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GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL CONFIRMS NEW PROGRAMME 2019-2023

At a Full Council meeting held on Thursday, 26 September, Godalming Town Council adopted a programme which sets out the Council's aims and objectives for the next four years. The Town Council's programme not only takes into account the Neighbourhood Plan's vision for Godalming and Farncombe but also provides direction and focus for future council strategies. The programme informs Members, staff and the community how Godalming Town Council plans to give the best value to all who live and work in the town as well as those who use the Town Council's services.

Objectives within the programme cover the environment, heritage, community and infrastructure, the economy, transport and housing. Having passed a Climate Emergency & Biodiversity Motion on 25 July stating that Godalming Town Council aims to be carbon neutral by 2030, the Council's programme has a strong focus on the environment.

Within the aims and objectives highlighted, Councillors are keen to investigate and explore opportunities for youth provision, community safety and continued community engagement whilst ensuring equality, diversity, inclusion, health & wellbeing and continued support of local businesses.

In line with Members' desire to ensure work towards reducing the carbon footprint in Godalming is set in motion, the Council have agreed to introduce a new Environment & Planning Committee with the inaugural meeting set for January 2020. This new committee will focus on sustainability and will seek to engage with the community to help residents reduce their carbon footprint and waste. The committee will look at sustainable development, air quality and protecting and enhancing the natural environment in Godalming and Farncombe.

Full details of the Godalming Town Council's programme is published on the Council's website and can be viewed at www.godalming-tc.gov.uk

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