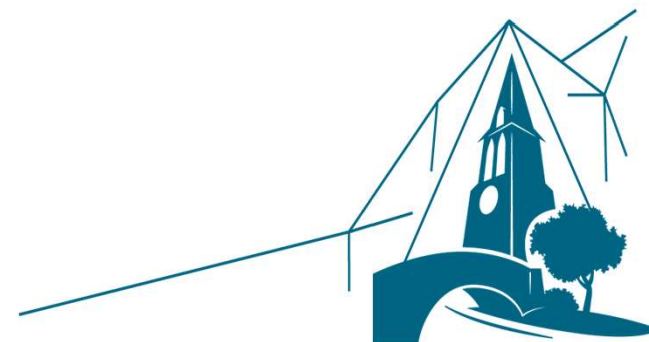




Harborough District Council's Community Wellbeing Plan 2026- 2028

Preparing our Communities for the Future



Introduction

Harborough District council alongside other councils in Leicestershire are facing local government reorganisation from 2028.



Legacy planning will ensure that benefits continue beyond the initial implementation phase, with ongoing community stewardship and support for the future, whatever the local government landscape might be.

We have produced this Community Wellbeing Plan to support our communities to be in the best possible position to take an active part of the future of public services.

Cabinet members of Harborough District Council have formulated 5 key pillars for delivery over the life time of the administration to strengthen local communities, these include:



5 Pillars for Community Wellbeing



IMPROVING COMMUNITY ASSETS

Support communities to take the lead in shaping their places—through initiatives like community asset transfers—so that local people can decide how best to use and care for the spaces that matter to them.

Key Activities

Complete conditions survey on all HDC assets and develop actions to improve where necessary.

Work with local parish councils and community groups to transfer assets where appropriate (including sustainable land trusts)

Develop a funding process to support communities and parishes to develop their local offer.

Continue to develop grant surgeries to build and support local community groups



SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Ensure young resident has a voice in shaping Harborough's future—enabling all individuals and communities to thrive, feel heard, and be proud of where they live.

Key Activities

Continue to develop, support and grow the youth council

Revise the Youth Opportunity Plan with the Youth Council to develop long term outcomes for young people.

Continue to deliver the Economic Development strategy "people" section which looks specifically at upskilling of young people.



DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Design inclusive, accessible open spaces that promote physical and mental wellbeing, while empowering communities to engage in building a greener, more sustainable future

Key Activities

Progress the Market Harborough rewilding project. Continue to develop HDC green assets from rewilding areas to support the Nature and Climate emergency plan to refurbishment of play areas as necessary.

Review the councils policy on MANCO's and investigate ways of transferring assets where appropriate.



AFFORDABLE HOMES

Commit to creating mixed, vibrant neighbourhoods where everyone—regardless of income or background—can afford a safe, secure, and high-quality home.

Key Activities

Continue to work with Partners, such as Register Social Landlords to provide affordable homes within the district.

Continue to identify alternative solutions to private B&B accommodation for temporary accommodations



INVEST AND SUPPORT COUNCILS PEOPLE ASSETS

Work with our staff to make the council an efficient and effective council providing best value with well trained staff and modern services

Key Activities

Develop a management training programme
Deliver the Transformation framework

Climate and Nature Emergency and reductions in CO2 to meet Net zero 2030 target

Maximisation of internal and external grants and funding

Fit for the Future Transformation & Change Action plan

What is Community Wellbeing ?



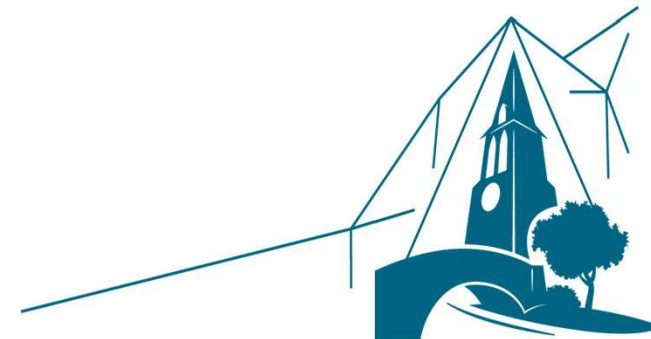
Community wellbeing refers to the overall quality of life experienced by people living in a particular area, shaped by a combination of social, economic, environmental, and cultural factors.

It goes beyond individual health to include how connected, supported, and safe people feel in their communities.

