

VISION AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2024-2031

Recommendation:

Wallingford Town Council's Vision and Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2031 aims to foster sustainable growth, enhance community well-being, and improve access to facilities. This strategy outlines a structured approach to addressing the immediate needs of our community while laying the groundwork for long-term improvements.

This includes a detailed project plan

Executive Summary

Wallingford Town Council has drafted a comprehensive Vision and Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2031. This strategy addresses the immediate needs of our community while laying the groundwork for long-term improvements. The successful implementation of this strategy will ensure Wallingford's competitiveness and attractiveness for future generations.

Background

Wallingford Town Council has identified the need for a strategic approach to address the various challenges and opportunities facing the town and community. By creating a structured plan, we aim to improve the quality of life for all residents, ensure efficient use of resources, and build stronger relationships with local community groups and authorities.

Issue

The core issue is the need for a cohesive strategy to guide the town's development and resource allocation. Addressing this will involve prioritising key initiatives (Projects) and engaging with stakeholders to ensure effective implementation.

Options

1. Maintain Current Approach: Continue with existing plans and projects without a cohesive strategic framework.
2. Sign off the Comprehensive Vision and Strategic Plan supported by the Project plan: this will guide future direction, actions and resource allocation.

Proposal

Sign Off the comprehensive strategic plan which has involved the team, community and stakeholders input and prioritises key initiatives into three pillars. This will include the

projects plan and the formulation of new initiatives to address the towns and community's needs. With a review date planned for November 2024 to support budget planning 25/26

Supporting Evidence/Rationale for Proposal

The Vision and strategic plan document which supports from the project plan.

Vision and Strategic Plan 2024 to 2031

Aims and Objectives

The aims of this strategy include:

- Improving Wallingford and the life of the community by drawing up a strategy, listing the priority issues and opportunities, and proposing how and by whom they should be tackled.
- Shaping a prioritised agenda for Wallingford Town Council and providing justification for the need when applying for funding and resources.
- Strengthening links with local community groups and local authorities by providing information to influence forward planning and the use of resources.
- Supporting the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Creating a lasting improvement to the environment of Wallingford, building resilience and sustainability in the community.

Summary

In summary, this strategy outlines Wallingford Town Council's commitment to fostering sustainable growth, enhancing community well-being, and improving access to facilities. The strategies and initiatives detailed are designed to address the immediate needs of our community while laying the groundwork for long-term improvements. The successful implementation of this strategy is crucial for the town's future. By aligning our efforts with the community's vision and mission, we aim to create a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive environment for all residents.

Our next steps will involve mobilising resources around priority initiatives, engaging stakeholders, and initiating the outlined projects. A detailed timeline through the project plan will guide our actions, and regular progress reports to Full Council will be provided to keep everyone informed and accountable. We call on all council members and community members to actively participate in bringing this strategy to life. Your continued support, feedback, and collaboration are essential to our collective success.

Cllr Steve Holder,
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