



Craven District Council Council Plan 2015 – 2018

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Council Plan 2015/2018

Welcome to the Council Plan 2015 – 2018.

The Plan explains the Council's future priorities for improving the services it offers Craven's communities and their residents. It spans three years but is reviewed annually to reflect any changes in and additions to our priorities over that period.

The Council believes the priorities and actions set out in the plan will have the most positive impact upon the lives of residents, and those who work in or visit Craven. We will of course continue to deliver the many other services we provide that are not featured as part of our priorities set out in the Plan.

Richard Foster
Council Leader

Over the last five years the Council has successfully managed budget cuts by finding significant savings which has reduced the net cost of services to Craven taxpayers from £3.53 a week in 2008/09 to just £x a week 2015/16.*

The delivery of the Council Plan is vital in meeting more demanding government targets and balancing our budget in the face of continued cuts in Government funding. If we succeed Council taxpayers will benefit even more. Your Council hopes you will support its Members and staff in their efforts to bring about the required changes.



Paul Shevlin
Chief Executive

(above subject to final approval by the Leader and Chief Exec)

Our Vision

'The Council's vision is for Craven to be a prosperous place with strong, vibrant and diverse communities'

Our Priorities

Enterprising Craven

Greener Craven

Working with Communities

Financial Resilience

COUNCIL PRIORITY – ENTERPRISING CRAVEN

What we will do

Determine future land allocations for housing and employment across the District outside the National Park and secure affordable homes

- Adopt the Local Plan to determine sites for future development and protection
Milestones
July 2015 - Commence consultation of Second Draft Local Plan
November 2015 - Produce the final Local Plan
- Sustain economic growth through housing development
Milestones
October 2015 - Submit Growth Deal round 3 bid to secure investment to deliver infrastructure in support of housing development

Supporting business growth across Craven

- Improve the economic vitality of Craven's market towns and villages by implementing a range of initiatives to make them more attractive as places to live, work, visit and do business
Milestones
June 2015 - Start investigation into options for WiFi in our market towns
September 2015 - Agree action plan for Ingleton
September 2015 - Agree action plan for Cross Hills
- Develop the South Skipton Employment Zone
Milestones
October 2015 - Agree designs for Engine Shed Lane upgrade
January 2016 - Commence scoping and designing phase for future use of land adjacent to Ings Lane and Engine Shed Lane
- Work with the Threshfield Quarry Partnership to redevelop Threshfield Quarry
Milestone
June 2015 - Complete Master Plan feasibility study
- Development of Station Road, High Bentham to enable business growth **(new for 15/18 plan)**
Milestone
June 2015 - Complete designs and specifications for the scheme
October 2015 - Complete application for submission to Round 3 of the Local Growth Deal
- Work with partners to prepare a plan for the development of Settle and Giggleswick **(new for 15/18 plan)**
Milestone
June 2015 - Agree scope of plan
October 2015 - Commence master plan for employment sites in Settle

Improve infrastructure throughout the District

- Roll out broadband across Craven as a partner in the Superfast North Yorkshire project
Milestone
May 2015 - Launch of superfast broadband service in Ingleton
March 2016 - Report to Members on the implications following announcement of the Phase 3 delivery schedule
March 2016 - Promote superfast broadband services to residents and businesses
- Work with local communities to regenerate and revitalise the stretch of the Leeds Liverpool Canal Corridor within Craven
Milestones
June 2015 - Report to Members for approval for the Leeds Liverpool Canal Access Development Plan
- Work with partners to deliver the Skipton Flood Alleviation Scheme
Milestones
April 2015 - Confirmation regarding success of Growth Deal Round 2 bid
April 2015 onwards - Provide support and monitoring progress on implementation of the Skipton Flood Alleviation Scheme
- Work with partners to develop Transport Plan for South Craven **(new for 15/18 plan)**
Milestone
June 2015 - Stakeholder agreement to commission feasibility work to establish infrastructure needs

