policies to deliver better quality homes that meet the needs of the community and deliver more affordable housing particularly social housing.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Ensure that site allocations within the new local plan are robust and clear about the infrastructure that must be delivered to support them and secure its timely delivery.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Continue to collect and spend Community Infrastructure Levy monies to deliver the infrastructure needed to support new development.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
Continue to work with Neighbourhood Planning Groups and support them delivering Neighbourhood Plans that reflect the aspirations of their community and where appropriate support them in delivering the growth allocated in the plan.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going

To continue to enforce against unauthorised and harmful developments quickly and effectively.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
To determine planning applications for the town centre at Cranbrook and secure the range of uses needed to create the vibrant town envisaged by policy.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	June 2022
To progress applications for the expansion areas at Cranbrook to maintain a supply of housing plots and meet the aspirations for growing the town to approx. 7800 homes.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
Ensure that all new homes inspected by our building control service are built to appropriate standards ensuring that high quality homes are provided.	Building Control Team	Building Control Manager	On-going	On-going
Ensure that new developments are required to deliver appropriate levels of open space and promote walking and cycling to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going
Investigate the potential for the wider use of development orders and other tools such as design codes and masterplans to provide clarity to the development industry and secure higher quality developments.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	March 2022
Support and enable the delivery of self and custom build plots in the district.	Planning Policy Team	Service Lead and Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going
Complete work on and adopt a new Playing Pitch Strategy for the district that clearly identifies the needs for enhanced provision and plots a course towards their delivery.	Planning Policy Team	Service Lead and Planning	On-going	September 2022

		Policy Manager		
To provide a responsive and pro-active dangerous structures service to ensure that action is taken against any dangerous structures in a timely manner for 24/7, 365 days a year.	Building Control Team	Building Control Manager	On-going	On-going
To engage fully with communities on planning applications and policies through neighbourhood planning including through the implementation of the Neighbourhood Planning communications strategy.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going
To engage with small and medium size builders through production and consultation on the new Local Plan to help to encourage development from these groups in the district and in so doing increase delivery rates and deliver a better range and quality of housing that better meets the needs of the district.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going
Continue to work with our communities to deliver high quality new and improved play areas, open spaces and sports pitches funded from development proposals.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
Continue to engage and support communities in Neighbourhood Planning activities.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	On-going
Continue to promote good development through the planning application process and deliver new homes and affordable housing to meet the needs of our communities.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
To implement upcoming changes to building regulations including new Part L requirements when introduced including ensuring all surveyors are suitably trained.	Building Control Team	Building Control Manager	Awaiting legislation	Awaiting legislation

2) A greener East Devon (to include any climate change objectives)				
To continue to work to reduce the carbon emissions involved in the operation of the service by seeking to minimise the need to travel both to and from the offices but also to site visits and explore opportunities to travel more sustainably where such travel cannot be avoided.	All teams	All managers	On-going	On-going
Draft a robust and ambitious set of policies requiring zero carbon development and measures to minimise embedded carbon.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Through the new local plan require the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of new developments and promote and enable walking and cycling as part of all new developments.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Ensure that the new local plan seeks to minimise the impact of new development on bio-diversity and achieve at least 20% net gain in biodiversity.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
To work with the Countryside Team to ensure that trees in the district are appropriately protected and where appropriate action is taken against those undertaking unauthorised and harmful works to protected trees.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
Develop an updated mitigation strategy to address the impacts of development on the Exe Estuary and Pebblebed Heaths arising from the new developments proposed in the new Local Plan as well as mitigation for phosphate levels arising from development affecting the River Axe.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
To deliver all necessary habitats and flood mitigation measures to mitigate the impacts of developments.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going

Develop strong and robust policies in the new local plan to protect our built and natural heritage and continue to implement the actions identified in the Heritage Strategy Action Plan.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
To continue to apply existing Local Plan and neighbourhood plan policies and government policy to secure the most low carbon, energy efficient new developments we can to minimise additions to the carbon footprint of the district.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
3) A resilient economy				
Develop Planning policies in the new local plan to promote a green and resilient economy across the district.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Through the new Local Plan seek to support and enable the diversification of our town centres and enable them to be flexible and robust to enable them to thrive.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
Work with the land owners to develop a masterplan for the Hayne Lane, Honiton employment land allocation in the Local Plan and a plan for its delivery.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	Summer 2022
Continue to support the delivery of regeneration projects within the market towns and major growth in the enterprise zone.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
To work with the Enterprise Zone team to introduce Local Development Orders (LDO's) to reduce red tape for applicants seeking consent on key sites within the Enterprise Zone.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going

Develop planning policy to encourage new high skilled and well paid employment across the district including requiring skills plans and investment in apprenticeships and other training through planning obligations.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	Dec 2022
To work with the Cranbrook consortium of developers and other partners to promote and enable the development of Cranbrook Town Centre in a way that secures a sustainable economy within the town and meets the communities needs.	Development Management Team	Development Manager	On-going	On-going
4) Other relevant considerations				
Continue to work in partnership with our neighbouring authorities within the Greater Exeter area on a non-statutory strategic plan for the area.	Planning Policy Team	Planning Policy Manager	On-going	End 2022
To work with Land Registry on the transfer of data to implement changes to the local land charges system.	Local Land Charges Team	Economy Practice Manager	On-going	End 2022