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RESPONSES FROM FORMAL CONSULTATION (INDIVIDUALS, LOCAL COUNCILS, ORGANISATIONS)

General	
<p>It currently lacks an objective and measures along the lines of "to protect and enhance the built and natural environment and improve quality of life", environmental aspects being one of the three key elements of sustainable development. The corporate plan presumably will feed into an update of the sustainable community strategy. Should there be a rural/village dimension under 'building the local economy'?</p> <p>There should be an overall vision or mission statement. Aspects of the draft spatial strategy (approach to or guiding principles for the location of development) cabinet have agreed for the emerging core strategy, as below, might be useful to the phrasing of a vision. The core strategy should give spatial expression to the council's community strategy, so it is important the two documents align and are a consistent with the corporate plan.</p>	<p>We have included the Sustainable Community Strategy Vision as the overarching vision for the district to make this clearer and provided text for each section to expand on what the council's aims are.</p> <p>Proposed change: include SCS vision and add explanatory text throughout</p>
<p>Agree with the priority areas but it would be nice to see some definite link between District Council and County Council mentioned, particularly in relation to highways maintenance. It is admirable to support improvements to Wantage etc but the roads into it from surrounding villages are becoming a patchwork quilt of repairs.</p>	<p>The council works with Oxfordshire County Council and a number of other partners on a range of issues. Rather than add a priority for working with a specific partner or partners we have included a statement on the councils commitment to partnership working and advocating on behalf of residents in the introduction to the plan.</p> <p>Proposed change: include statement about partnership working in introduction to the plan.</p>
<p>All sounds lovely if you live in Wantage or another larger town, But all Faringdon gets is social housing and no services to support the infrastructure of more people moving in! You have done the bare minimum in rural areas like ours.</p> <p>Nothing in this as usual because we are on the fringe of VOWH (Faringdon)</p>	<p>The section on communities deals specifically with services and facilities for rural areas and the economy section applies to all market towns and supporting business across the whole of the district. The section on meeting housing need addresses infrastructure requirements for developments</p>

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<p>Mentions Abingdon (surprise surprise!) but again nothing about Faringdon, you keep building social housing here but have failed to improve any of the infrastructure that is desperately needed in areas like this.</p>	<p>No change proposed</p>
<p>There is a statement of what the District Council intends to do then a statement on how any success will be measured. What seems to be missing is a clear statement on how things...will actually be done. Success can only be measured once steps have been taken to implement the proposals. There is no indication of what those steps will be</p>	<p>As this is a very high level/strategic document, it is not appropriate to include in it the level of detail required of action plans for individual priorities. However, the plan makes it clear that detailed action plans will be developed.</p> <p>Proposed change: include reference to action plans in introduction to the plan.</p>

<p>Excellent delivery of key services</p>	
<p>COMMENT RECEIVED</p>	<p>PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE</p>
<p>Environment is missing Protecting the environment</p>	<p>The plan includes protection of public and open spaces in terms of litter, fly tipping etc, and recycling is also a priority. The priorities around reducing mileage and energy usage are included under our objective to manage our resources effectively. We will continue to protect the natural and built environment through our planning policies as appropriate. Protecting the environment was the sixth priority out of 15 in the December 2011 citizen's panel report.</p> <p>No change proposed</p>
<p>Strengthen enforcement of noise nuisance laws and regulations offering effective remedies to those affected by noise nuisance through better environmental policy and licensing laws enforcement.</p> <p>Include measure 'percentage of noise nuisance complaints settled successfully within six months'</p>	<p>Noise issues are covered by community safety objectives in the community safety plan.</p> <p>No change proposed</p>
<p>Need to ensure that all members of the community have equal access to services, e.g. older people, young people</p> <p>Ensure everyone has a voice and minority groups needs are considered not just those</p>	<p>Proposed change: to ensure that the council's commitment to equality and diversity is clear, include a list of the council's equality objectives at the beginning of the plan and signpost to the policy.</p>

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<p>of the white British heterosexual majority</p> <p>Ensure that everyone has equal access to services provided by the councils.</p>	<p>Include measure: percentage of people who agree that the council does a good job for people like me in the delivery of key services section.</p>
<p>Include measure 'percentage of people who feel they were able to give their views before key decisions were made'</p>	<p>We collect other 'perception' data that provides information about for example on whether people felt able to influence decisions and what they feel is the most effective way of doing this.</p> <p>Proposed change: include measure 'people who feel they can influence decisions that affect their local area.'</p>
<p>Leisure centres (see full version of comments in appendix C) Surplus from Council leisure centres should be invested back into those centres. The way the council leisure centres are operated makes them more expensive to run than a wholly private leisure club.</p>	<p>The plan includes carrying out surveys of users of council centres which will enable the council to understand how to improve facilities for users.</p> <p>No change proposed.</p>

