

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council
George Dexter update 30th November 2023

Corporate Strategic Update

The Hub Committee discussed the developing Corporate Strategy last week. There is a briefing on the 5th December.

The development timeline shows that there will be a 4 week formal consultation in December which closes on 22nd. In that phase there will be:

- a video promoting the plans and ambitions along with a written document;
- on-line surveys;
- a full partner survey on the whole plan; and
- discussions with key towns.

The Hub committee will consider the final strategy on the 30th January, for approval alongside the budget on the 20th February.

There are 8 key priorities in no particular order are:

- Natural Environment
 - Built Environment
 - Housing
 - Health and Wellbeing
 - People and Community
 - Economy and Jobs
- And underpinning those 6 we have 'accessibility and communications' and 'performance and resources'

Budget

As I reported before, next year's budget is tight, with £140k of savings to be determined.

However, there is about £870k of revenue reserves potentially available. I think that these should be used for projects which further the corporate plan, and not just to balance the budget. I guess that there is general agreement about this.

So, it is worth thinking about the priorities for Okehampton and making your views known.