



# MODBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## STRATEGY DELIVERY PLAN 2025 - 6

### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to detail the Council's plans to implement the second phase of its four-year strategy.

### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 4 June 2024 Modbury Parish Council adopted a new strategy for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2028.
- 2.2 It set out the Council's vision for the parish, the values which underpin the vision, an assessment of the Council's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges, its priorities and its key objectives. It proposed that implementation would be through a series of annual delivery plans of which this is the first.

### **3.0 Delivering the strategy for 2025-6**

- 3.1 This plan identifies the work and initiatives to be carried out, the objectives to be addressed by each (using the reference numbers in the strategy document), the individuals responsible for their delivery and the finance made available to support their implementation. It is envisaged that the plan will also form the basis of an annual report on outcomes achieved at the end of the current year.

#### **3.2 Administration and finance**

- 3.2.1 The Council will continue to administer its duties and responsibilities as effectively, economically and efficiently as possible, ensuring that it follows all legal and government requirements and guidelines.
- 3.2.2 In particular, it will ensure that it effectively discharges its responsibilities as sole trustee of Modbury Association of Recreation and Sports (MARS), the new charity tasked with managing and developing the Council's sports facilities at the QE2 Recreation Ground.
- 3.2.3 Although it does not appear in the Council's Strategic Plan, it has become apparent during the last winter that a major reworking of the Emergency Plan had become necessary and the Council has set up an Emergency Planning

Working Group to carry this work forward. It will incorporate any statutory requirements which become necessary following the implementation of Martyn's Law (the outcome of the inquiry into the Manchester Arena terrorist bombing of 2017).

3.2.4 Strategic objectives: A1, A2, A3, C3, D3, D4, E3, E4, E5, E6, F3, F4, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7 and G8.

3.2.5 Responsible person/committee: Parish Clerk, Chair of Council, Chair of Finance, Finance and HR Committee, Emergency Planning Working Group.

3.2.6 Budgets: Staff salaries - £20,600, training - £2,000, audit - £700, administration - £3,008, professional fees - £1,000, insurances - £2,450. Total £29,758.

### **3.3 Asset management**

3.3.1 The Council will continue a programme of maintenance for all its land and built assets including its office and store, its three play parks, public open spaces including Palm Cross Green, the Millennium Meadow/Wood and the Galpin St Community Orchard, public benches, allotments, sports facilities and its two car parks.

3.3.2 Strategic objectives: C2, E1, E2 and E3.

3.3.3 Responsible person/committee: Chair of Maintenance, Maintenance Committee, MARS.

3.3.4 Budgets: Premises costs - £9,835, maintenance - £23,955, defibrillators - £980, capital assets (MARS)- £5,000, Parking areas maintenance - £1,500. Total £41,270.

### **3.4 Town and countryside improvement**

3.4.1 The Council will continue to support initiatives to improve the built and natural environment of the town and its surroundings, including the newly re-established Modbury Town Improvement Charity.

3.4.2 The Council's newly constituted Heritage Working Group will supplement this approach by pursuing initiatives to preserve and celebrate the town's heritage including its many listed buildings and ancient spaces.

3.4.3 Strategic objectives: A3, C1, C2, C3, E3, E5, F3, F7 and G1.

3.4.4 Responsible person/committee: Chair of Planning, Planning Committee, Heritage Working Group

3.4.5 Budgets: None. Total -Nil

### **3.5 Development control**

- 3.5.1 The Council will continue to comment on all planning applications within, and adjoining, the parish boundaries in accordance with South Hams District Council time limits, assessing all proposals against the Council's adopted Neighbourhood Plan as well as the Joint Local Plan. It will also monitor new developments in the parish to ensure they comply with planning consent conditions.
- 3.5.2 At the appropriate juncture, the Council will review its own Neighbourhood Plan and contribute to any review of the Joint Local Plan by the local planning authorities.
- 3.5.3 Strategic objectives: A1, A2, C1, D4, F1, F2, F3, F4 and F7.
- 3.5.4 Responsible person/committee: Chair of Planning, Planning Committee.
- 3.5.5 Budgets: none. Total – nil.

