





### Introduction

Better Lives for All is our 20 year vision for the South Hams. This document, our Thematic Delivery Plan, translates the vision and themes in to specific and measurable actions.

The delivery plan is by no means all that we will do, and our plans will be kept under regular review to ensure that they respond to opportunities and address challenges as they arise.

Also within this document, we set out an overview of our Performance Management Framework, how we will ensure that the strategy guides the decision making and work of our staff and how we will report on progress.

This is the Year 3 update for our plan and contains minor amendments.



### **Achieving our Vision**

To support us in achieving our vision, we have aligned our actions to a number of themes.

Each theme is led by an Executive Member and supported by a senior council officer.

In the coming pages, we set out our Thematic Delivery Plans for Year 3



# Adapting & mitigating climate change and increasing biodiversity

An environment where people and nature thrive together



#### Improving homes

Better homes enabling better lives for all



#### Protecting, conserving & enhancing our built and natural environment

Planning for our future, celebrating our past



## Stimulating a thriving economy

A district that attracts high quality employment opportunities and space for business to grow



## Strengthening community wellbeing

Strong and prosperous communities where residents live healthy lives and are empowered to make a positive impact



#### Delivering quality Council services

Delivering quality services to our residents and communities

### **Summary of Actions delivered 2022-23**

A full overview of achievements for 2022/23 will be published in June 2023 in our Annual Report, but a summary of some actions completed during this year is below.



- Awarded £55,285 to schemes taking action to address climate change – such as Sustainable South Hams (AM1.4)
- Delivered EV Charging points at Mayors Avenue Dartmouth and Creek Park in Salcombe (AM1.5)



- Secured UK Shared Prosperity funding of £1m for business support and marine industry decarbonisation (TE1.1)
- Secured Government agreement for a Plymouth and South Devon Freeport (TE1.9)



- Commenced delivery of housing at St Anns Chapel (IH1.1)
- Purchased 2 flats for rough sleepers utilising funding from DLUC (IH1.6)



- Awarded section 106 to support community schemes such as village hall improvements in West Alvington, new grounds maintenance equipment for Kingsbridge Cricket Club and a new footpath at South Brent Recreation Ground (CW1.5)
- Developed and delivered a Cost of Living action Plan (CW1.1)



- Supported the making of 2 Neighbourhood Plans (BN1.1)
- Successfully secured Urban Tree Challenge
   Funding to enable more tree planting (BN1.2)



- Enhanced our performance management reporting framework
- Set a balanced budget for 2023/24 (QS1.5)
- Carried out a staff satisfaction survey (QS1.8)
- Agreed Customer Access Principles (QS1.2)



## **Adapting & Mitigating Climate Change and Increasing**

**Biodiversity**Focus Area – Reducing our Carbon Footprint

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
AM1.1	Converting our environmental management vehicles to electric	2023/24	Forecasting vehicle replacement schedule and undertaking analysis of costs to identify any budget pressures.	Feasibility study and Forward Fleet Plan produced by March 2023			
			Upgrades to power to Depot and Follaton House and install electric charging points (cf/ from 2022)	Upgrades progressed by March 2024		£170,000 (Exec 22nd April) Capital Programme contingency reserve)	
			Commence the conversion of our Environmental Management service fleet to an electric fleet (Cf from 2022)	The Council has a full Electric Vehicle Fleet by March 2024 Funding secured	Likely additional officer support needed		
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
AM1.2	Carrying out feasibility studies for renewable energy on our land and buildings	2023/24	Deliver recommended and approved outcomes for Leisure centre schemes	PV for Leisure Centres installed and heat decarbonisation plans produced	New staff requirement / additional support need £ TBC for leisure centre heat decarbonisation	£228,000 secured from Public Sector Low Carbon Skills Fund to produce a heat decarbonisation plan for leisure centres.	



## **Adapting & Mitigating Climate Change and Increasing**

**Biodiversity** Focus Area – Working towards net Zero

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
AM1.3	Explore renewable energy opportunities across the District	2023/24	Commission a study into renewables capacity in district (Cf from 2022 – delayed to align with Devon Carbon Plan activities to explore opportunities)	Study completed by March 2024 –		Core Funding	Western Power Distribution
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
AM1.4	Deliver funding for community projects	2023/24	Member Climate Locality Fund promoted to residents - balance from 2022/23	100% of available funding awarded by March 2024			
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
AM1.5	Adopting an electric vehicle (EV) charging strategy		4 EV installations in Public Car Parks through ORCS (cf from 2022)	4 installations delivered by 31st March 2023		ORCS	Devon County Council
			Adoption of EV Strategy for district (New deliverable)	Strategy adopted by Council by September 2023			
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
\M1.6	A 10% increase in biodiversity on Council land	2023/24	Delivery of new Ground Maintenance specification	Securing 10% increase in biodiversity by 2025			



