

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
14 MARCH 2024**

**ITEM NO.**

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**DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN – 2024-27**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce the draft Council Plan to the Board and seek comments.

**Summary**

2. The Council Plan is an official document that outlines the long-term ambitions for Darlington and priorities of the council to deliver over the next three years (2024-2027).
3. The plan gives strategic direction to the Council - and council services - defining priorities and shaping delivery. It gives clarity to residents, businesses and stakeholders on our values, what is important and what we will do.
4. The public consultation for the draft plan runs from 6 March to 25 April and the council is seeking views from residents, businesses, charities and key stakeholders. The Health and Wellbeing Board is an important partner and the Council is keen for the views of members to inform the plan and our priorities.

**The Draft Plan**

5. The draft Council Plan sets out a proposed long term vision and ambitions for Darlington, and priorities for delivery over the life of the plan. Three core values feed into the plan: addressing inequalities, tackling climate change and efficient and effective use of resources.
6. There are 6 priorities, each of which identify a number of key deliverables. The deliverables will be progressed through supporting plans and strategies. The priorities are:
  - (a) Economy: A strong, sustainable economy and highly skilled workforce with opportunities for all.
  - (b) Homes: Affordable and secure homes that meet current and future resident need.
  - (c) Living well: A healthier and better quality of life for longer supporting those who need it.

- (d) Children and young people: best start in life, realising potential and raising aspirations.
  - (e) Communities: Healthier, safer and more engaged communities.
  - (f) Environment: A well connected, clean and sustainable Borough.
7. The Council is committed to making Darlington a greener and fairer place for all who live, work, learn and invest. The plan is ambitious and requires a Team Darlington approach strengthening our relationships and building new partnerships with our stakeholders and communities.
8. The role of the Health and Wellbeing Board and importance of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy is highlighted as the first deliverable in the Living Well priority:
- (a) “Health and Wellbeing Board to agree and deliver a new strategy to improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities, and lead the creation of a health and wellbeing network.”

### **Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that the Board:-
- (a) Review the plan and provide comments
  - (b) Members complete the survey and encourage others to do so

### **Reasons**

10. To ensure that the council plan which will provide a framework for delivering priorities takes into account the views of the Board.

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### **Background Papers**

Draft Council Plan and Survey available at: <https://www.darlington.gov.uk/councilplan>

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The Council Plan prioritises the safety of our residents and communities. The Communities Priority identifies key actions that we will deliver in partnership. The performance monitoring framework will include measures to demonstrate progress against this outcome.
Health and Wellbeing	The Council Plan prioritises the health and wellbeing of our residents and communities. The Health and Wellbeing Priority identifies many actions and good health will be an important outcome across the plan. The performance monitoring framework will include measures to demonstrate progress against this outcome improving health and reducing health inequalities.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	The Council Plan prioritises addressing carbon impact and climate change. Addressing climate change is a core value and will be considered in everything the council does. The performance monitoring framework will include measures to demonstrate progress against this outcome.
Diversity	Addressing inequalities is a core value within the plan. A desktop Equality Impact Assessment has not identified any significant negative impacts on protected characteristics. The key deliverables referenced in the plan will be progressed through other strategies and plans and will involve separate equality impact assessments where appropriate.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	The Council plan will be part of the policy framework and will be the primary strategy that strategies and plans demonstrate their contribution to the vision, ambition and priorities of the Council Plan
Key Decision	This is a key decision because following consultation, agreement to the recommendations will result in the Local Authority adopting a plan which will have an effect on the communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards within the area of the local authority.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision as it will require adoption by full Council after consultation.
Council Plan	This is the draft Council Plan for 2024-2027 for consultation.
Efficiency	The draft Council Plan prioritises efficient and effective resources as a key value and will be considered in all council business.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	The Council remains committed to ensuring the best outcomes for Looked After Children, and contains a number of priorities and actions that will have a positive impact on this group.