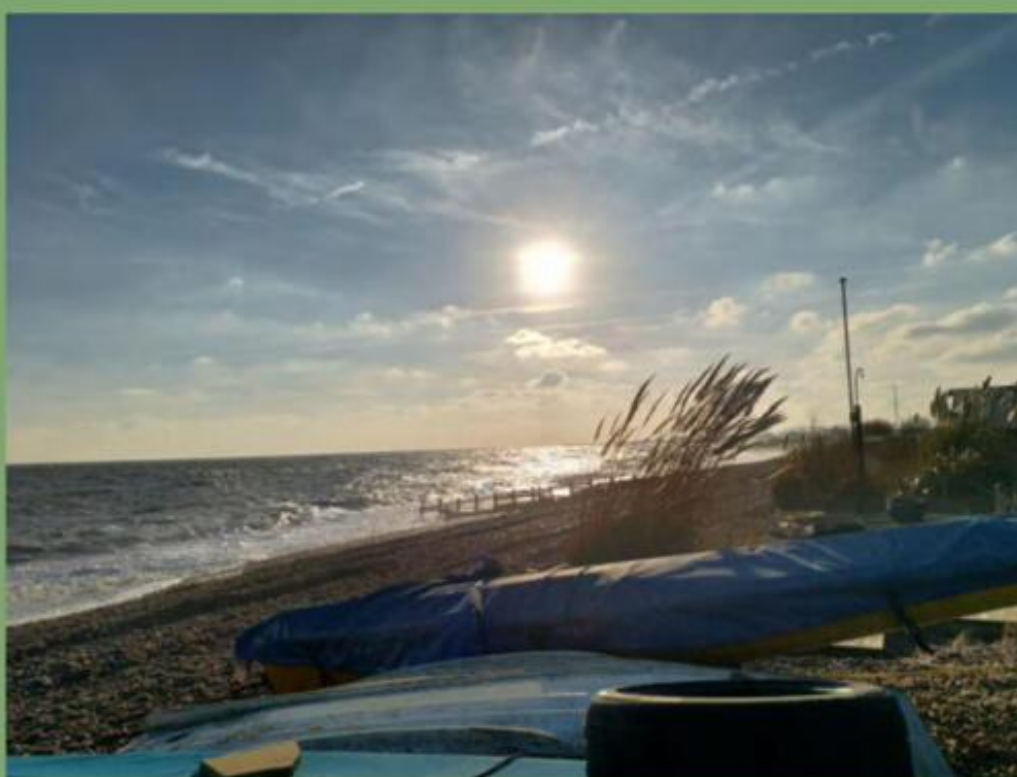


# Chapter 3

## Vision and Objectives



## Overarching Vision



RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>We will have made significant progress towards being a net zero carbon district and we will be more prepared and resilient to the effects of the climate crisis through climate change prevention, adaptation and mitigation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To respond to the challenges of the climate crisis, ensuring a sustainable built and natural environment;</li> <li>b. Support the transition to a low carbon society by minimising greenhouse gas emissions;</li> <li>c. Reduce energy consumption and ensure resources are used effectively; and</li> <li>d. Increase the use of renewable and low carbon energy; and</li> <li>e. Protect and ensure the sustainable use of our natural resources and minimise waste</li> </ul>

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND INCREASING BIODIVERSITY	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>We will have assisted in nature recovery and contributed to the halt of species decline and conserved and enhanced our water environments. Our biodiversity rich and beautiful countryside, coastal and water environments will continue to define our district.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. To protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity and extend areas for wildlife;</li> <li>b. Maintain and improve the quality and connectivity of our green and blue spaces and functional habitats and improve access to nature;</li> <li>c. Deliver net gains for biodiversity; and</li> <li>d. Protect and improve our water environments.</li> </ul>