Why It Matters

When community wellbeing is high, people are more likely to:

- Live longer, healthier lives
- Feel happier and more fulfilled
- Be resilient in the face of challenges
- Contribute positively to society



Factors that affect our Community Wellbeing



Environment & Sustainability

How do we value our natural environment and man-made heritage? How can we interact with the environment in a sustainable way?



Values, Culture & Meaning

What is needed to ensure that everyone in Harborough District feels, and actually is, included and valued and that our different values and cultures are respected and matured?



Participation, Democracy & Good Governance

What is necessary to ensure that our local government structures support the wellbeing of communities in Harborough District. How do we ensure that residents have a voice in the decisions that affect them, and that all voices are being heard?



Health (Physical & Mental health)



How can all residents of Harborough District enjoy the best possible physical and mental health?

Economy & Resources



How can residents thrive economically, with good jobs, and support for enterprise, business and for people not in work?

Social & Community Development



How can we ensure that communities are inclusive across Harborough District and that we support each other?



Our Vision



To create thriving, inclusive, and resilient communities where all residents have the opportunity to live healthy, fulfilling lives—physically, mentally, socially, and economically.

Our Commitment

To empower and enable communities to be able to influence the things that impact on their lives by taking stewardship and ownership of them.

To Create

An environment, relationship or “Community Deal” where communities and the council can work together to deliver, to improve the lives of those who live in our district.



Harborough District Council have made a commitment to put “communities” at the heart of our plan, We Will,

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The council will

- Provide strategic leadership and funding.
- Facilitate community capacity building and training.
- Ensure transparency and accountability



The Community can:

- Participate in planning and decision-making.
- Manage transferred assets responsibly.
- Support local initiatives and volunteerism.

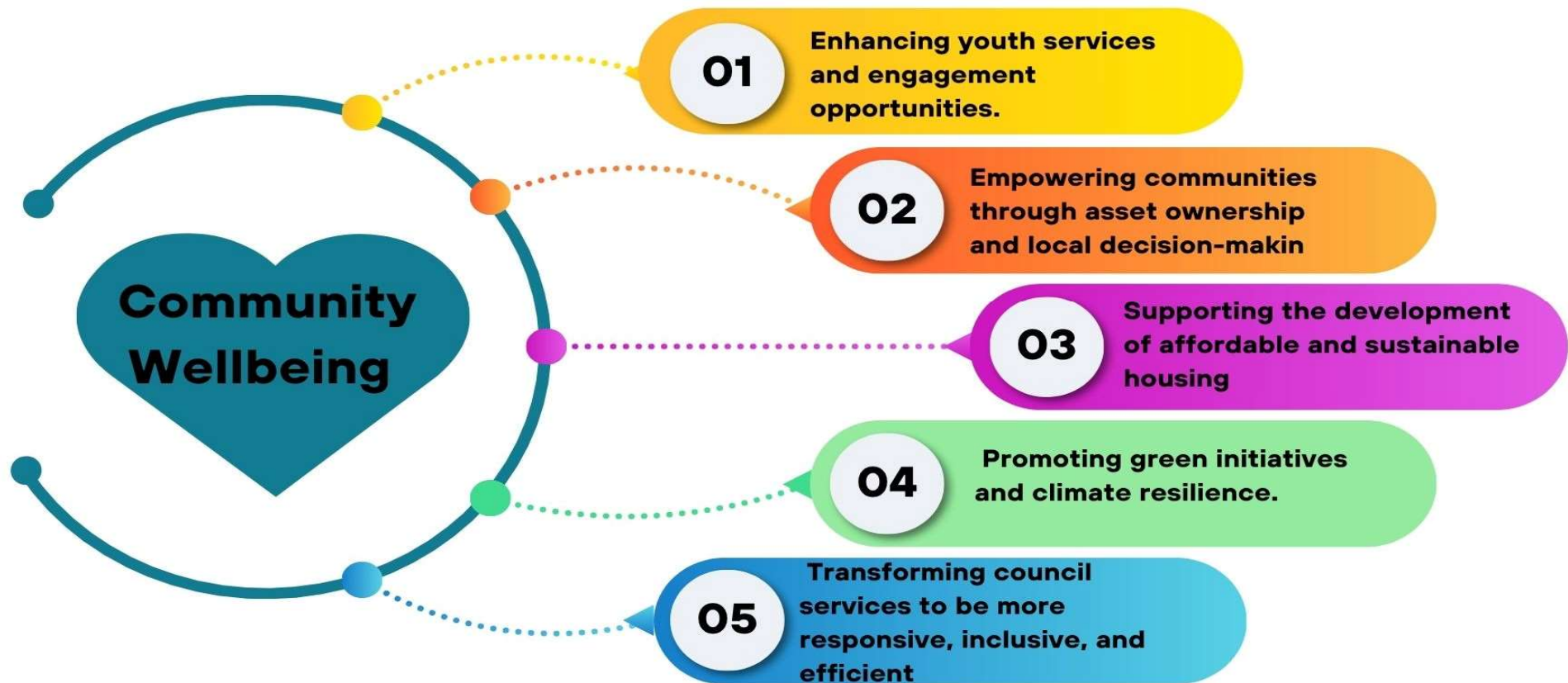
Funding will be allocated based on strategic priorities and community needs. Resources may include grants, technical support, and access to council-owned facilities. The Council will also explore partnerships with external funders and stakeholders.



