

PENDLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

CORPORATE PLAN - KEY ACTIONS

2023 – 2024



Priority 1:

Providing High Quality Services and Facilities - Key actions for 2023/24

Actions and milestones	By when
Financial Resilience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to deliver a balanced three-year medium-term forecast whilst delivering effective services and identify required savings as part of service improvements 	28 Feb 2024
Continuous Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate service improvement into business as usual Review operation of litter and dog bin waste emptying 	31 Jul 2023 31 Mar 2024
Liberata Contract Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommend proposed actions arising from the review 	31 Dec 2023
Corporate Peer Challenge Improvement Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree Improvement Plan at Executive 	30 Jun 2023
Citizens Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore shared service delivery with partners, including the community and voluntary sector 	31 Dec 2023
Online services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carry out tender exercise for live streaming of meetings and implement Understand the customer experience for online services to improve accessibility Develop My Account for single sign-on to make it easier to access Council Tax, Benefits and Business Rates accounts 	31 Oct 2023 31 Mar 2024 30 Nov 2023
Elections Act 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate the Council's performance in implementing the Act Report a review of polling places to Council 	30 Jun 2023 31 Mar 2024
Staff Values and Achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share the revised staff values with councillors, following a staff consultation exercise Celebrate staff who show exemplary practice 	28 Feb 2024 31 Mar 2024
Transfer of Assets and Shared Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconvene working group for transfer of assets Agree the principle of Park transfers Explore opportunities for sharing service provision Explore the potential for shared services arrangements on the delivery of key priorities and senior management roles where this would boost capacity 	30 Sep 2023 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024

Priority 2:

Proud and Connected Communities and Places - Key actions for 2023/24

Actions and milestones	By when
Health and worklessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring together partners to scope delivery in Pendle to improve outcomes for people in relation to health and worklessness 	31 Mar 2024
Realising the canal as a key asset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the benefits of the Super Slow Way programme 	31 Jan 2024
Connectivity and accessibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaffirm the Council's commitment to the Skipton to Colne railway reopening 	31 Dec 2023
Climate Emergency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission feasibility study for Earby phase 3 flood defence and agree next steps Develop a range of carbon reduction measures to reduce the Council's carbon footprint Progress the electric vehicle charging rollout Investigate the feasibility of retrofitting the borough's housing stock by commissioning a housing stock condition survey Increase capacity to address climate emergency issues in the Council 	31 Dec 2023 31 Jan 2024 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024
County devolution arrangements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the councils in the pan-Lancashire area on developing a draft strategy for the Lancashire 2050 framework 	31 Mar 2024
Biodiversity and Local Nature Reserve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Register Gib Hill as a Local Nature Reserve Submit a planning application for Gib Hill Local Nature Reserve Include Gib Hill Local Nature Reserve in the Lancashire Nature Recovery Strategy Work with Colne and Nelson Town Councils on future management arrangements 	30 April 2023 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024
Behaviour change campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead a campaign to raise awareness and impact of community street scene issues 	31 Dec 2023
Community Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Pennine CSP partners to develop a Local Partnership and response to the Serious Violence Duty Agree and sign-up to a Serious Violence Duty Partnership strategy which supports the Lancashire Violence Reduction Network's Violence Reduction Strategy Support the development of a case management Youth Panel by addressing the unmet support needs of young people on the edge of the criminal justice system or causing concern to their family, school or community 	30 June 2023 31 Dec 2023
Bereavement services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete preliminary risk assessments on identified cemeteries in Pendle to establish if there are any environmental constraints and potential risks to obtaining Environment Agency consent for burials Seek support from Earby Town Council to complete initial risk assessment on transferred land linked to Earby Cemetery to establish if there are any environmental constraints and potential risks to obtaining Environment Agency consent for burials Develop the design and layout of the site on Halifax Road, Nelson Complete the planning process on Halifax Road, Nelson Complete the tender and procurement process on Halifax Road, Nelson Obtain information from site reports and prepare and present report to Executive to seek approval for funding and to proceed work on viable sites Tender contract for consultants 	31 Aug 2023 31 Aug 2023 31 Oct 2023 30 Nov 2023 31 Jan 2024 31 Jan 2024 31 Mar 2024
Tree planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with other local authorities and the MP and LCC to push for Lancashire to be included within the Northern Forest 	31 Mar 2024

