

Projects identified in the Corporate Plan

Description in Corporate Plan	Corporate Objective	Service Area	Milestones	Due Date
Leisure Portfolio				
Delivering identified projects from the adopted Green Space Strategy (Projects will be subject to a review of the Green Space Strategy that is currently being undertaken)	Attractive & Thriving	Leisure & Environment	<p>Hitchin</p> <p>Bancroft Gardens Play Area £ 75,000</p> <p>Walsworth Common Pavilion contribution to scheme £300,000 Walsworth Common pitch improvements £103,000 Replacement of Walsworth Common Access Bridge £175,000</p> <p>Demolish 4 disused tennis courts and landscape to grass and planted area at Bancroft Recreation Ground, Hitchin £30,000</p> <p>Renew pathways, Bancroft Recreation Ground, Hitchin £50,000 Multi Use Games Area, Bancroft Recreation Ground, Hitchin £170,000</p> <p>Letchworth</p> <p>Norton Common wheeled sports provision improvements £154,000</p> <p>Royston</p> <p>Serby Avenue Play area renovation £75,000</p>	Throughout 2016/17

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<p>Redeveloping and improving the North Herts Leisure Centre to ensure it is fit for purpose and offers greater opportunities to meet latent customer demand</p>	<p>Responsive & Efficient</p>	<p>Leisure & Environment</p>	<p>Full Council Approval for Scheme Contractor to commence on site Commence Car park improvements Teaching pool completion</p>	<p>Jan 16 April/May 16 Apr/May 16 Feb 17</p>
<p>Waste, Recycling & Environment Portfolio</p>				
<p>Renewing our waste and street cleansing contracts, continuing to provide an efficient and effective service</p>	<p>Attractive & Thriving</p>	<p>Leisure & Environment</p>	<p>Outline Business case to Cabinet Developing Contract Documentation Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) OJEU Invitation to Tender Award Contract Contract Commencement</p>	<p>June 2016 Spring/Summer Summer Summer/Autumn Spring/Summer 17 May 2018</p>
<p>Exploring further the potential for development of a Crematorium in North Hertfordshire</p>	<p>Prosper & Protect</p>	<p>Leisure & Environment</p>	<p>The previously completed Business Case will be reviewed in light of the planning application for a similar facility at Holwell by a private sector provider. The outcome of this work will determine if the development of a Crematorium is a viable option for North Herts to develop in the future.</p>	<p>Spring 2016</p>
<p>Finance & IT Portfolio</p>				
<p>Implementing outcomes from our energy audits of Council assets</p>	<p>Attractive & Thriving</p>	<p>Finance, Performance & Asset Management</p>	<p>Outcomes from energy audit to be reviewed in light of solar panels not being viable. Office Accommodation project outcomes may overlap. Report to Asset management group</p>	<p>Apr 2016</p>
<p>Ensuring that the Council's office accommodation is redeveloped to increase financial and resource efficiency and making best use of green initiatives</p>	<p>Prosper & Protect</p>	<p>Finance, Performance & Asset Management</p>	<p>Commence decant to Town Lodge Works to commence at DCO</p>	<p>September 16 November 16</p>

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Community Engagement & Rural Affairs Portfolio				
Grant funding organisations sharing in the delivery of our objectives	Attractive & Thriving	Policy & Community Services	Gain agreement of Cabinet of revised scheme Make relevant changes to enable delivery Implement scheme	Dec 2016 April 2017
Planning & Enterprise Portfolio				
Preparing and submitting a Local Plan which passes inspection and establishes areas in which sustainable development may take place in future	Prosper & Protect	Corporate Strategy, Planning & Enterprise	Local Development Scheme (timetable for local Plan) approved by Full Council on 21 January 2016. Anticipated July 2016 for proposed submission draft. Project Board instigated	July 2016 On-going
Implementing an Economic Development Strategy for the district, working closely in partnership to increase inward investment and business development opportunities	Prosper & Protect	Corporate Strategy, Planning & Enterprise	Economic Development Officer (EDO) recruitment opportunities to be investigated. Currently this is being undertaken through a shared service arrangement with East Hertfordshire District Council Action Plan for delivery by EDO approved by Cabinet and actions commenced.	April 2016 On-going from 2016
Progressing development opportunities in our town centres	Prosper & Protect	Corporate Strategy, Planning & Enterprise	Strategic view of the town centres to be part of the Local Plan. Town Centre strategies to be updated following adoption of the local Plan	Post 2018
Progressing the delivery of competitive Building Control Services with six other Hertfordshire authorities following agreement of the business case	Responsive & Efficient	Development & Building Control	Current timescales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegated authority obtained from Cabinet in Dec 2014; Directors and shareholder representatives being discussed anticipated to be selected in March 2016; Companies to be incorporated; Initial communication to staff identifies 01 April 2016 as a probable TUPE date. TUPE process anticipated to commence in March 2016; 	March 2016 March 2016 April 2016 April 2016

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT procurement commencing 01 Feb, 01 April anticipated as appointment date for IT; Accommodation and support service providers identified. 	
Housing & Environmental Health Portfolio				
Working with North Herts Homes to complete the regeneration of John Barker Place in Hitchin to provide new homes, better shops and the new Community Centre	Prosper & Protect	Housing & Public Protection Services	<p>New Community Centre completed</p> <p>Demolition of old Community centre, building of the new MUGA & landscaping completed</p> <p>Building of new shops and flats completed</p>	<p>31/03/16</p> <p>31/05/16</p> <p>Tbc – NHH reviewing scope of scheme</p>
Extending the Council's Careline Service to ensure greater ability to remain living at home independently	Responsive & Efficient	Housing & Public Protection	Integration of the Hertfordshire Equipment Service (HES) assistive technology function into Careline so as to significantly expand the range of telecare and telehealth services provided by the Council.	April 2016 for first range of new services
Working with health partners to optimise opportunities for older people to remain living independently but well supported at home, and for children/young people to be offered opportunity to increase activity to prevent longer term ill-health	Responsive & Efficient	Policy & Community Services	<p>Contribute to the update of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing strategy as appropriate.</p> <p>Deliver and report progress against projects agreed for funding under the 'District Offer'</p> <p>Deliver and report progress against projects agreed for funding under Community Sport Activation Fund</p>	<p>April 2016</p> <p>March 2017</p>

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Various Portfolios				
Exploring alternative options for effective and more efficient options for service delivery wherever possible, including through partnership, joint working or other models	Responsive & Efficient	Finance, Performance & Asset Management	Insurance & Risk Management shared service to be established with HCC	June 2016
		Development & Building Control	Building Control local authority owned company	April 2016 onwards
Optimising use and management of the Council's assets, including consideration of long term lease 'transfer' or similar to increase community involvement in the provision of community and social opportunities	Responsive & Efficient	Policy & Community Services Finance Performance & Asset Management	Implement the two recommendations arising from the SIAS audit of Community halls; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report to Cabinet, reporting that officers have failed to reach agreement (and therefore implement agreed CH policy) in regard to renewal of two CA leases and seek agreement how to progress - Review members representation on outside bodies, which lacks clarity in regard to membership of community centre management groups 	June 2016 June 2016