

Your Council is determined to deliver a programme of improvements to our town, within the limitations of the public money that we hold on your behalf. The biggest responsibility this Council has is to serve the community and represent its residents in the best possible way.

Each year, Councillors meet with officers to consider projects and ideas that can be reliably actioned. We call this our 'Visioning Day' and we will be meeting again in three months time.

We do not want to make promises that we cannot deliver, as has happened in the past. This only creates a sense of frustration, which we share.

Our vision is based on the following 'milestones':

- Park Centre – ongoing financial support for the building that will house services to youth and those with disabilities.
- Burial Ground Phase 2 – we will be running out of space in a year or two, so planning ahead is needed. There is a demand!
- Allotments – improve what we have and work with Mid Sussex to increase the number of sites.
- St John's Pavilion – to support the rebuilding plans as a community centre as well as a cricket club with enhanced facilities for women's cricket.

Other milestones, of equal importance, are to monitor progress on the St John's Park Masterplan, continue support for our charities, the RBL site, the Town Market and last but not least, the improvement of our Town Centre.

We hope you have had chance to look at the list of 'things we do' as everyday tasks and our vision for these is one of continual improvement. In the same way, our Annual Report highlights the wonderful community spirit we have and we will continue to engage with the many and varied organizations on our doorstep. We are always looking for new ideas and activities.

Whilst we, as Councillors, can make decisions at our meetings, it is the officers and staff that are expected to implement them so I would like to say thank you to all those who work for the Council, for their unfailing loyalty and hard work, day in, day out. They make our vision for the future work.

Finally, we are all here for your benefit, our photographs, email addresses and phone numbers are on our website. Please do make the effort to contact us.