Priority 3:

Good Growth - Key actions for 2023/24

Actions and milestones	By when
An ambitious Local Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue the preferred options report which sets out options for the content and policies of the Local Plan Conduct public consultation exercise on the Preferred Options report Develop the Council's final version of the Local Plan to proceed to examination Incorporate identified Local Green Spaces into the Local Plan Ensure planning applications are dealt with efficiently and in a timely manner Amend/update processes to comply with the new timeframes on planning applications 	31 May 2023 31 Aug 2023 31 Jun 2024 31 Jun 2024 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024
UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propose Year 1 programmes to Government to roll forward Develop the remainder of the programme - outstanding items in the investment plan Implement public realm improvement schemes in Barnoldswick 	30 Apr 2023 30 Nov 2023 31 Mar 2024
Green Growth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Target green business growth and resilience with UK Shared Prosperity Fund and support East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce to deliver the RedCAT (Centre for Alternative Technologies) for business support on low carbon innovation and technology 	31 Mar 2024
Links with Local Businesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and develop current arrangements Bring together businesses and education/skills providers 	31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024
Nelson Town Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress the implementation of the delivery of Revitalised Nelson by completing initial phase of CPO work for Pendle Rise Complete Council actions to allow N&C College to occupy town centre spoke venue for the Digital Skills Hub Work with Lancashire County Council to progress Accessible Nelson 	31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024 31 Mar 2024
Barnoldswick, Colne and Earby Masterplans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the vision and objectives for the three areas of Barnoldswick, Colne and Earby Present interim results of consultation with each town and test options with stakeholders Present finalised masterplan report covering Barnoldswick, Colne and Earby 	30 May 2023 28 Feb 2024 31 Mar 2024
Colne Levelling Up programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin the remaining phases (Muni and Little Theatre) of construction work within the Heritage Quarter Begin the remaining phases (Hippodrome) of construction work within the Heritage Quarter Gain planning permission for Colne Market Temporary relocation of market hall tenants 	31 July 2023 31 Aug 2023 31 Dec 2023 31 Jan 2024
PEARL/PEARL Together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Pearl Together to acquire the site for 53 new homes in Spring Mill, Earby Commence building works in Spring Mill Complete 79 low carbon houses in Harrison Drive, Colne and handover to Together Housing Complete transfer of the site for 129 new homes at Further Clough Head 	30 Jun 2023 31 Dec 2023 31 Dec 2023 31 Jan 2024

Priority 4:

Healthy Communities - Key actions for 2023/24

Actions and milestones	By when
Indoor Leisure Review	
• Report outcomes from Strategic Leisure Review to Executive and Council	31 Jul 2023
• Review how existing leisure centres can become financially and environmentally sustainable	31 Jan 2024
Green spaces	
• Deliver Parks Levelling Up scheme on Netherfield Road	31 Oct 2023
• Develop playing pitch strategy for the borough	28 Feb 2024
• Deliver Nelson Town Deal Healthy Towns Parks project for Victoria Park and Walverden Park	31 Mar 2024
Cycleways and Footpaths	
• Work with Lancashire County Council to deliver a programme of cycleways, bridleways and footpaths across the borough	31 Aug 2023
Health and Wellbeing Plan	
• Establish governance arrangements for Pendle health structures, aligned to the Pennine Lancashire Integrated Care Board	30 Sep 2023
• Help to develop a Health Plan with partners in the Health and Wellbeing Partnership	31 Dec 2023
• Influence partners to improve access to healthcare facilities in West Craven	31 Mar 2024
Housing standards	
• Commission a housing stock condition survey including consideration of empty properties	31 Mar 2024
• Work with housing providers on plans to build more social housing	31 Mar 2024
• Work with Liberata to identify and reduce the number of long-term empty properties	31 Mar 2024
Cultural activities	
• Work with partners to develop a programme for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities	31 Mar 2024
• Review of the Arts and Culture Corporate Strategy	31 Mar 2024
• Review project delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund outputs and outcomes for arts and culture.	31 Dec 2023 & 31 Mar 2024
Taxi Licensing	
• Implement new taxi safety measures	30 Jun 2024
Youth Services	
• Work with partners to improve services for young people throughout the borough, e.g. skatepark provision	31 Mar 2024



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