

**DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**HIGH LEVEL FOCUS OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2019 – 2024**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- Focus resources and effort into working with key partners on a programme of unlocking and developing sites across the town for affordable housing

**COMMUNITY, CULTURE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

- Working with other agencies and community partners, develop our understanding of the general needs of our community and the specific needs of vulnerable groups, in particular as a result of changes brought about by the Covid 19 pandemic
- Maintain and, where appropriate, adapt the Council's Community, Sports, Cultural and Health & Wellbeing service delivery to meet the requirements of the town's residents and visitors, either directly or working with local partners
- Resolve the future of the Municipal Buildings to make a relevant and environmentally efficient contribution to the town's community

**THE ENVIRONMENT**

- In response to the declared Climate Emergency, proactively support practical steps to reduce the impact that the Council and the town's community has on its environment
- Focusing in particular on the Town Centre, introduce sustainable practices to assist the town's community and key partners to improve the town's appearance

**LOCAL ECONOMY, TRANSPORT AND PARKING**

- Working with other agencies and business representatives, develop our understanding of how the town's economy can be strengthened and reshaped, with a particular focus on supporting recovery of the town centre, including retail, following the Covid 19 pandemic
- Working initially with the town's Heritage and Tourism sectors, develop a holistic strategy to maximise the benefits of tourism to the town
- Work with Dorset Council to agree and implement a new Transport and Parking strategy that resolves the competing demands of residents, workers and visitors to the town and places emphasis on non-vehicular movements

**FUTURE GROWTH OF DORCHESTER**

- Develop the Town's existing response to the pressure for development of new housing emerging through the Local Plan process

**GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- Ensure that the Council's governance, communication and administration arrangements remain relevant to the needs of the town and are delivered efficiently and effectively
- Ensure that the Town Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy recognises the direct and indirect impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic

## HIGH LEVEL FOCUS OF THE CORPORATE PLAN – 2021/22 MILESTONES (AT JULY 2021)

High Level Focus	Projects	Milestone	Current Progress	😊😊😊
<b>Affordable Housing</b>				
Deliver sites	Tennis Courts	Planning Application agreed Jul 21	Awaiting DC decision	😞
	19 North Square	Feasibility Study rec'd Sep 21	Architect appointed, working on ideas	😊
	Poundbury Cemetery	Preliminary evaluation Nov 21	Architect ideas rec'd, discuss with Duchy	😞
	Other Sites	New site identified Jan 22	-	-
<b>Community Culture Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>				
Understand residents needs	Residents feedback	Comments received Apr 21	Received, now evaluating	😊
	Review Community Register of Projects	New Register of Projects Dec 21	-	-
Maintain and adapt our services	Programme of Revenue Projects	Special Items in Budget Jan 21	Completed	😊
	The Great Field	Support infrastructure Dec 21	In progress	😊
	Kings Road & Lubbecke Way Open Spaces Project	GAP Project at Lubbecke Way Oct 21	Preparing funding and planning app	😞
		Park ideas developed Mar 22	-	-
Municipal Buildings	Refurbish Municipal Buildings Work with Dorchester Arts to develop use of the site	Phase 1-4 works completed Jan 22	Ph1 (Roof) due Sep 21, Ph2/3 (Biomass/Offices) commenced, due Jan 22, Ph4 (Corn Ex) due Sep 21	😊
		Operating Agreement signed Sep 21	First draft to solicitor end Jul	-
		First review meeting Mar 22	-	-

<b>The Environment</b>					
Climate Emergency Programme	Municipal Buildings	Phase 1 – 4 works completed	Jan 22	Ph2(Biomass) commenced, due Jan 22	☺
	Vehicles & Equipment	Grounds equipt purchased	Mar 22	-	-
	Partner Programme	Identify New partner project	Mar 22	-	-
<b>Local Economy Transport and Parking</b>					
Tourism	Implement Tourism Development Strategy	App launched	Jun 21	Completed	☺
		Website launched	Sep 21	In progress	☺
		Front Desk training	Dec 21	In progress	☺
	Opportunities to improve Markets	Present options to Panel	Jan 22	In progress	☺
<b>Future Growth of Dorchester</b>					
Local Plan DOR13	Respond to Local Plan consultations	Response to Options	Mar 21	Completed	☺
		Monitor next phase	Mar 22	-	-
Town Centre Masterplan - Improvements, Transport, Economy, Parking	Prepare the ground for a new master plan to be recognised as part of the Local Plan or as a separate Neighbourhood Plan	Finalise scheme for Cornhill	Dec 21	In progress, requires Dorset Council input	☺
		Develop Plan for Masterplan	Aug 21		Resources approved
		Consult on Masterplan ideas	Jan 22	-	-
<b>Internal Governance Arrangements</b>					
Communications	Improve use of Social Media	Develop Social Media Policy	Oct 21	In progress	☺
MTFS	Ability to respond to new threats and opportunities	Review MTFS	Jan 22	-	-