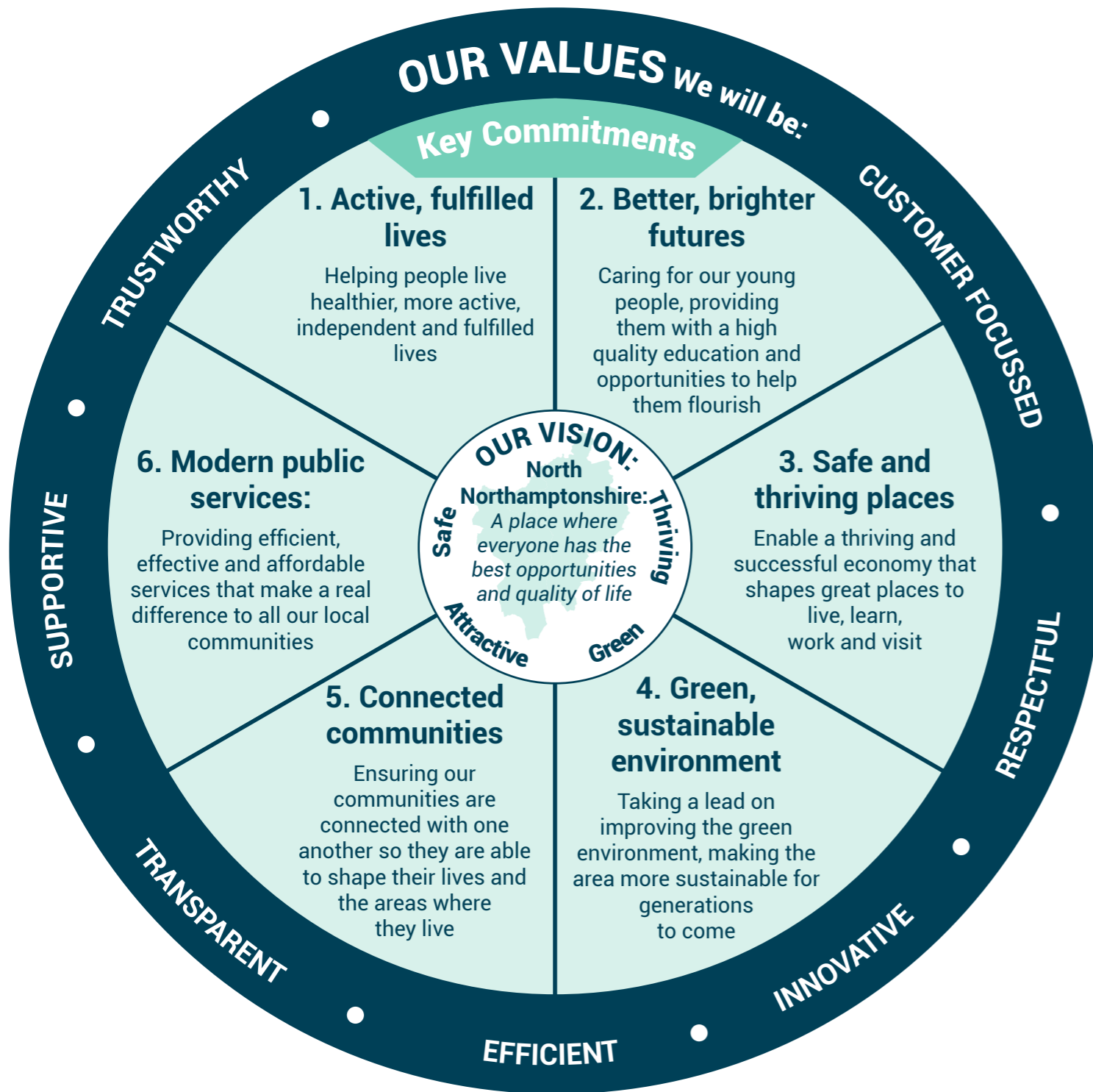


Our vision, values and key commitments

Our priorities for North Northamptonshire:



1. Active, fulfilled lives

- Greater access to better quality adult social care
- Value and support our carers and volunteers
- Improve the accessibility and use of leisure, culture and sport
- Provide enhanced support to improve mental health and wellbeing
- Tackle the causes of complex problems such as homelessness

