Herefordshire Council

Our ambition for Herefordshire



"Respecting the past, shaping our future - we will help build vibrant communities, create a thriving local economy and protect and enhance our environment".



Community

Build communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together

- Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve
- Help keep our families and communities healthy and independent
- Ensure that children in care, and moving on from care, are well supported and make good life choices
- Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable adults
- Join up health and social care services in communities.
- Create environments that make wellbeing inevitable
- Use technology to enable independent living
- Get the right mix of housing for our communities
- Build our own sustainable council houses



Economy

Support an economy which builds on the county's strengths and resources

- Use council assets to create more jobs.
- Develop environmentally sound infrastructure that attracts investment to our county
- Invest in education and the skills needed by employers
- Raise the average wage of people working in Herefordshire
- Encourage younger people to build their lives here
- Enhance digital connectivity for communities and business
- Protect and promote our heritage, culture and natural beauty to increase tourism and attract new businesses
- Invest public money locally wherever possible



Environment

Protect our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live

- Understand our carbon footprint and act to reduce it
- Lead our transition to a low carbon economy
- Improve and extend travel options throughout the county
- Ensure the best use of the county's natural resources
- Reduce waste and increase reuse, repair and recycling
- Protect the county's biodiversity, value nature and uphold environmental standards
- Address the climate emergency and support behaviour change of residents and businesses

Our principles

Partnership | We collaborate to maximise our strengths and resources **Sustainability** | We use resources wisely so Herefordshire is preserved for future generations **Integrity** | We make decisions based on evidence and work with respect, openness and accountability **Democracy** | We strengthen local democracy, decision making and service delivery and involve more young people **Communication** | We listen to and learn from our communities and help people connect through culture, creativity and care