

1 VALUE FOR MONEY

- We will aim to keep council tax increases down to inflation and below for the next 4 years.
- We will continue to provide good quality services while negotiating robustly with suppliers and continuing to reduce bureaucracy.
- We will continue to increase funding for community facilities & projects drawing in substantial external funding in the process.
- We will develop joint working with neighbouring councils to achieve further savings.

We have already done this for the last 2 years.

We achieved savings of over £1m last year which will be on-going and have easily beaten the Government's 'Gershon' efficiency targets.

Partnership grants are at a record level of £1m in 2006/2007.

We have developed joint working on Planning with all Surrey Councils.

2 ENVIRONMENT

- Action in response to climate change will feature in every aspect of the Council's operations. Renewable energy provisions will be worked into planning applications.
- Recycling will be boosted and made easier with cardboard and kitchen waste collection.

Waverley is already building eco-friendly homes using less energy and producing less CO₂.

Recycling has tripled since we took control in 2003, waste sent to landfill is down by a third, there are 100 fewer lorries on our roads and 1000 tonnes less waste each month.

- We will defend the green belt & other sensitive sites from development & take a tough line on 'garden grabbing'.

We are currently campaigning to stop Surrey County Council's plan for a quarry site at Eashing.

- Car sharing schemes will be encouraged and we will investigate free car parking for environmentally friendly vehicles.

3 OPEN AND ACCOUNTABLE

- We will listen to residents' priorities for council services and continue to engage the public at all levels of Council decision making. We will increase our internet webcasting of Council meetings to include planning meetings.

We introduced public question time immediately on taking over in 2003

- We will continue to work closely with town and parish councils on partnership projects and look for opportunities to devolve responsibilities where appropriate.

Parishes have been involved in recommending area partnership grants for the last 3 years. Public toilets have been devolved to Haslemere & Farnham for more effective local management.

4 HOUSING AND PLANNING

- We are determined to increase the amount of affordable housing in Waverley. We will set a 40% target as the affordable proportion of all new housing and a threshold for this of 5 houses. More affordable housing will be available for rent and for retention in perpetuity for the local community.

200 affordable homes have been built in Waverley since 2003

- We will continue to involve the community in planning forums promoting high quality design and sustainable development.

We have already held forums on major applications such as East St Farnham, the Godalming key site and Dunsfold

- We will continue to use our representation on the South East England Regional Assembly to prevent an increase in housing allocations to our area and to ensure that development in Waverley is at an appropriate level.

We succeeded in excluding Farnham from the South East Plan's growth area of the Western Corridor/ Blackwater Valley.

5 COMMUNITY PROJECTS, LEISURE AND THE ARTS

- We will implement our new leisure strategy with particular concentration on Godalming & Farnham.

£2million has already been committed and more is being planned.

- We will maintain & improve children's playgrounds & initiate recreational facilities for young people especially in more isolated areas.

We have invested £1million in children's playgrounds since 2003.

- We will continue to support day centres for the elderly.

A new Gostrey Centre for the East St area of Farnham has already been agreed.

- Community transport (the HOPPA bus) will continue to be supported financially to include hospital transport wherever possible.

£125,000 has been funded for community transport for 2006/2007.

- Community safety will remain a priority and we will work with the police and towns and parishes on crime prevention extending CCTV and our graffiti hotline.

The Safer Waverley Partnership is a national top performer.

- We will work in partnership with Farnham Maltings to facilitate culture and the arts across the Borough.

6 HEALTH AND WELFARE

- We will continue to fight to protect local hospitals from closure - in particular the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford - as well as social welfare facilities.

- We will work to retain local post offices and shops in an increasing partnership with the local business community and parish councils

Since 2003 we have helped save the Wonersh shop and the Thursley pub from closure by working with local communities

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