ATTRACTIVE AND LOCALLY DISTINCTIVE PLACES	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>New development will be attractive, will respect our most valued landscapes, local distinctiveness and character and will have created sustainable buildings and connected places that incorporate high quality sustainable design, provides a sense of place and facilitates community cohesion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Conserve and enhance our historic environment and cultural heritage assets;</li><li>b. To protect and enhance the district's urban and rural landscape, including the High Weald National Landscape, the setting of the South Downs National Park;</li><li>c. Maintain a heritage and culture rich district; and</li><li>d. Ensure that developments are well-designed, are of high quality and are inclusive, safe and accessible for all.</li></ul>

DELIVERING NEW HOMES FOR ALL	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>We will have delivered new homes in the most accessible and sustainable locations and in a way that enhances and respects the distinctive qualities of our district.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Deliver high quality, well-designed and energy efficient new homes to meet local need; and</li><li>b. Boost the provision of affordable and specialist homes, to ensure that there is suitable housing for everyone.</li></ul>

SUPPORTING THE DELIVERY OF INFRASTRUCTURE	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>Infrastructure, services and community facilities will have been provided and key projects delivered to match the requirements and needs of new and existing communities and to contribute to healthy and sustainable living for all of our residents.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Work with our partners to provide the right level of infrastructure and capacity, services, facilities and community assets to benefit both new and existing communities;</li> <li>b. Supporting communities by protecting existing infrastructure, services, facilities and community assets;</li> <li>c. Support opportunities that will reduce health inequalities, improve our communities health, well-being and quality of life;</li> <li>d. Protect and improve the provision of our sport, leisure and recreation facilities; and</li> <li>e. Maximise opportunities that will encourage social interaction, enhance mental and physical well-being, and reduce social exclusion.</li> </ul>

LIVING SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND HEALTHY LIVES	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>Sustainable transport, active travel choices and accessible walkable and cyclable neighbourhoods will have contributed to positive outcomes for climate change, people and places allowing our communities to thrive, live healthy and inclusive lives, and meet their daily needs locally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Facilitate and promote the provision of a safe, sustainable and active transport network, supporting the take-up of low and zero emission vehicles, walking and cycling;</li> <li>b. Facilitate greater connectivity through the provision of footpaths and cycle paths as well as greater integration between different modes of transport; and</li> <li>c. Facilitate efficient patterns of movement to ensure access to employment and key local services and facilities.</li> </ul>

SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE AND PROSPEROUS ECONOMY ALLOWING PEOPLE TO LIVE WELL	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>We will have supported our local economy to prosper, providing new sites to help meet the needs of both existing and future businesses and we will have delivered new well-paid jobs to meet the needs of our communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintain high levels of employment within the district;</li> <li>b. To support sustainable and inclusive economic and job prosperity and address barriers to investment;</li> <li>c. To retain, enhance and expand existing employment areas and premises;</li> <li>d. Reduce the need for out-commuting;</li> <li>e. To maintain a fair, stable and resilient economy to ensure business and employment opportunities for all;</li> <li>f. To improve and better align the skills of the workforce with employer's needs and achieve an increase in wages.</li> <li>g. To support and encourage business start-ups and encourage rural businesses to diversify;</li> <li>h. To support local businesses to adopt sustainable practices as well as support the implementation of a circular economy; and</li> <li>i. Enhance the district's tourism, cultural and visitor accommodation offer and improve sustainable access to our attractions.</li> </ul>

VIBRANT TOWN AND LOCAL CENTRES	
VISION	OBJECTIVES
<p>Our towns and village centres will have been supported by both new and existing communities and will be successful in contributing to the character of our district. Our centres will act as vibrant and vital community hubs for both our residents and visitors.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Ensure that new and existing communities can easily access and support town and local centres;</li> <li>b. Maintain and strengthen the role of our town and local centres; providing a strong and diverse core of town centre uses; and</li> <li>c. Ensure that development makes a positive contribution to the distinctive qualities of our town and local centres including the public realm</li> </ul>