

Report No.1

Report to Town Council 9th July 2013

Objectives for Malmesbury Town Council

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To invite the members of the Town Council to formally adopt corporate objectives to direct the work of the Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 A Report on Collaborative Working was presented to the Malmesbury Town Council on 28th May 2013 by Cllr Budgen. This paper invited Council to acknowledge and support the delivery of ten objectives.
- 2.2 The Minutes of that meeting report that "Discussion ensued about other objectives to be added to include highways, road safety, care of the elderly and to develop an inclusive council. It was RESOLVED that the Town Mayor would develop the document and arrange for further discussion and dissemination to the Standing Committees to assist them in prioritising activity.
- 2.3 This document includes additional objectives to total 16 common objectives for Malmesbury Town Council.

3. Town Council Objectives

1. **Collaboration:** We will work collaboratively as a team in a mature and respectful manner.
2. **Community Advice Hub:** We will create a Community Advice Hub.
3. **Council Tax:** We will not sanction unnecessary council tax rises.
4. **Disenfranchised:** We will reach out to those who feel unconnected with the Council.
5. **Economy:** We will support local retailers and businesses.
6. **Elderly:** We will reach out to elderly people and take account of their issues.
7. **Emergency Planning:** We will support improved Emergency Planning.
8. **Families:** We will reach out to families and take account of their issues.
9. **Highways:** We will tackle problems including the state of roads and pavements, road and pedestrian safety, parking, speeding and oversized lorries.
10. **Neighbourhood Plan:** We will build a strong Neighbourhood Plan.
11. **Openness:** We will improve the openness and transparency of the Council.
12. **Partners:** We will build strong relationships with our government, civic and community partners.

13. **Public Conveniences:** We will improve access to the town's public conveniences.
14. **Town Hall:** We will make the Town Hall more affordable for community hire.
15. **Town Promotion:** We will promote the town widely and emphasise our proximity to the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
16. **Young People:** We will encourage young people to engage with the Town Council.

4. Financial Implications and risks

- 4.1 The existing budget may need to be reviewed to ensure resources are directed to the agreed objectives.

5. Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that:-

1. Councillors consider these sixteen objectives and how they can be advanced.
2. The Mayor will seek opportunities to promote informal discussion amongst Councillors on these objectives.
3. Each Standing Committee is to consider its role in achieving these objectives and present a prioritised action plan to an early meeting of the Town Council.

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2nd July 2013