

## Appendix 3: Rutland - High quality of life in vibrant communities

### Our Vision for a Stronger Rutland:

**We will work for the residents of Rutland and use our resources wisely to protect and enhance our unique environment, create more homes and jobs for our residents, and ensure everyone can live well and safely together.**

### What does this mean?

We are proud of Rutland. It is a remarkable place to live and work with thriving and vibrant local communities. We want to ensure that as the County grows that we cherish and sustain the characteristics that make Rutland special:

- Rural and sparsely populated
- A healthy and safe place to live and bring up families
- With high quality learning and employment opportunities
- A growing population and businesses supported by the right infrastructure - roads, transport, utilities, schools, access to healthcare, leisure
- A rich heritage within our built environment, A wide range of cultural and leisure activities to exercise the mind and body
- The vulnerable are assisted, safe and protected from risk and harm

We recognise that we have to deliver high quality services for our community and that our community is able to trust that we will deliver on our commitments. We will:

- Work with a clear focus on our customers - working hard to meet their expectations but taking the tough decisions in the best interests of the County as a whole
- Acknowledging that we must deliver services within the constraints of the resources available to us
- Transforming service delivery to reflect the changing world around us which will include a move towards a "Digital First" approach.
- Making access to services easier and quicker for residents and more cost effective.

### What it means to be a Rural County

Rural economies are facing significant opportunities and challenges with cuts to our income from central government, requirements to contribute locally to meet the national housing need, an ageing population across the County, the growth of commuting over longer distances, and suburbanisation, all make this an ideal time for the Rutland to set out its vision for the County and to give a clear steer to deal with the challenges and seize the opportunities facing rural communities and economies. This Corporate Plan will do this and while it sets out a series of Strategic Aims, these are a blueprint for the work required to build a Rutland fit for the future.

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### Our Priority Themes

In order to deliver our vision of High quality of life in vibrant communities we have identified the following Priority Themes:

- Delivering sustainable development
- Vibrant communities
- Protecting the vulnerable
- Customer focussed services

Priority Theme	Strategic Aim – what we are trying to achieve
<b>1. Delivering sustainable development</b>	1.1 Develop a 50 year vision for Rutland by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2020
	1.2 Support the delivery of high quality employment opportunities
	1.3 Provide homes that young families can afford
	1.4 Improve broadband and mobile services
	1.5 Ensure that development is supported by services, facilities and transport infrastructure
	1.6 Adopt a sound Local Plan to deliver a minimum of 160 homes each year
	1.7 Develop an Environmental policy to meet Rutland’s needs and meet the challenge of climate change
<b>2. Vibrant Communities</b>	2.1 Protect, maintain, enhance and conserve what makes Rutland great
	2.2 Improve access for children and young people to ‘be engaged out of school
	2.3 Explore the opportunities for new and improved cultural and leisure opportunities for Rutland
	2.4 Make our roads safer
	2.5 Champion additional primary health care for our communities
	2.6 To provide an inclusive and high quality education for all our students and to support the expansion of our schools to meet future need.
<b>3. Protecting the Vulnerable</b>	3.1 Improve services that care for our Children protect them from risk and harm
	3.2 Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable adults
<b>4. Customer focussed services</b>	4.1 Develop and implement a new Customer Services Strategy
	4.2 Develop customer responsive systems
	4.3 Develop a sustainable Medium Term Financial Plan to support service delivery
	4.4 Enhance digital access to services - Launch ‘My account’