



Cuckfield Parish Council

**BUSINESS PLAN
2023-2027**

Introduction

- Welcome to Cuckfield Parish Council's Business Plan for the current Council's term in office, 2023-2027.
- Elected Councillors met to consider initiatives to progress over the 4-year term and formed a short list.
- These projects and initiatives have been split into short- and longer-term objectives according to our existing committee structure.
- Some projects can be delivered by us, others will require collaboration with outside agencies e.g. MSDC, WSCC etc.
- Some projects will be achieved in a short period of time, others may take longer depending on funding availability and external co-operation.
- An annual review will take place, with feedback on progress provided at the Annual Parish Meeting, and in the Chairman's Annual Report.
- Regular updates will also be shared via the quarterly newsletter in Cuckfield Life, as well as our website www.cuckfield.gov.uk and our Facebook page.

Parish Councillors

- Steve Oversby-Powell
- Andrew Symonds
- Andrea King
- Martin Sheldon (Vice Chairman)
- Andy Burton (Chairman)
- Marie Dormer
- Jill White
- Adrian Podmore
- Paul Ceccherini

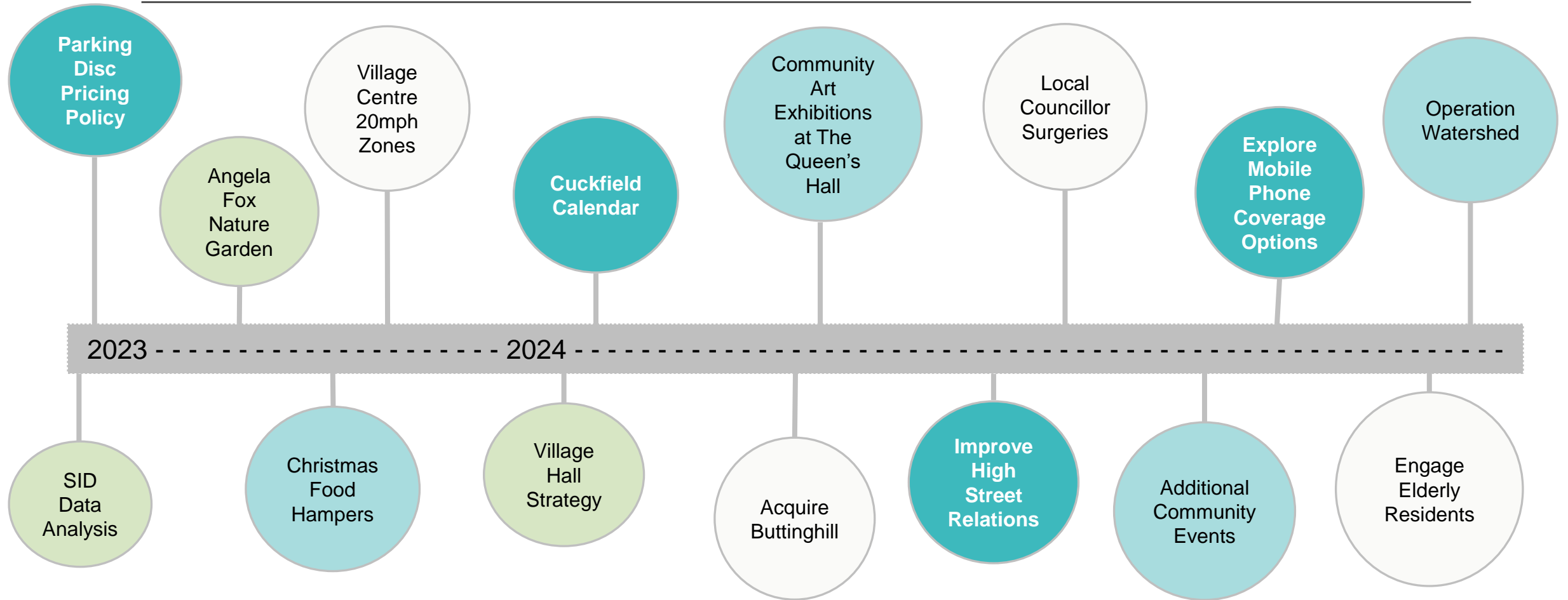


Strategy Objectives

- Reflect the benefit to Cuckfield in all council operations
- Efficient delivery of services with responsible budgetary and financial control
- Improve community engagement and public profile
- Incorporate sustainability and environmental awareness into council operations and projects
- Maintain the character and distinctiveness of Cuckfield
- Maintain and improve community assets for the enjoyment of all residents
- Improve safety and reduction of noise on village highways