# Strengthening Community Wellbeing Focus Area – Reducing Health Inequalities and rural poverty

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
CW1.1	Work with partners to pilot new approaches to tackling rural poverty in an area identified as in	2023/24	Delivery of projects with targeted interventions (financial advice / training / jobs fairs / housing advice etc.) Cf from 2022			£22,500	CAB, DCC,
	the most deprived area of South Hams		existing local community groups to support those effected by the cost of living crisis (Action added)	Delivery of specific actions within the Action Plan Greater understanding of the impacts of the cost of living crisis/poverty on rural settings and how the Council can best support its communities.			
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
CW1.2	Delivery of £4m Dartmouth Integrated Health Hub	Action Clo	sed – scheduled for completion April 2023				
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Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
CW1.3	Support more people to live independently for as long as they chose through efficient delivery of housing related grant schemes and housing advice	5 2023/24	Disabled Facility Grants (DFG's), domestic violence and homelessness prevention interventions	DFG PI's, number of domestic violence early interventions, number of homelessness interventions		Better Care Fund allocation	Devon County Council
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
CW1.4	Increase active participation in sport and leisure activities	2023/24	Work with Leisure provider to identify opportunities to increase active participation; identify wider opportunities to increase participation in sport and leisure activities	An agreed plan with key partners identifying opportunities that will increase participation in sport and leisure activities			Fusion Leisure, DCC



Action	Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
CW1.5 Delivery of projects to outdoor public spaces	· ·	funds that support Outdoor Sport and Recreation activities	Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports		£1,038,618.22 as at 09/09/2021 (although note this amount is subject to re-profiling)	various

#### Focus Area – Support the voluntary sector to improve outcomes for our residents

Action	Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
CW1.6 Work with the voluntary sector to plan in how we can work better together in the future, building on the experiences through the pandemic	/	particular focusing on - Support for groups responding to	Planning meeting held and framework for working together agreed			



Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
IH1.1	Deliver local homes for local people that meet their needs	2023/24	West Devon JLP area	Cumulative 300 homes to be delivered by the end of 2023/24  Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports  Agree plan supported by Members Q1 23/24  Autumn 2023		core funding	RP's Developers RP's Developers
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Action IH1.2	Carry out an evidence-led feasibility study for delivery of affordable housing in South Hams	Year 2023/24	Specific Deliverables  Continue to clearly justify the need for the following tenures:  • Affordable Rent  • Social Rent  • Discount Market Sale —  • Shared ownership Private rent  • Self Build  This will support new build opportunities and re-development opportunities as well as supporting neighbourhood Plans and community led initiatives	Measures of Success Feasibility study undertaken	Resources (New) £30,000 to undertake 5 Housing needs surveys a year	Resources (Existing) Existing resource, Neighbourhood planning funding potential use of Capital programme if the council wishes to streamline the process	Neighbourhood planning
Action IH1.3	Continuing to lobby for closing the business rate loophole for second homes	Year Action cl	Specific Deliverables osed – lobbying successful	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners



# **Improving Homes**Focus Area – Housing for People

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
IH1.5	Improve the overall quality of housing with more homes exceeding the minimum energy efficiency standards		Energy efficiency improvements through ECO 4	Maximise spend in area		Existing	

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
IH1.6	Delivery of Homelessness Strategy		Develop Temporary Accommodation reduction strategy (New action)	Strategy developed by March 2024			



Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
TE1.1	Enhancing the coastal areas	2023/24	Development of a coastal businesses ambassador group, with strategically important business representatives, to promote local needs to the LEP, and influence strategy and activity programmes, particularly with a focus on sustainability, including electrification, hydrogen, and coastal resilience (cf from 22/23)	An ambassador group of businesses from within the coastal communities, supported by the local authority			Harbour authorities, Town Councils, SD AONB, HotSW LEP, Env Agency
			Where identified undertake risk assessments with our coastal communities, to ensure longer term sustainability of our coasta economies (c/f from 22/23)	Risk assessments undertaken where Il identified as appropriate			Harbour authorities, Town Councils, SD AONB, HotSW LEP, Env Agency
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
TE1.2	Marketing and advertising of the area	2023/24		Marketing strategy for the District in place	(New) £10,000		Town Councils, Visit Devon, Destination Plymouth, Visit Cornwall, Visit South Devon
Action TE1.3	Development of specific budget for the promotion of the visitor econo	or be deli f	Specific Deliverables closed – merge with TE1.2 – have explored potential for pooled vered	<u> </u>		esources (Existing) o do so. #MyPlace Ca	Key Partners mpaign will continue to



