

# **NSC / Town & Parish Council Engagement Meetings**

Clapton in Gordano Parish Council

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

# Structure

1. Overview of NSC Corporate Plan priorities
2. Discussion of local challenges and opportunities
3. Agreement of actions

# NSC Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024

## Open

We will provide strong community leadership and work transparently with our residents, businesses and partners to deliver our ambition for North Somerset.

## Fair

We aim to reduce inequalities and promote fairness and opportunity for everyone.

## Green

We will lead our communities to protect and enhance our environment, tackle the climate emergency and drive sustainable development.

## Our priorities

### A thriving and sustainable place

- A great place for people to live, work and visit
- Welcoming, safe and clean neighbourhoods
- To be a carbon neutral council and area by 2030
- A transport network which promotes active, accessible and low carbon travel
- An attractive and vibrant place for business investment and sustainable growth
- A broad range of new homes to meet our growing need, with an emphasis on quality and affordability

### A council which empowers and cares about people

- A commitment to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities
- An approach which enables young people and adults to lead independent and fulfilling lives
- A focus on tackling inequalities and improving outcomes
- Partnerships which enhance skills, learning and employment opportunities
- A collaborative way of working with partners and families to support children achieve their full potential

### An open and enabling organisation

- Engage with and empower our communities
- Empower our staff and encourage continuous improvement and innovation
- Manage our resources and invest wisely
- Embrace new and emerging technology
- Make the best use of our data and information
- Provide professional, efficient and effective services
- Collaborate with partners to deliver the best outcomes

## Our values



# Principles for future engagement

- NSC is seeking to develop a shared approach to public service delivery based on the principles of:
  1. A commitment to **greater engagement and partnership**
  2. Recognising that different communities have **different strengths and priorities**
  3. Recognising that there is **no single blueprint** for collaboration and partnership
  4. Improving **communication**
  5. **Understanding the local strengths** that we can build on
  6. Building a **shared understanding** of the expected challenges in funding and resourcing public service delivery over the next three years
  7. Identifying **shared priorities** for action
  8. Identifying the **total resource** available
  9. Maximising our **collective impact**
  10. Clarity about respective **roles & responsibilities**
- This marks the start of a longer-term commitment by NSC to a different form of engagement with communities, reflecting the potential and the skills revealed by the response Covid
- We recognise that it will take time to develop ideas and so want to start now

# Learning from Covid

- The community response to Covid has highlighted the strength and capacity of communities to respond in ways that are locally relevant
- Has brought new skills, knowledge and expertise to bear
- Has highlighted the potential for local approaches to health & wellbeing / preventative social support
- Sits alongside the more usual discussions about green spaces, highways and community services

# Possible areas for discussion

- **Tackling loneliness & isolation; promoting health & wellbeing**
  - Can we work with smaller parishes to link residents more effectively to support from larger towns via “hubs & spokes”
- **Assets & infrastructure**
  - Are there opportunities to collaborate on grounds maintenance, dog & grit bins, street lighting?
- **Placemaking**
  - What are the priorities in terms of planning, transport, housing, other local services?