2. Better, brighter futures:

- Ensure every child has equal access to a high standard of education
- Assist the Children's Trust to provide higher standards of support
- Promote better training, further education and employment opportunities for young people

3. Safe and thriving places:

- Strengthen the cultural identity of towns, villages and rural communities
- Help town centres and villages respond to changing trends
- Attract tourism, visitors and inward investment
- Support the creation of high-quality, better-skilled jobs
- Improve the standard of new and existing homes and ensure housing supply meets demand
- Tackle the causes of difficult issues leading to nuisance, crime and anti-social behaviour
- Promote sustainable, active travel
- Maintain our highways infrastructure to keep people moving safely around North Northamptonshire
- Enable people to travel across North Northamptonshire, and beyond
- Ensure everyone has access to high-speed internet connectivity

4. Greener, sustainable environment:

- Work with communities and businesses to tackle climate change and improve air quality
- As an exemplar to other organisations, demonstrate clear leadership on tackling sustainability
- Embed low carbon technology, sustained and improved green infrastructure, and sustainable forms of transport fit for the future
- Protect and further enhance the natural environment and ecology
- Ensure we all throw away less, reuse more, and recycle as much as we can
- Protect the countryside and ensure it is accessible for everyone to enjoy

5. Connected communities:

- Inform and listen to our communities, giving them a greater say in their future
- Respect and engage our local communities
- Empower a thriving voluntary and community sector

6. Modern public services:

- Provide good quality and efficient services valued by our customers
- Enhance the services provided at our community hubs
- Value our staff and become an employer of choice
- Use our assets, skills, knowledge and technology to make a real difference
- Robust financial and performance management



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Key Task:

Through our Climate Strategy and Action Plan, put Climate Change and the environment at the heart of everything we do, pro-actively ensuring the long-term stewardship of our green environment

As an exemplar to other organisations, demonstrates clear leadership on tackling sustainability

We will:

- Embed climate change in our policy development and procurement practices
- Establish a North Northants network to develop and co-design a Climate Strategy and Action Plan
- Ensure we use green energy whenever possible for our electricity and low energy lighting at our offices and other assets
- Look to reduce the fossil fuel consumption of our vehicle fleet both through the use of more efficient and low carbon vehicles and by reducing avoidable journeys

Promote sustainable, active travel

We will:

- Promote sustainable, active travel by working with schools, businesses and residents to encourage a shift to cycling and walking
- Reduce carbon emissions and air pollution by making it easier and safer to travel by bike or on foot
- Support school street initiatives, walking to school and low traffic neighbourhoods

Educate, encourage, harmonise and enforce to keep our environments free from litter

We will:

- Standardise the waste and recycling service so that the same standard and type of service is provided to all residents across North Northamptonshire
- Provide waste and recycling education and information to residents and businesses
- Insure our waste collection and disposal operations are efficient and have the minimum, most economically viable, detrimental impact on the environment
- Set an example as an organisation by reducing our waste and recycling as much as possible
- Tackle littering by discouraging people from throwing litter on our streets and roadsides, as well as support volunteers who wish to take part in local litter pick

Work with communities and businesses to tackle climate change and improve air quality

We will:

- Work with businesses to measure and improve air quality across our communities
- Work with key sectors to support energy and eco parks
- Promote and support initiatives that engage local communities in tackling climate change
- Increase community participation with local green spaces by supporting and developing 'friends of groups'.
- Provide voluntary placements within our woodland and heritage sector, providing training and development opportunities.
- Continue to deliver sustainability messages Outdoor Learning sessions to schools and groups

Embed low carbon technology, sustained and improved green infrastructure, and sustainable forms of transport fit for the future

We will:

- Increase the proportion of total energy used by the council to that which is generated by renewable sources.
- Seek to ensure all new housing developments and council sites have access to Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points as part of a wider EV Strategy.
- Invest in new Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans for North Northants
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Protect the countryside and further enhance the natural environment and ecology

We will:

- Provide inspirational parks & open spaces that are enjoyed by all
- Host and deliver a high standard of community events and educational sessions within local parks and open spaces.
- Continue to promote environmental awareness to park visitors through on site information, and public events programmes
- Maximise opportunities to support our wildlife through both our built environment and green spaces.
- Develop a tree strategy to increase coverage and long-term care of our tree stock.
- Improve air quality, particularly in areas where air pollution is highest.