



Ripon City Council Priorities 2016/17

The Ripon City Council Business Plan 2015 – 2020 seeks to provide a clear understanding of what the Council is trying to achieve and an action plan to show how it intends to deliver this over the next five years.

This document compliments the Business Plan by outlining priority actions for the Council and what it is seeking to achieve during 2016/17.

During 2016/17 we will

..... review and improve the openness and transparency of the Council by making more information available and accessible.

..... improve communication between the Council and the residents and businesses of the City by continuing to develop our website, introducing a City Council newsletter and being more pro-active in the local media.

..... progress the Ripon City Plan (as a Neighbourhood Plan) and submit to Harrogate Borough Council as the local planning authority to provide an opportunity for residents to have a greater say (by voting on the proposals in a community referendum) about the way in which the City develops between now and 2030.

..... invest in a number of projects and organisations to improve the City and support the delivery of services that benefit residents, visitors and businesses.

..... continue to work in partnership with others and invest in the Discover Ripon brand as a means of promoting what the City has to offer by increasing the distribution of printed materials and increasing social media participation.

..... encourage and deliver more events and activities in the City which seeks to increase vitality and viability and stimulate community pride.

..... explore opportunities to improve the management, operation and use of Hugh Ripley Hall as a community facility for the City.

..... represent the views of the local community by commenting on planning applications in the City and responding to appropriate consultations.

..... maintain, uphold and promote the history and traditions of our City and use the Hornblower, the Bellman and our Civic Ceremonies to attract visitors and instill a sense of community pride.

..... act responsibly as a trustee to improve the management and operation of Quarry Moor Nature Reserve as a community facility.