

Carlisle Plan 2015-18: Plan on a Page November 2016 - March 2018 v1.1



Vision

To improve the health, wellbeing and economic prosperity of the people of Carlisle. We will work in partnership to further establish our position as the regional centre and focus for investment, ensuring that residents can share in the benefits through increased opportunities and greater choice of jobs, range of housing, and a quality environment.

Principles

Clarity Confidence Commitment

Priorities

Support business growth and skills development to improve opportunities and economic prospects for the people of Carlisle

Further develop sports, arts and cultural facilities to support the health and wellbeing of our residents

Continue to improve the quality of our local environment and green spaces so that everyone can enjoy living, working in and visiting Carlisle

Address current and future housing needs to protect and improve residents' quality of life

Promote Carlisle regionally, nationally and internationally as a place with much to offer - full of opportunities and potential

Key Actions/ Projects

BUSINESS PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE

- City Centre redevelopment projects (ongoing)
- Support the delivery of a Carlisle Enterprise Zone at Kingmoor Park (ongoing)
- Support the development of Carlisle Airport as a regional gateway (ongoing)

STRATEGY & PLANNING

- Identify and deliver further projects aligned with the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership's Strategic Economic Plan (ongoing)
- Progress the Borderlands Initiative (ongoing)
- Maintain an up to date Infrastructure Delivery Plan and develop proposals to address identified issues (ongoing)
- Develop a Carlisle South Masterplan covering housing, urban design, employment land, transport and infrastructure (ongoing)
- Work with the Environment Agency and partners on Future Flood Risk Management Plans (ongoing)

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

- Continue to support the delivery of the city region Skills Plan aligned to business growth, sustainability requirements and the LEP Skills Strategy (ongoing)

WORKING WITH BUSINESS

- Proactively develop business support through supporting the Growth Hub (ongoing)

SERVICE & FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Develop and deliver the proposed new leisure contract to improve facilities at The Sands Centre in line with the City Sports Facilities Development Plan and enhance the leisure services across the city (November 2017)
- Deliver a renewed Old Fire Station 2017/18 Business Plan and Development Strategy (March 2018)
- Monitor and support the Tullie House Trust 2017/18 Business Plan and associated development plans (September 2017)
- Work with Community Centres to develop enhanced business plans, broadband and Wi-Fi services at appropriate sites (March 2018)

HEALTHY CITY PROGRAMME

- Continue to work with key partners to deliver the World Health Organisation Phase VI Healthy City Action Plan (March 2018)
- Continue to support and develop the Food City Partnership: Local Healthy Eating Options; Carlisle Food Charter; food sector supply chain development; food skills; education and tourism (March 2018)
- Work with partners to develop and deliver a Healthy Workforce programme (from January 2017)

RETHINKING WASTE

- Modernise the fleet of waste and recycling vehicles to improve services to residents and reduce the environmental impact of our collection service (May 2017)
- Optimise income achieved from the sale of recyclable materials collected (October 2017)
- Provide quality, clean local environments for people to enjoy with the involvement of local communities, supported by robust enforcement action against those who drop litter, fly-tip or allow their dogs to foul (ongoing)

CITY CENTRE PUBLIC REALM

- Complete the delivery of a programme of public realm improvements throughout the city: fingerpost signage; interpretation boards and gateway signage (2017)

QUALITY OF OUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

- Annually review the air quality in Carlisle and work with partners to deliver an Air Quality Action Plan to reduce outdoor air pollution to a safe level (March 2018)

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- Continue to implement the Green Infrastructure Strategy to make our green spaces safe and exciting for our residents and visitors, enhancing Carlisle's reputation as a green, welcoming city for people and business that encourages inward investment, raise property values and increase productivity (ongoing)
- Encourage uptake and better management of allotments to provide space for growing fresh and healthy food (ongoing)
- Deliver the Play Area Strategy to encourage outdoor play through the provision and access to high quality play facilities for our children (ongoing)
- Maintain the 'Gold' standard achieved by our Bereavement Services for quality in crematorium and cemetery management (August 2017)

HOUSING STRATEGY

- Prepare and publish an updated Housing Strategy (June 2017)
- Develop and implement a Housing Delivery Action Plan (June 2017)

HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

- Work together with partners to monitor progress against Carlisle's Interagency Homelessness Strategy 2015-20 (March 2020)

HOUSING QUALITY/ACCESS

- Improve standards in the private rented sector (including student accommodation) through inspections, advice and, where necessary, enforcement (March 2018)
- Continue to develop and promote the Council's Empty Homes Service by delivering advice and information to empty homes owners (March 2018)
- Deliver the City Council's annual mandatory Disabled Facilities Grant Programme in respect of applications received and revise the Regulatory Reform Order Strategy to improve expenditure compatible with the discretionary grant (March 2018)
- Develop local solutions to ensure opportunities to maximise the delivery of affordable homes which respond to locally evidenced needs (ongoing)
- Work with landowners, developers, and partner agencies (e.g. HCA) to accelerate the delivery of sites (ongoing)

TOURISM

- Redevelop the Discover Carlisle website (November 2017)
- Continue to support the delivery of a high quality events programme (2016/17/18) across Carlisle to raise the profile of the city, attract more visitors, celebrate diversity and increase pride in the city (ongoing)

BUSINESS GROWTH

- Work with Carlisle Ambassadors to raise the profile of Carlisle through business engagement. (ongoing)
- Encourage Carlisle Ambassadors to engage partners in promoting the Carlisle story/offer (ongoing)
- Deliver the Cumbrian "Better Business for All Programme" in 2017 through the Cumbria Public Protection Group (March 2018)