



Enterprise
Care
Community

Backing Devon

Devon County Council's Strategic Plan 2011-15



Devon:

The People and the Place

Devon is a superb place to live. Its heritage and landscape, sense of community, high levels of volunteering and low crime rates are consistently ranked amongst the best in the country. It is a county which many people choose to visit and to live in.

But the county faces some significant challenges which mean that not everyone can enjoy this high quality of life. There are big issues that public agencies, private companies, voluntary organisations and local communities must work together to address.

Despite significant changes at Devon County Council, much of our essential everyday work will continue. This includes supporting carers and families, maintaining the road network, managing waste and continuing to work as the champion for the people and county of Devon.

Backing Devon describes our vision for Devon and our main priorities for the next two to five years. Find the full version at devon.gov.uk/strategicplan



The economy



Developing the necessary skills and generating a culture of enterprise is essential to help retain jobs and attract new investment.

Infrastructure and connectivity



The scale of proposed development over the next 15-20 years in Devon will require new infrastructure within significant environmental and financial constraints. This challenge will need to be met by working closely with District Councils, other agencies and local communities.

PRIORITY

1.

**Remove barriers
to growth**

Protection of vulnerable people



We will work together with partners to detect early warning signs and to respond to the needs of the individual. There is also work to do in bringing together children and adults safeguarding work, improving outcomes for all whilst offering best value for money.

2. Protect and support the most vulnerable

Health and wellbeing



We will work with partners to ensure that the needs of children, adults and families are identified promptly and that early help is available. We will also continue to develop personalised care and to promote independence and choice across all health, social care and educational services.

3. Promote early action and provide greater choice and control

Communities



We will use our community leadership role to help build greater capacity and resilience within communities and explore new ways to give local people more influence and control over local services.

4. Help communities help themselves

The environment



We must safeguard Devon's environment and manage our natural resources in ways which support our economy and increase resilience to changing weather patterns and to the risk of flooding. We must work towards a low carbon future, while also ensuring adequate and sustainable transport networks operate across the county.

5. Make the most of Devon's natural assets

PRIORITY

TOP

The population is changing



Devon has a growing population, a big rise in the number of older people and is facing ever increasing demand for services.

Working smarter together



We will work closely with our partners to make the best use of scarce resources and respond to local, social, economic and environmental challenges.

For more details visit devon.gov.uk/strategicplan

Our core values

Enterprise



To promote enterprise and help develop a competitive economy as the key to a better quality of life for all.

Care



To promote high quality services that care for, support and protect the people Devon.

Community



To work with local people to help build strong and prosperous communities and ensure a sustainable future for all.

Value Ensuring good value for money in everything we do.





Our vision by 2020

- By 2020 we want to ensure that the people of Devon can enjoy a flourishing and balanced economy, with strong economic growth and high employment.
- We want Devon to be a safe place to live where those at risk of harm are well protected.
- We want people to enjoy good health and wellbeing, with fewer health inequalities across the county.
- We want our communities to have greater influence, choice and control over decisions that affect them and the services they use.
- We want to continue to conserve and enhance Devon's precious environment.



Gross budget £1.385 billion

Key statistics:

Population: 750,100

Schools: 364

Pupils: 96,200

Children in Care: 550

Adults helped to live at home: 18,956

Adults in residential and nursing care: 3,564

Libraries and mobile libraries: 58

Roads: 7,985 miles

Bridges: 3,500

Public Rights of Way: 3,070 miles

Streetlights: 71,000

Illuminated road signs: 10,917

Recycling centres: 20

Recycling rate: 52.62%

Political make-up:

County Council seats: 62

41 Conservative

13 Liberal Democrat

5 Labour

2 Independent

1 Green Party

Key investments include:

Schools: £374m

Children and Young People: £115m

Adult and Community Services: £217m

Environment, Economy and Culture: £106m



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