

Key Service Objectives

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A Allotments

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| 1. | To ensure the provision of allotments in a safe and enhancing environment and seek opportunities for additional sites | X | X | X | X |
| 2. | To maintain a good working relationship and dialogue with Allotment Associations | | | | X |

B Cemeteries

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| 1. | To provide burial facilities in a professional and sympathetic manner | | | X | |
| 2. | To keep and maintain burial registers | | | X | |

C Civic Ceremonial

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| 1. | To support and sustain all aspects of the Civic life of the Town through the office of the Town Mayor of Banbury and support and promote the role of the Town Mayor within the local community. | X | | | |
| 2. | To organise key events in the Civic Calendar | X | X | | |
| 3. | To foster good inter-community relations and friendship | | X | | |
| 4. | To preserve the Civic regalia of the town and ensure its continued availability for use at Civic events and accessibility as exhibits at the Banbury Museum when not in use by the Council | X | | | |
| 5. | To promote an appreciation of Banbury's history and foster civic pride | X | | | |

D Corporate Governance

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| 1. | To ensure effective administrative management of the Council's activities and resources | | | X | |
| 2. | To ensure that the Council is promoted and publicised. | X | | X | |

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- 3. To respond to all contact made with the Town Council offices in a courteous, helpful, timely and effective way. X
- 4. To ensure that Councillors comply with the Council's Code of Conduct X

E Democratic Representation

- 1. To provide a democratic representational body for the town that can and will fight to attract and retain local services for our local community. X
- 2. To develop a dialogue with County and District Council's and other Agencies for an enhanced role for the Town Council X
- 3. To act as a link between the Community and other key agencies through the appointment of representatives to the key partnership bodies X
- 4. To make use of opportunities to disseminate information to a wider audience via the Council Web site, Annual Report, newsletters and press releases X X X
- 5. To act as an advocate on behalf of the community of Banbury X

F Finance & Risk

- 1. To prepare an Annual Budget to meet all financial liabilities in the year X X X X
- 2. To maintain a stable and healthy financial position, underpinned by sound financial management, by ensuring that the long-term financial burden upon residents is kept as low as possible, whilst recognising the need to adequately resource the range of services provided to benefit the community. X X
- 3. To ensure effective stewardship of funds, transparency in all its dealings and accountability to the public for its financial actions by regularly reporting to Members the financial position of the Council and providing information on income and expenditure X

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4. To set down Treasury Management practices in a Policy which is reviewed annually and which seeks the optimum balance between liquidity, stability and return, spreading risk where possible

X

G Grant Aid

1. To assist local organisations, through the provision of grant aid, to achieve their aims and objectives, where these benefit the Town and the local community and are aligned to the Council's own objectives

X

X

2. To promote the vitality and vibrancy of the town by supporting the establishment of new groups and activities through providing "pump priming" grant aid

X

X

3. To seek to attract funding from local and national organisations to benefit local services

X

X

H Parks & Open Spaces

1. To provide and maintain high standard outdoor recreational areas that cater for the residents of Banbury

X

X

X

2. To provide a Park Ranger service to offer advice and assistance to park users and repair and maintain park furniture and play equipment

X

3. To oversee the Council's Grounds Maintenance contract and pro-actively manage the Council's tree stock

X

X

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X

4. To work in partnership with other local bodies and organisations, ensuring effective information sharing where required

X

I Planning

1. To contribute to the development of the Local Plan

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X

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| 2. | To seek to respond to all applications within the timescales for consultation agreed with the Planning Authority | X | X | | |
| 3. | To seek high standards of planning, design and build for Banbury | | X | | |
| 4. | To seek to preserve buildings that reflect the historic character and built heritage of the town and monitor applications within Banbury's Conservation Areas to ensure appropriate and sympathetic development | | X | | |
| 5. | To co-ordinate the Built Heritage Working Party and the Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee | | | | X |
| 6. | To manage and maintain the Council's stock of Bus Shelters and consider the need for new provision within budget parameters and following consultation with local residents regarding the siting of bus shelters. | | | X | X |
| 7. | To respond to consultations on transport ,highways and strategic matters | | | | X |

J Town Centre Management

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| 1. | To co-ordinate the Town Centre Partnership, working with external partners and organisations to create a distinctive, safe and welcoming town centre | | X | | X |
| 2. | To encourage and support developments which contribute the vitality and vibrancy of the town's day and night time economies for both residents and visitors | | X | X | X |

K Town Events

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|----|--|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | To offer a varied programme of town events to enhance and enrich the activities and entertainments on offer to residents and visitors alike | X | X | X | X |
| 2. | To seek to attract sponsorship from the business community to minimise the Council subsidy for these events, which should aim wherever possible to be self-financing | | X | | X |

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L Town Hall

1.	To provide and promote meeting rooms at a competitive cost to non-commercial hirers and local organisations, helping to ensure the availability of accessible and affordable community premises for hire so that a greater range of activities can take place locally		X		X
2.	To receive income from commercial hirers to generate income for the Council and help offset the cost of letting rooms to non-commercial hirers			X	
3.	To keep the building in good repair and decoration		X		
4.	To promote the Town Hall		X		X