# Stimulating a Thriving Economy Focus Area – Supporting South Hams Towns and Businesses as they prepare for the future

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success		Resources Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.4	Provision of grants for our key towns and advice for businesses	•	action closed – Council stands ready to issue any further schemes.	business grants if Governme	ent launch such schem	es but have concluded th	ne Covid-19 business
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.5	Enhancing Ivybridge as a retail and social destination with a £9m investment	Action Cl	osed – Decision to not proceed				
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.6	All of South Hams main towns will have had the opportunity to update or create a Town Centre plan by 2024	2023/24	Facilitate and support Town Councils, Neighbourhood Plan groups and community representatives to update their current Town Centre Plans or create these where they currently do not exist. Their focus will be upon the practical activities that can be delivered within a town to support and grow their economies	All Towns will have had the opportunity to be supported with a Town Plan			Town Councils Neighbourhood Plan Groups Community Groups
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.7	Develop starter units to provide affordable	2023/24	Delivery of Batson business & Salcombe Harbour workshop units (completion of units c/f from 22/23)	Delivery of five new commercial units			Salcombe Harbour
	employment space and marine facilities		Site analysis to establish a shortlist of potential location for commercial / industrial units. Particular focus on projects which could be exemplar for demonstrating green commercial development and provide opportunities to integrate electric vehicle charging points (cf from 22/23)	·	£10,000 for feasibility study to allow analysis on sites		Commercial Property Agents, Business Support Agencies, Town Councils and Town Partnerships
			Develop business plans and financial forecasting for key sites identified as viable. Identify and pursue funding opportunities where possible	Business Plans & Financial Forecasts for key sites. Potentially development of funding bids	the pursuit of other		Commercial Property Agents, Business Support Agencies, Town Councils
			Supporting the use of existing S106 funds that support economic activities such as starter units, Sparkwell Ecology Park etc.	Schemes delivered as per agreed plans – monitored through S106 reports		£1.6m as at 09/09/2021	Various



### **Stimulating a Thriving Economy**

TE1.11 Support the development of 2023/24 Roll out of projects with organisations such as Devon Agri-

Action)

Tech Alliance to move farming into new sustainable ways of

working and deliver a distribution project to help increase

opportunities for locally produced food and drink to reach local marketplaces, reducing the carbon footprint (New

partnerships and schemes

within the agriculture sector

#### Focus Area – Supporting strategic employment and infrastructure

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.8	Deliver Infrastructure Improvements	2023/24	Support and facilitate DCC in progressing bids / funding applications for Lee Mill / Deep Lane Junction / Voss Farm Junctions - Work with DCC and the LEP to ensure that key infrastructure projects are included within the DCC delivery plans and the LEP infrastructure project pipeline	Inclusion of South Hams focused transport infrastructure improvements on the DCC delivery plan.			Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, LEP, Highways England
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
TE1.9	Support the delivery of a Plymouth and South Devon Freezone	2023/24	Continue to progress plans for Plymouth and South Devon Freeport	OBC and FBC submitted to MHCLG Bids accepted			Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, LEP, Highways England
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources	Key Partners
TE1.10	Invest in land and business to secure employment outcomes	2023/24	Link with the activities of above objectives to identify sites which could become investment opportunities for SH District Council	Sites identified and Council support in investment		(Existing/Approved	)
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved	Key Partners )

Sites identified and

Council support in

investment

UKSPF

Devon Agri-Tech

Alliance



# Protecting, Conserving and Enhancing our Built & Natural Environment

Focus Area – Making the best use of development land, green spaces and coastal places

