

Folkestone & Hythe District Council

Corporate Plan 2025 -2030

Summary version

Our District, Our World

Plan for 2025–2030

Goal: Make life better for everyone in our district.

- This plan is about how the council will help people live better lives.
- It covers things like homes, health, jobs, and the environment.
- We asked local people what they think, and we listened.

What is a Corporate Plan?

- It's a guide for the council's work.
- It helps us decide what's most important.
- We focus on services we must provide (like waste collection and housing).
- We also work with others to improve things like transport and health.

About Our District

- **Population:** 111,000 (growing to 135,900 by 2042)
- **Nature:** 68% farmland, 16% woodland and water
- **Travel:** Fast trains to London (53 mins), Eurotunnel to France (35 mins)
- **Heritage:** 913 listed buildings, 65 monuments
- **Tourism:** 4.7 million visitors bring £269 million to the area

What You Told Us

We asked people what matters most. You said:

- Make the town busy all year, not just summer.
- Improve healthcare and support older people.
- Protect green spaces and the environment.
- Help people fix things instead of throwing them away.
- Make sure everyone can use online services.

Our 5 Big Themes

1. A Well-Run Council

- Listen to people and spend money wisely.
- Work with other groups to improve services.
- Make decisions openly and fairly.

2. Health & Community

- Help people feel safe and less lonely.
- Support walking, cycling, and public transport.
- Celebrate our diverse community.

3. Homes

- Build more affordable homes.
- Help people who are homeless.
- Make homes warmer and safer.

4. Jobs & Economy

- Support local businesses and training.
- Help people find jobs in green and creative industries.
- Invest in towns and villages.

5. Environment & Climate

- Keep streets and parks clean.
- Protect nature and wildlife.
- Reduce pollution and carbon emissions.

Making It Happen

- We have an action plan with clear steps.
- We'll check progress every 6 months.
- We'll work with others to get things done.

Looking Ahead

- Times are changing – prices, climate, and technology.
- We'll keep updating the plan to meet new challenges.
- We need everyone's help – residents, businesses, and groups.