

HDC Town and Parish Engagement session

Ramune and I attended this meeting. It was a follow up to the Huntingdonshire District Council's Parish Forum in July. The team provided updates on the revision of the Local Plan, the Place Strategy and the Climate Change Strategy. It was very interesting and can be accessed via

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3-IIACJIZQ&feature=youtu.be>

The Local Plan.

What are the Stages?



I asked about revision of the Buckden Neighbourhood Plan we were informed that there was no need to do so in relation to the current work on the Local Plan but that if we wished to update ours then we should contact the lead planning officer about the best way to progress that.

Place Strategy

There have been a number of consultations about this, the next stages are:

What Next

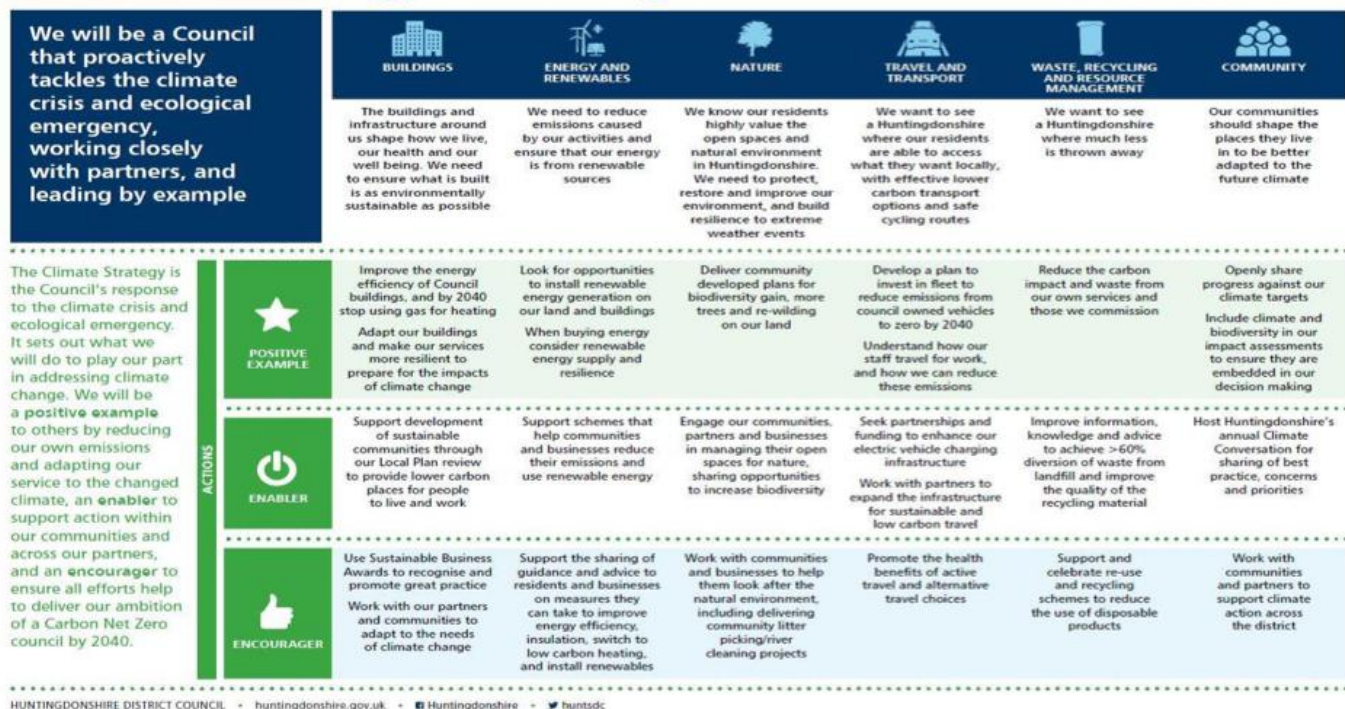
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- Review feedback and consider changes
- HDC adopting Place Strategy, March 23
- HDC 23/24 Corporate Plan outlines commitment to taking forward the Place Strategy
- 23/24 Q1/Q2 focused engagement on specific actions
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Climate Change

