

DRAFT Council Plan – *Working with our communities, It's **Your** Council*

Foreword by the Leader (TBC)

Introduction by the Chief Executive (TBC)

1.0 Purpose of the plan

The Council plan lays out how North Hertfordshire District Council will achieve its aims for the district. The plan sets out the priorities that the Council will address over the next five years. The more detailed Service Plan and supporting Action Plans show what will be done by individual service areas.

1.1 Vision

To make North Hertfordshire a district in which everyone who lives, works or visits is able to flourish.

2.0 Objectives (based on district comparison):

- Be a more welcoming and inclusive **council**,
- Building thriving and resilient **communities**,
- Responding to challenges to the **environment**,
- Enabling an enterprising and co-operative **economy**,
- Supporting the delivery of good quality and affordable **housing**.

2.1 Definition of Objectives –

2.2 Council-

Engaging with and welcoming the contributions of residents, community groups and businesses; working collaboratively with local people.

2.3 Communities -

Engaging and supporting our communities to ensure they are thriving and resilient. Advocating for local people; striving to ensuring good access to vital services through effective partnership working.

2.4 Environment –

Providing a clean and safe environment, in consultation and partnership with local people. Protecting the natural and built environment through an effective green spaces strategy, addressing the impacts of climate change; environmental crime; in our approach to waste and recycling, food hygiene and the management of air quality areas

2.5 Economy –

Moving to an increasingly innovative and inclusive Council, committed to generating community wealth, by seeking commercial and investment opportunities and through proactive engagement with a wider range of small and medium sized businesses to build a sustainable local economy through proactive engagement with a wide range of small and medium sized businesses. Also engaging with residents, staff and Councillors to continue to embrace modern working practices through the use of IT and a commitment to a paperless Council; to increase the efficiency of services and access to them by residents

2.6 Housing -

Enabling and supporting the delivery of good quality and affordable housing in the district, ensuring both new and existing housing is fit for purpose, including a commitment to consultation and ensuring communities have the infrastructure they need.

Building more effective relationships with local housing associations and recognise our role in the fight against homelessness.

Supporting Parishes with Neighbourhood plans.