

Kidlington Parish Council

Strategic Planning workshop. Notes from Session 1 22 May 2024

Introduction.

Strategic Planning

Where are we now? Where are we going? How do we get there?

What might get in our way?

Strategic planning is about making choices and sticking with those choices. Council will need to review regularly. Also need to consult residents and stakeholders but Council will have to make the difficult decisions.

The Strategic Planning process

Purpose/mission – why do you exist?

Values – what is acceptable?

Vision/aims – what are the key issues over the next 3/5 years?

Objectives – what might you deliver?

Actuals – what you do deliver.

Challenges/risks that might prevent delivery

Where is the Council now?

EXERCISE

Strengths	Weaknesses
Community focussed Financially secure Statutory Duties Committed and skilled Cllrs and staff Community events Core of established residents	Not representative of community Lack of understanding of community Inexperienced Cllrs Lack of partnerships (especially businesses) Lack of training
Opportunities	Threats
Land and properties Fresh ideas Housing development Partnerships Stadium Volunteering Taking training opportunities	Digital Security New houses with no infrastructure Stadium Transient population Aged buildings

Mission/Purpose

What is the purpose of the Council?

EXERCISE

1. To provide services and amenities for the benefit of the community
2. Fostering community and promoting civic identity

3. Long term planning
4. Influencing outside bodies
5. Representing residents

Values

Ethics and principles that govern decision making.

EXERCISE

Nolan Principles – underpinning the Code of Conduct:

- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability
- Openness.
- Honesty
- Leadership

Others:

- Community centric
- Can do attitude
- Inclusive
- Relevant
- Compassionate
- Sustainable
- Decisive
- Empowering

Vision/aims

What does the Council want to achieve in the next 3-5 years?

EXCERISE

Emerging themes:

Under control of Council

- Improved communications with partners, residents, and businesses. Interactive public sessions
- Rebuilding trust. Fostering community
- Doing something about aging property – Exeter Hall, Stratfield Brake, Park Hill
- Improving local green spaces
- Improving Recreation and Leisure opportunities
- Charitable grants
- Investments
- S106 money
- Efficient meetings
- Formalising 4 parishes arrangement
- Tracking performance

Influencing

- The High Street – control, landscaping and Communications
- All aspects of transport. Connectivity, calming, circular green ring, central link OTP to Oxford
- Affordable Housing
- Neighbourhood identity.
- Education