

Priorities for the District 2015/16 – Key Projects

Description	Project Lead	Project Management	Reporting cycle
Promoting Sustainable Growth			
Preparation of a Local Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of representations made on the preferred options document; • Preparation of submission document for examination; • Consultation on submission document; • Consideration of representations made on the submission document 	Head of Development & Building Control	Other	Updates to each Cabinet meeting through the Strategic Planning report. Update and reports to Full Council.
Economic Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of representations made on the Economic Development Strategy; • Preparation of Economic Development Strategy; • Joint working others e.g. Herts Las, LEP with regard rural grant scheme and economic development; • Formation of an action plan forming the basis of a job description for an Economic Development Officer to be appointed. 	Head of Development & Building Control	Other	Updates to Cabinet through the Strategic Planning report.
Dispose of surplus Council land (<i>Lloyd Way Kimpton, Lumen Road Royston and Yeomanry Drive Baldock</i>) that can be developed to provide new homes and generate Capital sums to fund key projects	Head of FPAM	Other	Report to Cabinet/Council When outcome of tender known
Following construction of new Westmill Community Centre to commence regeneration of John Barker Place to rebuild the shops, provide additional affordable homes and new community facilities	Head of H & PP	Other	??
Working with our Communities			
Continue an open dialogue with interested developers on the Churchgate site	SD of FP & G	Prince II	Report to Council
Complete the fit out and open the North Herts Museum and Community Facility	SD of CS	Prince II	
Commence the construction of a new Westmill Community Centre as part of the John Barker Place regeneration	Head of H & PP	Other	Overview & Scrutiny

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<p>Delivery of identified projects in the Green Space Management Strategy and agreed capital programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Renovation of Bush Springs play area Baldock - Provision of a Water Splash Park in Bancroft Recreation Ground in accordance with the Master Plan & to consider other options for future delivery of elements of the agreed Master Plan. - Provision of an interactive Water Splash Park in Priory Memorial Garden, Royston 	Head of L & E	Other	
Identify qualifying projects under the Rural Capital Funding and undertake capital works delivery programme	Head of P & CS	Other	
Continue to promote Careline as a valuable resource in supporting independent living	Head of H & PP	Other	
Redevelopment and refurbishment at North Herts Leisure Centre (subject to full Council approval to Capital Programme and variation to contract with SLL)	Head of L&ES	Prince II	Cabinet (for agreed Contract changes & award of main contractual works)
Dependent on both authorities agreement in June 15 to the business case, to work with East Herts Council to develop the new waste & recycling and street cleansing contracts commencing from May 18	Head of L&ES	Joint Project Board using principles of Prince II	Cabinet – June 15
Continue the development of the Crematorium business case and structural arrangements for future implementation.	Head of L&ES	Other	Cabinet & Possibly Council
Living within our Means			
<p>Open plan refurbishment of the Council Offices including 'green' initiatives where appropriate to ensure a more efficient use of electricity, water and gas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carry out limited refurbishment of Town Lodge and the Letchworth Museum building to allow them to be used for decanting - Agree the design for the refurbishment - Develop a business case for a new storage facility in Letchworth 	Head of FPAM	Prince II	

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Dependent on agreement to the Business Case, to form a partnership arrangement for the delivery of Building Control services with 6 other Herts authorities.	Head of D&BC	Other	Initial reports to Cabinet (March 2015). Commercialism Task and Finish Group. Overview and Scrutiny and/or Finance Audit and Risk.
SMG Project – Land & Buildings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of assets and opportunities by EoELGA for Royston; Workshop to challenge outcomes of EoELGA work; Take forward opportunities; Continue review into other towns and rural areas. 	Head of D&BC	Other	Cabinet and possibly Council (for acquisition or disposal).
The following projects arising from the Channel Migration project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise reporting app for Environmental Health (procured and in trial) Develop initial programme to roll out text message service Consider opportunities for E-billing associated with hybrid mail Evaluate efficiency potential from hybrid mail in relation to Individual Electoral Registration and elections for 2106 onwards Roll out of new website in March 2015 with focus on 1) accessibility on various devices, 2) content management and 3) efficient e-transactions 	CE	Other	
To determine projects arising from the in depth review of parking services	SD CS		
Implement the recommendations from the value for money review of Electoral services to ensure the service continues to deliver value for money	Democratic Services Manager	Other	
<i>Negotiation of lease terms with tenants for the Council's own properties with a view to the properties becoming financially self-sustaining in the longer term</i>	Head of FPAM	Other	O & S Cabinet June 15
Implement the outcomes from energy audits undertaken in 2013/14 to reduce energy consumption where these have a proven payback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installation of solar panels at Careline and at Burymead 	Head of FPAM	Other	
To complete a business case on the viability of implementing Bulk Mail Processing	Head of RB & IT	Other	

