

OUR FIVE YEAR PLAN

PROGRESS SUMMARY

How are we doing?

We're six months in to our five year plan, here's a snapshot of our progress this quarter



1. Building stronger and healthier communities

2. Driving economic prosperity and growth

3. Making the most of our superb environment

 Delivered 30 affordable homes and returned 13 empty homes back into use, as part of our 2020 target for 400 affordable homes and 250 empty homes back into use by 2020

 Promoting shared ownership on the website and recently supported 'firm' bids under the 'Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes' programme 2016 - 2021 which if successful could provide up to 232 units (shared ownership and rent to buy) within the district. Actively liaising with partners in respect of the implementation of Starter Homes and Voluntary Right to Buy, to deliver our action to help people access housing through promoting options

 Over 100,000 visits to our leisure centres this quarter, bringing our total year to date to more than 200k, including use by key groups, i.e. low income, over 50s, people with disabilities, children and young people, and women and girls, as part of our target to increase use by 15%

 Delivered two additional sports activities in rural areas (cricket and indoor cycling), bringing our total to six to date, with more sport and first aid activities scheduled for quarter 3; well on the way to achieving at least ten sport and health related activities in rural areas

 Developing an application to trademark 'SELfie Where's the Harm', to provide opportunities for roll out county wide, increasing more young people's awareness of issues relating to self-harm, far beyond our original target of 500

 Produced an information sheet to promote the value of Community Transport, and launched nominations for the Malvern Hills Community Awards taking place in December, contributing to our objective to support and promote volunteering

 16 businesses assisted this quarter, giving a total of 47 to date, as part of our 2020 target to support 300 through growth programmes

 Local tech business DRisQ has relocated to Malvern Hills Science Park, further increasing occupancy, with a number of additional live enquiries being managed. Demolition of the Dytechna building was completed, with a contractor now appointed to build Phase 5; all contributing to our target to create 200 new jobs at the Science Park

 ESP has refurbished and sublet some of the existing office at Blackmore Park, with further enquiries received for land at Tenbury Business Park, as part of our action to achieve business growth in these two parks

 Eleven new apprenticeships are in progress, to help achieve our action for 50 each year

 Twelve summer placements completed and more in the pipeline, as part of our action on creating more school and work placements to help young people develop skills in the workplace

 Funding now available for new innovative product development via the Proof Of Concept fund, with a number of Malvern Hills District applicants already, and a promotion plan has been developed for the Festival of Innovation. Support provided to Worcestershire Innovation Programme (WINN) event, with over 70 attendees, and to QinetiQ to produce the Sensor catapult proposal, now submitted to Innovate UK; all to support our objective to promote our area as a centre of innovation

 Making progress on lobbying for the Carrington Bridge and our ambitious target to secure 90% of homes and businesses on superfast broadband

 More to be done to support the next generation of mobile phone signals across the district, e.g. through planning

 Improved our council website and contact information on line, but yet to go live with the new planning website as part of our action to reduce costs of face to face and phone contact through self serve

 Preparing a brief to obtain quotes for a park management plan, to progress our action to achieve Green Flag status for Priory Park by 2018

 Working with developers involved in key development sites, including the urban extensions, to ensure we achieve our target of £10mn investment in open space provision by 2021

 Teme Valley Trail launched in August, with walks and cycle rides now available to download from our website, as part of our action to improve the district and increase visitor numbers

 Discussions continue with the Three Counties Showground on its future plans, as part of our action to set out a new plan to improve facilities and events at the Showground further

 Signage designs for the Route to the Hills programme have been fully agreed and are now in production, with creative commissions in development and procurement imminent, to further improve Great Malvern as a great place to visit and shop

 Working closely with Malvern Town Council on Local List nominations as part of their Neighbourhood Plan, and with Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, both to support our action to protect, enhance and support our natural and built heritage

 Flood Advisory Event held in Tenbury Wells, working with the Flood Advisory Service and other partners to provide free, independent advice on flood risk and mitigation solutions. Five category 1 responding agencies engaged and 20 home owners positively engaged with information and advice, to support our action to support communities to be more self reliant

 More to be done on our action to maintain all high risk watercourses and on our action to lobby for flood defences