



**Broxtowe
Borough
COUNCIL**

Corporate Plan Progress

Our vision

A greener, safer, healthier Borough, where everyone prospers.

HOUSING - A good quality home for everyone

Build more houses, more quickly on under used or derelict land.

- Buybacks – 8 council house buy backs have taken place and two more are in the pipeline. The Council is actively looking for former RTB properties to buy back.
- Oakfield Road – a contract has been awarded for the building work for the construction of 5 flats at Oakfield Road, Stapleford for ex-service personnel
- Other sites on Council owned land - circa 19 homes –Work has been undertaken to produce viable schemes for these sites and a combined online/postal consultation survey took place last year with local residents, affected people and ward members
- Bramcote Crematorium - The Council is working with a local house builder to build 35 new rented homes on an allocated housing site west of Coventry Lane, Bramcote. An outline planning application received approval at planning committee in November, 180 units of accommodation will be built on the scheme. The proposed purchase of the affordable housing will be subject to committee approval in due course.
- Planning permission was secured for 132 units of accommodation on land the council owned in central Beeston and this land has now been sold to a developer.

Invest to ensure our homes are safe and more energy efficient.

- A New housing strategy approved, giving a fresh agenda for progress in housing – in particular we are looking to ensure that the carbon emissions of all our council homes is reduced through environmental improvement work
- Themes of a new asset management strategy have been approved. This includes ensuring health and safety for our council house tenants is a top priority

Prevent homelessness and help people to be financially secure and independent.

- The Council distributed £532,474 to support those having difficulty paying their Council Tax. Due to the fact that Broxtowe already have a Council Tax Support scheme of a maximum 100% eligibility, means we were able to support those of working age with an additional amount of up to £300.

- Rent arrears remain top quartile performance compared with peers without any evictions thanks to additional work with our tenants to ensure they get the benefits they are entitled to and can sustain their tenancy.
- The number of units of accommodation available in the Borough to house homeless people was increased to 16
- The independent living stock review commenced being implemented, with the purpose of changing the designation of some independent living properties to make them available to general needs tenants or homeless people.
- The council's participation in the "Everyone in" initiative ensured 12 rough sleepers were offered accommodation and supported to move on to permanent accommodation.
- 180 tenant referrals were made to our financial inclusion service to enable support to be granted.

ENVIRONMENT – Protect the environment for the future

Develop plans to reduce the Borough's carbon emissions to net zero by 2027 and start implementing them.

- A new Climate change strategy was created and a 15 strand programme approved which is in process of being delivered. Updates on each of the themes continue to be reported to the Environment and Climate Change committee
- A new community engagement programme has been launched involving students and residents. Over 600 families signed up to "Go Green" challenge
- A new air quality action plan was approved with ambitious new proposals to continue to improve the quality of the air people breathe in Broxtowe.

Invest in our parks and open spaces.

- Dovecote Park: we were successful in applying for an award of £73,500 together with £47,250 from the Council's own resources and £5,000 from United Living to enable a complete refurbishment of the play area with new rubber surfacing and a wide range of equipment for all ages in line with the findings from the public consultation. The new equipment has now been ordered and work is expected to start in March
- Swiney Way refurbishment of the play area completed.
- Tree planting progressed with new trees being planted at various parks and green spaces throughout the borough. Notable schemes include:
 - ◆ New hedgerow tree planting at Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston
 - ◆ Hall om Wong, Kimberley
 - ◆ New avenues of trees on Field Lane, Chilwell and Melbourne Road, Stapleford
 - ◆ Buckingham Way Open Space, Watnall
 - ◆ Working with a group of local volunteers, new planting in the woodland at the bottom of Ghost House Lane, Chilwell is due to take place. The existing trees on the site are over 150 years old and now is the time to add some supplementary planting. The plan is to name this little area of open space "Ghost House Lane Pocket Park" and restore the woodland to a more natural, wildlife friendly state. An information panel will be installed with the history of Ghost House Lane and how it got its name.

All these trees count towards the Council's commitment to planting 2,500 new trees in the borough each year as part of the Climate Change and Green Futures Programme.

Increase recycling and composting.

- Refuse and recycling collections continued despite the pandemic. More people than ever are now recycling glass and green waste.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – A safe place for everyone

Work with partners to reduce knife crime.