Some of us attended focus groups on this in the autumn. This is the stage it has now reached

Climate Strategy on a Page



UK Shared Prosperity Fund Vibrant Communities

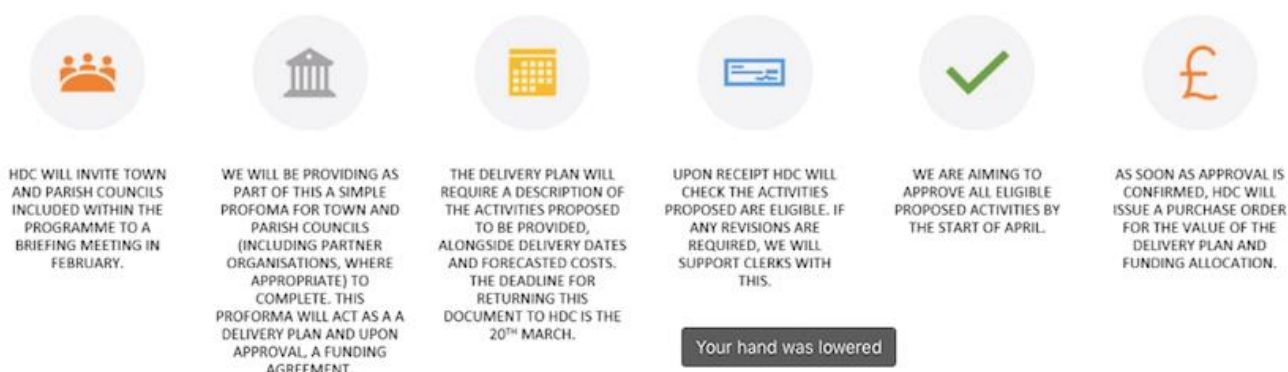
We were very surprised to discover we had been allocated 5k. We will apparently hear more.

Funding allocations

- Funds have been allocated based on population, Local Plan status and settlement size within three bands - £5,000 / £10,000 / £20,000
- They can be used by Town / Parish Council's and other local organisations working in partnership.
- The funding programme is limited to one year only and all expenditure must be completed by March 2024.

Location	Funding allocation
Kimbolton	£5,000
Buckden	£5,000
Fenstanton	£5,000
Little Paxton	£5,000
Somersham	£5,000
Warboys	£5,000
Brampton	£5,000
Sawtry	£10,000
Godmanchester	£10,000
Ramsey	£10,000
Yaxley	£10,000
St Ives	£20,000
Huntingdon	£20,000
St Neots	£20,000
Total allocated	£135,000

Process for approving activities and beginning delivery



Meeting with Chair of Brampton Council

I meet up with Mike Bainbridge on a regular basis from our latest meeting the following was of interest:

- Brampton Councillors went to meet with the HDC CIL leads and found the meeting very helpful
- Brampton Council are buying coronation mugs for the children of the village. Is this something Buckden Parish Council should consider?

Annual Parish meeting

The Clerk and I thought it was important that we put a date in the diary for the Annual parish meeting as soon as possible. She has emailed the proposed date to you all, which is 23rd May 2023 7.00pm Village Hall.

Broadband update

Giga Clear operatives were in the village surveying the fibre infrastructure with a view to offering superfast broadband. The Clerk has also had a communication from them informing us that letters will be sent to residents in our build area this month and giving a point of contact for the build. A community meeting will be held once the build starts and we will be informed of this.

Parish Council Funding

You may have noted in the Highways and Sustainable Transport AG notes that the issue of the Parish Council Funding repairs to pavements was raised. It was agreed that we should raise this as a point for discussion with the Council. I am referring to it in the Chair's report as this is potentially a wider issue than pavements. The Parish Council needs to come to a view on their position on funding infrastructure projects that are the responsibility of other authorities. WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS?