

ASPIRATIONS FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND

Town Council Action Plan

A WEALTHIER BISHOP AUCKLAND

- a vibrant and thriving town that provides opportunities for businesses, training, and employment. A place where people realise and maximise their potential.

Aim	Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
W1. Regeneration of the Town Centre	1. Continue to work within established partnerships, e.g. Brighter Bishop Auckland, Heritage Action Zone, Bishop Auckland Town Team and with Durham County Council, Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP, The Auckland Project and Kynren, and will seek new partners wherever appropriate and practical to positively influence regeneration of the town centre.	⌚⌚⌚ £	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2. Continue to deliver current events that increase footfall in the town centre. (Horticulture and Produce Show, Christmas event)	⌚⌚⌚ ££	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3. Continue to help fund events provided by partner organisations that increase footfall in the town centre. (Food Festival, Summertime Activities, 1940's event)	⌚ ££	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4. Deliver and / or contribute where possible and practical to new events and initiatives to increase footfall in the town centre	⌚⌚⌚ £	Medium Priority			
	5. Administer Community Toilet Scheme	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
	6. Consider introduction of Town Cryer	⌚ £	Low Priority			
	7. Introduction of community WiFi in the town Centre	⌚ £	High Priority			
W2. To promote the availability and accessibility of apprenticeships and training for local people	8. Use membership of the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP's Employment, Enterprise and Training Task Group to positively influence outcomes for Bishop Auckland.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓

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W3. To influence development within Bishop Auckland	9 Respond to consultations that develop planning policies, eg Durham County Plan, Sustainable Transport Plan.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
	10. Consider each planning application affecting the town on its merits and make appropriate comments to Durham County Council (the Planning Authority) that seeks to achieve maximum benefit to Bishop Auckland and its residents, businesses and visitors.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
	11. Highlight relevant consultations, including planning applications, affecting the town on the Town Council's website.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
W4. To influence decisions over transport and parking	12. Comment appropriately on issues during the development of Bishop Auckland Masterplan, and further town centre plans, so that decisions affecting transport and parking have maximum benefit to Bishop Auckland and its residents, businesses and visitors.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
	13. Lobby for free parking within the Town Centre.	⌚	High Priority			

A BETTER FOR BISHOP AUCKLAND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- A place where children and young people realise and maximise their potential, make healthy choices and have the best start in life.

Aim	Proposed Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
CYP1. Support development of young people	14. Consider the creation of a fund to provide each secondary school with a grant of £2,000 to support a student led project that supports the development of young people. (Menu of suitable projects / topics may be developed)	⌚⌚ £	High Priority			
	15. Create a Youth Forum to engage with young people about the issues that are important to young people.	⌚ £	Low Priority			
CYP2. Tackle child poverty and disadvantage	16. Contribute financial support to Citizens Advice Durham (Bishop Auckland)	£	✓	✓	✓	✓
	17. Tackle child poverty and disadvantage in areas of deprivation by working with established organisations	⌚ £	High Priority			
	18. Investigate options for the creation of a fund aimed at alleviating child poverty in the town. (Possible winter/warm clothing, school uniform fund).	⌚ £	High Priority			
	19. Consider establishing a policy so that at least a proportion of the funds raised by the Mayor during his/her term of office contributes to a fund set up to tackle disadvantage within the town (possible link to 17 above)	⌚	Mayor's charity to continue to be nominated at the Mayor discretion			

A HEALTHIER BISHOP AUCKLAND

- A place where people make healthy choices, live long and happy lives.

Aim	Proposed Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
H1 Support and promote healthy lifestyles, healthy eating and exercise	20. Continue to provide and manage allotments	⌚⌚⌚ ££	✓	✓	✓	✓
	21. Continue to provide a Community Fund to support groups providing benefit to local residents	⌚⌚⌚ £	✓	✓	✓	✓
	22. Continue to provide lighting for town rec skatepark	⌚ £	✓	✓	✓	✓
	23. Support operation Aries to tackle underage drinking, drugs and substance abuse	⌚	High Priority			
	24. Contribute to initiatives that promote healthy eating, such as 'Little Chef, Big Chef'.	⌚ £	Medium Priority			
H2. Improve social wellbeing, sense of belonging and social inclusion	25. Continue to deliver current events that increase footfall in the town centre. (Horticulture and Produce Show, Christmas event). (See 2 above)	⌚⌚⌚ ££	✓	✓	✓	✓
	26. Continue to help fund events provided by partner organisations that increase footfall in the town centre. (Food Festival, Summertime Activities, 1940's event). (See 3 above)	⌚ ££	✓	✓	✓	✓
	27. Deliver and / or contribute where possible and practical to new events and initiatives to increase footfall in the town centre. (See 4 above)	⌚⌚⌚ £	Medium Priority			
	28. Highlight relevant consultations, including planning applications, affecting the town on the Town Council's website.	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓
H3. Improve health provision	29. Actively engage in consultations regarding reviews of health provision that affects Bishop Auckland	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓

A SAFER BISHOP AUCKLAND

- A safe place to live, work and visit.

Aim	Proposed Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
S1 Support social inclusion and diversity	30. Celebrate social inclusion and identity	⌚ £	High Priority			
	31. Engage with Young People's Forum to identify and debate issues that are important to young people. (see 14 above)	⌚ £	Low Priority			
S2. Support Neighbourhood Policing	32. Consider contribution to purchase of Neighbourhood Police Car for use within the Bishop Auckland and Shildon AAP area	⌚ £	Low Priority			
S3. Reduce crime / anti-social behaviour	33. Consider contribution to youth crime prevention initiatives such as 'Prison Me! No Way!' (possible link to 13/14 above)	⌚ £	Medium Priority			
	34. Promote Selective Licensing Scheme	⌚	High Priority			
S4. ??	35. Leaflet of helpful services / contacts??	⌚ £	Low Priority			
S5. Transport	36. Engage with Durham County Council (Highways) regarding the operation of traffic lights in the town centre.	⌚	Delete from Plan			

GREENER

A clean and attractive place to live, work and visit. A place that makes the most of its natural environment and built heritage.

Aim	Proposed Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
G1. Tackle issues of littering, dog fouling and fly tipping	37. Work with agencies such as Durham County Council to help tackle environmental issues. (e.g. funding of enhanced Neighbourhood Warden provision)	⌚⌚ £££	High Priority			
	38. Support Civic Pride initiatives	⌚ £	Medium Priority			
	39. Seek innovative solutions to tackle littering and dog fouling.	⌚ £	High Priority			
	40. Provision of free dog bags	⌚ £	✓	Discontinue		
G2. Protect green areas in the town	41. Consider each planning application affecting the town on its merits and make appropriate comments to Durham County Council (the Planning Authority) where necessary to protect green spaces from development.	⌚ £	High Priority			
G3. Enhance environment, green spaces, flowerbeds etc	42. Work with Durham County Council (Clean and Green) and other established organisations wherever possible and practical to enhance our green spaces	⌚ £	✓	✓	✓	✓
	43. Continue to provide hanging baskets in town centre.	£	✓	✓	✓	✓
G4. Protect the environment from damage to air quality caused by traffic congestion	44. Promote sustainable transport initiatives	⌚	High Priority			

OVERARCHING

Aim	Proposed Actions	Resources Required (pa)	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
O1. Enhance democratic representation	45. Seek boundary changes so that Etherley Moor and Etherley Dene are included in BATC area	⌚	High Priority			