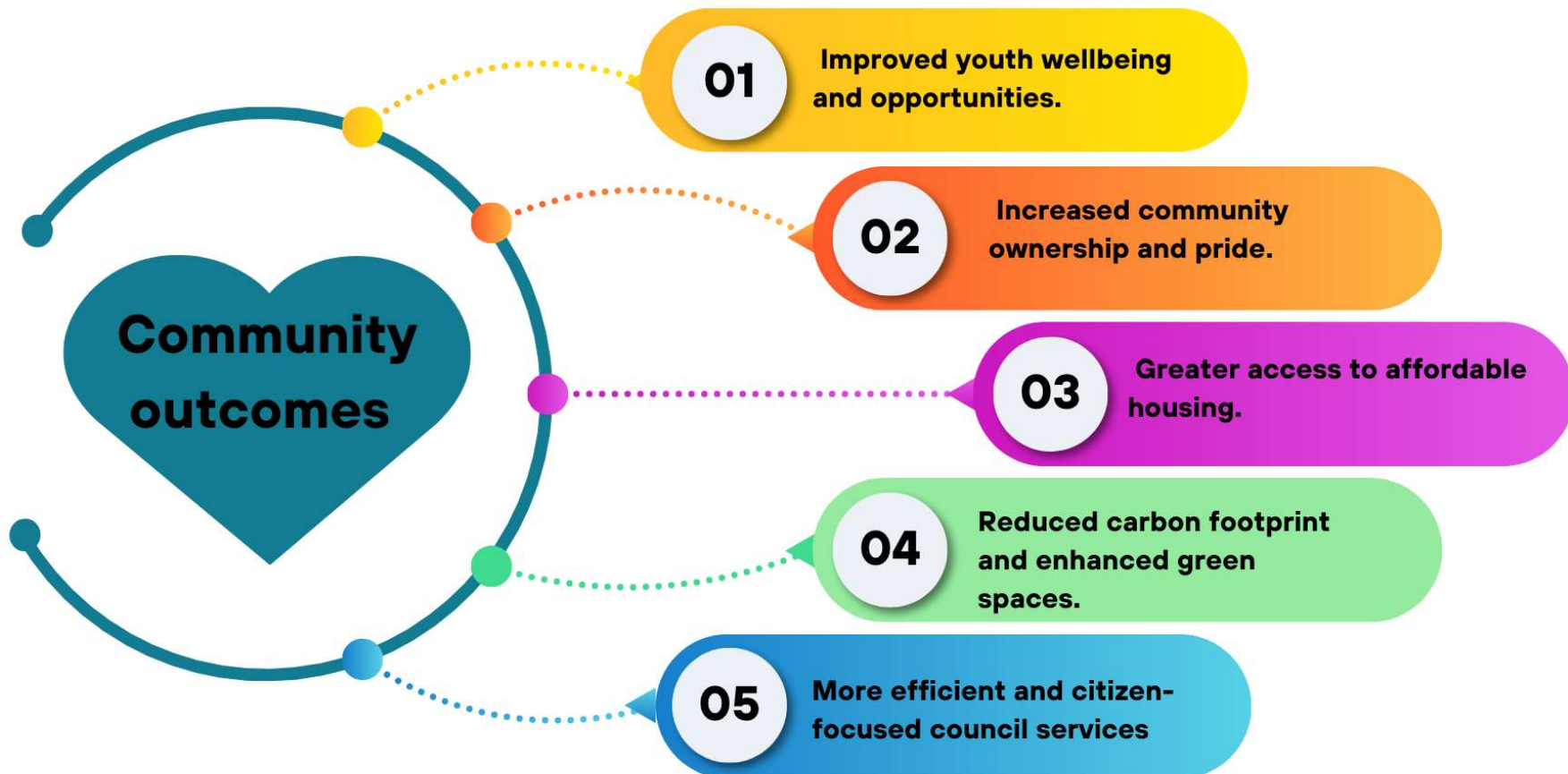
A wellbeing plan for Harborough communities:



