

Council Meeting 08 June 2021

Strategy 2020-2025 Review Report

1. Introduction

The Council's Strategy for the 5 years (2020-2025) was developed, approved, and publicised in 2019. The Strategy should be kept under review and Councillors were invited to carry out a review over recent months.

2. Report

No fundamental review comments have been made and only a few suggested changes have been noted. It has also been suggested that we record activities identified in the plan that have been completed or are currently in progress.

Suggestions include expanding working with other organisations and incorporating health & wellbeing good practice. It is considered that that these excellent suggestions are more in keeping with HOW we work in practice and not the actual strategy of the Council, although they could be referred to in any future re-write within the Five Key Objectives.

Work in progress or completed (referred to in the Strategy) include:

- Improvements in the Village Centre & progress with the Community Hub that incorporates the Council's Library and the café
- Woodland development of pathways, a community supported sensory garden together with other continuous developments
- The construction of the Wetland top Walk pathway utilising funds obtained from HS2 to create, among other things, a safer route to school (due to complete September 2021)
- Street Lighting replacement programme is completed supplying modern, low maintenance lighting at a much reduced cost
- Improvements to the Ryfields play area
- Clearance of the River Cherwell culvert beneath the Woodland utilising grant funds from the now defunct Northamptonshire County Council
- Developing the community led litter picking scheme to encourage families to participate

3. Financial Implications

There are no additional commitments.

4. Recommendations & Decisions Required

Councillors are asked to approve this review and to agree that the Strategy document does not need re-issuing at this stage. Progress should be reported via the WOW and the Signpost website.

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Chairman