

Appendix 2: Review of Council Plan Priorities 2023/24

2023/24 Top 4 Priorities:

Housing
Parks and Green Spaces
Economy and Regeneration
Community Safety

Timeframes (financial years):

Short term (2023-2024)

Short to medium term (2023-2025)

Medium to long term (2024-2026)

Housing - Short term priorities	
1	Completion of 19 new Council homes at Edgeworth Close. Planning permission obtained and work to commence on 6 new Council homes at Loxley Close.
2	Embed new Housing Policies and improve customer response times
3	Seek to reduce long term and high capital cost voids to enable a quicker turnaround of properties
4	Work with HOW college, construction department to undertake a VOID for learning/development processes

Housing – Medium to long term priorities	
1	Identify existing properties for regeneration or additional land sites for the development of new council housing
2	Develop and build new council housing at agreed development sites to achieve 230 new homes by 2030
3	Delivery of the Housing Capital Investment Programme
4	Delivery of improvements to increase energy efficiency of council housing stock to ensure all properties reach EPC C by 2030
5	Skills/Employment opportunity - involvement of the HOW college, construction department to assist in a project to build a new home and carry out further VOIDs works

Parks & Green Spaces - Short term priorities	
1	Review grass cutting arrangements to prioritise footpaths and green areas within and connecting the borough
2	Review mechanical street sweeping and weed killing arrangements, to ensure there is a consistent, improved quality standard across the Borough.
3	Creation of an accessible wood carve sculpture trail in Morton Stanley Park, including working with the on-site café to produce trail packs

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Parks & Green Spaces – Short/Medium term priorities	
1	Establish and pilot a new model/approach for event delivery that allows local organisations, businesses, and communities to deliver programmes of events and activities supported by the Council.
2	Focus will continue to deliver the leisure strategy with particular emphasis, in the short term on recommendation 8 ' <i>Conduct a detailed assessment of the play value, quality, and accessibility of equipped play spaces across the Borough.</i> ' and start to address any issues identified via the assessments.
3	The leisure strategy recommendations will form the basis of the short/medium term focus (link to leisure strategy)

Parks & Green Spaces Medium to long term priorities	
1	Management plans reviews of the councils parks and green spaces
2	Carry out a natural capital assessment of the value of the Borough's parks and open spaces.
3	Develop a plan to identify priorities for delivering further carbon capture and natural capital gains.
4	Continue to focus on delivery of ALL recommendations as set out in the leisure strategy which continues from the short/medium term focus (link to leisure strategy)

Parks & Green Spaces/Community Safety & Regeneration Short term priorities	
1	ReNEW (Rediscover Northeast Worcestershire) activities : creative community grants distribution, creative digital tourism commission, £1.1m funding applications, branded participation campaign
2	Creative People and Places community projects
3	Bring Playing Pitch and Built Leisure Facility Strategies to Council for endorsement forward plan
4	Management and delivery of Holiday Activity and Food, disability short breaks and multiple health intervention programmes
5	Complete phase 1 of the new cemetery project

Parks & Green Spaces/Community Safety & Regeneration Medium to long term priorities	
1	Completion of the new Cemetery site
2	Renegotiate the current agreement with Worcestershire County Council for the work conducted by RBC to the landscaping along the highway network on behalf of the County Council. To ensure that we are paid the correct amount and to agree standards of maintenance that improve visibility and community Safety.
3	Submit & develop a 3-year capital bid / programme to enhance estate areas by removal of trees and shrubs and re landscaping of areas to improve visibility and community safety

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Economy and Regeneration - Short term priorities	
1	Council will play an active role in shaping the redevelopment of the train station and public realm improvements at Unicorn Hill and Church Green. Town Hall hub will be finalised, and the redevelopment will commence at the Grove Street Police Station site together with the plaza at Market Place
2	Delivery of a "worry free day out" in Redditch town centre through capital build of Changing Places Disability Toilet Facilities in Kingfisher Shopping Centre
3	Invite Executive Committee to consider a reviewed Enforcement Policy
4	Implement the Enforcement Services business case if endorsed by Executive Committee

Economy and Regeneration – Medium to long term priorities	
1	Consider all options for redevelopment of Winyates, Matchborough and Woodrow district centres, including all funding options

Community Safety - Short term priorities	
1	Deliver crime prevention initiatives including Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order, designing out crime housing estate improvements and enhanced youth support projects
2	Review and promote the CCTV re-deployable camera protocol and investigate a new camera at Arrow Valley Park
3	Improve planning and environmental enforcement

Community Safety – Medium to long term priorities	
1	Implement Safer Streets 5 Neighbourhood Crime initiative
2	Implement new and updated requirements under the Governments ASB Action Plan and other crime prevention duties
3	Actively embed crime prevention and community safety activities across all Council services
4	Seek to make wider improvements to enforcement activities across the council

Value for Money - Short term priorities	
1	Prioritise a review of alternative models of delivery for shop mobility and Dial A Ride to achieve efficiencies
2	Extending chargeable garden waste services to residents across the borough

Value for Money – Medium to long term priorities	
1	Reviewing contracted work to ensure costing are correct and the standards of work are met
2	Continue to work closely with the other Worcestershire Districts and County Council to deliver the requirements of the Environment Act with regard to waste collection and disposal services once the Government

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	announce the outcome of the consistency consultations and the terms of the secondary legislation due late 2024.
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