



“Respecting our past, shaping our future - we will improve the **sustainability, connectivity** and **wellbeing** of our county by strengthening our **communities**, creating a thriving local **economy** and protecting and enhancing our **environment**”.



## Environment

Protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live

-  Minimise waste and increase reuse, repair and recycling
-  Improve and extend active travel options throughout the county
-  Build understanding and support for sustainable living
-  Invest in low carbon projects
-  Identify climate change action in all aspects of council operation
-  Seek strong stewardship of the county's natural resources
-  Protect and enhance the county's biodiversity, value nature and uphold environmental standards



## Community

Strengthen communities to ensure everyone lives well and safely together

-  Ensure all children are healthy, safe and inspired to achieve
-  Ensure that children in care, and moving on from care, are well supported and make good life choices
-  Build publicly owned sustainable and affordable houses and bring empty properties back into use
-  Protect and improve the lives of vulnerable people
-  Use technology to support home care and extend independent living
-  Support communities to help each other through a network of community hubs



## Economy

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

-  Develop environmentally sound infrastructure that attracts investment
-  Use council land to create economic opportunities and bring higher paid jobs to the county
-  Invest in education and the skills needed by employers
-  Enhance digital connectivity for communities and business
-  Protect and promote our heritage, culture and natural beauty to enhance quality of life and support tourism
-  Spend public money in the local economy wherever possible

## Our principles

**Partnership** | We collaborate to maximise our strengths and resources

**Resilience** | We use resources wisely so Herefordshire is fit 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

**Engagement** | We listen to and learn from our communities and help people connect through culture, creativity and care