

## Making Stevenage Even Better Survey

From 23 October to 4 December 2023, Stevenage Borough Council will be undertaking a consultation on the revision of its Corporate Plan, which sets out the vision for the council and what we plan to deliver across the town.

The plan sets out the Council's purpose, approach, and priorities. It is our key mission statement that documents the Council's aims and values, as well as any challenges we seek to address over the next few years.

We would like you to tell us:

- If you agree that the five strategic priorities are representative of key issues in Stevenage
- If the areas of focus under each strategic priority are correct
- If the cross-cutting themes (i.e., areas that should inform delivery of all Council services) have the right focus, or if there is something else that needs to be included.
- If there is anything not covered that should be

The proposed strategic priorities are set out in the Plan on a Page which can be viewed on our website (<https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/have-your-say/corporate-plan-consultation-have-your-say>).

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1. Are the strategic priorities (**Transforming Our Town; More Social, Affordable and Good Quality Homes; Thriving Neighbourhoods; Tackling Climate Change; Balancing the Budget**) representative of what you believe Stevenage Borough Council's priorities should be?  Yes  No

2. If no, what strategic priorities would be more representative?

### Transforming Our Town Priority

Within the proposed strategic priority of 'Transforming Our Town', the following areas of focus have been identified:

- **Regeneration:** Reinvigorate the town centre and surrounding areas through a 20-year regeneration programme worth £1bn
- **Enterprise & Skills:** Develop the local economy through access to jobs, skills and educational opportunities for residents

3. Would you agree that the areas of focus of Transforming Our Town are representative of your priorities as a resident?  Yes

No

4. If no, what focus areas would be more representative?

### More Social, Affordable, Good Quality Homes Priority

Within the proposed strategic priority of More Social, Affordable, Good Quality Homes, the following areas of focus have been identified:

- **Building New & Sustainable Homes:** Build more social and affordable homes that fulfil our climate change sustainability commitments
- **Maintaining Good Quality Homes:** Fulfil the Quality Housing 5-star programme principles (Sustainable development; Genuinely affordable rents; Tenure blind designs; Make best use of land; Community led consultation) across all housing provision.

5. Would you agree that the areas of focus of More Social, Affordable, Good Quality Homes are representative of your priorities as a resident?  Yes

No

6. If no, what focus areas would be more representative?

### Thriving Neighbourhoods Priority

Within the proposed strategic priority of 'Thriving Neighbourhoods', the following areas of focus have been identified:

- **Clean Neighbourhoods and Green Spaces:** Ensure neighbourhoods are clean and maintained so that residents can be proud of where they live
- **Community Safety:** Provide Safer communities where crime and ASB are reduced through effective partnership working
- **Culture & Leisure:** Promote a creative environment which underpins the fulfilment of our cultural ambitions.

7. Would you agree that the areas of focus of Thriving Neighbourhoods are representative of your priorities as a resident?  Yes  No

8. If no, what focus areas would be more representative?

### Tackling Climate Change Priority

9. Would you agree that Tackling Climate Change (e.g., cutting carbon emissions, improving recycling rate, promoting, and increasing biodiversity) and supporting business and residents to do the same is a priority?  Yes  No

10. If no, what priority would be more representative?

## Balancing the Budget Priority

The Council delivers a range of key services to its residents, this includes collection of bins; provision of social housing; maintenance of parks and green spaces; to name a few. Due to cuts in government funding and in response to the recent financial challenges such as rising inflation and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis, the Council must ensure its budgets are balanced so that services can be maintained. This includes the implementation of a broad range of transformation initiatives to generate savings of £1.23 million.

11. Would you agree that Balancing the Budget should be a priority so that the Council can remain financially resilient and continue to deliver key services as set out in the Corporate Plan?  Yes  No

12. If no, is the alternative to reduce services and provide less?  Yes  No

13. If yes to Q12, what should the Council stop doing to generate £1.23 million savings?

14. If no to Q12, what is the alternative?

## General Feedback

15. What general feedback do you have for Stevenage Borough Council on the Corporate Plan 2024-2029?

16. We want to hear resident views and we seek to be an engaging and involved council. How best shall we communicate the development and progress made on the Corporate Plan 2024-2029 to residents?

- Social Media
- Community eNewsletter
- Stevenage Borough Council Website
- Community Noticeboards
- Other

### Demographic Information

This section is just to understand more about the respondents to this consultation.

17. Please select the option that most applies to you:

- Stevenage Resident
- Stevenage Borough Council Employee
- Councillor representing Stevenage Borough Council
- Representing an organisation
- Other

18. Where are you based?

- Bandle Hill and Poplars
- Bedwell
- Chells
- Longmeadow
- Manor
- Martins Wood
- Old Town
- Pin Green
- Roebuck
- Shephall
- St. Nicholas
- Symonds Green

Woodfield

Other (outside of Stevenage)

19. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

I prefer to use a different term

20. What is your age?

Under 18

18-24

25-44

45-64

65-74

75-84

Over 85

Prefer not to say

21. Do you have a disability? Please select the option that most applies to you:

I do not have a disability

Physical impairment such as difficulty using your arms or mobility issues

Sensory impairment such as being blind/having a serious visual impairment or being deaf/having a serious hearing impairment

Mental health condition such as anxiety or depression

Long-standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy

Learning disability/difficulty (such as Down's syndrome or dyslexia) or cognitive impairment (such as autistic spectrum disorder)

Prefer not to say

Other

22. What is your Nationality?

White English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British

Irish

Gypsy/Roma

Irish Traveller

Any other white background

Mixed/multiple ethnic groups e.g. White and Black Caribbean, White and

Black African, White and Asian

Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background

Black British

African

Caribbean

Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background

Arab

Any other ethnic group

Prefer not to say

Other

23. What is your religion?

Atheist/No Religion

Buddhist

Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other  
Christian denominations)

Hindu

Humanist

- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Prefer not to say
- Other

### UK Data Protection Act 2018

24. Please confirm that you are happy for us to store your details under the UK Data Protection Act (2018)?

Yes

No

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25. If yes, please provide your email address below as we may contact you for clarification on your answers and updates on this consultation: