STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

Stalbridge grows as a vibrant, connected and sustainable community which celebrates its heritage, supports business, provides for all generations, and protects the natural environment.

MISSION

Endeavour to deliver effective local governance, champion community wellbeing, and work in collaboration with partners to ensure that services and facilities meet the needs of residents today (and future generations) and welcomes newcomers and visitors alike.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

a) **Community Wellbeing** – supporting health, inclusion, and quality of life for all residents. Retaining the culture and heritage of the town.

b) **Open Spaces & Environment** – protecting, enhancing and maintaining public spaces, nature reserves, and access to the countryside. Responding where possible to climate change and sustainability.

c) **Local Economy** – encouraging business, supporting employment, skills development and visitor numbers.

FIVE YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

d) **Sustainable Growth** – support new development where it reflects local needs and infrastructure capacity.

e) **Safe & Connected Town** – supporting the improvement of transport, digital connectivity and community safety.

d) **Operational and Support services** - delivered as effectively and economically as possible.

PROJECT PLAN

The five-year project plan is a statement of Stalbridge Town Council‘s objectives and projects that it will endeavour to fulfil over the next five years. The plan is designed to address the needs of the community and ensure sustainable development.

The project plan will need to respond to changing circumstances and community requirements and will therefore be a living document that is reviewed, tested and amended on our annual basis. It will also be used to inform the budget process, (which in turn leads to the setting of the council tax precept), plan future activities and enable the Town Council to monitor progress against its key priorities. Being flexible, the plan will have inbuilt contingencies to ensure cover from unforeseen events, emerging risks or changing priorities. It will also allow shorter term “task and finish” actions to be recorded and monitored.