Draft Council Plan 2020-2023 – How we've responded to what people told us

What people told us needed to improve	Strategic Priority	What we're proposing to do
 Empty and poor shop offer in town centre Better employment / business opportunities More community activities / events Valuing of education at all levels 	Growing a diverse economy by supporting businesses, increasing jobs, attracting inward investment and improving skills and aspirations.	 Deliver a strategy for reshaping and developing our town centre as a safe and exciting place to shop, live, visit and work. Provide secure, effective support and investment to enable new and emerging businesses to be sustained and to thrive. Increase the number of businesses who can benefit from high quality business and incubator space. Deliver a first class events and festivals programme that attracts visitors from across the region and country.
 Street cleaning / litter problems Improve Policing Crime and anti-social behaviour issues More play areas and children's activities Improved recycling education and offer Protect beaches and seas better Awareness / education on pollution and the environment Roads and infrastructure - Parking issues Better employment / business opportunities 	Creating a clean, green, and safe Hartlepool by protecting our environment and improving our neighbourhoods.	 Strengthen our approach to enforcement action on litter, dog fouling and illegal car parking. Deliver a play sites investment programme. Invest in our neighbourhoods and strengthen the local retail offer. Deliver a joined up and targeted response to tackling anti-social behaviour and improving community safety. Take action to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and mitigate the impact of climate change locally.

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 Public transport issues across the town lack of evening buses, difficulty getting to the hospital without a car, poor public transport in parts of the town e.g. the Headland Empty / derelict buildings Roads and infrastructure - Parking issues Issues with footpaths / kerbs 	Create an attractive and connected Hartlepool by attracting investment to improve key buildings, derelict land and our transport network.	 Complete the renovation of Church Street and Church Square including improvements to shop fronts, Shades and the Christchurch Art Gallery. Invest in our transport and the local road network including the Elwick bypass. Take effective enforcement action in relation to derelict buildings and land. Work with the Combined Authority to improve public sector transport and footpaths and cycleways.
 Concerns around health offer (including lack of hospital services) – no A&E, better & easier access services including mental health and drug and alcohol Drugs issues across the town Improve leisure facilities Improve library offer Population health – prevention work Access to information – about what's going on, what's available e.g. career paths, sporting organisations etc Poverty Crime and anti-social behaviour issues 	Developing a healthy Hartlepool by working with our communities to improve the health and wellbeing of our people.	 Build modern 21st century sport and leisure facilities. Increase the Community Hub offer to ensure that people can access information, advice and support and be signposted to services that benefit their wellbeing. Deliver programmes that support people with long term conditions including Cardio Vascular disease, cancer, muscular skeletal conditions, neurophysiological conditions and diabetes to improve their wellbeing and be more physically active. Provide a new clinically integrated drugs and alcohol service with a greater emphasis on prevention and developing strong links with primary and secondary care. Deliver a multi-agency programme of targeted initiatives to improve the health and wellbeing of people living in our most deprived neighbourhoods and wards with highest levels of need. Deliver a multiagency approach to obesity across Hartlepool linking council, health and third sector partners. Develop a standardised approach to provide stop smoking services using a community based approach with partners across Hartlepool. Work with General Practice to increase the uptake of screening and health checks to reduce late presentation. Implement a public health approach to reducing violent crime.

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 Problems with secondary education Valuing of education at all levels Poverty Population health – prevention work Improved youth services / activities 	Building better beginnings and better futures for our children and young people.	 Implement a Borough wide approach to improving early language skills in the first 1001 days. Establish an Education Improvement Board to encourage schools to collaborate and improve education outcomes for children and young people in primary, secondary and tertiary education. Deliver initiatives in partnership with schools to ensure 14 and 19 year olds achieve the best education outcomes possible and can progress to higher skills pathways and Higher Education. Provide effective challenge and support to schools to ensure they achieve good inspection outcomes. Develop and deliver a new model to support school transitions to improve pupil readiness for learning. Improve the alternative education and cultural offer at CECA and remove barriers that prevent schools from accessing this resource. Work with health visitors and school nurses to support children identified as obese or overweight and to promote breast feeding. Deliver 'Fill the Holiday Gap' schemes to promote health eating and cooking skills.
Improve housing provision – more social / affordable housing, homelessness support	Building and improving homes that people want to live in.	 Working with private sector housebuilders and registered providers to grow the housing stock in Hartlepool. Work in partnership with private sector housebuilders and registered providers to increase the number of affordable homes. Increase the number of Council houses in Hartlepool by designing, building and acquiring our own houses. Adopt a multi-agency approach in the Oxford Road area to tackle issues of crime, anti-social behaviour, street cleansing, building maintenance and vacant properties. Take effective action to tackle poor housing standards and anti-social behaviour in private sector housing.

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General communication from the Council	Shaping a well-led, safe, high performing and efficient council that is fit for the 21st Century.	Provide effective communication to our residents and work with partners to promote Hartlepool regionally and nationally as a vibrant, welcoming and inspiring place to live, work, invest and grow up in.