# FINAL CORPORATE PRIORITIES 2017/18 – YEAR 4 DELIVERY OF THE FIVE YEAR PLAN

#### A PROSPEROUS BOROUGH

#### Our Five Year Plan:

To achieve growth and shape our local economy by enhancing the built environment within our thriving town centres and rural settlements

### **Devolution**

1 Work with KCC and neighbouring authorities to secure the best deal for local people by devolving and joining up services across the West Kent Partnership, such as public health, waste and recycling and highways.

## Making the Borough a key destination for businesses

- 2 Continue to develop opportunities for business to locate and grow in Tunbridge Wells borough by making employment land available, as identified in the new Local Plan.
- 3 Continue to develop our Local Plan and to work with Town and Parish Councils and developers to secure suitable sites to meet our housing requirements and to ensure they are supported by the necessary infrastructure.
- 4 Continue to dispose of non-performing assets and invest the proceeds in income-generating projects or schemes.

## Making the Borough a key destination for visitors

- 5 Submit a Stage 2 HLF and Arts Council bid for the Cultural & Learning Hub and submit a planning application.
- Continue to develop a scheme for a new Theatre that is fit for the future, new offices and associated car parking adjacent to Calverley Grounds and work up a scheme to give the Civic Complex a viable economic use whilst respecting its heritage.
- 7 Improve and increase the provision of car parking within the town of Tunbridge Wells.

### Tackling congestion

Work with KCC to deliver the projects set out in our Local Transport Plan, to secure further funding to alleviate congestion and to promote 20mph schemes and reduce pollution.

## Ensuring provision of greater educational opportunities locally

- **9** Explore with partner the possibility of providing a university or FE facility in Royal Tunbridge Wells.
- Work with KCC and the developer to deliver a new primary school in Hawkenbury.

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### A GREEN BOROUGH

### Our Five Year Plan:

To remain a clean and beautiful place to live, work and visit, as a result of the continued effort put in to protect the quality of the local environment

## Enhancing our parks and open spaces

1 Develop and deliver Phase 2 of the Public Realm works around the civic centre using external Local Growth Fund money.

### A CONFIDENT BOROUGH

### Our Five Year Plan:

To remain a safe place to live, work and visit where communities enjoy good health, are adequately housed and resilient to the challenges they may encounter

## Enabling the delivery of community facilities

Continue to enable and assist Town Councils, Parish Councils and community groups to develop their own plans to provide amenities within their local areas.

## **Enabling empowered communities**

- Support the health of residents by improving sport and active recreation opportunities, and contribute towards the Health Inequalities Action Plan.
- 14 Work with Town and Country Housing Group and our partners to address the pockets of social deprivation and health inequalities across some Wards in the borough, and provide a new solution for vulnerable homeless families in the borough.