



# **Cambridgeshire County Council Policy Framework 2009/10**

## What is a Policy Framework?

The Local Government Act 2000: Guidance to English Local Authorities sets out the requirements of the Act including the obligation for the adoption or approval of specified plans and strategies of the local authority. The regulations require that key plans and strategies be approved or adopted.



The Regulations also allow local authorities to choose other plans or strategies (statutory or non-statutory), in addition to those listed, to be adopted or approved by the full council.



The Cambridgeshire County Council Policy Framework includes statutory plans and strategies that have to be adopted or approved by full council, as per regulations, as well as other plans that this council has chosen to include as they form an integral part of the decision making process.

## Why should we have a policy framework?

The policy framework document is listed in the Council's constitution as part of the framework for Cabinet Decisions.

The responsibility for agreeing the framework lies with the Council and decisions by Cabinet, a committee of the Cabinet, an individual member of the Cabinet, or officers, or area committees must be in accordance with it.

The framework allows the Council to better align policies and strategies with the strategic objectives and helps to create a more robust Integrated Plan.

It serves as a record of Council decisions, and the policies and strategies included within it will shape the future of Cambridgeshire.



## Compulsory Policies

Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000 require certain functions to be undertaken by the Full Council. These include the adoption or approval of specified plans and strategies of the local authority.

The following list includes all the policies that have to be included in the policy framework:

- Sustainable community strategy
- Children and young peoples plan – the Big Plan
- Local transport plan
- Joint municipal waste strategy
- Public library service standards
- Transformation of Adult Social Care strategy
- Youth justice plan
- Crime and disorder reduction strategy
- Older people Strategy
- Supporting People Commissioning Strategy



- East of England Plan – Regional spatial strategy
- The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan

## Additional Policies

The remaining plans and strategies included in the framework document have been chosen as they fit with the Councils Strategic Objectives and are vital to the success of meeting the Councils vision.

The additional policies chosen are as follows:

- Integrated Plan
- Single Equality Strategy
- Enforcement Policy
- Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Strategic Asset Development

Strategy

- Long Term Capital Strategy
- Procurement Strategy
- People Strategy
- Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy
- Climate Change and Environmental Strategy



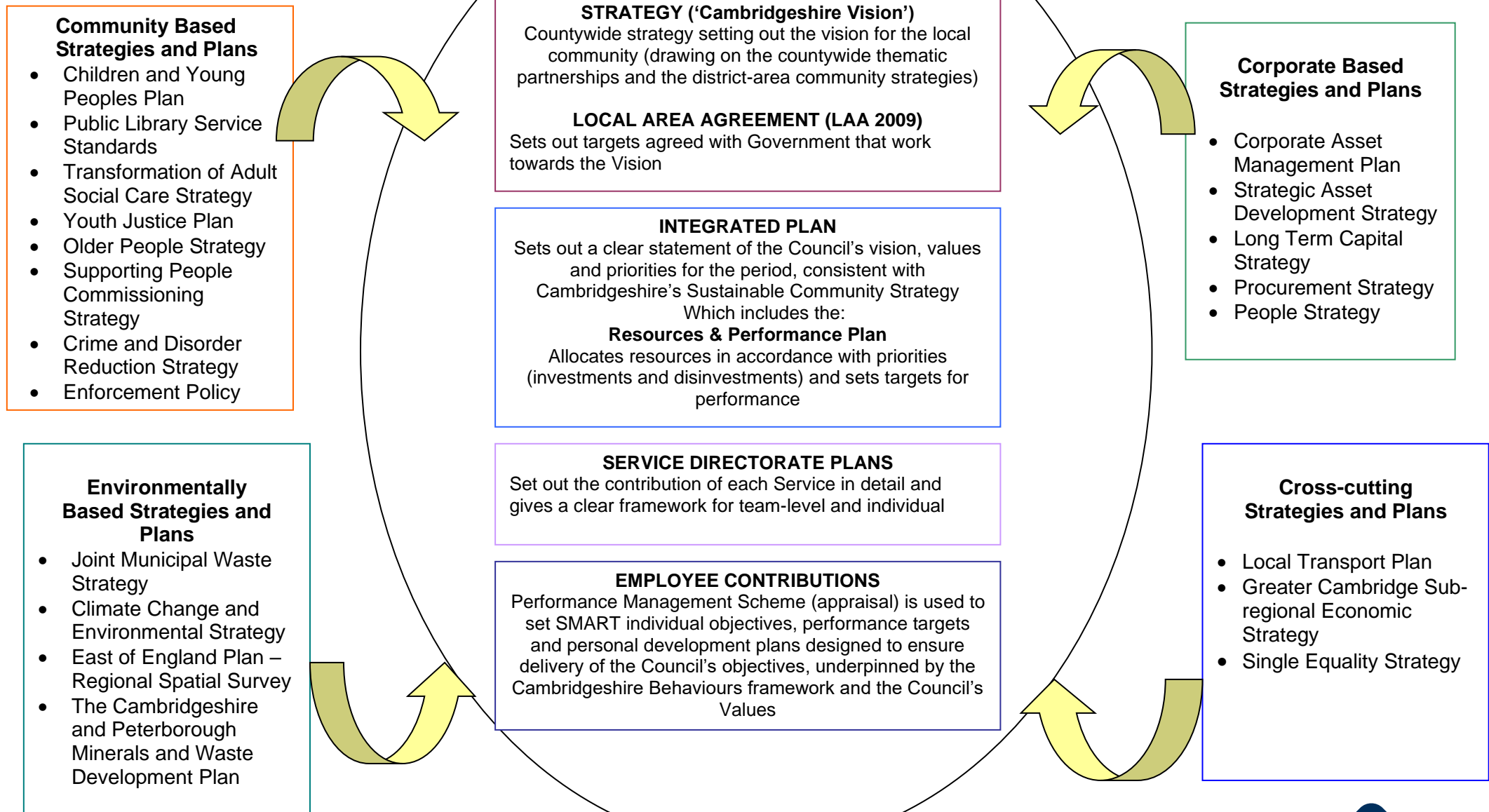
## How do the policies and strategies relate to the Council's Strategic Objectives?

The following table shows where each policy or strategy best fits against the Council's Strategic Objectives within the 2009 Integrated Plan

Policy or Strategy	SO1	SO2	SO3	SO4	SO5
Sustainable community strategy – Cambridgeshire Visions	X	X	X	X	X
Children and Young Peoples Plan – The Big Plan	X	X		X	
Local Transport Plan			X		
Joint Municipal waste strategy			X		
Public library service standards			X		
Transformation of Adult Social Care strategy		X			
Youth Justice Plan		X			
Crime and Disorder Reduction strategy	X				
Older People Strategy		X			
Supporting People Commissioning Strategy		X			
East of England Plan – Regional Spatial Strategy			X		
The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan			X		

Policy or Strategy	SO1	SO2	SO3	SO4	SO5
Integrated Plan	X	X	X	X	X
Single Equality Strategy	X	X	X		
Enforcement Policy	X				
Corporate Asset Management Plan			X		
Strategic Asset Development Strategy			X		
Long Term Capital Strategy			X		
Procurement Strategy				X	
People Strategy				X	
Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy				X	
Climate Change and Environmental Strategy					X

# The Corporate Context



## The Policy Statements

### **Sustainable Community Strategy - The Cambridgeshire Vision**

*Vision: To be a county of strong, growing, prosperous and inclusive communities supported by excellent services where people can fulfil their potential; live longer, healthier lifestyles; and influence decision-making.*

Runs: 2007-2021

Refresh due: 2009/10

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/8707CA50-DEC9-4A7F-87E4-C8C108452C5D/0/CambsVision20072021.pdf>

### **Children and Young Peoples Plan – The Big Plan**

*Vision: To ensure that all children and young people in Cambridgeshire achieve their full potential*

Runs: 2009-2012

Refresh due: 2012

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/ronlyres/E676089C-DB1E-4167-903C-18293678A5C5/0/BigPlan2V6.pdf>

### **Local Transport Plan**

*Vision: An inclusive and integrated transport system that enhances and sustains economic vitality and cultural and environmental diversity in the County.*

Runs: 2006-2011

Refresh due: 2011

Location:

[http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/local/ltp\\_2006.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/local/ltp_2006.htm)

### **The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Development Plan ( includes Joint Municipal Waste Strategy)**

*Vision: To work closely with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Waste Management Partnership to achieve more sustainable waste management and the more productive use of resources, for the benefit of householders in the area.*

Runs: 2002-2022

Refresh due: Annually

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/mineralswasteplan/preferredoptions1/mineralsandwastedevelopmentplan.htm>

### **Public Library Service Standards**

*Vision: To provide a library service which enables individuals and communities to enhance their quality of life and achieve their potential, by opening up the world of information and knowledge, learning and ideas, imagination and reading for pleasure.*

Runs: Ongoing

Refresh due: Not Specified

Location: Not Specified



**Transformation of Adult Social Care Strategy**

Vision: *Adult social care works to implement the council's vision of 'creating communities where people want to live and work now and in the future'*