Effective management of resources

<p>As long as there are adequate provisions made for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount I do not see that keeping Council Tax to among the lowest in the country should be a priority. This is a great place to live and those that are able to should be prepared to contribute to maintaining services and resources for the present and the future.</p>	<p>This priority acknowledges that residents and council tax payers expect value for money and that the council must continue to deliver quality services through improvements in efficiency.</p> <p>No change proposed</p>
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Meeting housing need

<p>The third measure of success for meeting future housing need could be amended as follows "...against targets including five year housing land supply"</p>	<p>Proposed change: make appropriate reference to five-year housing land supply.</p>
<p>Priority should be given to ensuring the infrastructure is in place for large developments including provision of schools. The recent large development in Wantage has put pressure on the current primary schools.</p>	<p>This is already identified as a priority in this section.</p> <p>No change proposed.</p>
<p>Information regarding planning applications incurring 106/CIL payments should be sent to town/parish</p>	<p>Proposed change: review wording around CIL but look at information to parish councils within service standards.</p>

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councils at an early stage to enable local requirements/opinions on infrastructure development to be sought.	
The council should set dates for actions concerning the cores strategy	Proposed change: where possible include dates for core strategy success measures

Building the local economy	
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<p>Should there be a rural village dimension under this section?</p> <p>Add an additional activity: "Investigate opportunities to support appropriate economic activity across the District including in the villages."</p>	<p>The plan includes support for villages and rural communities under the 'support for communities' objective for example '<i>support rural communities to retain or provide facilities where there is local support to do so</i>'.</p> <p>No change proposed.</p>
<p>Nothing in this specifically for Faringdon although it claims to promote business in all parts of the Vale. We would like to see a plan for developing business in Faringdon included</p>	<p>As noted in the comment, the priority is intended to include business across the district and there is also a proposal for a district wide partnership.</p> <p>No change proposed</p>
<p>Suggested measures for 'promote River Thames at Abingdon as a visitor and leisure attraction:</p> <p>Work with the River Thames Alliance partnership to promote events in Abingdon on their website.</p> <p>Encourage visitors to Abingdon by boat, by managing and promoting our free 5 consecutive days moorings in the town.</p> <p>Make our riverside land available for river events to welcome visiting competitors and spectators.</p>	<p>Proposed measures are useful but very detailed and would be better included within action plan for Abingdon.</p> <p>Proposed change: remove priority from corporate plan and include in town action plan.</p>

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Support for communities	
COMMENT RECEIVED	PROPOSED AMENDMENT OR RESPONSE
<p>ORCC have suggested revised wording for neighbourhood planning priority</p> <p>Encourage communities to develop neighbourhood plans where this is identified as an appropriate and necessary means of addressing local land use issues and aspirations.</p>	<p>Proposed change: make appropriate change to wording.</p>
<p>Spell out the objective as 'To help voluntary, faith and community sector groups to take action to provide and improve services and facilities in response to identified local need'</p>	<p>This is very detailed wording for a strategic objective and not in step with the wording of the other objectives. We have included wording on this in the new introductory text to the section.</p> <p>Proposed change: include in introduction to the section</p>
<p>First priority under 'what we will facilitate...' amend to read 'support rural communities to identify local issues and needs, and solutions available to meet them' This would include action to retain or provide facilities but has more direct relationship to the proposed measurement of success</p>	<p>Propose agree amended wording.</p>
<p>It mentions working with local communities but not working with local councils[it also needs to mention working with local housing associations]</p>	<p>Although the term voluntary and community sector is intended to include local councils we have clarified this in the introductory text.</p> <p>Proposed change: make reference to the range of all partners in the introduction</p>
<p>We don't see why Faringdon council tax payers should be supporting the development of Wantage Civic Hall when they are already supporting their own facilities.</p>	<p>This is a district council owned and operated facility for the benefit of the whole district. The aim is to more efficiently and effectively market existing facilities rather than incur expenditure on physical development, with the aim of increasing income from use of the facilities.</p> <p>Proposed change: make it clearer what is meant by 'development' in the context of Wantage Civic Hall.</p>