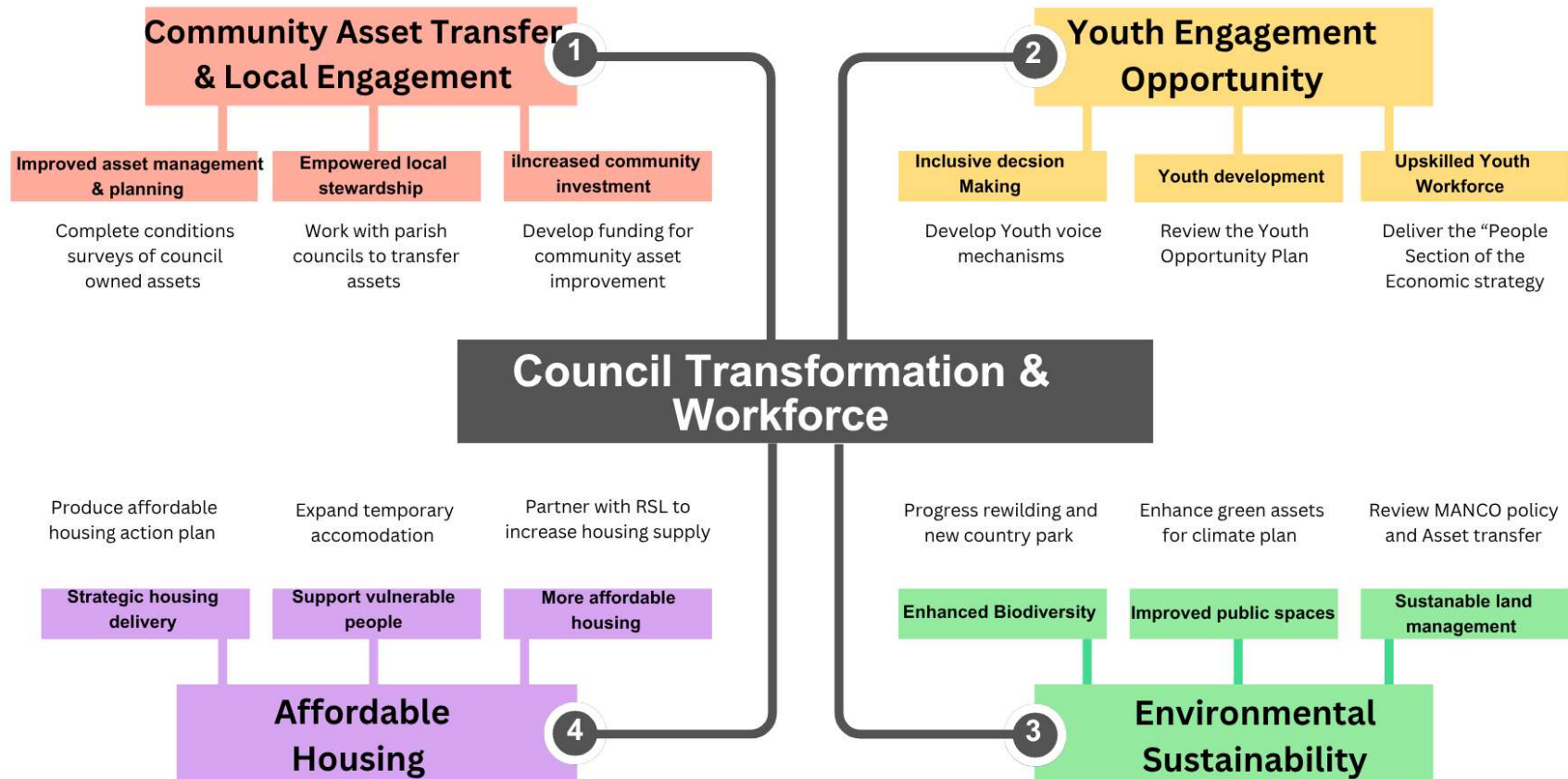
This Community wellbeing plan aims to align with the Council's Corporate Plan by focusing on strategic priorities such as community asset transfer, youth engagement, environmental sustainability, affordable housing, and council transformation. The objectives include:



To achieve these outcomes



Delivery plan



Underlying work streams



- Deliver the councils Climate and Nature Emergency Plan – Enhance Biodiversity and reduced emissions.
- Deliver the councils Transformation Plan - improve efficiency and ensure best value
- Invest in the Councils People to ensure we provide our communities with the services they need and support them in their development

