

# Corporate Plan and LGA Peer Challenge Update

**Corporate Scrutiny**  
**25 June 2024**

**Tamworth**  
Borough Council

# Position

- Current corporate plan period ends on 31 March 2025
- Council's vision needs to be created in line with the medium-term financial strategy (MTFS) to ensure viability and deliverability
- Will run from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2030
- Emerging plan developing through ongoing stakeholder engagement – full consultation plan will be discussed on 18 July at Cabinet

# TAMWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL VISION

'Tamworth – celebrating our heritage, creating a better future'

## 1. THE ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Enforcement and education with regard to litter and fly-tipping
- ▶ Development of infrastructure for acting on Climate Change
- ▶ Support more people to recycle and to reduce waste
- ▶ Working with partners to protect, maintain and improve the green space offer

## 3. INFRASTRUCTURE

- ▶ Review Local Plan to improve the transport links within Tamworth
- ▶ Improve existing walkways and cycling routes
- ▶ Ensure more people can access council services digitally/digital enhancement with partners and within Council housing stock

## 2. THE ECONOMY

- ▶ Development of business initiatives to promote start up and growth
- ▶ Support business growth to generate employment opportunities by working with businesses
- ▶ Provision of good quality and affordable housing
- ▶ Improve tourism in terms of good access to information for visitors to help local businesses and Tamworth as a destination as a whole, maximise and improve the quality of the visitor experience

## 4. LIVING IN TAMWORTH

- ▶ Ensure adequate supply of affordable housing through the Local Plan review
- ▶ Investment in Neighbourhood and Place environment
- ▶ Through our Economic Development team, we will support job creation and business retention and expansion through interventions and advice, and seek to protect the local economy where we can influence this.
- ▶ Improve and promote Tamworth's historic and cultural assets and events
- ▶ Community Safety focus on neighbourhoods and place
- ▶ Working with partners to ensure the fear of crime within Tamworth is reduced

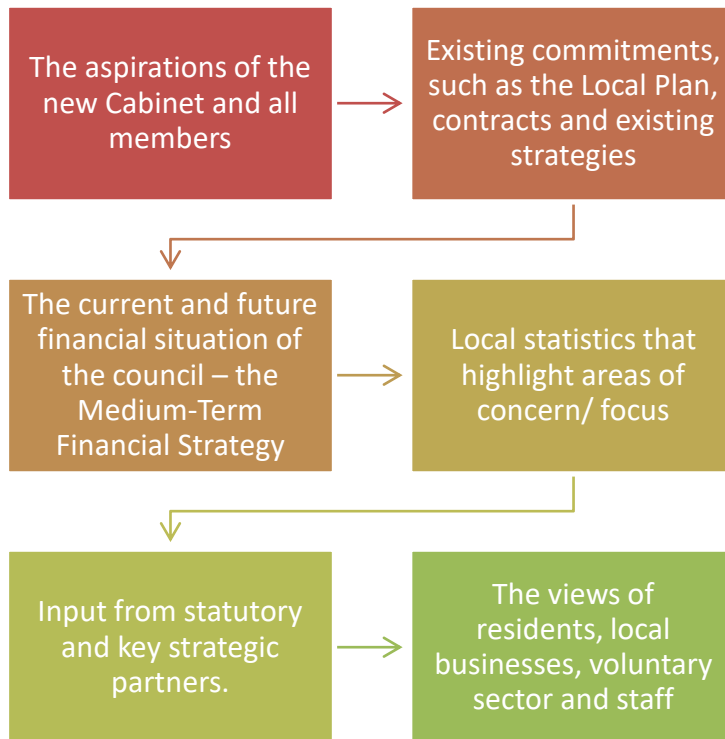
## 5. TOWN CENTRE

- ▶ Continue to develop street market and extend supporting events around the market to add vibrancy within the town centre
- ▶ Create a branding scheme for "Created in Tamworth"
- ▶ Provide the infrastructure to improve evening and night time economy
- ▶ Embrace Tamworth's history and culture so as to build a sense of local pride and support our children's education and understanding of the significant part Tamworth played in British history
- ▶ Continue to promote all outdoor events
- ▶ Development of a new Tamworth Enterprise Centre as part of the structural transformation of the town centre
- ▶ Make the town centre more accessible
- ▶ Provide the environment where the leisure and food offer can grow and flourish
- ▶ Working with others seek to improve the night-time transport offer to support the overall night-time economy

