



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Cabinet

19 September 2024

Vision 2032 – “Annual Review”

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Wards Affected:	All Wards	
Key Decision:	Key	
Forward Plan:	Yes – 9 August 2024	
Report considered by:	SMT – 20 August 2024 Business Briefing – 5 September 2024 Cabinet – 19 September 2024	

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

- 1.1 That Cabinet acknowledge the progress made specifically by Telford & Wrekin Council delivering “Vision 2032”, the ten-year vision for the borough, as set out in the “annual review”.
- 1.2 That Cabinet approve the proposed timescale to report progress on delivery of Vision 2032 with partners following the strategic partnership meeting being held in November.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To present an annual review of the Council’s delivery of the ten-year borough plan ‘Vision 2032’. A further report will be provided in the New Year documenting the progress made by all our partners who have a major part to play in helping to realise delivery of the Vision.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 To plan for the next ten years, Vision 2032 was developed to describe what the borough would be like to live-in in 2032 presenting a clear ambition and direction of travel for the borough. It was developed through:
- wide ranging engagement with residents;
 - analysis of data about our communities and economy; and,
 - collaboration with key strategic partners.
- 3.2 In recognising some of the key challenges facing the borough, the fundamental goal of the vision is **“to build a more inclusive borough”** through four ambitions.
- All neighbourhoods are connected, safe and clean;
 - Everyone is able to live a healthy, independent life;
 - Everyone benefits from good education and can fulfil their potential in a thriving economy; and,
 - The environment is protected for the benefit of everyone.
- 3.3 Against each ambition the Vision describes the ambitions and aspirations for what will be achieved by 2032.
- 3.4 Delivery of the Vision is driven through a partnership of key strategic organisations which meet three times each year to evaluate progress in delivering the Vision and to identify new or emerging challenges and opportunities. The key partners are:
- Harper Adams University
 - Job Centre Plus
 - NHS Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
 - NHS Shropshire Community Health Trust
 - NHS Shropshire Telford & Wrekin ICS
 - Prison & Probation Service
 - Education & School representatives
 - Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service
 - Telford & Wrekin Council
 - Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council
 - Telford Business Board
 - Telford College
 - West Mercia Police
 - Youth Offending Service

4.0 Summary of main proposals

- 4.1 To demonstrate progress delivering Vision 2032 by the Council, an annual review has been developed (Appendix A) which shows what has been delivered against each ambition. This includes:
- Being the first council in the West Midlands to be judged outstanding in successive inspections by OFSTED for Children’s Social Care Services illustrating that we have continued to put young people in the borough at the heart of everything we do and ensuring that all children are safeguarded.
 - The introduction of Family Hubs, one stop centres where families can get free information, guidance and support around a variety of services, has resulted in

the reduction in referrals into safeguarding and statutory services with more families accessing the right help at an earlier time.

- Leveraging and investing £70m to further develop Oakengates and Wellington Town Centres and the exciting development at Station Quarter in the Town Centre which has seen ‘The Quad’ open this month a state-of-the-art skills and innovation hub accommodating Telford College, Harper Adams University.
- Investing over £65m to support further growth initiatives bringing new jobs to the borough. The funding has helped to delivery new industrial units at T54 and new businesses at both Hortonwood West and Ni Park in Newport.
- Launched 6 new bus routes which now carry over 300,000 passengers since its inception enabling better access to work school and leisure by bus.
- Tripling the availability of 5G network and roll out of Super-Fast Broadband making T&W one of the best-connected Towns in England.
- Providing a financial support through a variety of welfare support schemes including the household support fund, discretionary housing payments, emergency welfare assistance and council tax hardship fund, with over 37,600 people received awards from these schemes over the last 2 years.
- Investing £1.17m for Environmental improvements and enhancements into our parks, local nature reserves and green guarantee sites. This has resulted in the planting of 11,664 trees and creation of 32 new wildflower areas.
- Brought 322 long term empty properties back into use since the vision was launched.
- Through our Safer & Stronger communities investment we have seen reports of ASB drop by over 30% in the 12 neighbourhoods identified for investment.

4.2 Although the document focuses on each ambition for the Vision, it is worth noting that many outcomes are cross-cutting across all ambitions.

5.0 Council Priorities

5.1 Vision 2032 will drive implementation of all of the Council’s priorities:

- Every child, young person and adult lives well in their community
- Everyone benefits from a thriving economy
- All neighbourhoods are a great place to live
- The natural environment is protected, and the Council is taking a leading role in tackling the climate emergency
- A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 Vision 2032 provides a longer term plan for the Borough and being collaborative closely aligns with the Council’s aim to Protect, Care and Invest to Create a Better Borough and the Council’s Priorities. The Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), approved in February 2024, is the financial expression of our priorities and

includes resources to support the achievement of the Vision for the Borough, including the council investments detailed in the annual review at Appendix A.

6.2 Nationally, Council’s continue to face extreme financial challenges and the funding outlook is uncertain. Through its MTFs the Council optimises the use of revenue and capital resources to achieve the best outcomes for the Borough, seeking external funding and working with partner organisations to deliver the Vision 2032 something the council cannot do on its own.

7.0 Legal and HR Implications

7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The report details the basis upon which the Vision has been realised and its aims. The Vision sits alongside the Council Plan and is complimentary to it. As a partnership document, seeking to bring stakeholders from the Borough together, the document itself is not in response to a statutory duty, but where necessary, legal advice will be provided on an ongoing basis

8.0 Ward Implications

8.1 This report has borough wide impact

9.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

9.1 The vision articulates a clear ambition to address long-term health, social and economic challenges in the borough.

10.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

10.1 The vision articulates a clear ambition to enhance equality and diversity “to create a more inclusive borough”.

11.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications

11.1 The vision articulates a clear ambition to address the climate emergency, protect the environment and to create a more sustainable community and economy.

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 Telford and Wrekin 2032: Developing a new 10 year vision for the borough, Cabinet, 14 July 2022.

12.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Telford & Wrekin Council Vision Annual Review

13.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Legal Services	14/08/2024	15/08/2024	AL
Finance	14/08/2024	15/08/2024	PH