

Priority Policies (updated September 2023)

Principles	1: A Sustainable District	2: An Inclusive and Prosperous Local Economy	3: Happy and Healthy Communities	4: A Co-operative, Kind and Responsible Council
Themes	Climate Emergency <i>taking action to meet the challenges of the climate emergency</i>	Community Wealth-Building (Morecambe Bay Model) <i>building a sustainable and just local economy that benefits people and organisations</i>	Increasing Wellbeing. Reducing Inequality <i>empowering and supporting healthy ways of living, and tackling the causes of inequality</i>	Deliver Effective Services, Take Responsibility <i>bringing people together to achieve the best outcomes for our communities, in tandem with running efficient quality public services.</i>
Ambitions	1.1 Carbon Zero Achieving Net zero carbon by 2030 while supporting other individuals, businesses and organisations across the district to reach the same goal	2.1 Social Use of Resources Using our land, property, finance and procurement to benefit local communities and encouraging residents, businesses, organisations and anchor institutions to do the same	3.1 Access to Quality Housing Developing more housing, including affordable and council owned social housing, ensuring people of all incomes are comfortable, warm and able to maintain their independence	4.1 Value for Money Providing value for money and making good use of relevant data and analysis to ensure that we are financially resilient and sustainable
	1.2 Sustainable Energy Increasing the amount of sustainable energy produced in the district and decreasing the district's energy use	2.2 Sustainable Innovation Developing a sustainable industrial strategy to support new and existing enterprises, creating networks and promoting innovation	3.2 Quality Public Spaces Keeping our district's neighbourhoods, parks, beaches and open spaces clean, well-maintained, accessible and safe	4.2 Partnership Working in partnership with residents, local organisations, anchor institutions and partners recognising the skills in our community to build a powerful force working for and serving our district
	1.3 Climate Resilience Supporting our communities to grow more food, be resilient to flooding and adapt to the wider impacts of climate change	2.3 Sustainable Skills Supporting the development of new skills and improved prospects for our residents within and environmentally sustainable local economy	3.3 Access to Culture and Leisure Providing access to and involvement in arts, culture, leisure and recreation, supporting our thriving arts, culture and heritage sector	4.3 Investing in Our Skills and Facilities Having high standards for, and investing in our facilities, equipment, and people to enable us to deliver quality services and meet our wider ambitions
	1.4 Respecting Nature Increasing biodiversity, protect our district's unique ecology and ensure the habitat provided for wildlife is maintained and improved	2.4 Investment and Regeneration Securing investment and regeneration across our district	3.4 Community Engagement Ensuring local communities are active, engaged, involved and connected	4.4 Listening and Empathy Listening to our communities and treating everyone with equal respect, being friendly, honest and empathetic
	1.5 Reduced Waste Moving towards zero residual waste to landfill and incineration	2.5 Inclusive Ownership Promoting business ownership models that empower the local workforce, such as co-operatives, social enterprises and community ownership	3.5 Reducing Inequality and promote wellbeing Developing a healthy living strategy to support wellbeing. Tackling discrimination and reducing inequality, including food and energy poverty	4.5 Innovative Public Services Embracing innovative ways of working to improve service delivery and the operations of the council
	1.6 Low carbon and Active Transport Transitioning to an accessible and inclusive low-carbon and active transport system	2.6 Fair Work Advocating for fair employment and just labour markets that increase prosperity and reduce income inequality	3.6 Early Intervention Focusing on early-intervention approaches and involving our communities in service design and delivery	4.6 Openness Making responsible decisions which support our ambitions for the district whilst being open, accountable and rooted in evidence