Outgoing plan priorities

# Sources for development

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# Emerging Strategic Priorities



**Council:** Creating a caring, co-operative, innovative and data driven council that is structured to deliver effective services



**Prosperity:** Growth in local economy, investment in areas that support financial stability and balanced budgets, holding contractors to account



**Place Shaping:** All communities feel safe, cared for and can be proud of their area, including our vibrant town centre



**Environment:** Roadmap to achieving net-zero, environmentally friendly and sustainable assets and enhancing biodiversity



**Wellbeing:** Residents live long, healthy lives in housing that meets their needs, and we support the most vulnerable

# Co-creation

What	When
Facilitated discussion, engagement and collaboration events held with key stakeholders	25 to 27 June
Corporate Scrutiny	Tuesday 25 June
Corporate Plan Workshop – Corporate Management Team and HOS	Thursday 27 June
ELT Approve final draft corporate plan / public consultation process and workshop content for Staff Conference	Wednesday 3 July

# Key consultees

- Police and FARS
- Faith Leaders
- Staffs CC and District Partners
- UKSPF Board
- College and schools
- Residents, Staff and Members
- Local businesses
- Voluntary sector including groups and charities

# Consultation & Engagement

What	When
Staff Conference and Corporate Plan priorities workshop	8 and 9 July
Cabinet set out consultation plan and approve draft plan for consultation	18 July
ELT Consult with public and stakeholders on provisional Corporate Plan priorities and objectives	Commences 19 July to 18 August
Consider responses to Consultation	19 to 30 August
Policy change/budget process commences	September/ October



# Final Approval

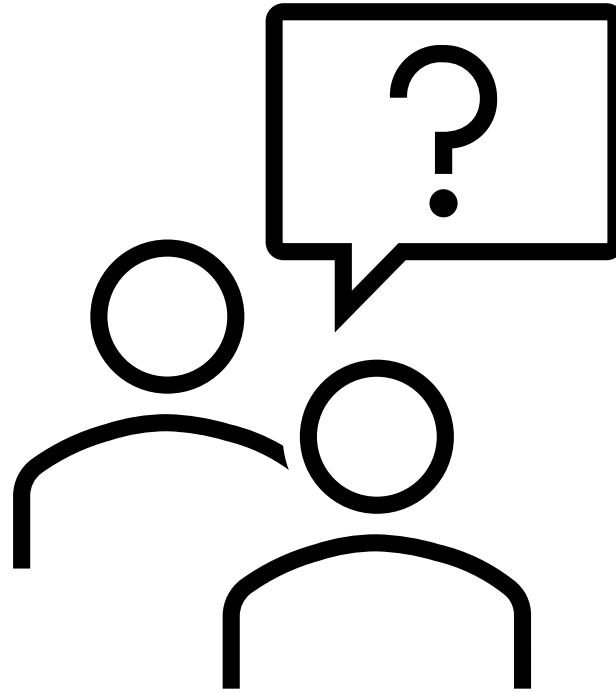
What	When
Cabinet approval of Corporate Plan priorities and ambitions/ objectives together with budget and MTFS	23 January 2025
Council approval of Corporate Plan priorities and ambitions/ objectives together with budget and MTFS	25 February 2025
Council approval of Corporate Plan actions and Corporate Performance Scorecard	25 March 2025



Tamworth Corporate Plan  
2025 to 2030

*Building a better Tamworth*

Any questions, comments or observations?