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
BN1.1	Supporting the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans	2023/24	Undertake a publicity and engagement campaign to encourage Parish Councils to prepare Neighbourhood Plans. Continue assistance to active Neighbourhood Plan Groups.	Assist in the making/review of 4 neighbourhood plans by March 2024		core	Parish and Town Councils
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
BN1.2	Facilitate urban tree planting		Promote existing and new schemes to TAPCs. It successful with UTCF bid, roll out delivery of planting and tree establishment. Facilitate community applications for tree planting on SHDC sites	•	nessarces (new)	nesources (Existing)	External grants/free tree schemes. Member SCLF grants. Urban Tree Challenge Fund.
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
BN1.3	Support schemes that contribute to enhancing the marine environment	2023/24	Conclude delivery of a new Harbour Depot at Salcombe which will enable checking of moorings, ensuring safety and the maintenance of existing walk ashore facilities (cf 22/23)				
	including improving water quality		Deliver schemes to decarbonise including Lower Ferry, Salcombe Water Taxis and Salcombe Harbour (New)	Feasibility studies of local marine activities to support decarbonisation of the local marine economy	F	UKSPF	Salcombe Harbour and Ferry
			Work with the Carbon Trust to deliver a project which will establish the impact / importance of the South Hams Marine Sector , measure the carbon footprint of Salcombe Harbour and the activities taking place there and identify policy levers that will help to reduce this footprint (New action)	A clear understanding of the impact and importance of the marine sector		£15,000 secured from LG Economic Advisor Programme	ACarbon Trust



# Protecting, Conserving and Enhancing our Built & Natural Environment

Focus Area – Making the best use of development land, green spaces and coastal places

Action	Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing)	Key Partners
BN1.4	Close Actio network-m	n – Nature Mapping website now live and continues to bap/	pe updated https://ww	w.devonInp.org.uk/our-	work/nature-recovery-netw	ork/nature-recovery-

#### Focus Area – Celebrating our heritage and protecting it for the future

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	,	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
BN1.5	Commission work leading to delivery of priority cycle routes and a 20 year vision for the cycle network in South Hams	·	Work with partners (Sustrans, DCC and DNP) to develo a unified plan and identify funding to underpin a 20 year vision (cf /22/23) Now delivered through UKSPF – Development and Implementation of Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)	and work		·	Devon County Council, Sustrans, Dartmoor National Park
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
BN1.6	Work to facilitate delivery of broadband connectivity where its needed - supporting digital infrastructure for the future	2023/24	Promote broadband opportunities across South Hams and link to providers	Number of schemes facilita	ated	£18,900 from Business rates admin grant	Broadband providers
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
BN1.7	Commission Conservation Area Appraisals and Plans	2023/24	<u> </u>	Seven appraisals complete March 2024	ed by £23,000 for supp with the CAA's	ort	Devon County Council



# Delivering Quality Council Services Focus Area – Being Digital First

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing) Key Partners
QS1.1	Implementing IT systems that make it easy for customers to access Council Services	2023/24	Launch an Improved website to make it easier for customers to access council services (c/f 22/23)	A website that receives an increasing amount of positive feedback		FIT programme and core £30,000
			Improve working efficiently and effectively  To make best use of the tools we have in place to work more productively, more efficiently and more collaboratively (cf from 22/23- ongoing action)	Reduction of £70,000 to costs as set out in MTFS as a result of efficiencies from our new IT platforms		Core
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing) Key Partners
QS1.2	Develop a strategy setting ou how our customers can acces our services in the future, be that face to face, online or or the phone	S	action completed			

#### Focus Area – Being Inclusive and Accessible

Action Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)	Key Partners
QS1.3 Ask our residents, businesses and partners for their views when developing plans for the area so that they can inform our decision making	Develop a forward plan of consultation and engagement activities for the year	An updated plan for consultation and engagement activities for each key council project and strategy delivery theme			

Action	Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources	Key Partners
					(Existing/Approved)	
QS1.4 Carry out a residents satisfaction survey so that we know how we're doing and can compare our performance to other local authorities		· ·	Residents Satisfaction survey developed and plan in place for carrying out by November 2023			



# **Delivering Quality Council Services**Focus Area – Making the best use of our resources

Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)
QS1.5	Ensure the 2023/24 longer term financial sustainability of the Council	2023/24		An agreed budget aligned to the three year 'Better Lives for All' Strategy		
			<b>5</b>	Consultation response rate with majority support for plans		
		Year				Resources
	Action		Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	(Existing/Approved)
QS1.7	Review our		Deliver further service reviews as informed by data			core
	service areas to 2023/24 ensure that our customers get	2023/24	Continue to implement finding of the Revenues and Benefits Service	Successful and timely service reviews		core
			Review			
	the best possible service	he best	Undertake ongoing review of Operational Services (Localities, Waste and other frontline)			
Action		Year	Specific Deliverables	Measures of Success	Resources (New)	Resources (Existing/Approved)
QS1.8	Manage and support our employees to deliver good	ir s to	Commence delivery of our Organisational Development Plan (new action)	Plan in place and being actively monitored		
			Roll out new appraisal cycle (new action)	Every employee has an active appraisal by May 2023		
	outcomes for our residents and businesses		Employee survey carried out	Carried out by October 2023, showing an improved 'Balance of the Deal'		

# How will we monitor progress?

Good business planning and effective performance management at the Council are strongly linked. Our strategic priorities and plans identify the objectives that we aim to deliver, with our performance management framework providing the mechanism for how we achieve these objectives and how we monitor progress.