Runs:

Refresh due:

Location:

**Youth Justice Plan**

Vision: *To prevent offending by children and young people.*

Runs: 2009-2010

Refresh due: Annually

Location: Not specified

**Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy**

Vision: *Working together for a safer Cambridgeshire*

Runs: 2008-2011

Refresh due: Not Specified

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/policing/crime/Crimereduction.htm>

**Older People Strategy**

Vision: *To enable older people to remain healthy, happy and active and to continue to make a positive contribution to society for as long as possible.*

Runs: 2008-2011

Refresh due: Not Specified

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/older/Olderpeoplesstrategy.htm>

**Supporting People Commissioning Strategy**

Vision: *To improve the quality of life and well-being by ensuring housing and housing support is available that reduces risk and enables vulnerable people to live as full a life as possible*

Runs: 2008-2010

Refresh due: 2010

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social/supportingpeople/scsupstratrevs.htm>

**East of England Plan – Regional Spatial Strategy**

Vision: *By 2021 the East of England will be realising its economic potential and providing a high quality of life for its people, including by meeting their housing needs in sustainable inclusive communities. At the same time it will reduce its impact on climate change and the environment, including through savings in energy and water use and by strengthening its stock of environmental assets.*

Runs: Until 2021

Refresh due: Not Specified

Location: Not Specified

**Integrated Plan**

Vision: *to create communities where people want to live and work, now and in the future.*

Runs: 2009-2010  
Refresh due: Annually  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/policies/integratedplanandpolicyframework.htm>

### **Single Equality Strategy**

Vision: *We want to create communities where people want to live and work, now and in the future.*

Runs: 2009-2012  
Refresh due: Annually  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/policies/equality/Single+Equality+Strategy.htm>

### **Enforcement Policy**

Vision: *To deliver advice, inspection, action, instruction or warning, caution or prosecution to a person or organisation who is or is believed to be acting unlawfully.*

Runs: Ongoing  
Refresh due: Not Specified  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/business/trading/information/enforcement/>

### **Corporate Asset Management Plan**

Vision: *The Corporate Asset Management Plan is aimed at meeting the growing need for schools, libraries, waste management, transport and other infrastructure.*  
Runs: 2006-2011

Refresh due: Annually  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/F87A36BC-8CF7-47F2-B5F0-3CFD68E20F22/0/060811RefreshCorpAMP20062011.pdf>

### **Strategic Asset Development Policy**

Vision: *Strategic asset management is the activity that seeks to align the asset base with the organisation's corporate goals and objectives. It ensures that the land and buildings asset base of an organisation is optimally structured in the best corporate interest of the organisation concerned*

Runs: 2005-2016  
Refresh due: Not specified  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/property/estate/>

### **Long Term Capital Strategy**

Vision: *The County councils land and build assets are a corporate resource that must be actively managed and exploited to release value for re-investment in essential infrastructure.*

Runs: 2005-2016  
Refresh due: Annually  
Location:  
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/2773F0B4-911E-4697-9F39-9DB9AB9E3C9C/0/060802LongTermCapitalStrategyto2016publishedversionbinder.pdf>



### **Procurement Strategy**

*Vision: To secure demonstrable value for money from the contracts we let, supporting delivery of innovative, cost effective and high quality services to the people of Cambridgeshire, meeting the highest standards of legal and procurement practice and undertaking such activities in the most efficient manner possible.*

Runs: 2007-2012

Refresh due: Not specified

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/60A0E84C-A60B-4057-B6BF-4538DFD4EC68/0/ProcStr05.pdf>

### **People Strategy**

*Vision: To recruit, retain, reward, recognise and develop the right people, with the right skills, at the right time to deliver the vision for Cambridgeshire.*

Runs: To 2010

Refresh due: Annually

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/D116A556-7C1F-435E-9295-32F20761BFC5/0/PeopleStrategyfinalallowres.pdf>

### **Greater Cambridge Sub-regional Economic Strategy**

*Vision: Greater Cambridge should be a world leader in the knowledge-based economy that combines business success with a high quality of life for all.*

Runs: 2009-2012

Refresh due: Annually

Location: <http://www.gcp.uk.net/strategy-investment.php>

### **Climate Change and Environmental Strategy**

*Vision: To work with organisations throughout the County to tackle climate change, improve the quality of life of all the people of Cambridgeshire, and to achieve environmentally sustainable development.*

Runs: 2008-2021

Refresh due: 2010

Location:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/policy/>