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1. ECONOMIC REGENERATION –SUPPORTING OUR ECONOMY

a) Energy Coast and Environmental Technology

- Lancaster Science Park - creation of a new, regionally important science park to support and create businesses and jobs
- Nuclear Energy - working to ensure the creation of local jobs, supplies of local goods and services and network capacity from the Energy Coast initiatives.
- Renewable Energy - detailed plans for the development of renewable energy sources along the coast
- Employment sites - bringing brownfield and derelict land in the district back into use, particularly with improved access from the new M6 link road
- Worklessness- identify, and work with key partners to develop programmes and training opportunities to address the Worklessness issues around the District, linking closely to future jobs growth within the Energy and environmental technology sectors.

b) Heritage and Cultural Tourism for the district, including creative industries and employment

- Morecambe Area Action Plan - a comprehensive plan for investment in Morecambe, including the central promenade area and the retail centre
- Lancaster Square Routes - programme of improvement to Lancaster's public areas to enhance the city's valuable heritage and create a more vibrant city centre
- Morecambe Townscape Heritage Initiative - improvements to retail premises
- Cultural Heritage Investment Strategy - development of a planned programme of activities to improve the offer of the district's heritage assets, including museums, retail offer, and the castle
- Luneside East - to support the development of an urban village in Lancaster to provide additional quality business space and housing
- Carnforth-to establish Carnforth as a commercial/service centre for the rural hinterland via the local action group (LAG) programme

2. CLIMATE CHANGE

The City Council is committed to implementing its 5 year Climate Change Strategy focusing on energy savings and carbon emission reduction to generate efficiencies and environmental improvements.

The City Council is also committed to working with its partners to help deliver the community climate change actions through the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership and Lancashire Local Area Agreement. By working in partnership with other agencies, the city council believes it can significantly help to reduce the overall level of CO2 emissions in our local area.

3. STATUTORY SERVICES – MEETING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

For some statutory services, the legal requirement may include a minimum standard of service which must be met. In others there is more flexibility. In some statutory services,

Lancaster City Council has chosen to use that flexibility in determining service standards and to provide services above the minimum to reflect the community's wishes. In particular, this concerns our "*clean and green*" services – that is our commitment to achieve at least the minimum statutory standards of delivery for services such as planning, housing, environmental health, community safety, street cleaning, and refuse collection.

However, if the council wishes to continue to provide services above the minimum, we will only do so if we can justify the following:-

- Does providing the statutory service above minimum levels help meet the economic regeneration or climate change priorities?
- Is it a high priority for local citizens?
- Is it a high priority within the local Sustainable Community Strategy?
- Does it represent value for money?

4. PARTNERSHIP WORKING & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

The City Council will continue to work with our partners, particularly those in the Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership (LDLSP), to help the District to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities and target outcomes, and to also provide services currently contributing to the quality of life in the district that are not the District Council's main function or priority.

By working within the partnerships already established within the district, and through the development of new ones, the Council can make a meaningful and telling contribution to delivering the priorities of the district's community strategy and the county wide Local Area Agreement.