COUNCIL PRIORITY – GREENER CRAVEN**What we will do****Improve the quality of life and make Craven's public spaces cleaner, safer and greener (new for 15/18 plan)**

- Review the Council's Cleaner Neighbourhoods Strategy

Milestones

June 2015 - Present Strategy to Members for approval

Work to reduce energy consumption across Council operations

- Implement the Climate Change Business Plan 2013 – 2016

Milestones

TBA - milestones to follow

- Install energy efficient and renewable technologies within Council owned buildings to reduce the Council's carbon emissions

Milestones

September 2015 - Install an energy efficient heating system into Skipton Town Hall

Work to reduce waste and increase recycling levels within the District

- Promote the Council's commercial recycling scheme

Milestones

May 2015 - Complete review of existing Commercial Waste charging framework

TBA - Development and approval of marketing plan

September 2015 onwards - Implement Commercial Waste Marketing Plan

COUNCIL PRIORITY – WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES**What we will do****Support local citizens to become more actively involved in their communities**

- Provide support for community based groups such as Friends of Aireville Park to undertake initiatives aimed at improving their local community

Milestones

September 2015 - Deliver the skatepark and bmx track in Aireville Park

- Work with partners to deliver the Tour De France Legacy Strategy

Milestones

TBA - To be agreed as per legacy strategy

Date TBA - Facilitate the Skipton Town Centre cycle race as part of a week-long Skipton Festival

Improve the opportunities available to residents of Greatwood and Horse Close, South Skipton

- Work with partners to fund a specialist to tackle the causes of deprivation, improve the life chances of young people and the quality of life for residents living on Greatwood and Horse Close, South Skipton

Milestones

TBA - Cascade learning from South Skipton project

TBA - additional milestones to follow

Increase partner and community involvement in service delivery

- Work with community organisations who receive core funding from the Council to reduce their reliance on core funding, ensure they continue to be financially viable and explore opportunities for them to deliver Council services

Milestones

TBA - additional milestone outlining action to help them reduce reliance on core funding to follow

September 2015 - Report to Members regarding process and options for funding

COUNCIL PRIORITY – FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

What we will do

Ensure the Council remains financially sustainable and has robust arrangements in place for securing value for money

- Continue to address the Council's financial pressures resulting from cuts in government funding

Milestones

August 2015 - Undertake a review of the Long Term Financial Strategy

September 2015 - Report to Members for approval of Long Term Financial Strategy

September 2015 - Produce an Annual Report outlining the Council's progress and achievement

September 2015 - Undertake a detailed budget consultation exercise with residents and stakeholders (subject to Member agreement)

December 2015 - Complete review of the 3 year Medium Term Plan

February 2016 - Report detailed 3 year Medium Term Plan (budget) to Members for approval

- Improve resilience and generate additional income streams **(new for 15/18 plan)**

Milestones

May 2015 - Seek approval to commence Build to Rent project

July 2015 - Produce an Income Strategy for the Council

October 2015 - Report to Members on expressions of interest received for strategic partnership opportunities

- Implement the Customer Access Strategy to improve access to Council services **(new for 15/18 plan)**

Milestones

September 2015 - Present Strategy to Members for approval

September 2015 onwards - Implement strategy (subject to approval by Members)

Implement major projects in the Asset Management Plan to support the achievement of value for money

- Implement the agreed plan for the improvement of Skipton Waste Management Depot

Milestones

December 2015 - Present options appraisal for site to Members for approval

January 2016 onwards - Implement agreed option subject to approval by Members

- Implement the business plan to restore Skipton Town Hall as a sustainable and vibrant community venue

Milestones

April 2015 - Report to Members for approval of the proposed application for Heritage Lottery Funding

April 2015 - Complete construction of new entrance and lift

April 2015 - First commercial occupants to commence tenancy

May 2015 - Submit funding application to Heritage Lottery Fund (subject to approval by Members)

September 2015 - Receive Heritage Lottery Fund decision on whether funding application has been successful to move to application development phase

March 2016 - Commercial areas of Town Hall to be fully let



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