Better Lives for All sets out what the Council will be doing over the period 2021 – 2024 to support the wellbeing and prosperity of residents and to deliver efficient council services.

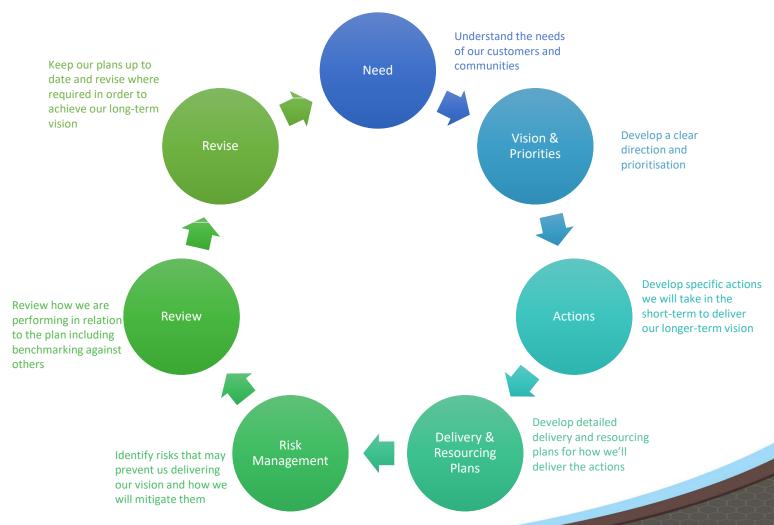
The thematic delivery plans as set out in the document will be embedded across the Council and monitored closely to ensure we deliver.

The following pages set out how we will do that



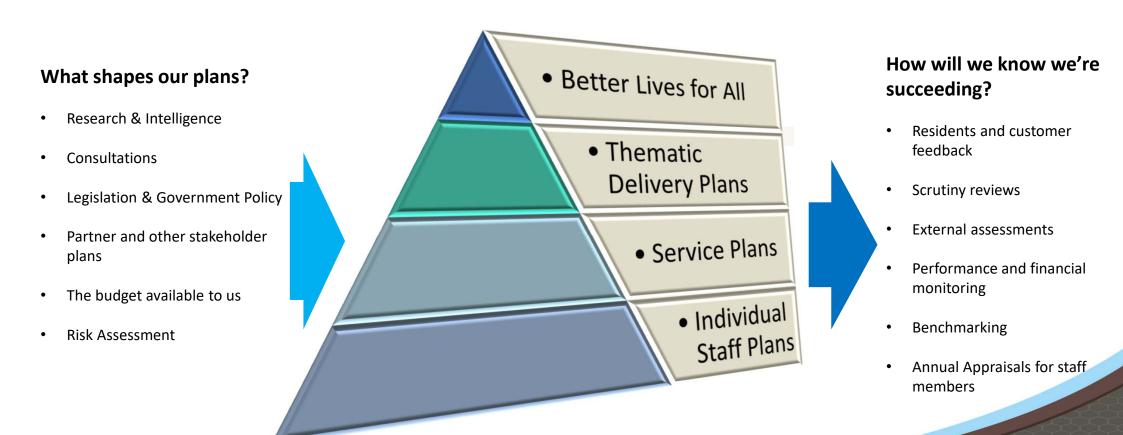
### Performance Management Framework: Key elements

We'll keep our plans relevant and manage delivery of them by ensuring we follow these steps.



### **Performance Management: The Golden Thread**

From Strategic priorities to individual targets



### **Performance Management**

### Roles and Responsibilities

#### Better Lives for All • Thematic **Better Lives for All** Delivery Plans **Thematic Delivery Plans** Contain Service Plans (This document) Longer term vision for Individual the area Plans Contain Our top priorities Contain Detailed plans for how we'll deliver the vision **Individual Plans (Appraisals)** Accountable: Leader, Chief Executive, SLT Resourcing Contain Task and Behavioural objectives Accountable: Executive Individual performance measures Member and Officer Theme Accountable: Head of Service Lead Accountable: Individual **Annual Appraisal Cycle Regular Service Monthly Progress updates** Quarterly SLT & Exec **Performance Discussions** in Pentana / Schedule of **Review Meetings** with HoS and Teams Regular 1:1's Updates to Exec/O&S