- A new Knife crime action plan was approved
- A new partnership action plan for Stapleford was devised and approved with over 50 actions to improve community safety including knife crime rates in the area.

Work with partners to reduce domestic abuse and support survivors.

- The council continued to implement its white ribbon action plan and a multi-agency event was held on white ribbon day attended by the CEO of the white ribbon organisation. The white ribbon accreditation has been retained.
- A new Sanctuary policy was approved and this helps to ensure people who are at risk of domestic violence can have security enhancements to their homes to keep them safe

Reduce anti-social behaviour.

- Six PSPOs were consolidated into one new Order which covers the existing six areas, and an additional two areas – Beeston Cemetery and Carwood Road and Markham Road Beeston were added to the areas protected by the order.
- A new ASB action plan was approved and is being implemented
- A Public Spaces Protection Order(PSPO) in order to control nuisance from gatherings of motor vehicles at and around Tinsley Road Bridge, Eastwood was approved.
- A new Children and young people's action plan was approved
- All our CCTV cameras are in the process of being reviewed to ensure the system remains efficient and effective in preventing and reducing crime

BUSINESS GROWTH - Invest in our towns and our people

Complete the redevelopment of Beeston Town Centre.

- Beeston cinema was constructed on time and within budget.
- 93% of all available food and beverage outlets associated with the new cinema are at letting agreement legal discussion stage.
- New public realm has been created as a setting for the new development in Beeston
- Plans for new public toilets have been approved for development in Beeston

Undertake town investment schemes in Eastwood, Kimberley and Stapleford.

- Stapleford Towns fund bid was submitted and approved in the 2021/22 financial year. Major projects include a cycle super highway; a new business and office co-

working space with outdoor market; new sports pavilion; skills outreach initiative to adults and young people feasibility work for new skills academy, a COVID recovery investment plan and traffic management plan;

- Funding was gained from D2N2 LEP for two new industrial units at Mushroom Farm in the North of Broxtowe
- Stapleford business hub is completed
- £28.9m was distributed in business grants to support the local business community during the pandemic.

Support skills development, apprenticeships, training opportunities and wellbeing in our workforce

- Our apprenticeship strategy sets a target for us to have 11 apprentices in training with the Council over the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2021. We currently have 11 apprentices. Our Human Resources apprentice became a Young Apprentice Ambassador and has now become a full time HR officer. She is an example of progression through the system.
- We continue to provide work experience for school and college students and disabled people under the Disability Confident Scheme and made a submission to become a “Disability confident leader” which is the highest status under the scheme.

HEALTH - Support people to live well

Promote active and healthy lifestyles in every area of Broxtowe.

- We Launched an online directory on our website to signpost people to how they can have a healthier lifestyle
- “Les Mills” classes were available through LLeisure throughout the period of the pandemic to encourage people to keep active during the lockdown periods when leisure Centre’s were closed. Thanks to prudent management only a relatively small financial loss was sustained during the year, a remarkable result.
- Our parks and open spaces have been open to the public for leisure purposes during the pandemic. The Council made a significant contribution towards Notts Wildlife Trust’s campaign to buy the freehold of Attenborough nature reserve, enabling the Trust to secure the long term future of the site

Come up with plans to renew our leisure facilities in Broxtowe.

- New leisure facilities strategy agreed and a task and finish group set up to identify more detailed plans for new leisure Centre’s in Broxtowe

Support people to live well with dementia and support those who are lonely or have mental health issues.

- 2 dementia friendly bungalows were built in Beeston
- The dementia action plan was refreshed and updated
- Council assisted in funding of the Eastwood Mental Health hub.
- A New mental health action plan was approved.
- A mental health action plan for employees was approved and a new newsletter created to support good mental health in the workforce

- Over 10,000 extremely vulnerable people were written to during the pandemic enquiring if they needed help and support and signposting them to the availability of assistance and thousands of extremely vulnerable people were telephoned as part of our response to COVID pandemic and assistance was offered
- £74,000 in grant funding was distributed to voluntary and mutual aid organizations to support them in meeting the needs of older, housebound, vulnerable or disabled people
- £63,434 in discretionary funding was distributed to voluntary organization businesses to assist them in maintaining operation during the pandemic
- Activities officers in housing won national recognition for the excellent work they do with older tenants in Broxtowe