### **3.6 Housing and regeneration**

- 3.6.1 The Council will continue to lobby for greater investment in affordable housing, for specific developments for older people in the community and for those heritage sites which are currently at risk.
- 3.6.2 It will also ensure that any development contributions from S106 or Community Infrastructure Levy sources are utilized for the maximum benefit of Modbury parishioners.
- 3.6.3 Strategic objectives: A1, A2, C1, E1, E2, F1, F2, F3, F5, F6 and F7.
- 3.6.4 Responsible person/committee: Chair of Planning, Planning Committee.
- 3.6.5 Budgets: none. Total – nil.

### **3.7 Sustainability**

- 3.7.1 The Council will develop a Climate and Environmental Plan for the parish, identifying ways in which the community's carbon footprint can be reduced.
- 3.7.2 The Council will continue to support the efforts of Modbury Wildlife Action Group (MODWAG) in its mission to increase the biodiversity of the local environment.
- 3.7.3 It will also work with surrounding parishes and community groups on the River Erme to address environmental and biodiversity issues affecting the waterways.
- 3.7.4 Strategic objectives: A3, B2, B3, B5, C1, C3, D1, D2, D3, D4, E3, F3 and G1.
- 3.7.5 Responsible person/committee: Sustainability Working Group
- 3.7.6 Budgets: Sustainable Modbury - £1,000. Total £1,000.

### **3.8 Transport, road and path networks**

3.8.1 The Council will continue to discharge its responsibilities under the Road Warden and Public Paths Partnership schemes. It will also lobby Devon County Council to improve road surface conditions and public transport links in the parish and beyond.

3.8.2 Strategic objectives: B1, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, C1 and F3.

3.8.3 Responsible person/committee: Chair of Maintenance, Maintenance Committee.

3.8.4 Budgets: none. Total – nil.

### **3.9 Community engagement and partnership working**

3.9.1 The Council will continue to support community initiatives to improve the built and natural environment of the town and its surroundings such as Marvellous Modbury Makeover, Marigolds Day, Millennium Meadow Committee, Galpin St Community Orchard Committee, Modbury Bloomers and Modbury Litter Pickers, harnessing the skills and efforts of volunteers.

3.9.2 The Council will also engage with local traders and the Chamber of Commerce

3.9.3 The Council will also aim to improve its links with other local and principal authorities to benefit the parishioners of Modbury and seek to maximise their contribution to the cost of service delivery within the parish.

3.9.4 Strategic objectives: A1, A2, A3, A4, C1, C2, C3, D2, D3, E3, E4, E5, E6, G1, G2, G3, G5, G7 and G8.

3.9.5 Responsible person/committee: Community Engagement Working Group

3.9.6 Budgets: Website/ICT - £1,320, grant awards - £2,530, Community engagement/marketing - £500. Total £4,350.

### **4.0 Financial implications**

4.1 The budget for 2025/6 was approved at Council on 14 January 2025 (Minute 2025 05).

4.2 The total budget allocation to support the delivery of the new strategy during 2025/6 is £76,378.

4.3 After allowing for grant and other income of £6,100, the net cost of the programme is £70,278. This is to be funded by precept income and bank interest totalling £65,225 plus transfers from reserves totalling £5,053.

## **5.0 Risk implications**

- 5.1 The main risk associated with this plan is that lack of volunteer support is likely to lead to under delivery of the programme.
- 5.2 Continued efforts will be necessary to try and increase the capacity of the Council to deliver and regular monitoring will be undertaken to identify and address any shortfall in delivery.

## **6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 Council is recommended to approve this report and the Strategy Delivery Plan for 2025/6.

**Modbury Parish Council Strategy Delivery Plan 2025/6: Approved 5 August 2025**

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