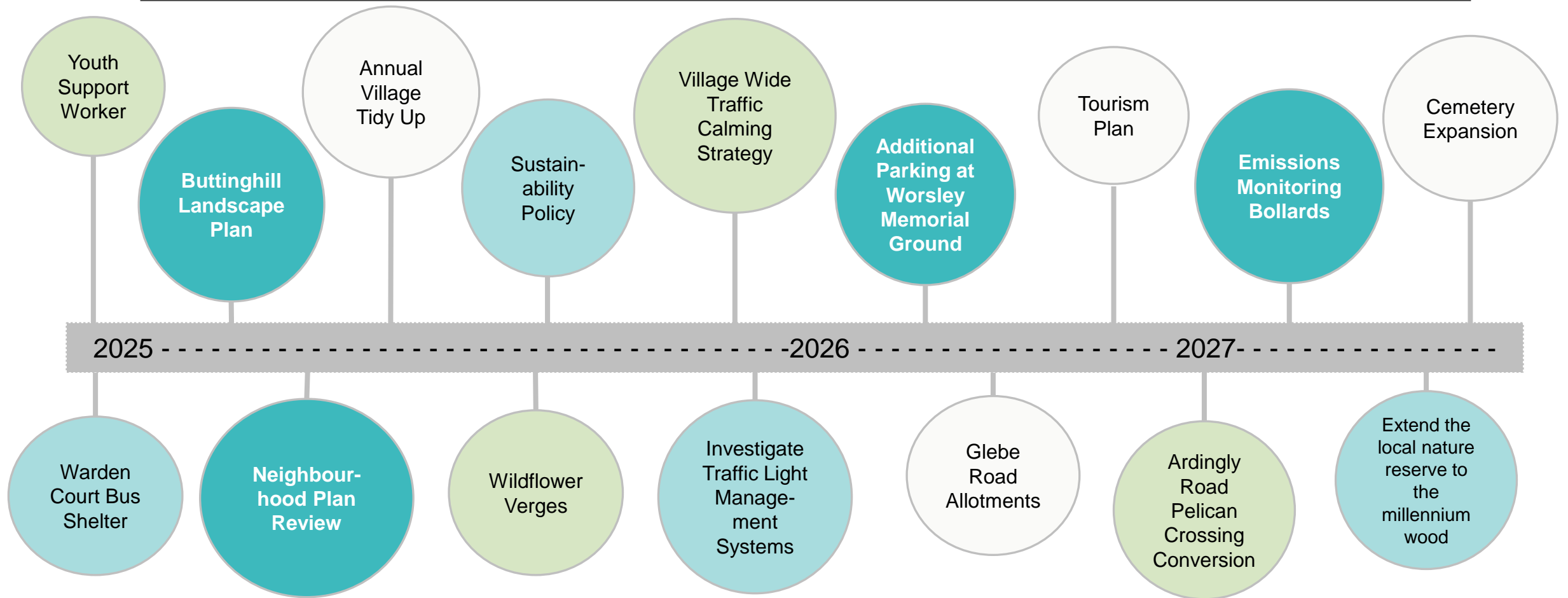
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FOUR YEAR ROADMAP TIMELINE 2023-2025



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SHORT TERM (2024-25)

- Produce and distribute food parcels annually to those in need of extra support
- Investigate setting up a Cuckfield Repair Café
- Produce and sell annual Cuckfield calendar
- Explore Youth Support Worker with Holy Trinity Church



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LONGER TERM (2026-27)

- Mobile phone coverage improvements
- Sustainability policy recognising climate change
- Change name to Cuckfield Council
- Communications strategy/Cuckfield Local Councillor surgeries
- Elderly resident engagement



Planning

SHORT TERM (2024-25)

- Continue resisting planning applications which do not align with Neighbourhood Plan policies
- Neighbourhood Plan review

LONGER TERM (2026-27)

- Extension of Blunts Wood/Paiges Meadow Local Nature Reserve into the Borde Hill Millennium Forest



Assets, Community & Environment

SHORT TERM (2024-25)

- Acquire Buttinghill open space
- Implement Buttinghill open space landscape plan
- Improve relationship with village retail sector
- Additional summer and winter community events
- Increase wildflower verges
- 'Welcome to Cuckfield' initiative with local estate agents
- Tourism plan
- Plan additional theatre shows



Assets, Community & Environment

LONGER TERM (2026-27)

- Cemetery expansion
- Additional parking at Recreation Ground (MSDC)
- Glebe Road allotments (MSDC)
- Investigate the option of a BMX track at Whitemans Green
- Children's play equipment at Whitemans Green
- Annual tidy-up community event





Roads and Traffic

SHORT TERM (2024-25)

- Continued SID data collection and analysis
- Replace bus shelter at Warden Court
- Operation Watershed for London Lane/Courtmead Road flooding
- Continue to investigate parking disc issues
- 20mph zones through centre of village
- Whitemans Green parking issues (WSCC)



Roads and Traffic

LONGER TERM (2026-27)

- Investigate conversion of Ardingly Road zebra crossings to puffin crossings (WSSC)
- Investigate installation of a pedestrian crossing at Whitemans Green (WSSC)
- Develop strategy for next generation of village-wide traffic calming measures (WSSC)
- Traffic light management for speed control (WSSC)
- Emissions monitoring bollards
- Additional cycle parking facilities

Community Buildings

SHORT TERM (2024-5)

- Ongoing development of Angela Fox Nature Garden
- Art exhibitions in the Queen's Hall

LONG TERM (2026-27)

- Village Hall strategy progression and funding

