

OUR FIVE YEAR PLAN PROGRESS SUMMARY

How are we doing?

We're only three months in to our five year plan but here's a snapshot of our progress this quarter



1. Building stronger and healthier communities



Delivered 16 affordable homes and returned seven empty homes back into use - as part of our 2020 target for 400 affordable homes and 250 empty homes back into use by 2020, and including work with partners on Right to Buy and Starter Homes



Nearly 100,000 visits to our leisure centres including use by key groups ie, low income, over 50s, people with disabilities, children and young people, and women and girls - as part of our target to increase use by 15%



Delivered four out of ten sport and health activities including Sportivate activities such as dance and trampolining



'Self harm' theatre production delivered to 1,355 year 7-11 pupils from all five of the district's high schools within the quarter - well over our target of 500 for the year



Volunteering forum held in April, with 30 organisations attending - contributing to our objective to support and promote volunteering



Launching our first community recognition awards in December - with innovative categories to enter

Malvern Hills Community Sports Awards 2016



2. Driving economic prosperity and growth



31 business start ups supported this quarter - as part of our 2020 target to support 300 through growth programmes



Relocating UTC Aerospace into Phase 4 of the Malvern Hills Science Park has created vacancies in 15 units across 3 phases, with three units already having been re-let to new tenants and planning consent for the next phase given - as part of our target to create 200 new jobs at the Science Park



Groundworks for ESP underway and a roadway for its new premises at Blackmore Park with approval for the disposal of two plots for new business development at Tenbury Business Park - as part of our action to achieve business growth in these two parks



Seven new apprenticeships directly created to date - to help achieve our action for 50 each year



Ten summer placements confirmed already - as part of our action on creating more school and work placements to help young people develop skills in the workplace



Worcestershire Innovation Programme (WINN) has been launched to provide proactive support for businesses to innovate across Worcestershire - as part of our action to help businesses grow here



Working with the Malvern Festival of Innovation through a professional PR contract - to help it achieve the national profile our action sets out



Making progress on lobbying for the Carrington Bridge and our ambitious target to secure 90% of homes and businesses on superfast broadband



Improved our council website and contact information online, but yet to go live with the new planning website - as part of our action to reduce costs of face to face and phone contact through self-serve



More to be done to support the next generation of mobile phone signals across the district eg through planning

3. Making the most of our superb environment



400 residents completed the Priory Park consultation to offer design ideas to improve play provision in the park - as part of our action to achieve Green Flag Status by 2018



Working with developers involved in the key development sites, including the urban extensions, to ensure we achieve our target of £10m investment in open space provision by 2021



Six walks in the Teme Valley have been developed and tested by local stakeholders, with leaflets developed in partnership with Worcester University - as part of our action to improve the marketing of our district and increase visitor numbers



Three Counties Showground presented to the council on its future plans and discussions are underway - as part of our action to set out a new plan to improve facilities and events at the Showground further



Work is progressing on signage and designs for our action to deliver the Route to the Hills Programme for better links between the town and the hills



Community water gauge installed at Dick Brook, with 11 properties and 18 category one responding organisations now signed up to the early warning system - as part of our action to implement early warning systems in problem sites



More to be done to set out the specific actions we are taking to deliver our action to protect, enhance and promote our natural and built heritage; our action to lobby for flood defences across the district and our action to maintain all high risk watercourses