

Appendix A - Progress towards achieving our Top Tasks (2016/17 Q3)

Priority 1: Provide high quality services at the lowest possible cost to Council Taxpayers			
Task	Status	Progress	Assigned to
Implement the 2020 Vision to deliver savings of £1.65m per annum by 2020	On Target	<p>The first tranche of services transferred into the Partnership on the 1st April 2016 under a Joint Committee arrangement; and in the following September, the Cabinets and Councils of the partner councils agreed to move from this arrangement to a company model.</p> <p>The name of the three new companies will be Publica, and preparation work including legal documentation and agreements based on governance are being drafted. It is anticipated that the local authority companies will be registered by April 2017, and will deliver services for the partner Councils from the Autumn.</p>	David Neudegg
Implement the new shared Public Protection service by the end of 2016	Achieved	<p>The Shared Public Protection Project has been completed and the new Environmental and Regulatory Services (ERS) Group went 'live' in August. The benefits outlined in the business case have been achieved, including £845k (35.5%) of efficiency savings. Overall, the key priorities in the service delivery plan are on track to be delivered.</p> <p>The Shared Public Protection Project was officially closed down at its Board meeting in January 2017.</p>	Bill Oddy
Improve buildings and asset utilisation to deliver revenue savings by working with key partners to the public and voluntary sector by the end of March 2018	On Target	<p>We are continuing to seek tenants for the vacant areas of the South Wing at Trinity Road, in particular organisations which might provide additional benefits to customers or the community. So far, we have let vacant space to Jobcentre Plus, Cotswold Counselling and Gloucestershire Carers.</p> <p>The remaining vacant space was recently marketed and we are continuing to liaise with interested parties.</p>	Christine Cushway/Frank Wilson

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Priority 2: Protect and enhance the local environment whilst supporting economic growth			
Task	Status	Progress	Assigned to
Submit the Local Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for examination by Autumn 2016	Slightly behind target	<p>The Local Plan has progressed to the submission draft stage, and the Community Infrastructure Levy is at the draft charging schedule stage. The Council intends to submit the Community Infrastructure Levy alongside the Local Plan for a joint examination.</p> <p>Following the six week public consultation on the Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy in the summer, Forward Planning Officers identified a number of modifications (known as 'Focused Changes') that need to be made. In October, Cabinet approved the recommendation to undertake a six week consultation on the Focused Changes, and append the resulting changes to the Plan before submission, as the most efficient route.</p> <p>Public consultation on the Focused Changes document commenced on 16th January, and included drop in sessions at Trinity Road and Moreton-in-Marsh. The target date for adoption in 2017, is unchanged.</p>	Philippa Lowe
Assess future car parking demands in Cirencester by the end of 2016, and start to deliver solutions to meet those needs, including a scheme to increase car parking based on the Waterloo, Memorial Hospital and Old Station sites by the end of March 2017	On Target	<p>Pre-application advice has been obtained for the demolition of the Old Memorial Hospital to create additional spaces prior to any longer term site development, and on the decking of the Waterloo car park to significantly increase parking capacity. Officers will now start to prepare full applications. In January, the Parking Demand Project Board agreed to recommend to Cabinet that the Waterloo car park be developed to provide decked car parking, and a report will be submitted to Cabinet and Council in February.</p> <p>We are also progressing schemes to deliver additional parking in the short to medium term.</p>	Claire Locke

Priority 2: Protect and enhance the local environment whilst supporting economic growth			
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Deliver initiatives to reduce waste to landfill and increase recycling, for example by improving the amount of composting of food waste, to help meet the Council's target by the end of March 2017	On Target	<p>During Q3, we promoted recycling in Cotswold News, with a particular focus on household waste generated at Christmas time for example, Christmas tree recycling, food waste, and encouraging the public to consider how the products they purchase are packaged.</p> <p>Following a review of bring banks in 2015/16, six additional bring banks for textiles and two bring banks for cartons have now been installed throughout the District. Some bring banks for glass and cardboard have been removed as these materials are collected at the kerb-side.</p>	Claire Locke
Deliver the Local Plan Strategies including progressing a new strategic development site and associated infrastructure in Cirencester, to support housing and employment needs in the area	On Target	<p>Supporting preparation work for this top task includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are awaiting details of regulations regarding the Housing and Planning Act which will impact on delivery of affordable housing and starter homes; the Housing White Paper 2017 is expected shortly which will provide a new direction for housing policy nationally, and is anticipated to include key changes to the Starter Homes Policy; • To support the Local Plan and the Council's economic objectives, an Economic Development Plan has been prepared in consultation with the Local Enterprise Partnership, and contains findings, options and recommendations. This work, including engagement with local businesses to gain an understanding of their needs will help to support delivery of new employment sites and safeguarding existing employment sites which are key objectives in the emerging Local Plan; • The Council validated an outline application for the Chesterton site, the only large strategic site identified in the emerging Local Plan. The timetable is being revised, and will be presented to full Council for approval in due course. 	Philippa Lowe

Priority 3: Champion issues which are important to local people and that will enable them to benefit from good health and well being

Task	Status	Progress	Assigned to
Work with developers to deliver the comprehensive redevelopment of the Brewery Court scheme in Cirencester during 2017	Behind target	We are continuing to work with developers to finalise the legal agreements for the transaction to cover the disposal of the Council land as part of the site assembly and secure the completion of the development works. However, it is unlikely that the scheme will be completed during 2017 but subject to finalising details it is possible that work commences on site during this period.	Christine Cushway/Frank Wilson
Deliver a minimum of 150 affordable homes each year for the next two years (starting 2016/17)	Ahead of target	<p>We have delivered almost 200 affordable homes so far in 2016/17.</p> <p>In Q3, seventy-one affordable rented and low cost home ownership properties were completed, including homes for individuals and families in Kemble, Fairford, Bourton-on-the-Water and South Cerney; the first homes on Berrington Mill Nurseries site in Chipping Campden; shared ownership two bedroom bungalows in Mickleton; discount sale homes in Moreton in Marsh, Lechlade and Tetbury and the final 'Rent to Buy' homes in Lechlade.</p>	Anne Powell
Work with Fastershire and BDUK to improve the roll out of high speed broadband to all parts of the District , including hard to reach areas by the end of this Strategy	On Target	<p>High speed broadband has already been delivered to over 14,000 premises during the roll out of Phase 1, and is expected to reach another 6,500 homes and businesses during Phase 2 rollout.</p> <p>The Broadband party met with Fastershire in January to explore the timing and extent of the current roll out and future procurements. Procurements for Phase 2 are coming to a close, and the roll out is expected to be completed by December 2018, providing high speed broadband coverage to 97% of the Cotswolds, one of the best in the country. Once the contracts for this latest phase are let, we can determine those premises which will not be included and establish a plan for how best to serve the 1500 premises which would not otherwise be covered until the end of 2019.</p> <p>Councillors on the broadband working party were concerned that we should ensure that new development has the appropriate broadband infrastructure built in and where possible conditioned as part of the planning process.</p>	Frank Wilson