# Corporate Peer Challenge 29 - 31 October 2024

# Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC)

- A voluntary process conducted by peers
- Key part of the LGA's new [improvement and assurance framework](#) for local government
- Sector-led improvement (SLI) to support continuous improvement and assurance
- Recognised as assisting councils to meet their [Best Value duty](#)
- Provides assurance both of the performance of its services and corporate governance
- The LGA encourages all councils to have a Corporate Peer Challenge every five years and to publish their reports online
- Last one for Tamworth was 2013

# CPC Elements

Five core elements:

- Local priorities and outcomes
- Organisational and place leadership
- Governance and culture
- Financial planning and management
- Capacity for improvement

Councils can also request input on specific areas:

- How the council can make best use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) including emerging technologies to support innovation and the delivery of corporate objectives.

# Information required

- Position statement from the Council – highlighting current state and plans
- Supporting documents – including strategies and plans, Annual Governance Statement, relevant reports
- [LG Inform](#) Performance data
- LGA Financial briefing

# Impact of the CPC

- Resource intensive in the few weeks leading up and after the report is published
- Much data to collate and prepare for the review team
- A lot to pack in the 3-day challenge and key officers will need to be involved – and many members will be asked too!
- Responses must be delivered on time and publication deadlines hit
- Action plan must be robust and resourced in response to the recommendations
- Will need to ensure some provision in budget planning process



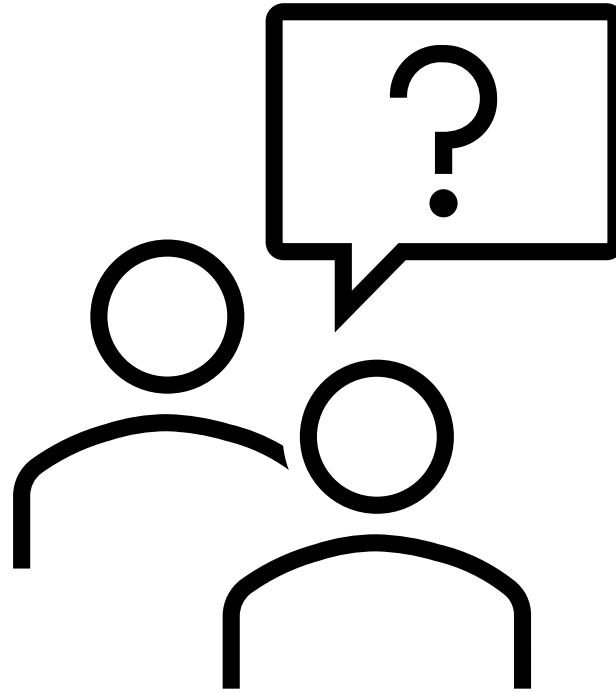
# Timeline – pre visit

Date	Action
27 June 2024	Cabinet approval of timeline
TBA July/August	Scoping Meeting with the LGA
31 August 2024	Data and Information Pack prepared including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position statement from the Council</li> <li>• Supporting documents</li> <li>• LG Inform Performance data</li> <li>• LGA Financial briefing</li> </ul>
September/ October 2024	Pre-engagement with the council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observation of <a href="#">Council meetings</a></li> <li>• Engagement with Chief Executive and Leader of the Council</li> </ul>
Week commencing 14 October 2024	Peer Team Briefing
29 to 31 October 2024	Corporate Peer Challenge visit

# Timeline – post visit

Date	Action
30 November 2024	Draft Report
31 January 2025	Deadline for TBC to publish CPC Report and Action Plan if available (Cabinet 23 January 2025)
31 March 2025	Final Deadline for TBC to publish Action Plan (Cabinet 27 March 2025)
31 August 2025	Progress review session with Chief Executive and Leader of the Council
31 October 2025	Final Report and Findings published by TBC and LGA

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